

Conation/Volition Domain

Perform all thy actions with mind concentrated on the Divine, renouncing attachment and looking upon success and failure with an equal eye. Spirituality implies equanimity.

Bhagavad-Gita 2: 47-48

But a man of disciplined mind, who moves along the objects of the sense, with the senses under control and free from attachment and aversion, he attains purity of spirit.

And in the purity of spirit, there is produced for him an end of sorrow; the intelligence of such a man of pure spirit is soon established in the peace of self.

Bhagavad-Gita 2: 64-65

Man does not attain freedom from action without entering upon action; nor does he reach perfection merely by renunciation of action.

Bhagavad-Gita 3: 4

Man is bound by shackles of Karma only when engaged in actions other than work performed for the sake of sacrifice.

Therefore, Arjuna, do you efficiently perform your duty, free from attachment, for the sake of sacrifice.

Bhagavad-Gita 3: 9

He, whose attachment has gone, whose mind is established in Knowledge, and who works for the sake of sacrifice, all actions of that liberated man melt away.

Bhagavad-Gita 4: 23

He, who acts, offering all actions to God and shaking off attachment, remains untouched by sin, as the lotus-leaf by water.

Bhagavad-Gita 5: 10

Those who lack self-control will find it difficult to progress in meditation; but those who are self-controlled, striving earnestly through the right means, will attain the goal.

Bhagavad Gita 6: 36

Arjuna, whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer as oblation to the sacred fire, whatever you bestow as a gift; whatever you do by way of penance, offer it all to Me.

Bhagavad-Gita 9: 27

Acts of sacrifice, gift and penance should not be relinquished; they must be performed at all events.

For sacrifice, gift and penance performed by wise men purify the heart.

Bhagavad-Gita 18: 5

Prosperity forsakes those who always dream of fate and favors those who persevere. One should therefore always be active and alert.

Matsya Purana 221: 2

The rich build temples to Shiva, What shall I, a poor man, do?

O my Lord! my legs are the pillars, My torso, the shrine,

And my head, the golden pinnacle! Things standing shall fall,

But the moving ever shall stay!

Basavanna, Vacana 820

[W]e are set to be what our desire is. As our desire is, so is our will. As our will is, so are our acts. As we act, so we become. We live in accordance with our driving desire.

The Upanishads

Both the good and the pleasant present
themselves to a man.

The calm soul examines them well and
discriminates.

Yea, he prefers the good to the pleasant; but
the fool chooses the pleasant out of
greed and avarice.

Katha Upanishad 1.2: 2

Though he be ever so tired by repeated
failure, let him begin his operations again
and again; for fortune greatly favors the man
who perseveres in his undertakings.

Laws of Manu 9: 300

Tomorrows work do today, today's work
now

If the moment is lost, the work be done how.

Kabir, Doha 3

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