

have been described exhaustively --- by an analysis of "knowledge," "action," "agent," "understanding" and "fortitude." This is only for our guidance so that we know where we stand in our own inner nature and outer manifestations.

If we detect, with the above-mentioned slide-rule of personality, that we belong to the *Tamasic* or the *Rajasic* types, we, as seekers of cultural expression and growth, are to take warning and strive to heave ourselves into the *Sattwic* state. Remember, and I repeat, REMEMBER, these classifications are given NOT TO CLASSIFY OTHERS but to provide us with a ready-reckoner to help us in our constant and daily self-analysis and self-discipline.

These three *gunas* have been described because there is no living organism in the world, "NO CREATURE EITHER ON EARTH OR AGAIN AMONG THE GODS IN HEAVEN," who is totally free from the influence of these three *gunas*; no living creature can act or work beyond the frontiers provided by these three *gunas*. Nature (*Prakriti*) itself is constituted of these *gunas*; the play of these three *gunas* is the very expression of *Prakriti*.

But at the same time, no two creatures react to the world outside in the same fashion, because the proportion in which these three *gunas* come to influence each one is different at different times. These three *gunas* put together are the manifestation of "*Maya*." Individuals differ from one another because of the different textures of the *gunas*