

earthly resources of the *Vaisya* get themselves harmoniously commingled in the *Kshatriya* who harnesses and utilizes them all for the public welfare

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परिचर्यात्मकं कर्म शूद्रस्यापि स्वभावजम् ॥ ४४

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kṛṣi gauraksya vāṇijyam vaiśyakarma svabhāvajam ।
paricaryātmakam karma śūdrasyā 'pi svabhāvajam ॥

कृपिगौरक्ष्यवाणिज्यम् *kṛṣi gaurakṣya vāṇijyam* agriculture, cattle-rearing and trade वैश्यकर्म *vaiśya karma* the duties of *Vaisya* स्वभावजम् *svabhāvajam* born of the nature परिचर्यात्मकम् *paricaryātmakam* consisting of service कर्म *karma* action शूद्रस्य *śūdrasya* of the Sudra अपि *api* also स्वभावजम् *svabhāvajam* born of the nature

Agriculture, cattle-rearing and trade are the duties of the *Vaisyas*, born of their own nature; and action consisting of service is the duty of the *Sudras* born of their own nature. 44

Wealth and material resources are also the glories of God in their own way Lakshmi the Goddess of wealth being the spouse of the Lord is pregnant with meaning Life at the physical level is impossible without the material resources Man's life takes its start in that plane only to soar into the higher regions But the bodily sustenance and prosperity are to be maintained, and wealth is a necessity for this purpose. The *Vaisya* is he who creates and distributes the material wealth of the