

The average man, plunged in identification with his own mind and intellect, suffers the world and interprets it as agreeable or disagreeable, and brings down upon himself a lot of confusions and problems. The man of Steady Wisdom is he, whose equilibrium is not disturbed by the onslaught of things and circumstances of the world, whether they be dear or not dear.

SAME IN CENSURE AND IN PRAISE --- A Man-of-Perfection is the same in censure and praise. The experience of a dream cannot contribute either joy or sorrow to one who has "awakened," he might have been a beggar insulted by the entire society in the dream-world or might have been an adored *Raja* ruling a vast empire in his dream. But when he wakes up, neither the PRAISE he received as a *Raja*, nor the CENSURE he suffered as a beggar can leave any reactions upon him. Awakened from the "dream", the Man-of-Wisdom evaluates the blame and praise of the world outside and finds them both utterly insignificant.

In the above four beautiful, chosen phrases, Vyasa has indicated some of the main conditions of life in which the ordinary man comes to eke out his joys and sorrows. Pleasure and pain, good and bad possessions, agreeable and disagreeable experiences, joys and sorrows provided by praise and censure, are some of the conditions of life by which we get entangled in a web of agitations and sorrows.