

कथं स पुरुषः पार्थ कं घातयति हन्ति कम् ॥२१॥

II. 21.

पार्थ Pârtha यः who एनं this (Self) अविनाशिनं indestructible नित्यं changeless अजं unborn अव्ययं immutable वेद knows स that पुरुषः person कथं how कं whom हन्ति kills कं whom घातयति causes to slay.

He that knows This to be indestructible, changeless, without birth, and immutable, how is he, O son of Prithà, to slay or cause the slaying of another?

[*How is he to slay?*—referring to Arjuna. *To cause the slaying*—referring to Krishna's own part.]

वासांसि जीर्णानि यथा विहाय

नवानि गृह्णाति नरोऽपराणि ॥

तथा शरीराणि विहाय जीर्णा-

न्यन्यानि संयाति नवानि देही ॥२२॥

II. 22.

नरः a man यथा as जीर्णाणि worn-out वासांसि clothes विहाय casting off अपराणि others नवानि new गृह्णाति takes तथा so देही the embodied जीर्णानि worn-out शरीराणि bodies विहाय casting off अन्यानि others नवानि new संयाति enters.

Even as man casts off worn-out clothes, and puts on others which are new, so the embodied casts off worn-out bodies, and enters into others which are new.

[As one only puts off the old, when one already possesses the new garment, so the embodied is already entering a new body in the act of leaving