

action against his unworthy sons. Pondering over the ill-fame to which he was exposed, he became overwhelmed with despair. Still, he was not prepared to be guided by the counsel of Bhishma, Drona and Sri Krishna; for the conceit that he was the monarch over all of them lay concealed in his heart. The firmness of king Dhrtarashtra was verily steeped in *Tamas* and therefore producing nothing good.

There are in this world at all times innumerable people who are of the mould of Dhrtarashtra. What their ancestors have bequeathed to them is their sole property. They are incapable of adding to it. Neither discrimination nor right understanding is found in them. Endeavour is unknown to them. They are blind of mind if not of body. Their chief occupation is to eat and sleep away their time. The fear is there in them that their moneys are all expended and nothing earned. After exhausting the whole of their resources they come to grief in their helplessness. They who wallowed once in money now wallow in the mud of despondency. Chewing the cud of their past opulence, they cherish themselves with nothing but conceit. Stupid as they are, this is the wretched life that they carry on. The firmness of these people is all born of *Tamas*.

सुखं त्विदानीं त्रिविधं शृणु मे भरतर्षभ ।

अभ्यामाद्रमते यत्र दुःखान्तं च निगच्छति ॥ ३६

सुखम् तु इदानीम् त्रि - विधम् शृ - णु मे भरत - ऋषभ ।

अभि - आगतं रमते यत्र दुःख - अन्तम् च नि - गच्छति ॥

*sukham tv idānīm trividham śṛṇu me bharatarṣabha ।  
abhyāsād ramate yatra duḥkhāntaṁ ca nigacchati ॥*