

to progress and prosperity in life. He is so much deluded that he mistakes stagnation for self-sufficiency. That man becomes depraved. These are all due to the predominance of *Tamas*.

Is there any connection between the ascendancy of the Guna and the reincarnation of the *Jivatman*? The answer comes —

यदा सत्त्वे प्रवृद्धे तु प्रलय याति देहभृत् ।

तदोत्तमविदां लोकानमलान्प्रतिपद्यते ॥ १४

यदा सद् त्वे प्र-वृद्ध-त्वे तु प्र-लयम् याति देह भृत् ।

तदा उत्तम विदाम् लोकान् अमलान् प्रति-पद्य-ते ॥

*yadā sattve pravṛddhe tu pralayaṃ yāti dehabhṛt ।*

*tado 'ttamavidām lokān amalān pratipadyate ॥*

यदा *yadā* when सत्त्वे *sattve* in *Sattva* प्रवृद्धे *pravṛddhe* having become predominant तु *tu* verily प्रलयम् *pralayaṃ* death याति *yāti* meets देहभृत् *dehabhṛt* the embodied one तदा *tadā* then उत्तमविदाम् *uttama vidām* of the knowers of the highest लोकान् *lokān* to the worlds अमलान् *amalān* of the spotless प्रतिपद्यते *pratipadyate* (he) attains

If the embodied one meets with death when *Sattva* is predominant, then he goes to the pure worlds of those who know the highest. 14

The thought uppermost in the mind at the time of departing from the body, is the deciding factor of the next birth of that *Jivatman*. Because of the prevalence of *Sattva* at that juncture, godly thoughts are inevitable. And *Brahma loka* is the highest among the regions obtained by the embodied. The