

Chapter 3

Karma Yoga The Yoga of action

Arjuna said: 1. If it be thought by you that 'knowledge' is superior to 'action, ' O Janardana, why then, do you, O Kashava, engage me in this terrible action?

Arjuna still believes that, to fight against his cousins, teachers and grandfathers is a terrible (*ghora*) action. He seems to have forgotten, or not to have understood at all, Krishna's words in the last chapter. *Kashava* had therein explained and clearly indicated that the Mahabharata-war was not Arjuna's attempt to murder any of his cousins or teachers. Arjuna cannot have any individual personality