

THOSE WHO DEVOTE THEMSELVES IN THE WORSHIP OF THE ETERNAL WITH DESIRES, WILL COME TO THEIR FULFILMENT... HOW?

*20. The Knowers of the three VEDAS, the drinkers of SOMA , purified from sin, worshipping Me by sacrifices, pray for the way to heaven; they reach the holy world of the Lord-of-the-gods and enjoy in heaven the Divine pleasures of the gods.*

*21. They, having enjoyed the vast heaven-world, when their merits are exhausted, enter the world-of-the-mortals; thus abiding by the injunctions of the three (VEDAS) , desiring (objects of) desires, they attain to the state of "going-and-returning" (SAMSARA) .*

When those who are well-read in the three *Vedas* and who know the prescriptions laid down for the rituals, perform those sacred acts of devotion and sacrifice with a desire to enjoy the celestial bliss, "THEY COME TO ENJOY, IN HEAVEN, THE DIVINE PLEASURES OF THE DEVAS."

The *Soma* drink is the milky juice of a creeper-plant which is used in the rituals and taken in very small quantities at the end of the function. Thus, the phrase "DRINKING THE SOMA-JUICE" is to be understood as 'when the performance of the ritual has concluded.' These desire-prompted ritualisms yield finite results and Krishna indicates that these ego-centres, after having enjoyed in