

TO REMOVE THIS, LORD KRISHNA NOW GIVES ARJUNA A PEEP INTO THE FUTURE THAT IS IN STORE FOR THE WORLD:

*21. Verily, into You enter these hosts of DEVAS; some extol You in fear with joined palms; "May it be well" thus saying, bands of great RISHIS and SIDDHAS praise You with hymns sublime.*

The running commentary given out so long by Arjuna was the description of a stagnant Cosmic-Form, at once "marvellous and awful." Here we find Arjuna describing the movements and actions that he observes in that Cosmic-Form of the Lord. "THESE HOSTS OF DEITIES" enter into and disappear in the Universal-Form. Shankara, commenting upon the expression "HOSTS OF DEITIES," interprets it to mean the Duryodhana-fold. Though this interpretation is not inconsistent with what is yet to follow, it is true that this meaning is not the natural interpretation of the terms used in the text.

If some, who are thus irredeemably drawn towards the Lord's Form, disappear therein, others who are waiting and watching the process are necessarily getting panicky with fear. When man is threatened with a sure mishap, and when he knows of no remedy or defence against it, he, in his despair, always turns to prayer. This psychological truth is beautifully brought out here, when