

to catch fish, but does not get wet The few drops that happen to be on its feathers are shaken off with ease The liberated souls are unaffected by the happenings in the world

— Sri Ramakrishna

This is in answer to the first question put by Arjuna

उदासीनवदासीनो गुणैर्यो न विचाल्यते ।

गुणा वर्तन्ते इत्येव योऽवतिष्ठति नेङ्गते ॥ २३

उद् आस् इन् वद् आसीन् गुणै य न वि-चाल्यते ।

गुणा वर्तन्ते इति एव य अव तिष्ठति न इङ्गते ॥

*udāśīnavad āsīno gunair yo na vicālyate ।*

*gunā vartanta ity eva yo 'vatisthati ne 'ngate ॥*

उदासीनवत् *udāśīnavat* like one unconcerned आसीन् *āsīnaḥ* seated गुणै *gunaiḥ* by the Gunas य *yaḥ* who न *na* not विचाल्यते *vicālyate* is moved गुणा *gunāḥ* the Gunas वर्तन्ते *vartante* operate इति *iti* thus एव *eva* even य *yaḥ* who अवतिष्ठति *avatisthati* is self-centred न *na* not इङ्गते *ingate* moves

He who, sitting like one unconcerned, is moved not by the Gunas, who, knowing that the Gunas operate, is firm and moves not; 23

A hill does not shake while the trees, plants and creepers on it shake when the wind blows The Gunas move in the *Brahma jñāni* but he remains calm, steady and unconcerned with the happenings in the world

समदुःखसुखः स्वस्थः समलोष्टाश्मकाञ्चनः ।

तुल्यप्रियाप्रियो धीरस्तुल्यनिन्दात्मसस्तुतिः ॥ २४

सम दुःख-सुख स्व-स्थ सम-लोष्ट अश्म-काञ्चन ।

तुल्य प्रिय अप्रिय धीर तुल्य निन्दा आत्म-सम् स्तुति ॥