

towards it. The objects in themselves are impotent to give us either joy or sorrow.

The Perfect Masters understand that the sense-organs are only INSTRUMENTS-of-perception and that they can work only when in contact with the Supreme, the *Atman*. In this true understanding all Masters live, allowing the sense-organs to sacrifice themselves in the Knowledge-of-*Brahman*. Seekers also are, by this statement, advised as to how they too can gain a certain amount of freedom from their senses by dedicating their sense-life in the service of the world. When an individual's sense-organs of perception and action are to function and act --- not for his own ego-centric, selfish satisfactions but for the sake of serving the society or the world --- then, even if such an individual lives in the world-of-objects he will not be enslaved by his attachments to his possessions.

AFTER THUS ENUMERATING THE "DEVA-YAJNA" AND THE "BRAHMA-YAJNA," LORD KRISHNA EXPOUNDS TWO MORE METHODS IN THE FOLLOWING:

*26. Some again offer hearing and other senses as sacrifice in the fires-of-restraint; others offer sound and other objects of sense as sacrifice in the fires-of-the-senses.*

SOME OTHER GREAT MASTERS OFFER HEARING AND OTHER SENSES IN THE FIRES-OF-RESTRAINT --- In all these *Yajnas* described, the metaphor is taken from