

sense-pleasures. The purified mind enjoys the Bliss of Atman ; and this Bliss suffers from no mutation. It is therefore held as being imperishable. ,

There are signs of the awakened ones — those that have got into *Atma bodha*. Those blessed ones are like the mythological Chakravaka bird which, even when parched with thirst to the point of death, does not alight on earth full of water, but seeks to slake it with the rain water only if and when available up in the sky. The God-intoxicated ones revel only in Him and in nothing else.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Why are sense-pleasures shunned by the enlightened ? Because :—

ये हि संस्पर्शजा भोगा दुःखयोनय एव ते ।

आद्यन्तवन्तः कौन्तेय न तेषु रमते बुधः ॥ २२

ये हि सम्-स्पर्श-जाः भोगाः दुःख-योनयः एव ते ।

आदि-अन्त-वन्त कौन्तेय न तेषु रम्-ते बुधः ॥

*ye hi samsparsajā bhogā duḥkḥayonaya eva te ।*

*ādy anta vantaḥ kaunteya na teṣu ramate budhaḥ ॥*

ये *ye* which हि *hi* verily संस्पर्शजाः *samsparsajāḥ* contact-born भोगाः *bhogāḥ* enjoyments दुःखयोनयः *duḥkḥayonayaḥ* generators of pain एव *eva* only ते *te* they आद्यन्तवन्तः *ādy anta vantaḥ* having beginning and end कौन्तेय *kaunteya* O Kaunteya न *na* not तेषु *teṣu* in them रमते *ramate* rejoices बुधः *budhaḥ* the wise one

The delights that are contact-born are verily the wombs of pain; they have, O son of Kunti, a beginning and an end; no wise man rejoices in them. 22

Misery to which man is so much prone is ever the outcome of the search for sense-pleasure. When the senses create contact with their objects, the