

harshness by caricaturing a weak man as strong, a blind man as having beautiful eyes and a poor man as rich. He evinces ignorance by holding unrighteousness as righteousness.

Rice cakes have their exterior coating made of rice flour. But their inner contents are of different edibles. Similarly in external appearance all are human beings. But in their mental make up they vary from the divine to the devilish.

— Sri Ramakrishna

What is the outcome of the variation in temperaments? The answer comes :—

The Effects of the Two Traits — 5-6

दैवी संपद्विमोक्षाय निबन्धायासुरी मता ।

मा शुचः संपदं दैवीमभिजातोऽसि पाण्डव ॥ ५

दैवी सम्-पद् वि-मोक्षाय नि-बन्धाय आसुरी म(न्)ता ।

मा शुचः सम्-पदम् दैवीम् अस्मि-(जन्) जा-तः अ(स्)ति पाण्डव ॥

*daivī saṃpad vimokṣāya nibandhāyā 'surt matā ।*

*mā śucāḥ saṃpadam daivīm abhijāto 'si pāṇḍava ॥*

दैवी *daivī* divine सम्पत् *saṃpat* state विमोक्षाय *vimokṣāya* for liberation निबन्धाय *nibandhāya* for bondage आसुरी *āsuri* the demoniacal मता *matā* is deemed मा *mā* not शुचः *śucāḥ* grieve सम्पदम् *saṃpadam* state दैवीम् *daivīm* the divine अभिजातः *abhijātaḥ* born for असि *asi* (thou) art पाण्डव *pāṇḍava* O Pandavā

The divine nature is deemed for liberation, the demoniacal for bondage ; grieve not, O Pandava, you are born for a divine state. 5

The tendencies acquired by a soul during a lifetime do not get lost with it. They are carried in a potential form for further development in births