

*etair vimuktaḥ kaunteya tamodvāraiḥ tribhir naraḥ ।
ācaraty ātmanaḥ śreyas tato yāti parām gatim ॥*

एतैः *etaiḥ* from this त्रिमुक्तः *vimuktaḥ* liberated कौन्तेय *kaunteya* O Kaunteya तमोद्वारैः *tamodvāraiḥ* gates to darkness त्रिभिः *tribhiḥ* (by) three नरः *naraḥ* the man आचरति *ācarati* practises आत्मनः *ātmanaḥ* own श्रेयः *śreyaḥ* what is good ततः *tataḥ* and then याति *yāti* goes to पराम् *parām* the supreme गतिम् *gatim* goal

The man who is liberated from these three gates to darkness, O Kaunteya, practises what is good for him and thus goes to the Supreme Good. 22

Misery is another name for hell. Whenever man is afflicted and unhappy he is for the time being in hell. And why should there be this unwanted hellishness for him? It is all due to his want of insight. Ignorance is the root of all misery. It is again the originator of lust, anger and greed. The Satan of ignorance is the instigator inducing man to indulge in lust, anger and greed. When these three evils are eliminated, the path of enlightenment opens. The darkness of ignorance vanishes of its own accord. Man progresses in *Sreyas*. When the demoniacal man takes to the divine way his progress is very rapid. A zealous convert that he is, he hastens quickly Godward.

Which is the unerring guidance that helps man go Godward? The guidance comes :—

Scripture is the Guide—23-24

यः शास्त्रविधिमुत्सृज्य वर्तते कामकारतः ।

न स सिद्धिमवाप्नोति न सुखं न परां गतिम् ॥ २३