

Satasloki

Sloka 18

कामो बुद्ध्वावुदेति प्रथममिह मनस्युद्दिशत्यर्थजातं
तद्गृह्णातीन्द्रियास्यैस्तदनधिगमतः क्रोध आविर्भवेच्च।
प्राप्तावर्थस्य संरक्षणमतिरुदितो लोभ एतत्त्रयं स्यात्
सर्वेषां पातहेतुस्तदिह मतिमता त्याज्यमध्यात्मयोगात्॥१८

18. At first desire for sense objects arises in the mind of human beings. Then the mind wishes to attain those objects. It tries to experience the desired object through the appropriate organ of sense or action. If it does not succeed in getting the desired object, anger arises. If the object is attained, then the intense desire to protect it from being lost, which is known as greed, springs up. These three, desire, anger and greed are the cause of man's spiritual downfall. The wise man should get rid of these three by concentrating his mind on the Self (and not allowing it to go in search of sense pleasures).

In Gita, 16.21, the Lord says-- The door to hell is threefold, namely, desire, anger and greed. One should therefore discard these.

In Kathopanishad, II.ii.1, it is said that one who desires immortality should withdraw his senses from external objects and fix the mind on the Self alone.