

seek victory मौनम् *maunam* silence च *ca* and एव *eva* also अस्मि *asmi* (I) am गुह्यानाम् *guhyānām* among secrets ज्ञानम् *jñānam* the knowledge ज्ञानवताम् *jñānavatām* among the knowers अहम् *aham* I

Of punishers I am the sceptre; of those that seek victory I am statesmanship; and of secrets I am also silence; and I am the wisdom of the wise. 38

The duty of the monarch is to mete out just punishment to the offender. The sceptre is the symbol of the measured punishment and justice. This done, the accused himself feels that he has been justly handled. Not only does this act reform the convict, but it is also a lesson to the common man. Punishment is therefore the grace of the Lord come in this shape. It may be mentioned here that diseases and ailments are the punishments awarded by Nature for known and unknown irregularities in life. Not only does Iswara function as Yama, He also functions as the sceptre.

*Neeti* is rendered here as statesmanship. Right attitude, right relationship and right proceedings are all born of *Neeti*. Any victory won by wrong method will not be lasting; it will only lead to new complications. Noble means alone lead to noble ends. Adoption of sound policy in mutual relationship is statesmanship. Such a policy savours of divinity.

Secret is that which is not divulged to the others for valid reasons. The technic of harnessing certain resources of nature is kept secret for the exclusive advantage of the concerned few. The hidden powers of Nature are kept secret by others for some