Chapter 16

Daivasura Sampad Vibhaga Yoga

The Yopga of Divine and Devilish Estates

The Blessed Lord said: 1. Fearlessness, purity of heart, steadfastness in the YOGA -of-Knowledge, alms-giving, control of the senses, sacrifice, study of the SHASTRAS, and straightforwardness...

As we read the opening stanza we are reminded on the twenty VALUES of life, that were described earlier by Lord Krishna in His Divine discourse (XIII --- 8 to 12). Herein we find an almost exhaustive list of the noble TRAITS in a cultured man living the spiritual way-of-life; a life wherein he accepts and lives those twenty VALUES of life, while meeting the work-a-day world. And in the these qualities, FEARLESSNESS enumeration of (Abhayam) comes first. Fear is generated in one, only when one is in a field which is clouded by 'ignorance.' Fear is the expression of Avidya. Where there is 'Knowledge' there is fearlessness. By placing this quality of fearlessness at the head of the list, with the unsung music of sheer suggestiveness, the divine Acharya is indicating that true ethical perfection in one is directly proportional to the spiritual evolution attained by the individual.