

Supreme Mukti. The dying man uttering the word "Gita" will find the way (to salvation).

गीतार्थश्रवणासक्तो महापापयुतोऽपि वा ॥

वैकुण्ठं समवाप्नोति विष्णुना सह मोदते ॥१८॥

(18). One who loves to hear the meaning of the Gita, even though he have been full of evil deeds, attains to heaven, and lives in beatitude with Vishnu.

गीतार्थं ध्यायते नित्यं कृत्वा कर्माणि भूरिशः ॥

जीवन्मुक्तः स विज्ञेयो देहांते परमं पदम् ॥१९॥

(19). He who constantly meditates on the meaning of the Gita, even though he perform Karma incessantly,—he is to be regarded as a *Jivannukta*, and after the destruction of his body he attains to the highest plane of knowledge.

गीतामाश्रित्य बहवो भूभुजो जनकादयः ॥

निर्धूतकल्मषा लोके गीता याताः परं पदम् ॥२०॥

(20). By the help of this Gita, many kings like Janaka became free from their impurities and attained to the highest goal. It is so sung.

गीतायाः पठनं कृत्वा माहात्म्यं नैव यः पठेत् ॥

वृथा पाठो भवेत्तस्य श्रम एव ह्युदाहतः ॥२१॥

(21). He who having finished the reading of the Gita, does not read its *Mâhâtmyam* as declared here, his reading is in vain, it is all labour wasted.

एतन्माहात्म्यसंयुक्तं गीताभ्यासं करोति यः ॥

स तत्फलमवाप्नोति दुर्लभां गतिमाप्नुयात् ॥२२॥

(22). He who studies the Gita, accompanied with this discourse on its, *Mâhâtmyam*, he