**Shloka – 12**

**सूतो वा सूतपुत्रो वा यो वा को वा भवाम्यहम्।   
दैवायत्तं कुले जन्म मदायत्तं तु पौरुषम्॥**

सुतो = सुतः = servant, वा = or, सूतपुत्रो = son of a servant, को वा भवम्यहम् = whosoever I am

दैवायत्तं = it is in the hands of God or Luck, कुले = family जन्म = born, मदायत्तं = what is in my hands, तु = really, पौरुषं = efforts, industriousness, action

**विद्वत्वम् च न्रुपत्वम् च नैव तुल्यं कदाचनं I**

**स्वदेशे पूज्यते राजा विद्वान् सर्वत्र पूजयेत् II**

विद्वत्वम् = knowledge, च = and, न्रुपत्वम् = kingdom, नैवं = न  एवं  = are not , तुल्यं = comparable , कदाचनं = perhaps , स्वदेशे = in his own kingdom , पूज्यते = worshiped or respected , विद्वान् = learned person , सर्वत्र = every where

The meaning of both the shlokas is related and / or similar.

The first one is said by *Karna* , a character in Mahabharata. He was brought up in the family of a charioteer, like a driver of the chariot of *Kauravas.* He says, it does not matter, whether I am born as a servant or son of a servant. To be borne in an upper cast or lower cast or a poor man’s family is in the hands of GOD, or it is a matter of Luck of a person.

What is in my hands is to take action, be industrious, do all the efforts to achieve what I want and do not seek sympathy that I am born in a poor family.

It is so valid firstly in today’s parlance when people from scheduled casts and tribes seek reservation quota. Similarly, for the youngsters of today, the message is that, all can’t be borne in a family which is rich and has Business or a Manufacturing factory. It is easy for the son of such a family to takeover Father’s ready Business for which, he has not toiled or done any efforts on his part.

Those, who are born in Families , whose parents are not well to do, it is for the children to do what is in their hands, which is, to study well and make all the efforts, to take actions , not be lazy or seek sympathy from others.

Similarly in the the other Shloka also the message is that, Knowledge and Kingdom are not comparable. Whereas, a King is respected only in his own kingdom, whether he is a competent King or not, since his people have to respect him. He may not be respected at the same level in some other country.

On the other hand, a learned person is useful in all the countries of the world, since his knowledge is useful wherever he goes. Therefore, he is well respected for his knowledge and competence, and therefore, in all the parts of the world he is recognised and is in demand.

Today, we know that our educated youth migrate, to other states of India, where they can get a good job and a good salary compared to their own states, or they migrate to other countries and settle down there. Thereby, they bring up the status of their families, they support their Parents, brothers and sisters and bring up their children with better status.

Many of our Indians are settled in developed countries like USA, UK, Australia, Europe and Middle East and so on. It is based on their education, abilities and qualities as a hardworking and an experienced professional in their own field that they are in demand, not because they are borne in the family having Industry or Business.

Comparatively, the children of a Family who have got a ready Business or an Industrial unit, because it is set up by their forefathers, may find it difficult to set up a similar or another unit, on their own, unless they gain that ability. Their ability to work in different industry or in different country will be less compared to an educated and experienced professional who has come up through his self learning.