

Kshatriya in whom *Sattva* seasoned with *Rajas* prevails. The man third in rank is the Vaisya imbued mainly with *Rajas* and sparingly with *Sattva* and *Tamas*. In Sudra the last man *Tamas* regulated by *Rajas* is in the forefront.

*Varna* literally means caste as well as colour. White, red and black are the respective colours of *Sattva*, *Rajas* and *Tamas*. It may be mentioned here that the entire universe is an imprint of *tri-gunas* or tricolour. With the variations of the three Gunas in man his colour undergoes change. The four classes of men are respectively white, lotus-red, yellow and black in colour. But this does not refer to the colour of the skin. If it did, all white races would be Brahmanas, Red Indians of America, Kshatriyas, Mongolians Vaisyas, and persons like Rama and Krishna Sudras. Facts in Nature do not warrant this position.

The worth of man is in the mind and not in the body. Mind has its colour according to Guna. As man evolves, Guna and mind which are interrelated get refined. The colour or the class of man goes up accordingly. From Sudrahood to Brahmanahood man evolves mentally, passing through Vaisyahood and Kshatriyahood. The enlightened alone see into the colour of the mind and know who is who among men.

The worldly man's classification of himself into the four castes based on birth and parentage is merely a convention hardly ever tallying with his attainments. But the Vedanta philosophical position