

therefore commands him to fight Every individual has to discharge faithfully the duty that is his

There are people who neglect or give up their earthly duties on the plea that they have taken to spiritual life And there are the others who excuse themselves from spiritual practices on the plea that in the midst of their worldly engagements they have neither the time nor the inclination for anything else The sacred and the secular are incompatible, is their view But the Lord's message is to sanctify the entire life The so-called secular duty may be converted into the service of the Lord Whatever man does or thinks ought to be for the glory of the Maker By this way man's life gets perfectly enriched

The singing mendicant on the street artfully plays on the stringed instrument with one hand and with the other gracefully beats the drum fastened round his neck These two items of music serve as accompaniments to his songs In this manner, man ought to discharge his worldly duties carefully and at the same time be inclined Godward He should imbibe godly tendencies more and more

— Sri Ramakrishna

The way of leaning towards divinity is as follows —

अभ्यासयोगयुक्तेन चेतसा नान्यगामिना ।

परम पुरुष दिव्य याति पार्थानुचिन्तयन् ॥ ८

अभि-भास-योग-युज्-तेन चेतसा न अन्य गामिना ।

परमम् पुरुषम् दिव्यम् याति पार्थ अनु-चिन्तयन् ॥

*abhyāsayogayuktena cetasā nā 'nyagāmīna ।*

*paramam puruṣam divyam yāti pārthā 'nucintayan ॥*

अभ्यासयोगयुक्तेन *abhyāsa yoga yuktena* with the mind made steadfast by the method of habitual meditation