

Earnestly digesting the understandable portions in the Bhagavad Gita and hoping that the abstruse portions will soon become lucid — this is placing *sraddha* in this great book.

It is cavilling if one becomes intolerant of others obtaining what is not obtained by oneself. Merits in one, if any, get melted away if one is given to cavilling. Conversely, advancement is ensured for one who delights in the prosperity of others.

Haughty people there are who deride the ignorance, credulity and superstition in others. They are proud of their own attainments. Such people hardly ever make any progress in spirituality. On the other hand, the humble and the meek who are ever dependent on the Lord, get over their defects, if any, very soon. The gracious Lord sees to it that His erring devotees come round soon.

— Sri Ramakrishna

What becomes of the callous and the impious? Their position is explained :—

ये त्वेतदभ्यसूयन्तो नानुतिष्ठन्ति मे मतम् ।

सर्वज्ञानविमूढांस्तान्विद्धि नष्टानचेतसः ॥ ३२

ये तु एतत् अभि-असूयन्तः न अनु-तिष्ठन्ति मे मतम् ।

सर्व-ज्ञान-वि-मूढान् तान् विद्-हि नष्ट-तान् अ-चेतसः ॥

ye tv etad abhyasūyanto nā 'nutiṣṭhanti me matam ।
sarvajñāna vimūḍhāṁs tān viddhi naṣṭān acetasaḥ ॥

ये ye those who तु tu but एतत् etat this अभ्यसूयन्तः abhyasūyantaḥ carping at न na not अनुतिष्ठन्ति anutiṣṭhanti practise मे me my मतम् matam teaching सर्वज्ञानविमूढान् sarvajñāna vimūḍhān deluded in all knowledge तान् tān them विद्धि viddhi know नष्टान् naṣṭān ruined अचेतसः acetasaḥ devoid of discrimination