

The glory of God begins to dawn in the mind of the *sadhaka* who devoutly and persistently practises yoga. This initial experience gives impetus for further pursuit of yoga, leading to greater cognition of God's glory. This is the *buddhi yoga* endowed with which the *sadhaka* gets to know more and yet more of the sweet sublimity of the Lord and be ardently drawn to Him. Devotion does this way wax with *buddhi yoga*.

A man confined within a dark room contacts a ray of light coming in through a tiny aperture. He gathers knowledge of light to that extent. But as the aperture increases in size his conception of light widens. A man in the broad day light has his own view of light. Similar to this, God reveals Himself in varying degrees and aspects according to the nature and attainments of His devotees. — Sri Ramakrishna

How does the *buddhi yoga* benefit the devotees? The elucidation ensues :—

तेषामेवानुकम्पार्थमहमज्ञानजं तमः ।

नाशयाम्यात्मभावस्थो ज्ञानदीपेन भास्वता ॥ ११

तेषाम् एव अनु कम्पा-अर्थम् अहम् अ-ज्ञान-जम् तमः ।

नाश-अयामि आत्म-भाव-स्थ. ज्ञान-दीपेन भास्वता ॥

*teṣām evā 'nukampārtham aham ajñānajam tamaḥ ।*

*nāśayāmy ātmabhāvastho jñānadīpena bhāsvatā ॥*

तेषाम् *teṣām* for them एव *eva* mere अनुकम्पार्थम् *anukampārtham* out of compassion अहम् *aham* I अज्ञानजम् *ajñānajam* born of ignorance तमः *tamaḥ* darkness नाशयामि *nāśayāmy* (I) destroy आत्मभावस्थः *ātma bhāvasthaḥ* dwelling within their self ज्ञानदीपेन *jñāna dīpena* by the lamp of knowledge भास्वता *bhāsvatā* luminous