fire enveloped by smoke:—the rise of a slight wind of discrimination dispels the smoke of desire in a Sâtvic heart. The second, the Râjasic,—the dust on a mirror, requires some time and preparation. While the third,—the Tâmasic, takes a much longer time, like the release of the embryo from the womb.]

आवृतं ज्ञानमेनेन ज्ञानिनो नित्यवैरिगा॥ कामरूपेगा कौन्तेय दुष्पूरेगाानलेन च॥३६॥ ।।।. ३०.

कौन्तेय O Kounteya! ज्ञानिनः of the wise नित्यवेरिणा by the constant foe कामरूपेण whose form is desire च and दुष्प्रेण unappeasable एतेन अन्तिन by this fire ज्ञानं knowledge आयुतं covered.

Knowledge is covered by this, the constant foe of the wise, O son of Kunti, the unappeasable fire of desire,

[Desire is undoubtedly the foe of all mankind, Why it is said to be the constant foe of the wise, is that they feel it to be so even when under its sway. Fools are awakened for a moment only, when they suffer from its painful reactions,]

इन्द्रियाशि मनो बुद्धिरस्याधिष्टानमुच्यते॥ एतैर्विमोहयत्येष ज्ञानमावृत्य देहिनम्॥४०॥

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इन्द्रियाणि Senses मनः mind बुद्धः intellect ग्रस्य its ग्राधिष्टानं abode उच्यते are said एषः this एतः by these ज्ञानं knowledge ग्रावृत्य covering देहिनं the embodied निमोह्यति deludes.

The senses, the mind and the intellect are said to be its abode: through these, it deludes the embodied by veiling his wisdom.