

mental make up of people Nobody enjoys any freedom to dream according to plan Everybody is a victim of his dream He is to experience whatever dream falls to his lot In the midst of these vagaries, one thing is certain The dream of an individual is not different from the disposition of that individual It is but normal that a good man enjoys good dreams and a bad man enjoys bad ones As dreams cannot be avoided nature also cannot be ignored Man is obliged to act in conformity with his nature Heaven and hell are the projections of the mental make up of people As shadow follows a substance, man's nature clings on to him To act therefore in tune with one's nature is the only way to work out and to exhaust one's karma

The vessel in which garlic juice is kept takes in that strong smell However much the vessel may be washed the pungent smell would not disappear Egoism is very much like the smell of garlic It is adamant and would not easily be obliterated

— Sri Ramakrishna

How is the force of karma to be handled? The clue is given —

All karma belongs to Iswara — 61 62

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