

an unavoidable matter शोचितुं to grieve न अर्हसि oughtest not.

Of that which is born, death is certain, of that which is dead, birth is certain. Over the unavoidable, therefore, thou oughtest not to grieve.

[This sloka concerns only those who are not yet free. So long as there is desire, birth and death are inevitable.

Therefore thou oughtest not to grieve: Since you cannot control the inevitable and preserve the bodies of your relations, work out your own Karma and go beyond both birth and death.]

अव्यक्तादीनि भूतानि व्यक्तमध्यानि भारत ॥

अव्यक्तनिधनान्येव तत्र का परिदेवना ॥२८॥

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भारत Bhârata भूतानि beings अव्यक्तादीनि unmanifested in the beginning व्यक्तमध्यानि manifested in the middle-state अव्यक्तनिधनानि एव unmanifested again in the end तत्र there का what परिदेवना grief.

All beings are unmanifested in their beginning, O Bhârata, manifested in their middle-state and unmanifested again in their end. What is there then to grieve about?

[*Beings:* In their relationships as sons and friends, who are mere combinations of material elements, correlated as causes and effects.

The idea here is that that which has no existence in the beginning and the end, must be merely illusory in the interim, and should not therefore be allowed to have any influence upon the mind.]

आश्चर्यवत्पश्यति कश्चिदेन-

माश्चर्यवद्भवति तथैव चान्यः ॥