

Those high souled people (mahāntah).

Those who are putting forth the efforts (yatayah).

Those who have completely controlled their sense organs and mind and have apprehended Reality within themselves, reach supreme peace and contentment at the end of their prārabdha-karma. There will be such all-enveloping Bliss Absolute into which they merge that there are no more vāsanās to excite their minds to run towards the OET in order to seek fulfilment.



भवानपीदं परतत्त्वमात्मनः
स्वरूपमानन्दघनं विचार्य ।
विधूय मोहं स्वमनःप्रकल्पितं
मुक्तः कृतार्थो भवतु प्रबुद्धः ॥ ४७३ ॥

*bhavānapīdaṁ paratattvamātmaṇaḥ
svarūpamānandaghanaṁ vicārya,
vidhūya mohāṁ svamanaḥprakalpitam
muktaḥ kṛtārtho bhavatu prabuddhaḥ.* (473)

473. You too, discriminate thus, (be established in) this surpassing Truth, the real nature of the Ātman which is Bliss Absolute, and shaking off the delusion created by your own mind, be liberated and illumined and reach the fulfilment of your life.

In the early part of the text,¹ the Guru had promised the student who had surrendered at his feet, by saying, “Fear not, O intelligent boy! there is no danger for you. For crossing the ocean of saṃsāra, there is a method. I shall prescribe to you that path by which all others have crossed this saṃsāra in the past.” By the time Śaṅkara came to verse 471, he finished prescribing the path to the disciple. Now he says, “Thou too, O learned one! having directly experienced this supreme Self which is of the nature of Bliss

¹ ibid. verse – 43