

AMONG THE SINFUL," he too can cross over his painful destinies of the present and reach the shores that lie beyond finitude and imperfections. Such a clear charter of man's right to the Divine has never so far been written in any other existing scripture of the world!!

To rediscover that, in reality, the ego is nothing other than the Self in us, and to live thereafter as the Self of all, is called true 'Wisdom' (*Jnana*). Having thus awakened to our Real Nature, the dreamy cravings of the flesh can no more enchant us away from our pristine glory and make us run down the channels of sensuousness, to wreck ourselves on the stony bed of sin and sorrow. This is indicated by a beautiful metaphor: "BY THE RAFT OF 'KNOWLEDGE' ALONE SHALL YOU GO ACROSS ALL SINS."

IN WHAT MANNER DOES THIS WISDOM DESTROY SIN?... HERE IS AN EXAMPLE:

*37. As the blazing fire reduces fuel to ashes, O Arjuna, so does the Fire-of-Knowledge reduce all actions to ashes.*

JUST AS FIRE REDUCES FUEL TO ASHES --- This example has been given by the Lord in His sheer fatherly love for Arjuna. These words, familiar in all *Yajñashalas*, when used apart from their word meaning, are capable of creating, in their association, brilliant suggestions of a serene atmosphere and a thrilled sense of divinity.