

of any kind, good or bad. He is merely the changeless Witness. In His Presence activities take place in nature. Though Himself actionless, His Grace is ever in favour of the good. Sri Krishna's agreeing to be an unarmed charioteer to the Pandavas signifies this great truth. Further, God is ever the Great Charioteer residing in the hearts of all. His presence as Conscience within the embodied beings is perceptible to the virtuous, but to the wicked His inner presence remains clouded.

The one great wielder of all actions in the Mahabharata warfare was Sri Krishna. The activities of all other heroes and participants put together were hardly a fraction of Sri Krishna's work. In the midst of intense activity, He remained supremely serene and unaffected. The great catastrophe left no more impress in His mind than a reflection does in a mirror. Nothing in the universe could distract Him from His wonted poise. For this reason He is called Achyuta by the sages. The gist of His teaching is, "Fight the battle of life. Let the virtue in you vanquish the vice. Any useful work that falls to your lot gives you enough of opportunity for self-discipline, emulation and emancipation. The Divinity within is your ever available guide. Attuning yourself to It, do your job as splendidly as you can. Every hero is obliged to wage the Mahabharata war in and through his own life."

#### Life and Message Inseparable

Among the saviours of mankind there is an exemplary trait which is common to all. Their