

THE LORD NOW PROCEEDS TO SHOW THE THREE-FOLD DISTINCTIONS IN EACH ONE OF THE ABOVE, ACCORDING TO THE THREE PREDOMINANT NATURES --- THE 'GOOD,' THE 'PASSIONATE' AND THE 'DULL':

*19. 'Knowledge, ' 'action, ' and 'actor' are declared in the Science of Temperaments (gunas) to be of three kinds only, according to the distinctions of temperaments; hear them also duly.*

As an introduction to what is to follow immediately, here it is said that "knowledge," "action," and the "actor" (agent), all the three because of the difference of the temperament in the individuals, at the given time of observation, fall under a three-fold division. This classification is being exhaustively explained in the following stanzas.

*Guna* is the preponderance of a given type of temperament in one's inner nature. The human mind and intellect function constantly, but they always come to function under the different "climatic conditions" within our mind. These varying climates of the mind are called the three *gunas*: the 'good,' the 'passionate' and the 'dull.'

Under each of these temperaments the entire human personality behaves differently, and, naturally therefore, the permutations and combinations of the varieties make