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Chapter 18 Shloka 13 -14

पञ्चैतानि महाबाहो कारणानि निबोध मे ।
सांख्ये कृतान्ते प्रोक्तानि सिद्धये सर्वकर्मणाम् ॥
अधिष्ठानं तथा कर्ता करणं च पृथग्विधम् ।
विविधाश्च पृथक्केष्टा दैवं चैवात्र पञ्चमम् ॥

pañcāitāni mahābāho
kāraṇāni nibodha me ।
sāṅkhye kṛtānte proktāni
siddhaye sarva-karmaṇām ॥
adhiṣṭhānaṁ tathā kartā
karaṇaṁ ca pṛthag-vidham ।
vividhāś-ca pṛthak-ceṣṭā
daivaṁ caivātra pañcamam ॥

“O mighty-armed (Arjuna), know from Me the five causes for the right fruition of all actions, as explained in Sāṅkhya or kṛtānta (the philosophy dealing with the knowledge that transcends all actions):

The body which is the seat, as also the actor (kartā), various instruments (senses), diverse efforts, and of these Providence is the fifth.”



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