

it is very consequential. Acquaintance with a petty page of a monarch is easily got, but it is of no consequence. Devotion, wisdom, salvation and such like divine gifts come to the worshipper of Iswara. Votaries of the minor gods get their deserts accordingly. Ideals vary according to the mental attainments of people.

How are we to know of the attainments of people? The explanation comes:—

The Four Grades of People — 13-15

चातुर्वर्ण्यं मया सृष्टं गुणकर्मविभागशः ।

तस्य कर्तारमपि मां विद्वद्यकर्तारमव्ययम् ॥ १३

चातुः-वर्ण्यम् मया सृज्-तम् गुण-कर्म-वि-भाग-शः ।

तस्य कर्तारम् अपि माम् विद्-धि अ-कर्तारम् अ-वि-अयम् ॥

cāturvarṇyam mayā sṛṣṭam guṇakarma vibhāgaśaḥ ।
tasya kartāram api mām viddhy akartāram avyayam ॥

चातुर्वर्ण्यम् *cāturvarṇyam* the fourfold caste मया *mayā* by me सृष्टम् *sṛṣṭam* has been created गुणकर्मविभागशः *guṇakarmavibhāgaśaḥ* according to the differentiation of Guna and karma तस्य *tasya* thereof कर्तारम् *kartāram* the author अपि *api* also माम् *mām* me विद्वि *viddhi* know अकर्तारम् *akartāram* non-doer अव्ययम् *avyayam* immutable

The fourfold caste was created by Me by the different distribution of Guna and karma. Though I be the author thereof, know Me to be the actionless and changeless. 13

Creation is effected by variation in the distribution of Gunas. That *Jiva* in whom *Sattva-guna* predominates is classified as *Brahmana*. He is a