

All beings are tending towards this goal consciously or unconsciously. To the mind merged in Atman, there is no duty.

The minute hand and the hour hand in a clock are inter-related. Though they appear separate, they get united also hourly. The *Jivatman* and the *Paramatman* seem separate. In time they get united.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Does not the man established in the Self seek anything from society? The answer comes :—

नैव तस्य कृतेनार्थो नाकृतेनेह कश्चन ।

न चास्य सर्वभूतेषु कश्चिदर्थव्यपाश्रयः ॥ १८

न एव तस्य कृतेन अर्थः न अ-कृतेन इह कः-चन ।

न च अस्य सर्व-भूतेषु कः-चित् अर्थ-वि-अप-आ-श्रयः ॥

*nai 'va tasya kṛtenā 'rtho nā 'kṛtene 'ha kaścana ।*

*na cā 'sya sarvabhūteṣu kaścid arthavyapāśrayaḥ ॥*

न *na* not एव *eva* even तस्य *tasya* of him कृतेन *kṛtena* by action अर्थः *arthaḥ* concern न *na* not अकृतेन *akṛtena* by actions not done इह *iha* here कश्चन *kaścana* any न *na* not च *ca* and अस्य *asya* of this man सर्वभूतेषु *sarvabhūteṣu* in all beings कश्चित् *kaścit* any अर्थव्यपाश्रयः *arthavyapāśrayaḥ* depending for any object

For him there is in this world no object to acquire by doing an action; nor is there any loss by not doing an action; nor has he to depend on anybody for anything. 18

In sound sleep man is self-sufficient. He has nothing to seek from any entity. But it is a negative state based on nescience. It is temporary. The spiritually enlightened man, on the other hand,