

SINCE THE DELUDED ONES DESIRE THE FINITE SENSE OBJECTS, THEY DO NOT COME TO THE ALL-SATISFYING PEACE; AND HENCE, IT IS SAID:

*23. Verily the "fruit" that accrues to those men of little-intelligence is finite. The worshippers of the DEVAS go to the DEVAS but My devotees come to Me.*

The fruits accruing to "THESE MEN OF LITTLE UNDERSTANDING ARE LIMITED." Fleeting desires for finite objects, even when fulfilled through the impermanent activities, must surely prove to be ephemeral. Out of gold whatever ornament is made, it also must be gold alone; when chocolate is made out of sweet things, the resultant stuff cannot be bitter. The effects entirely depends, for their nature and quality, upon those of the causes.

Finite actions undertaken in finite fields, employing finite instruments, cannot but produce --- whether joy or sorrow --- finite "fruits." Joy arrested or ended is sorrow; and therefore, in each instance of a sensuous desire satisfied, though there is a joy and a fulfilment, the sense-of-satisfaction soon putrefies to provide the sourness of dissatisfaction, or more often, the bitterness of sorrow.

This statement of the Lord is supported by the following general rule that, "THE WORSHIPPERS OF THE DEVAS REACH THE DEVAS." Those who are invoking a desired