**Shloka - 6**

**आहार्निन्द्राभयमैथुनं  च सामान्यमेतत पशुभिर्नरानाम् I**

**धर्मो हि तेषाम् अधिकोविशेषो, धर्मेण हीना: पशुभि: समाना : II**

आहार्निन्द्राभयमैथुनं = eating, sleeping, having fear and having sex for the sake of begetting family, सामान्यमेतत = are common, पशुभिर्नरानाम् = in Animals and human beings, धर्मो = religion, or duty, responsibility, हि = only, तेषाम् = within these, अधिकोविशेषो = additional important quality, धर्मेण हीना: = without the sense of duty or responsibility, पशुभि: समाना : = like animals

This is a very good Subhasita to awaken us from the routine, mundane, purposeless life which one can live, when one is caught in the circle of life.

If we sit down, introspect and look at our life, we will realise, that there is no difference in the physical life of human beings and animals. Humans are the best species created by God, with intellect, emotions and understanding, which are not found in animals.

Animals live only to eat, sleep, they have sex only for reproduction and die. And, these desires do not reduce, but keep on repeating and increasing. In fact, it becomes a habit and it keeps on increasing in human beings, if we keep on running behind materialistic pleasures, which are beyond the normal needs of ours. In fact, animals are better than us in some respect that they eat only to live and not live to eat.

Among these physical activities of eat, live, have sex, create wealth, have worldly pleasures and die are common between human beings and animals. It is only the realisation of one’s duties, responsibilities, control of the senses, and restraint on some activities that differentiates human beings from the animals.

We need to rise above this mundane life, understand our duties and appreciate the behaviour that sets us apart from other animals.