

sovereignty are the duties of Kshatriyas, born of (their own) nature.

कृषिगोरक्षवाणिज्यं वैश्यकर्म स्वभावजम् ॥
परिचर्यात्मकं कर्म शूद्रस्यापि स्वभावजम् ॥४४॥

XVIII. 44.

कृषिगोरक्षवाणिज्यं Agriculture, cattle-rearing and trade स्वभावजं born of the nature वैश्यकर्म the duties of Vaishyas शूद्रस्य of a Shudra अपि also परिचर्यात्मकं of the nature of service कर्म action स्वभावजं born of the nature.

Agriculture, cattle-rearing and trade are the duties of Vaishyas, born of (their own) nature; action of the nature of service is also the duty of the Shudra, born of (his own) nature.

स्वे स्वे कर्मण्यभिरतः संसिद्धिं लभते नरः ॥
स्वकर्मनिरतः सिद्धिं यथा विदति तच्छृणु ॥४५॥

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स्वे स्वे Each his own कर्मणि to duty अभिरतः devoted नरः man संसिद्धिं the highest perfection लभते attains स्वकर्मनिरतः engaged in his own duty यथा how सिद्धिं perfection विदति attains तत् that शृणु hear.

Devoted each to his own duty, man attains the highest perfection. How engaged in his own duty, he attains perfection, that hear.

[*Own*—according to his nature.

The Apastamba Dharma-Shástra says: “Men of several castes and orders, each devoted to his respective duties, reap the fruits of their actions after death, and then by the residual Karma attain to births in superior countries, castes and families;