

horses (the five senses) yoked to his chariot (body), under perfect control. When the stunned and confused ego --- Arjuna --- totally surrenders to Krishna, the Lord, with a smile, reassures the *Jeeva* of its final victory, and declares the entire message of spiritual redemption, the Geeta. In this sense we analyse the picture painted in Sanjaya's words, borrowing our sanction from the *Upanishads*.

Once we agree to read this *Upanishad*-sense in the picture painted here by the words of Sanjaya, we can discover in it an Eternal Truth. When the ego (Arjuna) in its dejection sits back in the body (chariot), throwing down all instruments of ego-centric activities (*Gandiva*), and when the sense-organs (the white-horses) are held back, well under control, by the pulled-reins (the mind), then the charioteer (the Pure Intellect) shall lend the ego a divine strength, and guide it to the ultimate victory over the forces of *Adharma* with the help of the dynamism of *Dharma*, even though the former may seem much stronger in force than the simple-looking dynamism in the latter.

*The Blessed Lord said: 11. You have grieved for those that should not be grieved for; yet, you speak words of wisdom. The wise grieve neither for the living nor for the dead.*

When we rightly diagnose Arjuna's dejection, it is not very difficult for us to realise that, though its immediate cause is the challenge of the war, his condition of mental torture is only a symptom of a deeper disease. Just as a true doctor will try to eradicate a disease, not by curing the