

what ought not to be done भय अभये *bhaya abhaye* fear and fearlessness बन्धम् *bandham* bondage मोक्षम् *mokṣam* liberation च *ca* and या *yā* that वेत्ति *vetti* knows बुद्धि *buddhiḥ* intellect सा *sā* that पार्थ *pārtha* O Partha सात्त्विकी *sāttvikī* Sattvika

The intellect which knows the paths of work and renunciation, right and wrong action, fear and fearlessness, bondage and liberation – that intellect, O Partha, is Sattvika. 30

*Pravṛtti* is the path of interested work or the path of entanglement in earthly life. It involves the *Jivatman* in the wheel of birth and death. *Nivṛtti* is the path of renunciation or the path of emancipation from earthly life. This term applies to *Akarma* and *Sanyāsa* too. It aids transcendence into the Beyond. The right action is that which is helpful to the spiritual progress of man. This sanctioned action may be so modified as to suit the different times, places and circumstances. But the wrong action is that which is detrimental to man's progress. Man must fear to do bad action. The word fear here is used in the sense that man should refrain from doing bad action. To the man of right understanding there is nothing to fear here or in the hereafter. Man ought to keep aloof from the venomous snake and tiger. There is nothing to fear of death that comes of its own accord. Fear of devils and ghosts is a superstition based on imagination. *Pravṛtti*, wrong action and fear lead man into bondage. *Nivṛtti*, right action and fearlessness lead man to *moksha*. The *Sāttvika buddhi* is able to