

Bhagavad Gita - 4
Transcendental Knowledge

*Based on the
Teachings of His
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Mangalacarana

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā
cakṣur unmilitaṁ yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ dadāti sva-padāntikam

vande 'ham śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-gurūn vaiṣṇavāṁś ca
śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitaṁ taṁ sa-jīvam
sādvaitaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana-sahitaṁ kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devaṁ
śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitā-śrī-viśākhānvitāṁś ca

he kṛṣṇa karuṇā-sindho dīna-bandho jagat-pate
gopeśa gopikā-kānta rādhā-kānta namo 'stu te

tapta-kāñcana-gaurāṅgi rādhe vṛndāvaneśvari
vṛṣabhānu-sute devi praṇamāmi hari-priye

vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānāṁ pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ

śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda
śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare
hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare



Summary – Chapter 1 & 2

Chapter 1



Arjuna's reasons for not wishing to fight

Compassion

Enjoyment

Saintliness and fear of sinful reactions

Destruction of Family

Chapter 2 Lord Krishna instructs Arjuna



BG 2.6
Indecision

Arjuna
surrenders to
Lord Krsna
BG 2.7

Summary – Chapter 2



Lord Krsna summarizes all the instruction of Bhagavad Gita

Since Arjuna was horrified at the thought of Killing His relatives, Krsna begins His teachings

Sankhya Philosophy

Karma Kanda

Buddhi Yoga or Niskama Karma Yoga

Symptoms of Self Realized Souls

Analytical study of Matter and Spirit (Soul)

Soul is eternal, imperishable

Material body is inert and outer covering of soul

If Arjuna dies in battle he will be promoted to heaven

If He wins the battle, He will rule the earth

Dishonor will overcome Him if He leaves the battlefield

Art of all Work

Work in the mode of selfless service

Unattached to the results of the world

With Resolute Determination

With Mind focused on Krsna

Fight simply because it is Krsna's desire

Results

Do not get any Sinful Reaction

Able to get out of the cycle of birth and death

Free from desire to enjoy the senses

Have a steady mind

Indifferent from good & evil

Have a taste for devotional activities

Control the senses by engaging them in the devotional activities

Being thus situated at the time of death, one can enter into the kingdom of God

One who is not connected with the supreme or not doing devotional activity cannot have *Steady Mind* or *Peace* or *Happiness*

Summary – Chapter 3

Arjuna asks
Why Lord
Krsna wants
Him to fight?

Lord Recommended
Buddhi Yoga

Arjuna confuses
Buddhi Yoga as
retirement from
active life

Condemn Fruitive
Activities

According to
Arjuna the War
was a Fruitive
Activity

Lord Krsna
says He has
actually
recommended
1 process with
2 stages ie
Karma &
Jnana

**Sankhya-yoga
Analytical
Study**

*Purifying senses by
Philosophical Process*

Soul Active by nature,
giving up work
without purification
of materialistic
contamination will not
get perfection

One will be
pretender as the
senses may be
restrained but the
mind will dwell on
sense objects.

Purpose of Bhagavad Gita

Work only for
Lord Krishna

Without
Self
Motivation

Following
Teachings
Faithfully

Without
Envy

Free from
Lethargy

Free from
Bondage

Attain
Perfection

Lord Krsna
replies that
there are 2
ways to
realize self

**Karma-yoga
Niskama
Karma
Buddhi-Yoga**

Working in Devotion

Learned
Performing work in
devotion(KC), one's
prescribed duty is
better than not
performing any
work.

Result
Work in devotion
performed for
satisfaction of Vishnu
will cleanse the heart
of materialistic
propensities and make
one free from bondage

Ignorant
If one cannot perform work in
devotion with detachment,
then perform work as
prescribed in the **Karma
Kanda** section of the Vedas by
performing **Yagna/sacrifices**
for the **pleasure of Vishnu**.

Act to set an example

One fully absorbed in
KC has no other duty to
perform and by working
thus with detachment
one will attain the
Supreme

Perfected soul still
performs one's
prescribed duties with
detachment to set an
example. Eg. Janaka,
Lord Krishna

Lust–All devouring Enemy

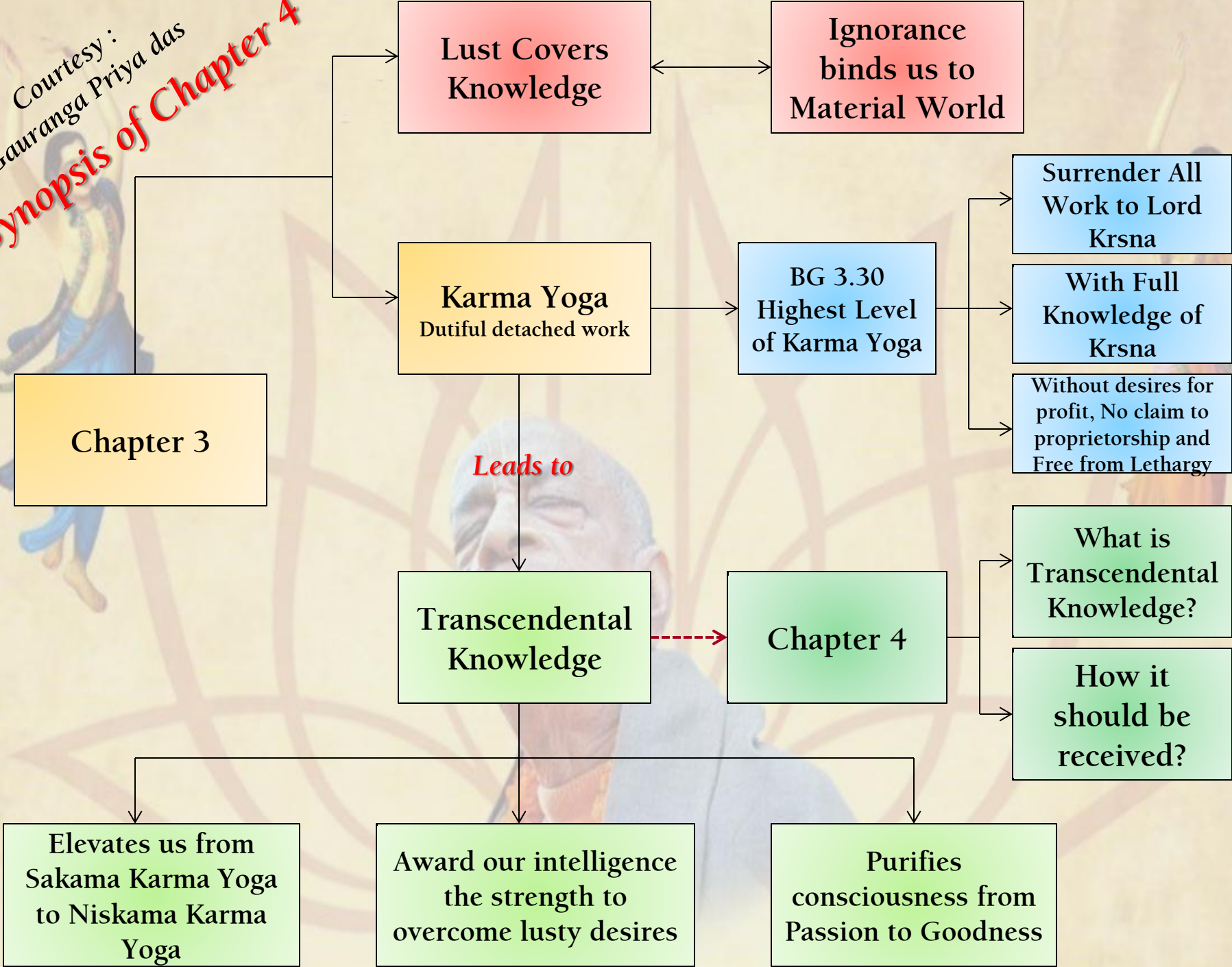
**Sitting places
of Lust**

Senses,
Mind &
Intelligence
covers
soul's
knowledge

**How to
conquer Lust?**

By regulating
Senses, Performance
of duties with
detachment, steady
the mind by
deliberate spiritual
intelligence – KC

Courtesy :
Gauranga Priya das
Synopsis of Chapter 4



Chapter 3

Lust Covers Knowledge

Ignorance binds us to Material World

Karma Yoga
Dutiful detached work

BG 3.30
Highest Level of Karma Yoga

Surrender All Work to Lord Krsna

With Full Knowledge of Krsna

Without desires for profit, No claim to proprietorship and Free from Lethargy

Transcendental Knowledge

Chapter 4

What is Transcendental Knowledge?

How it should be received?

Elevates us from Sakama Karma Yoga to Niskama Karma Yoga

Award our intelligence the strength to overcome lusty desires

Purifies consciousness from Passion to Goodness

Chapter 4 - Sections

<i>Section</i>	<i>Verse</i>	<i>Description</i>
<i>A</i>	<i>4.1 to 4.10</i>	<i>Transcendental Knowledge about Krsna</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>4.11 to 4.15</i>	<i>Applying transcendental knowledge to work</i>
<i>C</i>	<i>4.16 to 4.24</i>	<i>Understanding karma on the platform of jnana (Transcendental Knowledge)</i>
<i>D</i>	<i>4.25 to 4.33</i>	<i>Sacrifices lead to Transcendental Knowledge</i>
<i>E</i>	<i>4.34 to 4.42</i>	<i>Conclusion -- Summary of Transcendental Knowledge</i>

Summary - Section - A

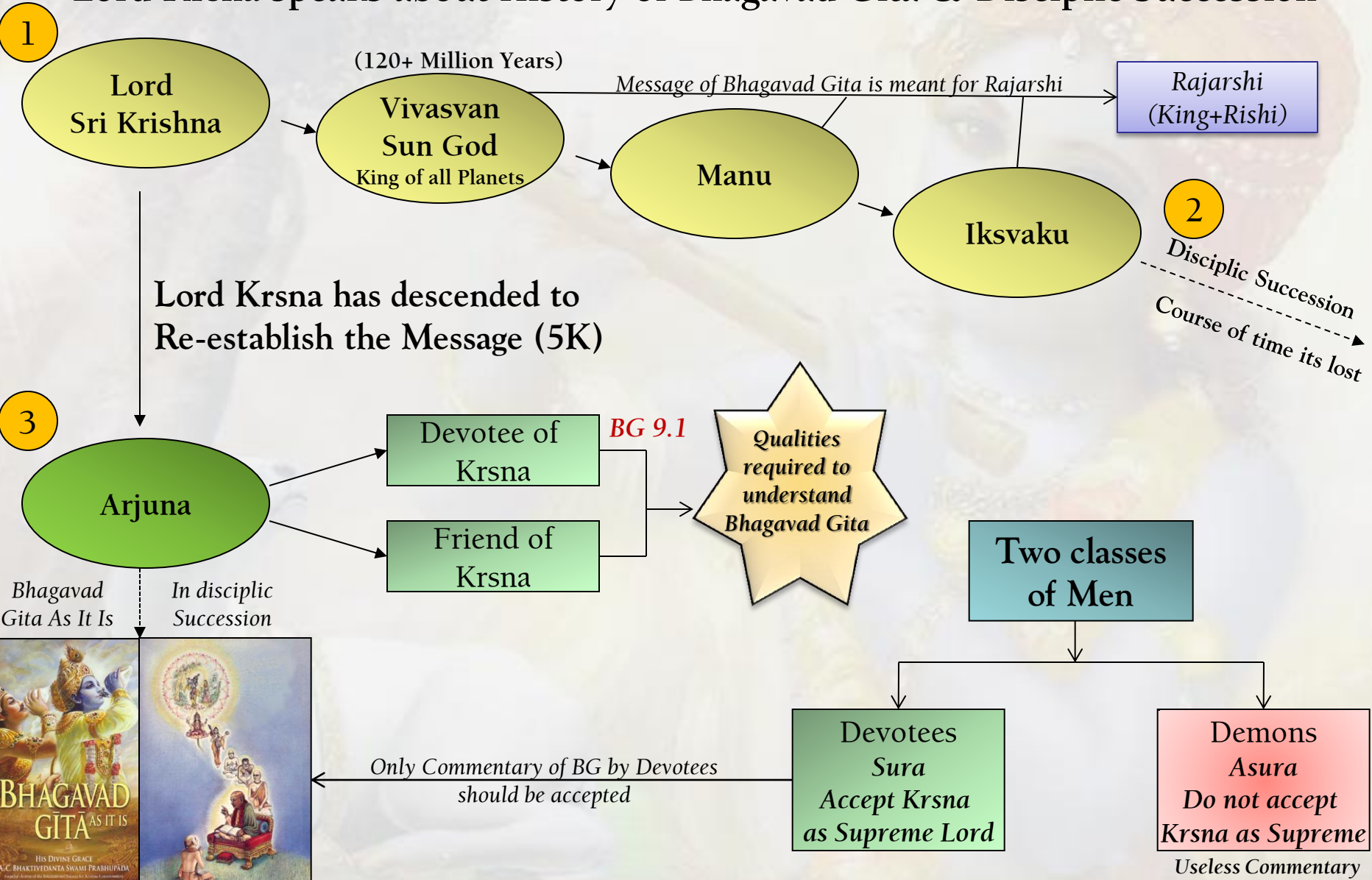
Verse 4.1 to 4.10

Transcendental Knowledge about Krsna

<i>1-3</i>	<i>This Bhagavad-gita was previously spoken by Krsna and later repeated by the disciplic succession of saintly kings. Now, as the succession has been broken, Krsna will speak it again to Arjuna.</i>
<i>4-6</i>	<i>Krsna can remember speaking Bhagavad-gita in a previous birth because He is the unborn Lord who possesses a transcendental body that never deteriorates.</i>
<i>7-8</i>	<i>Krsna advents Himself whenever religion declines and irreligion rises. He delivers the pious, annihilates the miscreants, and reestablishes religion.</i>
<i>9-10</i>	<i>One who actually knows the nature of Krsna's birth and activities attains Krsna's abode. Freed from attachment, fear, and anger, many persons have become purified and have attained love for Krsna, by being fully absorbed in Krsna.</i>

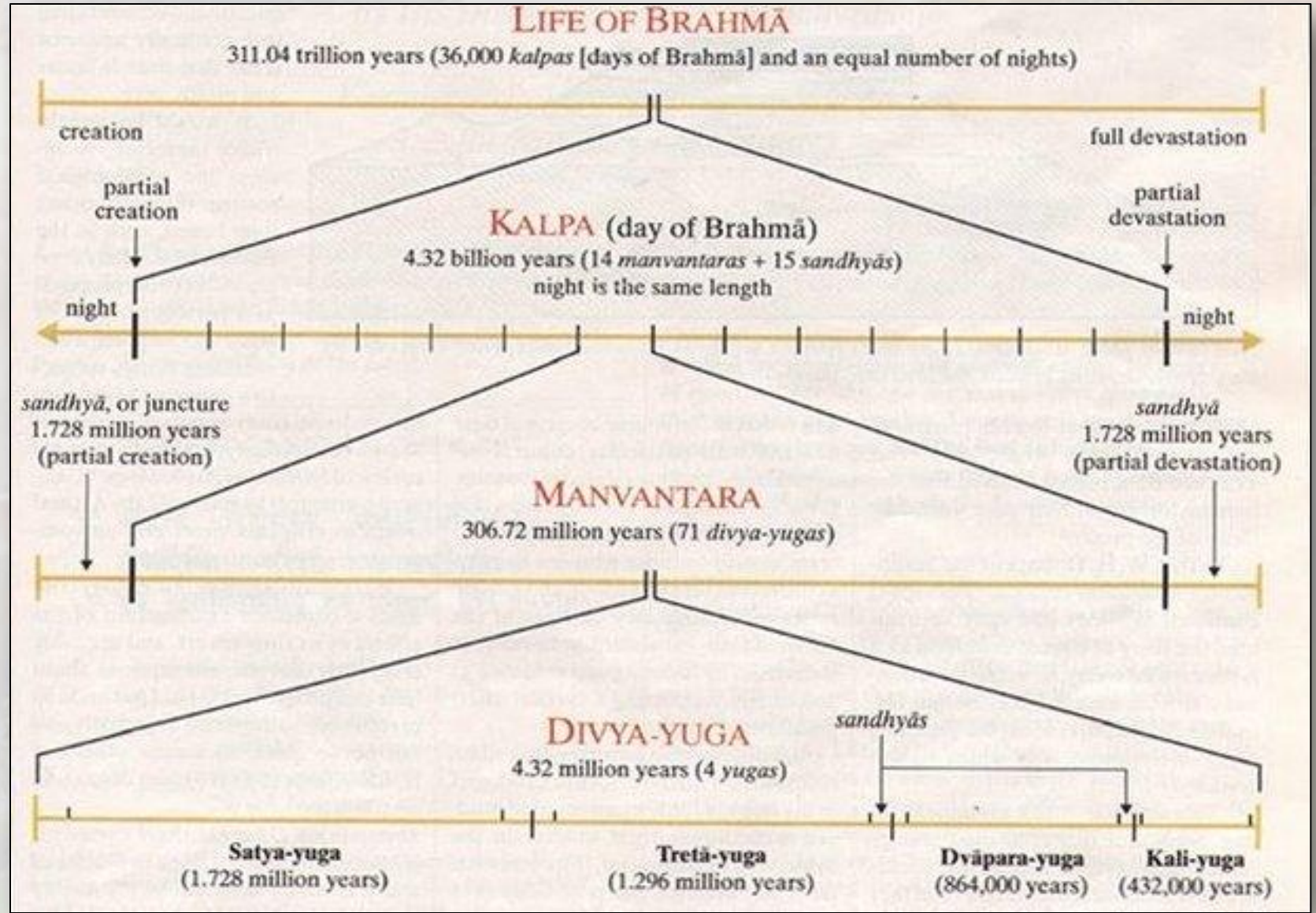
Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 1~3

Lord Krsna speaks about History of Bhagavad Gita & Disciplic Succession



Day of Lord Brahma

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 1



Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 4~5

Arjuna's doubt and Lord Krsna reveals Transcendental Knowledge



Arjuna's
doubt

Eternal
Associate

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How Krsna
instructed Sun
God who is
senior by birth?

Arjuna has no doubt in
Krsna's words.

He has put forward this
question to clarify
doubts of demons.

Lord Krsna describes
about himself
(Transcendental
Knowledge)



Supreme
Personality of
Godhead

Appeared as
the Son of
Devaki

Never affected
by 3 Modes of
Material Nature

Does not change
his body
sac-cid-ānanda-vigraha

Living
Entities

Spirit Soul
Changes
body

Forgets
Everything

Following points are discussed

Spirit Soul changes body, hence subject to forgetfulness of past life. Arjuna is addressed as Mahabaho (mighty armed), still he will be never equal to Supreme Lord, though liberated.

Lord does not change body hence remembers everything (past, present & future) even when he descends to Material World.

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Lord Krsna is Transcendental ~ body never deteriorates
Prakriti (Nature) or Svarupa (Original Form)

Appears like human but remembers all His past births

He appears in His own body (His body does not change)

He appears in same original body, by His internal potency

Original eternal form with two hands holding a flute.

He is **ABSOLUTE TRUTH**. No difference in Form, Self, Qualities and body.

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His body does not deteriorate like material body.

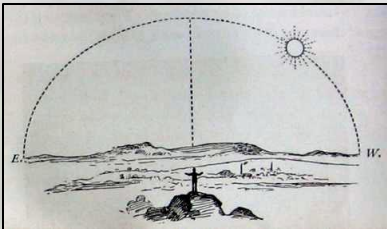
Lord is conscious of all His previous appearances He performs Super Human activities on earth.



Krsna appears to take birth, change to childhood, boyhood, Youth hood. Never ages beyond Youth.

Appears to take birth in Multi Manifestation

Oldest Person in the entire creation



His appearance is like rising of Sun, moving and then disappearing

Never contaminated by Material Nature or covered by Maya

He is Sat, Cit, Ananda. Changeless in His Transcendental body and intelligence

Neither His body, intelligence ever deteriorates or changes



Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 5~6



DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KRISHNA AND THE CONDITIONED LIVING ENTITY
(4.5 – 4.6 purports)

S.No	Krishna	Conditioned Living entity
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eternal and remembers past, present and future (<i>Acyuta</i>: never forgets – infallible)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eternal but forgets
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remembers all births because body does not change or deteriorate (<i>Avyayam</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forgets because body changes and deteriorates
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appears by own will	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forced to appear by karma
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body is transcendental	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Body is material
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No difference between body and self (<i>Adwaita</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The soul acquires an external body (gross and subtle)

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Transcendental Knowledge
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Purpose of Lord's Appearance

Srijami Manifest

Eternally present in Goloka Vrindavan

Lord is Not Created or Born

Manifest's by His free will

Scheduled Incarnation, end of Dwapara Yuga, 28th cycle, 7th Manu. No obligation to the Rule

Sometime He descends Himself or sends representative

Vedas

SB 6.3.19



Purpose of Lords appearance

Establish Principles of Dharma

Predominance of irreligiocity

Disappearance of True Religion

Avatars

Avatar's comes with a Mission

Mentioned in Scriptures

Lead people to God Consciousness and Obedience to Principles of Religion

Establishes principles of Religion

Highest Principle BG 18.66

Previous Manvantar

1. Svaayambhuva (Druva, Prahlad)
2. Svaarochisha
3. Uttama
4. Taamasa (Gajendra)
5. Raivata
6. Chaakshusha (Kurma)

Vaivasvata Manvantar



Future Manvantar

8. Saavarni
9. Daksha-saavarni
10. Brahma-saavarni
11. Dharma-saavarni
12. Rudra-saavarni
13. Deva-saavarni
14. Indra-saavarni

Once in day of Brahma Lord
Krsna & Lord Caitanya
appears in Svayam Rupa



Satya Yuga

17,28,000 Years

Treta Yuga

12,96,000 Years

Dwapara Yuga

8,64,000 Years

Kali Yuga

4,32,000 Years

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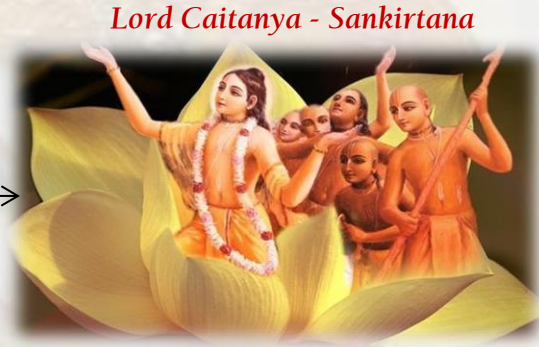
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Purpose of Lord's Appearance

Appear's Millennium after Millennium



Avatar in the Age of Kali



Lord Caitanya - Sankirtana

Purpose of Lord's Appearance

Prime Purpose

Satisfy His Unalloyed devotees.

Mitigate anxieties of pure devotees who are anxious to see His Vrindavana pastimes

Deliver the Pious (Sadhu's)

Sadhu is a man in Krishna Consciousness

Annihilate Miscreants. This can be done by Lords Agents.

Duskrtam

Foolish (Duskrtam)

Lowest of the Mankind (Duskrtam)

Reestablish Principles of Religion

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ŚRĪ KRṢṆA

— **SVAYĀM-RŪPA** — His original form as a cowherd boy in Vṛndāvana



VAIBHAVA-PRAKĀŚA
expansions with different moods and bodily features, such as His brother Balarāma

— **TAD-EKĀTMA-RŪPA** — expansions with different moods and bodily features



PRĀBHAVA-PRAKĀŚA

expansions into multiple forms with the same features, such as in the Rāsa-dance and in the palaces of Dvārakā



VILĀSA

four-armed Viṣṇu forms expanded in Vaikuṅṭha, expanded from Balarāma



PRĀBHAVA-VILĀSA

the first quadruple catur-vyūha expansions, Vāsudeva, Saṅkarṣaṇa, Pradyumna and Aniruddha

VAIBHAVA-VILĀSA

second set of catur-vyūha-forms presiding over the four directions, three expansions from each one of the original catur-vyūha-forms, each presiding over one of the 12 months, and additional two vilāsa-mūrtis from each one of the original catur-vyūha expansions, making a total of 24 primary vaibhava-vilāsa expansions.

SVĀMŚA
partial manifestations of the Lord



LĪLĀ-AVATĀRA

pastime descents of the Lord, which are described to be unlimited just as the waves of the ocean. some of them are:

MATSYA, KŪRMA, RĀMACANDRA, NRSIMHA, VĀMANA, VARAHA



PURUṢA-AVATĀRA
descents of the Lord related with creation

KĀRAṆODAKAŚĀYĪ-VIṢṆU
the original Puruṣa-avatāra laying in the Causal Ocean, from whom the universes emanate

GARBHODAKAŚĀYĪ-VIṢṆU
the second Puruṣa-avatāra who expands into every universe

KŚĪRODAKAŚĀYĪ-VIṢṆU
the third Puruṣa-avatāra who expands into the hearts of all living entities and resides within every atom



GŪṆA-AVATĀRA
descents of the Lord for controlling of the three modes of nature:

BRAHMA -- rajas -- creation,
VIṢṆU -- sattva -- maintenance,
SĪVA -- tamas -- destruction



ŚAKTYĀVEŚA-AVATĀRA
specially empowered living entities, who are representatives of the Lord

AVATĀRA
living entities who are directly empowered by the Lord.
examples:

FOUR KUMĀRAS -- jñāna-śakti -- wisdom
NĀRADA -- bhakti-śakti -- devotion
BRAHMA -- sṛṣṭi-śakti -- creation

ANANTA -- bhū-dhāraṇa-śakti -- maintenance of the worlds
ŚEṢA -- sva-sevana-śakti -- personal service of the Lord
PRTHU -- pālana-śakti -- ruling the world
PARAŚURĀMA -- duṣṭa-nāśaka-vīrya -- annihilating miscreants



MANVĀNTARA-AVATĀRA
descents of the Lord for each age of Manu. during one day of Brahma, there are 14 Manus, and for each age of Manu, there is one avatāra.



YUGA-AVATĀRA
descents of the Lord to establish the religion of the age for each of the four ages. they manifest in four colours:

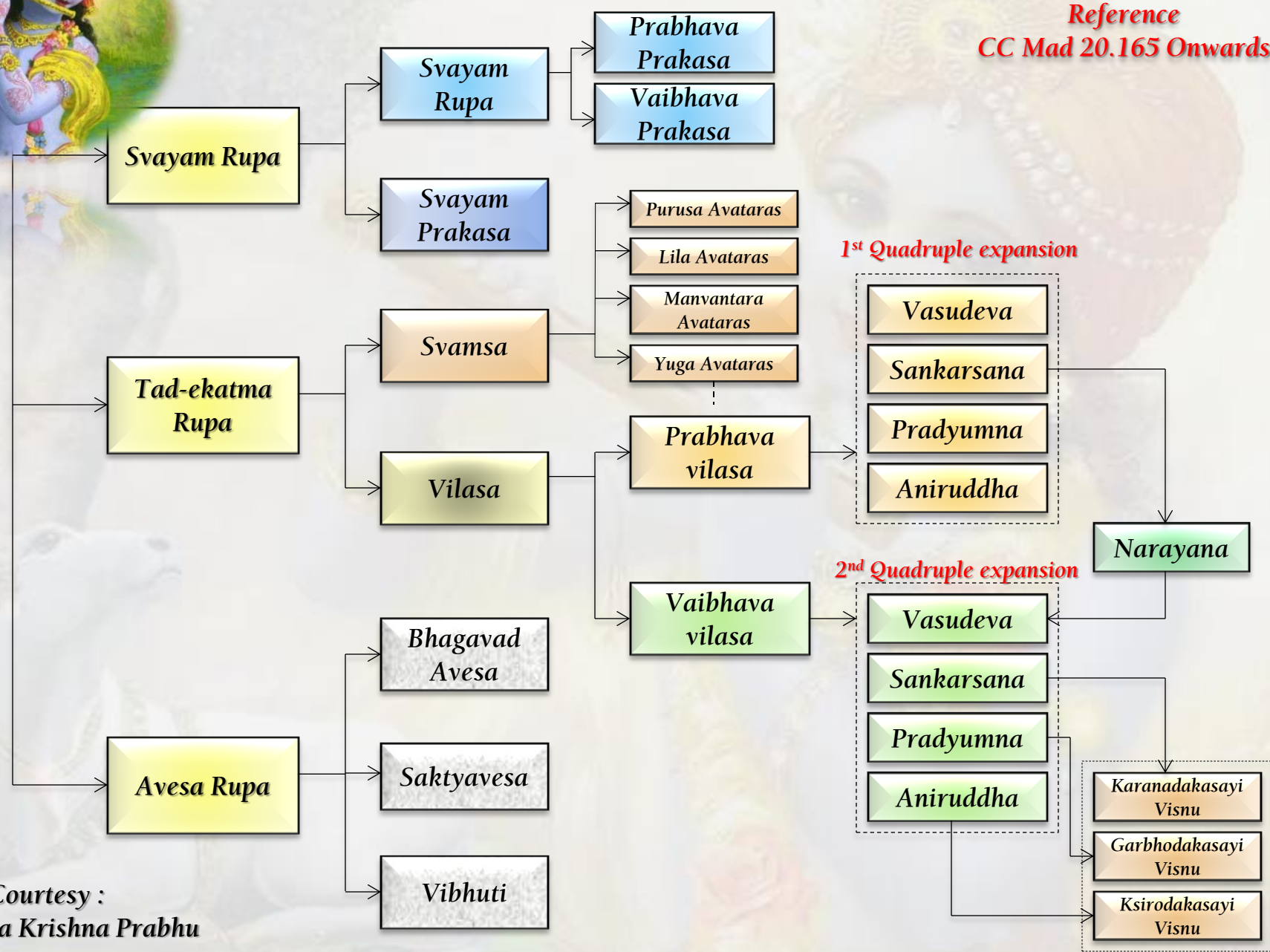
SATYA -- white (śukla)
TRETĀ -- red (rakta)
DVĀPARA -- blackish (kṛṣṇa)
KALI -- yellow (pīta)

VIBHŪTI
reflections of the Lord's might, such as listed in Bhagavad-gītā, ch.10:

"Among demigods I am **INDRA**,
among Vasus I am **AGNI**,
among mountains I am **MERU**,
among priests I am **BRHASPATI**,
among generals I am **KĀRTIKEYA**,
and among sages I am **BHṚGU**."

Lord Krishna – The Supreme Personality of Godhead

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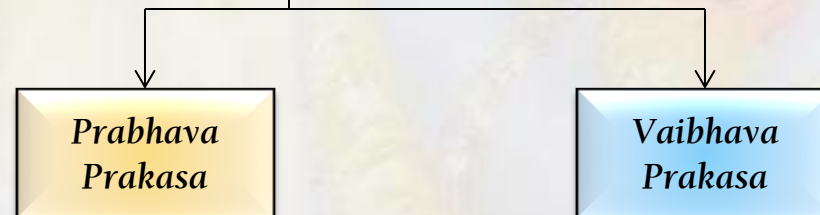
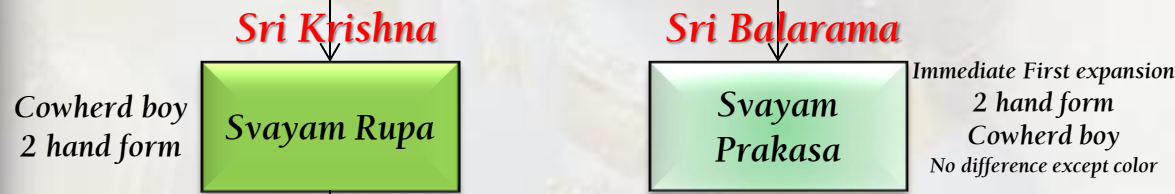
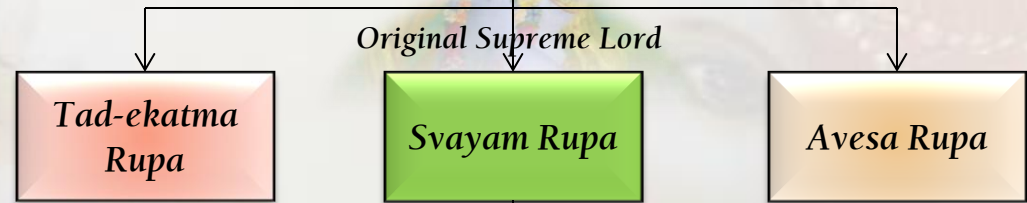


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Lord Sri Krishna
Lila Purusottama



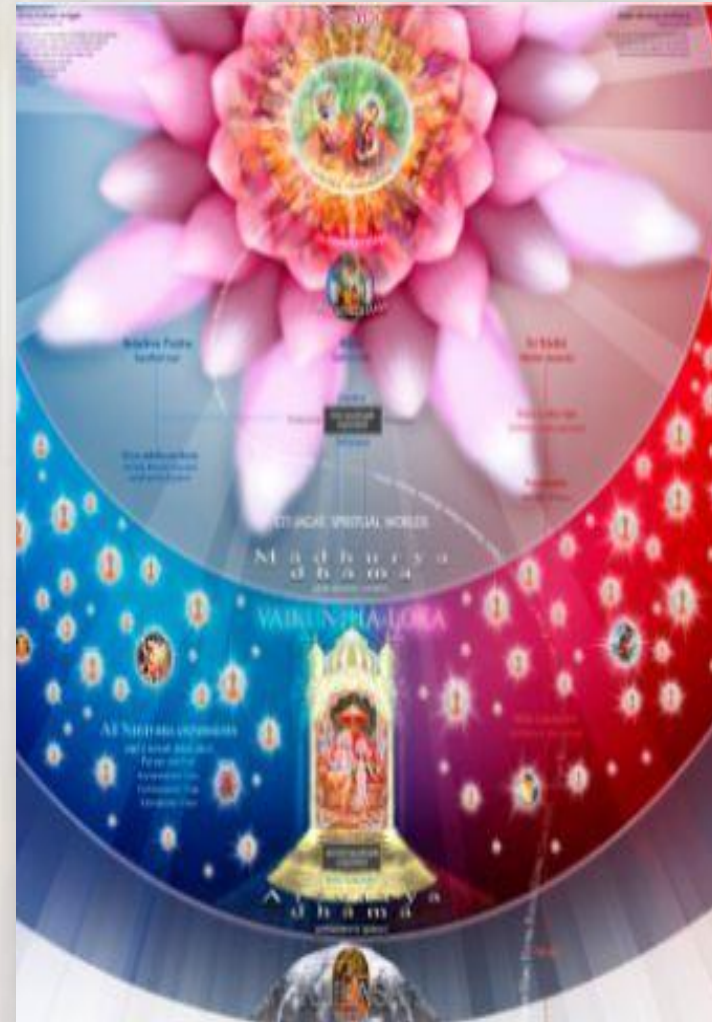
Same features form
Examples

- Rasa Lila
- Marriage with 16,108 queens of Dwarka

Different emotional features
Examples

- Sri Balarama
- Son of Devaki – 2 handed form

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Tad-ekatma Rupa

Differently Manifested Features differ in Form & Emotions

Personal Expansions

Svamsa

- Less Important, Less Potency exhibited
- Examples
 - Purusa-avatara
 - Lila avatars
 - Manvantara avatars
 - Yuga avatars

Vilasa

Unlimited Pastimes Form

Vaibhava vilasa

Prabhava vilasa

2nd Quadruple expansion

1st Quadruple expansion

Purusa Avatars

Karanadakasayi Visnu

- Resides Karana Ocean (Viraja)
- Source of unlimited Material Universes

Garbhodakasayi Visnu

- Expands in each universe
- Lord Brahma born from Lotus
- Source of Guna Avatars
- Resides in Garbhodaka Ocean

Ksirodakasayi Visnu

- Supersoul of all matter & Living entities
- Resides in Svetadvipa

Vasudeva

Sankarsana
Maha Sankarsana

Pradyumna

Aniruddha

Narayana

Vasudeva

Sankarsana

Pradyumna

Aniruddha

- This 2nd catur-vyuha forms reside in the 4 directions.
- They each expands 3 times first. These 12 forms are the predominating Deities of the 12 months.
- The 2nd catur-vyuha again each expand 2 times.
- Most of them eternally situated in spiritual sky but some of them are also in material world.
- Differs in dress and features from the Prabhava vilasa

- Originate from Lord Balarama
- Lord Balarama is also manifested in them
- They eternally reside in Dwaraka & Mathura
- These 4 Pastime forms are unique & gives rise to unlimited quadruple forms

Lord Krishna – The Supreme Personality of Godhead



Avesa rupa

Divine Absorption

Bhagavad
avesa

Eg. Kapiladeva
Rsabhadeva

Divinely empowered

Saktyavesa

- 7 Main or Foremost
- Sesa Naga in Vaikuntha for personal service
- Anatadeva to bear universes
- Lord Brahma to create cosmic manifestation
- 4 Kumaras to distribute transcendental knowledge
- Narada Muni to distribute devotional service
- Maharaja Prthu empowered to rule & maintain
- Parasurama empowered to cut down rogues and demons

Indirectly empowered

Vibhuti

Eg. BG Chapter 10

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Conclusion
Cultivate KC with Faith &
Knowledge and Attain
Perfection

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Result of Understanding Lord's Appearance and Passtimes

Fate of Others
*Philosophers and
Mundane Scholars*

Waste of Time

May get important
roles in Material
World but No
liberation

Analogy – Licking
bottle of honey from
outside



Only Hope –
*Causeless mercy of
the devotees of the
Lord.*

Path's for
Living Entities
seeking
Liberation

Perfection of Liberation

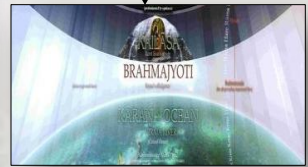
Faithful devotees accept
Krsna's protection with
faith

One who accepts Krsna
as SPOG, Has many
forms and relation with
unalloyed devotees

Does not waste time in
Philosophical
speculation.

Path of
Impersonalist's
and Yogi's

Path of
Devotees in
Krsna
Consciousness



Destination Brahmajyoti

Not Easy,
Takes many
many births.

Only Partial
Success,
Brahmajyoti

High Risk of
Falling down.

*Falldown
Ref : SB 10.2.32*



Destination Vaikuntha

Very Easy, One has to
understand Lrods Birth
and Passtimes

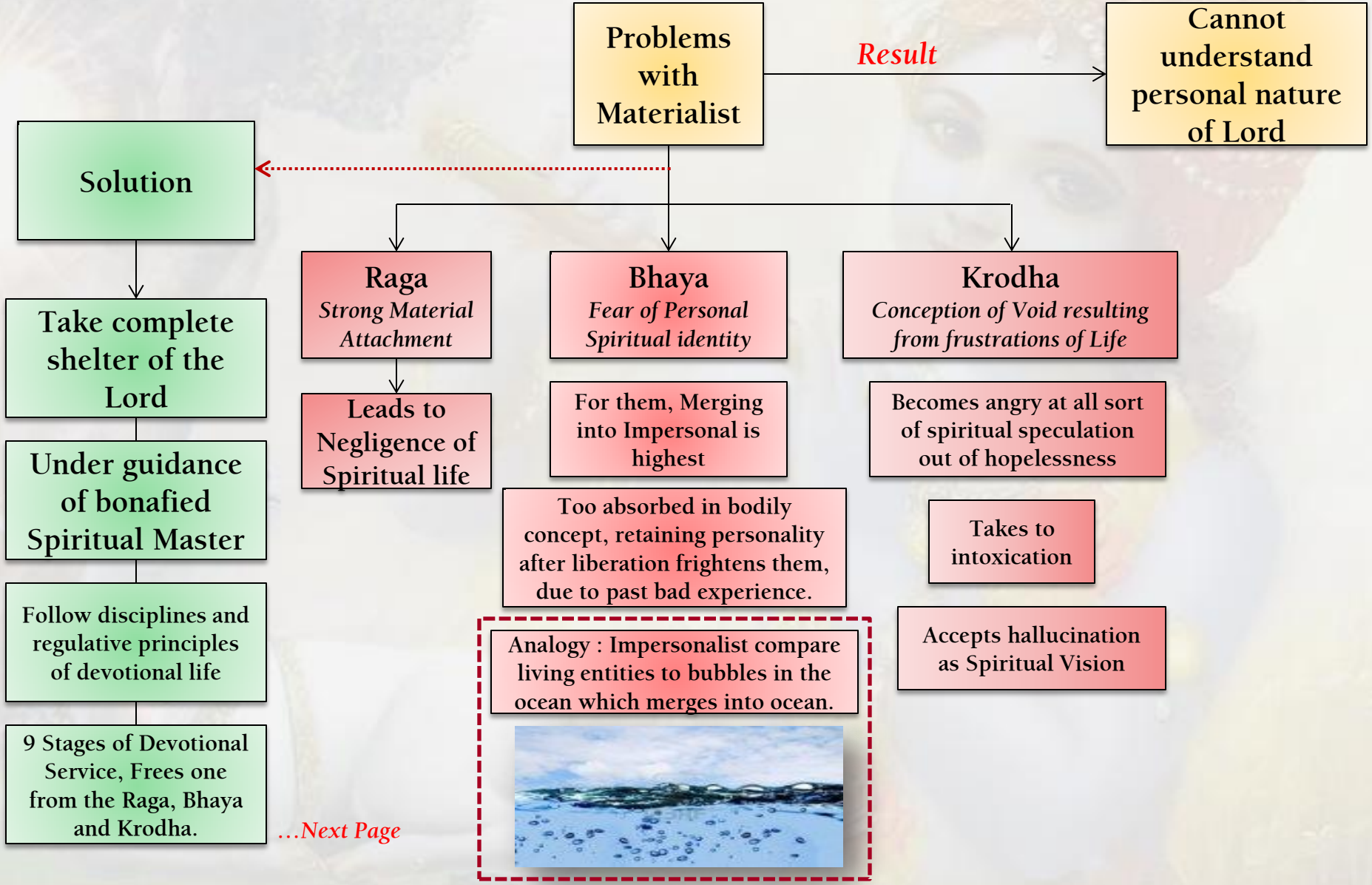
Complete Success,
Abode of Krsna

Lord protects from
falldown into Material
World

*Lords Protection
Ref : BG 15.6*

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Attaining Transcendental Love for Krsna



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Nine Stages of Bhakti



Prema

Pure Love for Krsna

Bhava

Love

Asakti

Attachment

Ruchi

Taste

Nistha

Steadiness

Anartha Nivriti

Decreasing Unwanted attachments

Bhajana Kriya

Performance of Devotional Service

Sadhu Sanga

Association of Devotees

Adau Sraddha

Faith

Nectar of Devotion 1.4.15-16

adau sraddha tatah sadhu-

sango 'tha bhajana-kriya

tato 'nartha-nivrittih syat

tato nishtha rucis tatah

athasaktis tato bhavas

tatah premabhyudancati

sadhakanam ayam premnah

pradurbhave bhavet kramah

Weeds

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Summary - Section - B

Verse 4.11 to 4.15


Applying Transcendental Knowledge to Work

11-12	<i>Everyone ultimately surrenders to Krsna, for it is Krsna who awards fruits of work.</i>
13-14	<i>Although Krsna creates the Varnasrama system according to the modes (so that people can attain the fruits of work that they desire), He is beyond the system. No work affects Him nor does He aspire for fruits.</i>
15	<i>Knowing Krsna as the awarder of the results of all work and as the transcendental creator of Varnasrama, all liberated souls act without becoming entangled. Arjuna should perform his duty and fight for Krsna, but with detachment.</i>


Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 11

Krsna rewards everyone, according to their surrender


Bhagavan



Paramatma



Brahman





11

Everyone is looking for Krsna in different aspects of His Manifestation

Krsna is object of everyone's realization

3 Levels of Realizing Absolute Truth

Who realizes Krsna Fully?
Only pure devotees

Krsna Reciprocates based on *DESIRE*S

Type of Devotee	How Lord Reciprocates
Fruitive Worker	<i>Yagnesvara</i>
Impersonalists	Brahmajyoti
Yogi's	Mystic Power's
Devotee's	5 Primary Rasa's

Without coming to highest perfection of KC, all attempts are Imperfect



Akamah sarva-kamo va
SB 2.3.10

Everyone depends on Krsna's mercy for success

All kinds of Spiritual process are but different degrees of success on same path

Supreme Lord



Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 12

People worship Demigods, to get quick results

Supreme Lord is ONE

Lord Narayana or Vishnu does not belong to material
Ref Sankaracarya

Approach Lord Krsna to satisfy needs

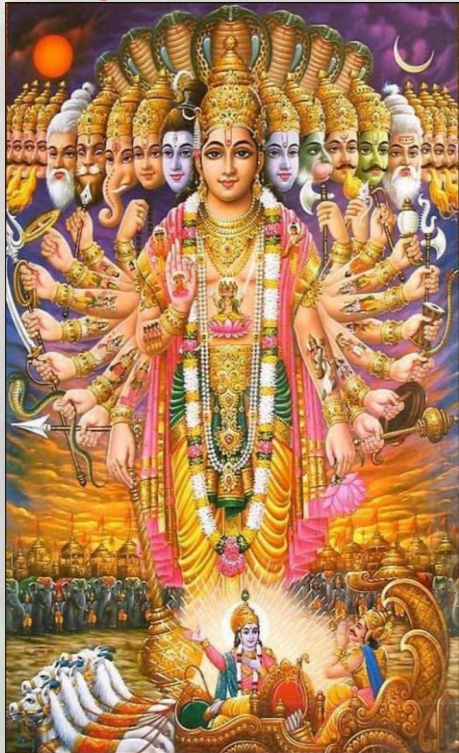
First Purifies Heart, Purification may take time.

Obtains their desire, when reward is achieved, devotee no longer wants it.
Eg. Dhruva Maharaj

Pashandi Or Atheist
One who considers Demigods are equal to Supreme Lord

Demigods-Parts and Parcel

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Many Demigods

- Parts and Parcel of Lord
- Living entities with Material Powers
- Even Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva worship Lord Vishnu
- 'Tha-devatah' – Any powerful man or demigod in this material world
- People approach them to quickly satisfy their needs, but their boons are like bubbles in ocean



Madness of Human Society



Mad after temporary material things

Worship Demigods to quickly get their needs

Worship temporary leaders, so called big guns

Not interested in KC

Conclusion : People are rarely interested in Krishna Consciousness

Difference between Lord Krishna & Demigods

<i>No.</i>	<i>Demigods</i>	<i>Lord Krishna</i>
1	<i>Many</i>	<i>One</i>
2	<i>Parts and Parcel</i>	<i>Supreme Whole</i>
3	<i>Always worship Supreme, as obedient servants</i>	<i>Supremely Worshipable</i>
4	<i>Created by Supreme</i>	<i>Supreme Creator</i>
5	<i>Exists within Material Nature</i>	<i>Beyond Material Creation</i>
6	<i>Delegated with various grades of power to manage the affairs of the universe</i>	<i>Supreme Controller</i>
7	<i>Subordinate to the Will of Supreme</i>	<i>Supremely independent</i>
8	<i>Have material bodies, hence, subject to birth, old age, disease and death</i>	<i>Completely Spiritual body, NO Birth, Death, Old Age and Disease</i>
9	<i>Come under the influence of the three material modes to different extents</i>	<i>Completely beyond the influence of the three material modes</i>
10	<i>Temporary Posts</i>	<i>Eternally the same Supreme Lord</i>

Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 13

Krsna creates Varnasrama dharma so that people could purify themselves



Lord Krsna does not belong to any of these classes b/c He is *Creator* and *Not a conditioned soul*

Varnasrama Dharma
Division based on Guna and Karma

Creator

Vaishanava
Higher than Brahmana

Brahmana
Mode of Goodness

Kshtriya
Mode of Passion

Vaisya
Mode of Passion, Ignorance

Sudra
Mode of Ignorance

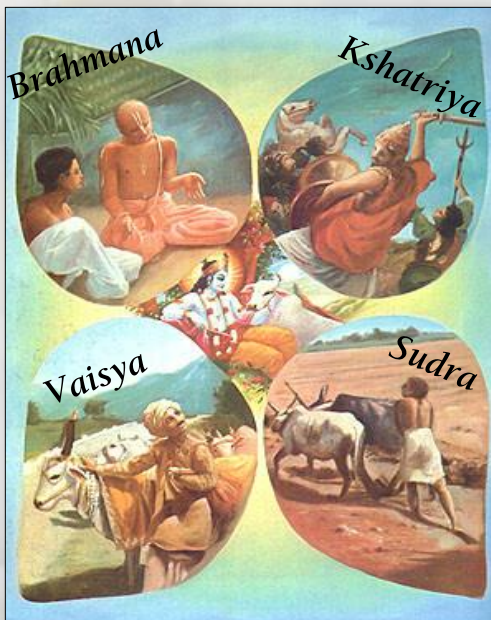
Purpose of this system

'Brahmana' by quality is supposed to know Brahman, The Supreme Absolute Truth but most of them approach only the Impersonal Brahman

One who transcends limited knowledge and reaches knowledge of SPOG is a 'Vaishnava'

KC includes knowledge of all different plenary expansions like Lord Rama, Nrsimha etc.

Lord Krsna & one in KC is Transcendental to all divisions of society



Elevate from animal status to human status

People could purify themselves by regulating desires

Process of purification for one whose material desire inhibits him from directly approaching Krishna

Systematically develop Krishna consciousness

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 14

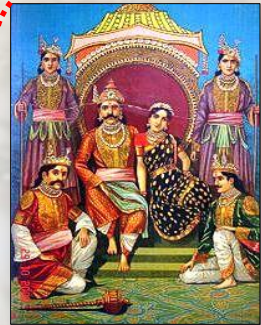
Krsna is free from all Material attachments hence unaffected



Creator of
Varnasrama
Dharma

Krsna
unaffected by
activities of
Material
World

like



King not subject
to state laws



Proprietor not
responsible for
activities of workers

Krsna is aloof
from Material
Actions and
Reactions

Lord is not interested in any kind of material happiness, even heavenly planets just like a proprietor is not interested in the low grade happiness of the workers

Eg. Rains not responsible for different types of vegetation's, although without rains, there is no possibility of vegetative growth

Lord only gives facilities through material nature, living entity is responsible. **Ref. Vedic Smrti:** Lord is only Supreme cause, the immediate cause is material nature **Ref. Vedanta Sutra:** Lord is never partial to any living entity, but living entity is responsible for his own acts; Lord only gives the facilities through material nature

Results of
Understanding
Lord Krsna's
Nature

Understands law of
Karma and does
not get entangled

Results of Not
Understanding
Lord Krsna's
Nature

Thinks activities of
Lord to be
Mundane and get's
entangled

Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 15

Previous liberated souls perform their Varnasrama dharma for Krsna's pleasure

*Two Classes
of Men*

**Materially
Polluted**

**Freed from
Material
Contaminations
Krsna Conscious**

They take to KC
for gradual
cleansing process

**KC is
beneficial
to both**

**KC person may
act to set an
example**

Neophytes in KC wants to
retire from activities without
having knowledge of KC
(escaping attitude)
*Eg. Arjuna's desire to retire from
battlefield*

Retiring from
battlefield & sitting
aloof making a show
of Krishna
consciousness is less
important

Follow footsteps of
previous disciples &
engage in the
discharge of duties
adopted by Krsna.
Eg. Sun God Vivasvan



*Lord Krsna's
Advise to
Arjuna*

Summary - Section - C

Verse 4.16 to 4.24

Understanding Karma on the platform of Jnana (Transcendental Knowledge)

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Activities in service to Krsna are Akarma, actions without reactions. A person acting with mind and intelligence free from sense gratification, without a sense of proprietorship, accrues no sinful reactions. Free from dualities and envy, satisfied in both success and failure, one will attain the spiritual kingdom. Thus Krsna has explained how karma can be seen as Jnana.

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 16

Krishna explain's how to perform Akarma



Lord Krsna explain's
difference between
Karma, Akarma and
Vikarma

No one can Manufacture
religious principles by
imperfect speculations or
experimental knowledge.
Dharmam tu saksad (SB 6.3.19)

Avoid independent
work, otherwise work
causes bondage

Perform Action's under
directions of authorized
person in parampara
*Mahajano yena gatah sa
panthah*

Why Lord
explains
Arjuna

Even most
intelligent man
get bewildered
on this path

Lord's
causeless
Mercy

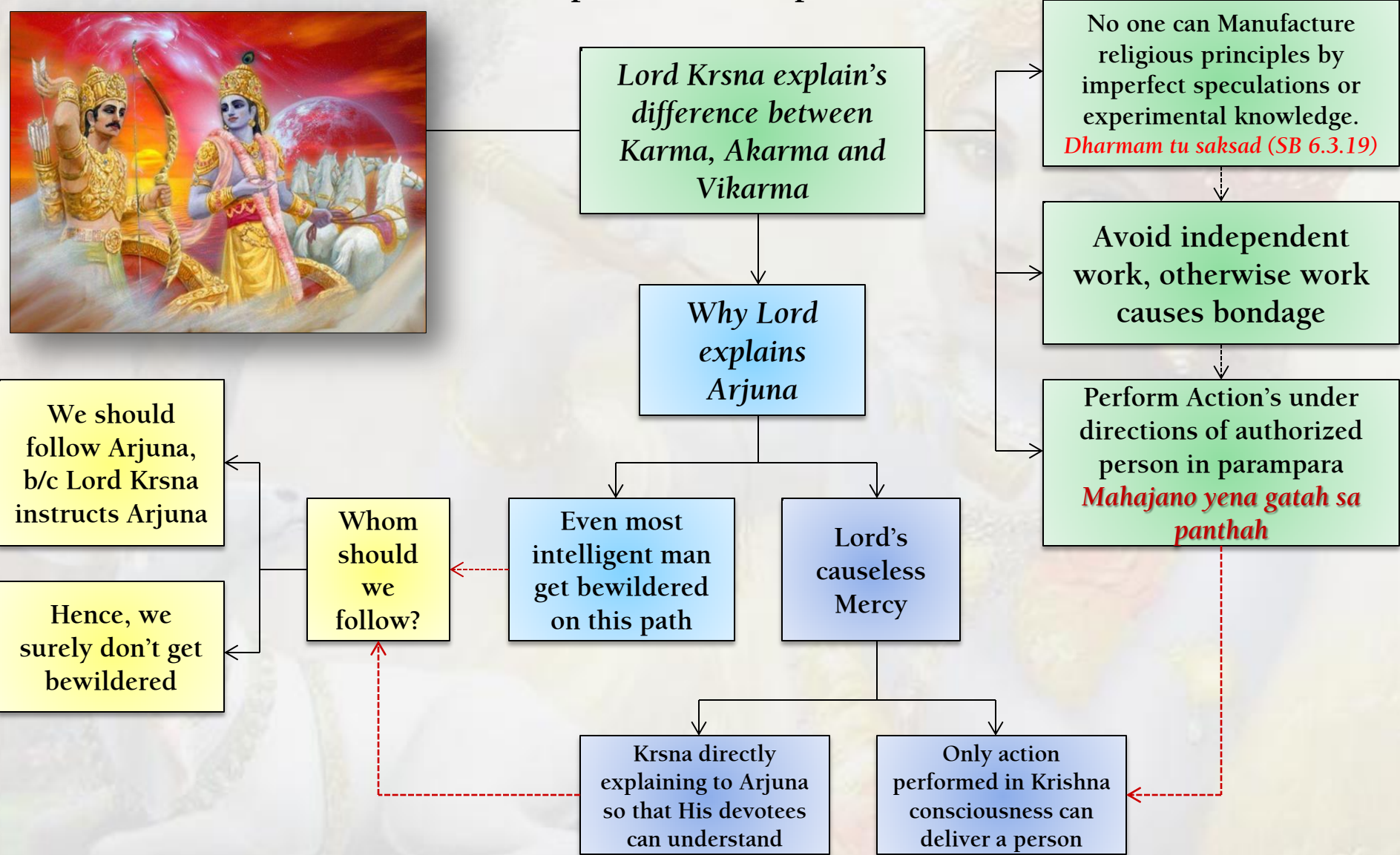
Krsna directly
explaining to Arjuna
so that His devotees
can understand

Only action
performed in Krishna
consciousness can
deliver a person

Whom
should
we
follow?

We should
follow Arjuna,
b/c Lord Krsna
instructs Arjuna

Hence, we
surely don't get
bewildered



Mahajano yena gatah sa panthah

Mahabharata (Vana-parva 313.117): CC-Mad 25.57

*tarko pratisthah srutayo vibhinna
nasav rsir yasya matam na bhinnam
dharmasya tattvam nihitam guhayam
mahajano yena gatah sa panthah*

Dry arguments are inconclusive. A great personality whose opinion does not differ from others is not considered a great sage. Simply by studying the Vedas, which are variegated, one cannot come to the right path by which religious principles are understood. The solid truth of religious principles is hidden in the heart of an unadulterated self-realized person. Consequently, as the sastras confirm, one should accept whatever progressive path the mahajanas advocate.



SB 6.3.20-21 (12 Mahajan's)

*svayambhur naradah sambhuh kumarah kapilo manuh
prahlado janako bhismo balir vaiyasakir vayam
dvadasaite vijanimo dharmam bhagavatam bhatah
guhyam visuddham durbodham yam jnatvamrtam asnute*

Lord Brahma, Bhagavan Narada, Lord Siva, the four Kumaras, Lord Kapila [the son of Devahuti], Svayambhuva Manu, Prahlada Maharaja, Janaka Maharaja, Grandfather Bhishma, Bali Maharaja, Sukadeva Gosvami and I myself know the real religious principle. My dear servants, this transcendental religious principle, which is known as bhagavata-dharma, or surrender unto the Supreme Lord and love for Him, is uncontaminated by the material modes of nature. It is very confidential and difficult for ordinary human beings to understand, but if by chance one fortunately understands it, he is immediately liberated, and thus he returns home, back to Godhead.

Lord Brahma



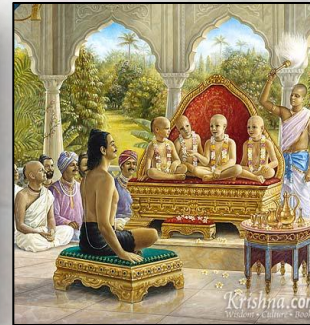
Narada Muni



Lord Shiva



4 Kumaras



Lord Kapila



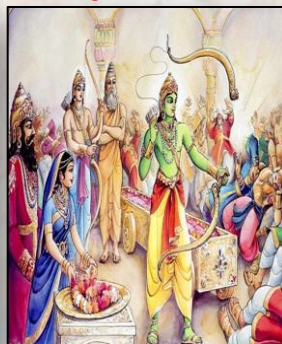
Manu



Prahlada



Janaka



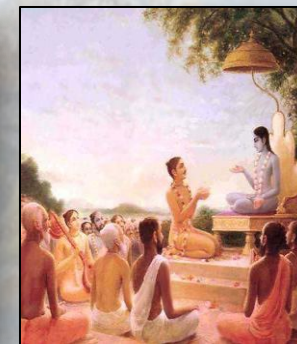
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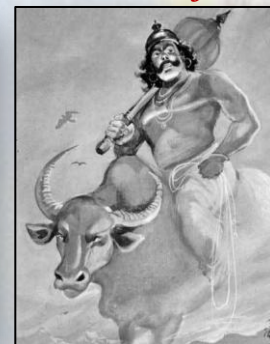
Bali Maharaj



Sukadev Goswami

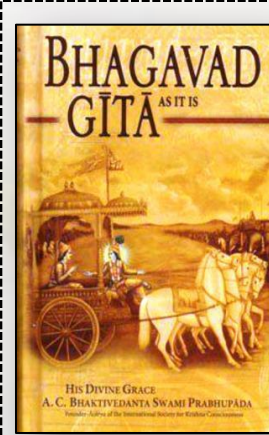


Yamraja



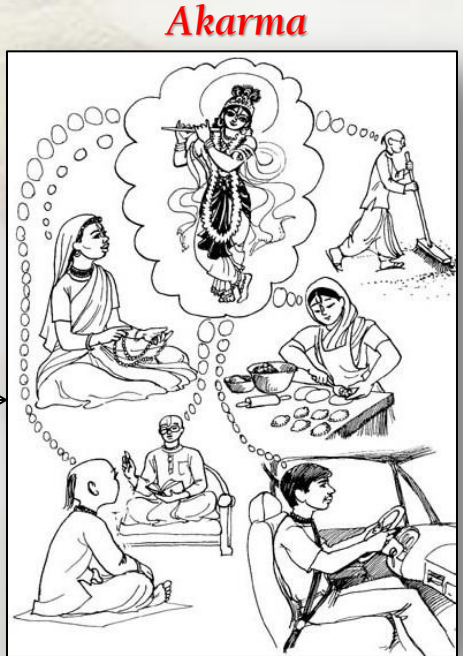
Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 17

Intricacies of Karma are difficult to understand
Conclusion of Bhagavad Gita



To know every living entity is eternal servant of Lord Krishna

Action in Krsna Consciousness is free from 3 Modes.



Lord Krsna explains difference between Karma, Akarma and Vikarma

Why one need to understand this?



Karma
Working with Attachments according to Shastras

Vikarma
Forbidden Actions

Akarma
Actions in Krishna Consciousness

If one is serious about liberation, one need to understand distinction

It's difficult subject matter, speculation won't help, learn from Authorities

Seeing Action in Inaction and Inaction in Action

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Intelligent Man
One who is in the transcendental position

Karma

Work with attachment according to Shastra's

Results Good Reaction. Following Varnasrama system according to quality and work

Vikarma

Work with attachment against scriptural injunctions

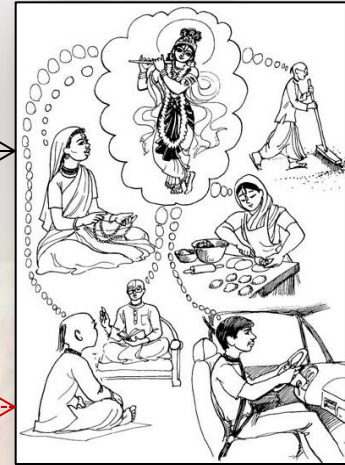
Results into Bad Reaction and Sufferings

Akarma

All acts done to please Lord Krishna
No desire for sense gratification
Acts as eternal servitor

Enjoys transcendental happiness (not available to impersonalists)

Akarma



Renunciation



understands

Inaction in Action

Akarma
Acting but no reaction to work, acting in platform of Soul OR acting in constitutional position

Action in Inaction

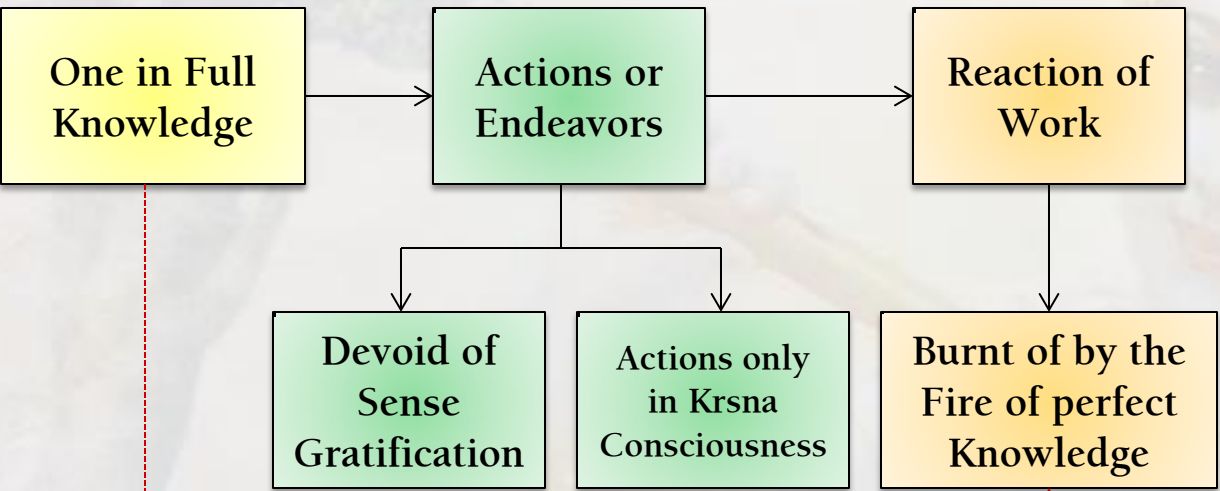
Renunciation of Work
A sannyasi without TK of Krishna appear not to be working, liable to all reactions. Eg. Breathing, walking, eating accrue reaction

How to get immunity to reactions of work?
By sense of "Eternal servitorship to Krishna"

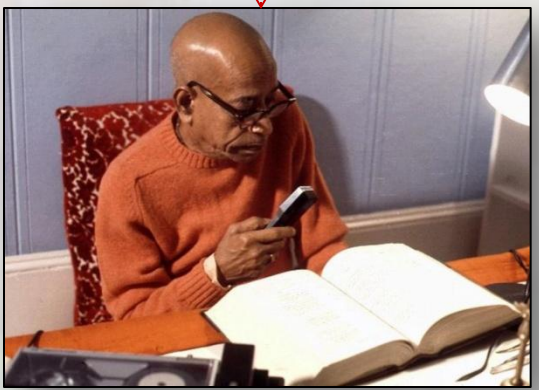
Enjoys transcendental happiness (not available to impersonalists)

Transcendental Knowledge
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Activities of one in Full Knowledge is devoid of Sense Gratification



Example



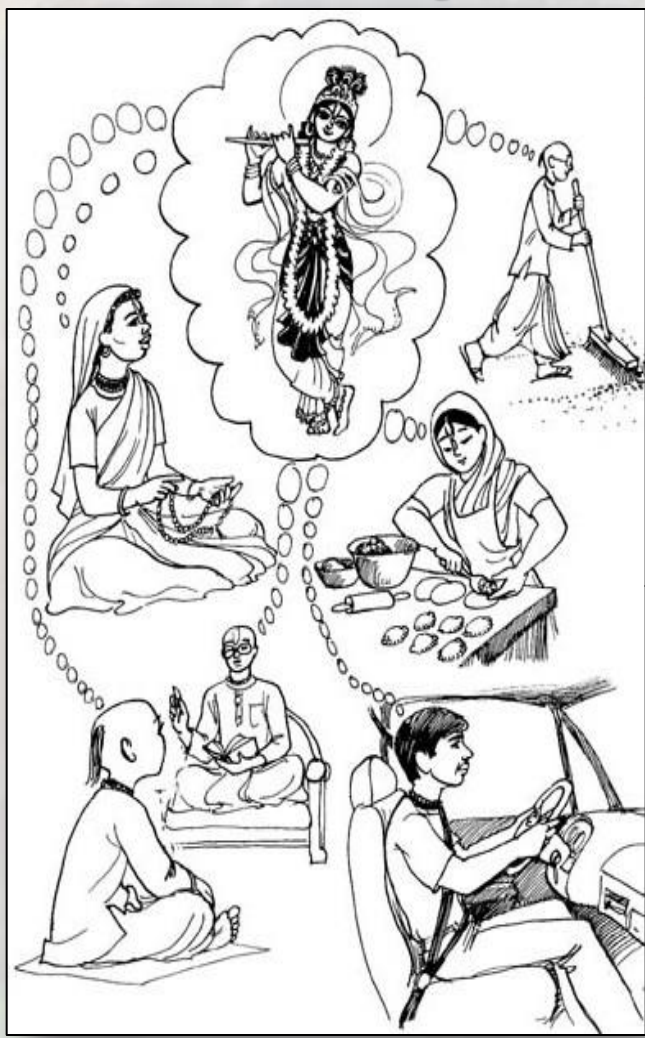
Knowledge of eternal servitorship of the Lord
OR acting in Constitutional positions



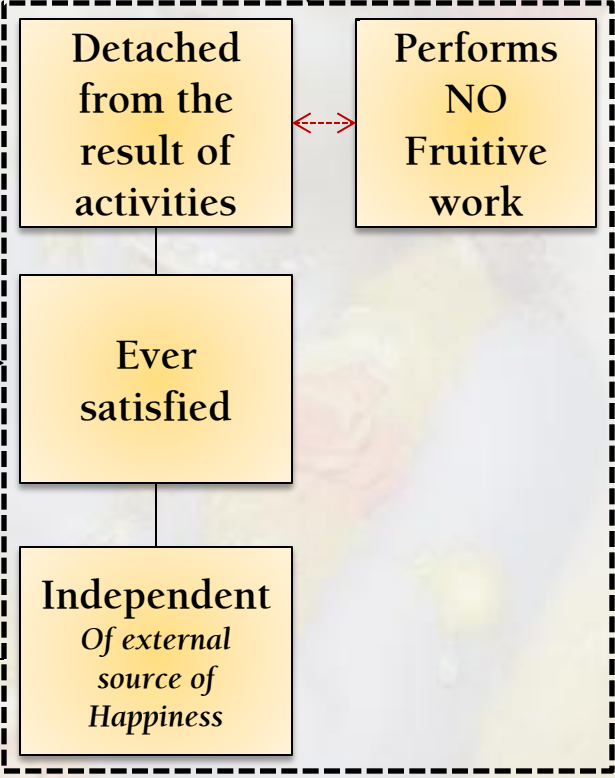
Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 20

Activities of one in Full Knowledge –Detached, Ever Satisfied,
Independent.

Sadhaka Stage



Engaged in All Kinds of Action



Actions or Endeavors

Freedom from bondage of Action

Detached from the result of activities

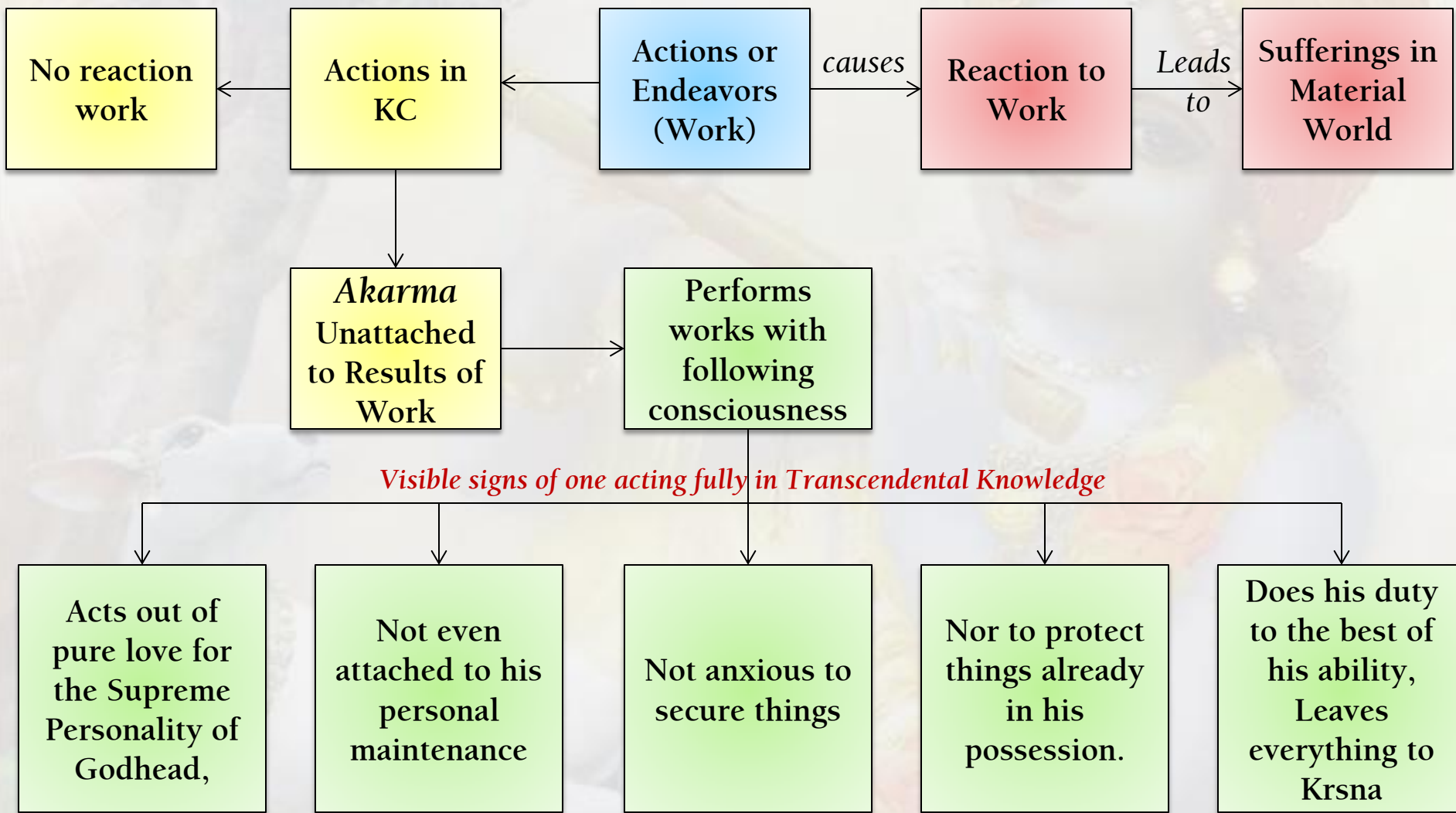
Performs NO Fruitive work

Ever satisfied

Independent Of external source of Happiness

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 20

Activities of one in Full Knowledge –Detached, Ever Satisfied,
Independent.



No reaction work

Actions in KC

Actions or Endeavors (Work)

Reaction to Work

Sufferings in Material World

Akarma Unattached to Results of Work

Performs works with following consciousness

Visible signs of one acting fully in Transcendental Knowledge

Acts out of pure love for the Supreme Personality of Godhead,

Not even attached to his personal maintenance

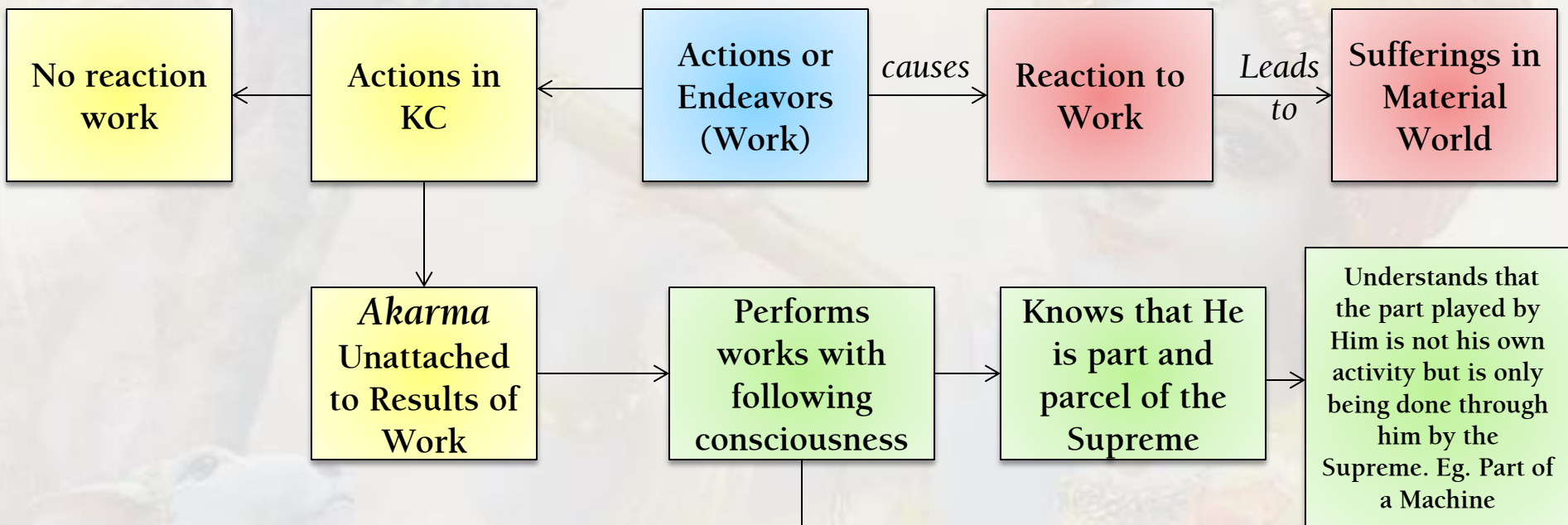
Not anxious to secure things

Nor to protect things already in his possession.

Does his duty to the best of his ability, Leaves everything to Krsna

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 21

Activities of one in Full Knowledge – Free from sense of proprietorship, acts only for bare necessities.

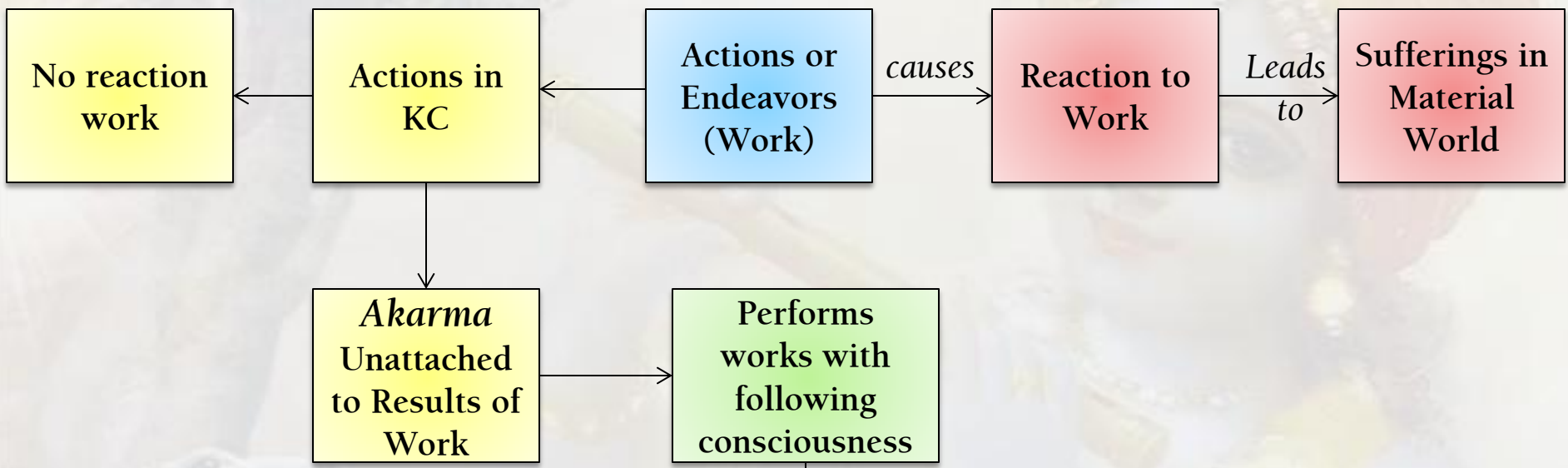


Visible signs of one acting fully in Transcendental Knowledge

- Does not expect good or bad results in his activities.
- Mind and Intelligence are fully controlled
- Desires always dovetailed with the desire of the supreme
- No desire for personal sense gratification
- Maintains himself by his work just to remain fit for action in the transcendental loving service of the Lord.
- No Real Independence. Eg. Like Animal, he has no proprietorship even over his own body.
- Fully engaged in self-realization, has very little time to falsely possess any material object
- For maintaining body and soul, he does not require unfair means of accumulating money

Transcendental Knowledge
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Activities of one in Full Knowledge – satisfied, free from duality, does not envy, steady in both success and failure.

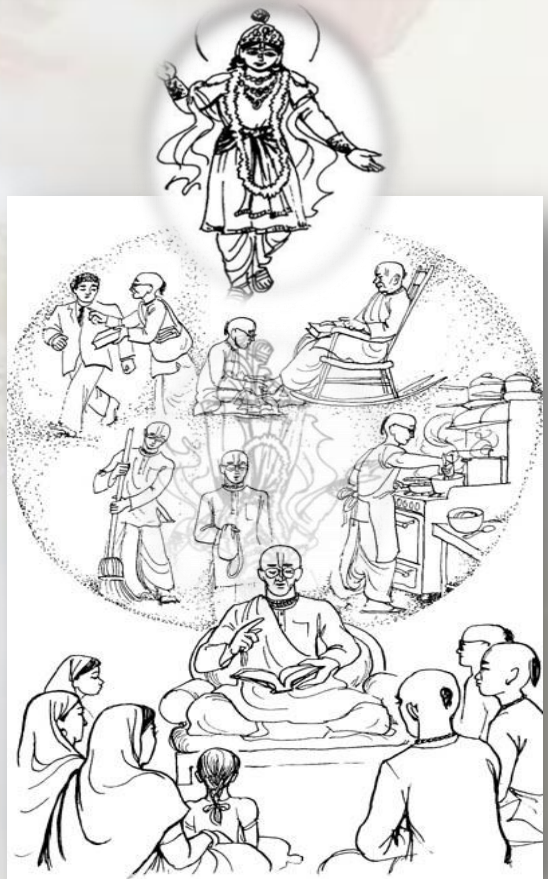
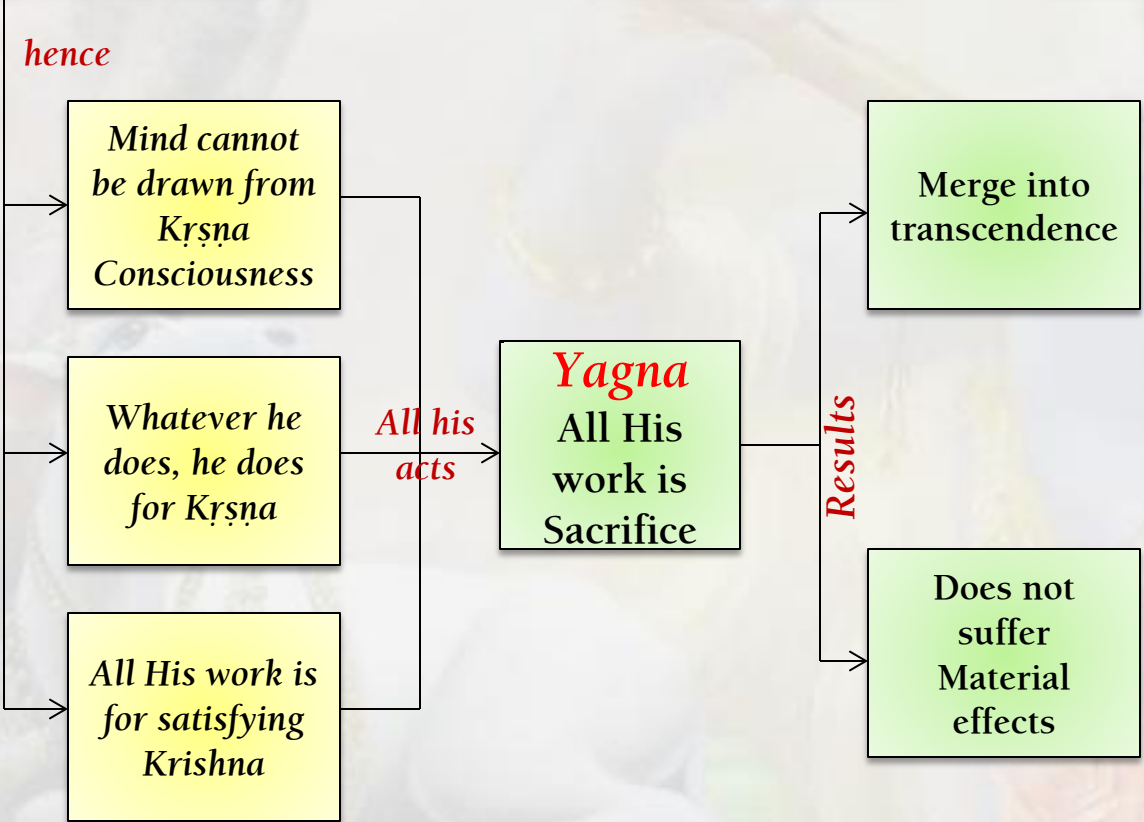
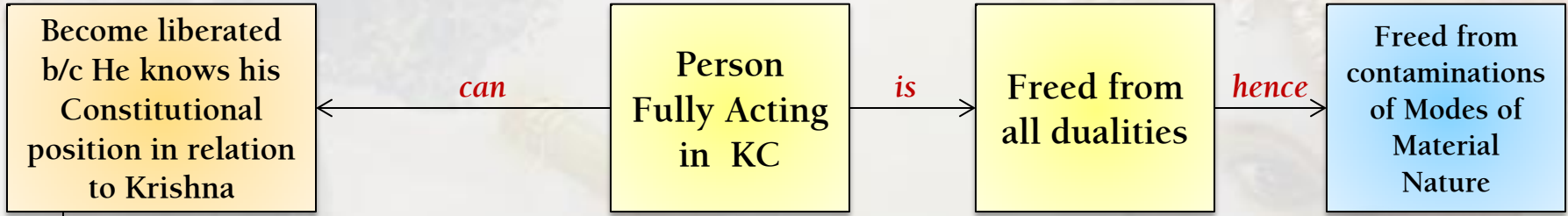


Visible signs of one acting fully in Transcendental Knowledge

- Does not make much endeavor even to maintain his body.
- Satisfied with gains which are obtained of their own accord. Neither begs nor borrows
- Independent in his livelihood. Labors honestly as far as is in his power. satisfied with whatever is obtained by his own honest labor
- Does not allow anyone's service to hamper his own service in KC.
- Does not hesitate to work for satisfaction or service of the Lord and he can participate in any kind of action without being disturbed by the duality.
- Therefore steady both in success and in failure

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 23

Acting fully in Transcendental Knowledge, Unattached to Modes >>>
Merges entirely into transcendence.



Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 24

All activities of a Person fully absorbed in Krishna Consciousness is Absolute


Absolute in Nature - Brahman

Everything is situated in that Brahmajyoti but when the jyoti is covered by illusion or sense gratification, it is called material.

The Lord is spiritual and the rays of His transcendental body are called Brahmajyoti

The Contributor	The Contribution	The Consumption
The Performer	The Leader of the Performance	The Result or Ultimate gain

Entanglement of Jiva



Entangled in material contamination	Sure to act in the material atmosphere
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How to remove Material Veil?

Analogy
Indigestion caused by milk products is cured by another milk product i.e yogurt or curd

Perform activities of Material World in KC, by complete absorption

Acting in this consciousness

Samadhi or Trance
Mind fully absorbed in KC

KC is process of converting illusory consciousness into Brahman (Spiritual)

Brahman means Spiritual

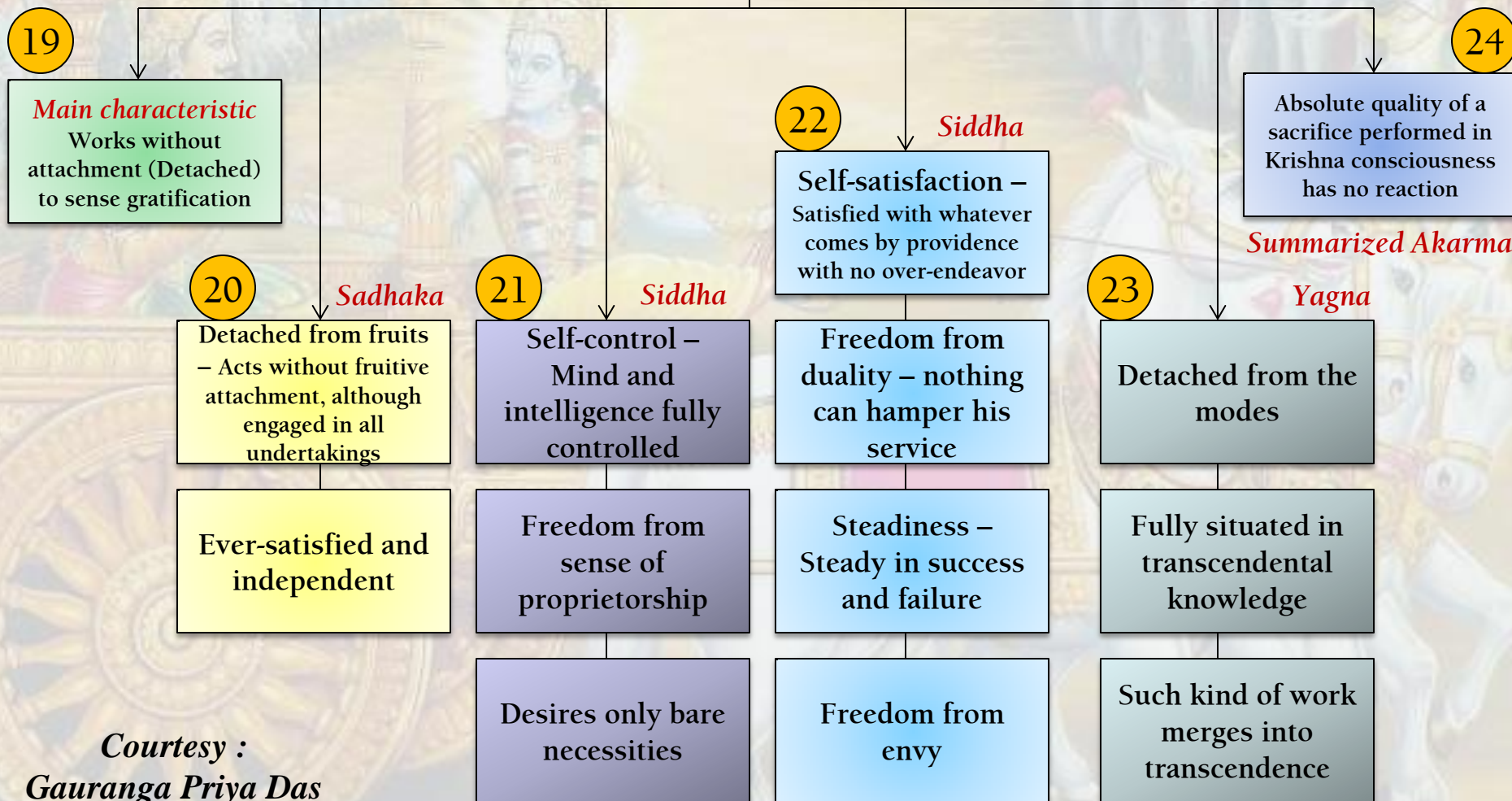
Anything done in such transcendental consciousness is called "Yajna" or sacrifice for the Absolute

All the components involved in the sacrifice becomes one with the Absolute

Symptoms/Qualities of One Working in Transcendence

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 19~24

Qualities of One
Working in
Transcendence



Courtesy :
Gauranga Priya Das

Summary - Section - D

Verse 4.25 to 4.33

Sacrifices lead to Transcendental Knowledge

25-32	<p><i>Some yogis perfectly worship the demigods through sacrifices, and others sacrifice to Brahman. To control the mind, some sacrifice their hearing, their senses, or their breath. Some sacrifice their possessions, perform severe austerities, practice yoga, or study the Vedas. All who sacrifice advance toward the Supreme. These sacrifices, approved by the Vedas, suit different workers. Knowing this, one becomes liberated.</i></p>
33	<p><i>The fruit of all varieties of sacrifice is transcendental knowledge, which leads to liberation and ultimately to pure devotional service.</i></p>

Sacrifices in Summary

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 25~33

Sacrifices

Goal

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Why variety
of
sacrifices?

How to
do?

Result

Varieties of Sacrifices
are described in verse
25-33 which are
described in Veda's

Sacrifices leads to
Transcendental
Knowledge

1st Goal
Control Senses

2nd Goal
Gain
Transcendental
Knowledge

3rd Goal
Devotional
Service

This purifies
one of all sins
and makes one
happy

Text 4.19-24
explains how
sacrifice uncovers
Brahman (Spiritual
Nature) & reveals
TK

Different types
of Sacrifices are
appropriate for
different types
of workers
according to
one's position
in Varnashrama
and their level
of realization

Perform
sacrifices in
consciousness
mentioned in
Texts
(4.19 – 4.23)

Realization
of Brahman
(4.24)

Courtesy :
Gauranga Priya Das

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 25

Sacrifices to Demigods and Supreme Brahman



Primary Divisions of Sacrifices

Aim of Sacrifices is One but varieties differ superficially

Different categories of sacrifices by different types of performers only superficially demark the varieties

Factual aim of all sacrifices is to satisfy the Supreme Lord, Vishnu who is also known as Yajna

Comparison of Various Sacrifices

Perfect Yogi or First Class Mystic Yogi

Demigod Worshippers

Impersonalists

Krishna conscious devotee

Sacrifice material possessions for material enjoyment

They worship demigods for various material benefits and are called 'Bahusvara-vadi' (believers in many Gods)

Sacrifices own self into fire altar of "Supreme Brahman"

They regard the forms of demigods as temporary

Sacrifice their material designations, end their individual existence by merging into existence of Supreme

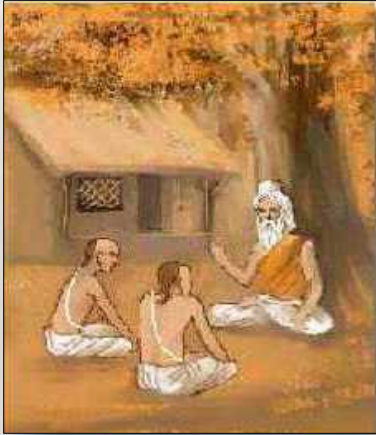
Sacrifice their time in philosophical speculation

Sacrifices all material possessions and own self for Krishna's Satisfaction

Arjuna sacrifices everything for satisfaction of Krishna (First Class Yogi) without losing His existence

Sacrifices by Brahmachārī's and Gṛhastha's

Sacrifices - Brahmachārī



Hearing - Only words concerning Krishna consciousness, especially engaged fully in "**harer namanukirtanam**" (Chanting and hearing the glories of the Lord)

Restrains himself from vibrations of material sounds

Controls Mind by - Staying under care of bona-fide spiritual master and abstains from sense gratification

Hearing is the basic principle of Understanding.

Purpose of Varna

Brahmachārī

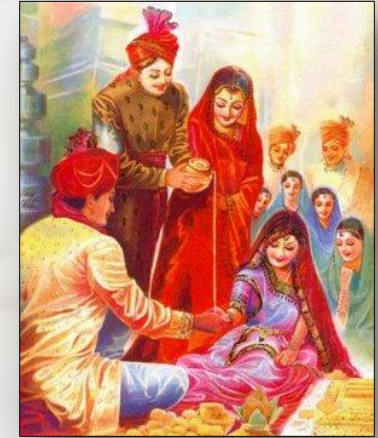
Gṛhastha

Vānaprastha

Sannyāsī

Meant to become **Perfect Yogīs or Transcendentalists**

Sacrifices - Gṛhastha



The householders, who have some license for sense gratification, perform such acts with great restraint

Sex life, Intoxication & Meat-eating are general tendencies of human society. Regulated householder does not indulge in unrestricted sex life and other sense gratification

Yagna

It's Yajna because the restricted householder sacrifices his general tendency towards sense gratification, for higher transcendental life

Transcendental Knowledge
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Sacrifices by Yogi's

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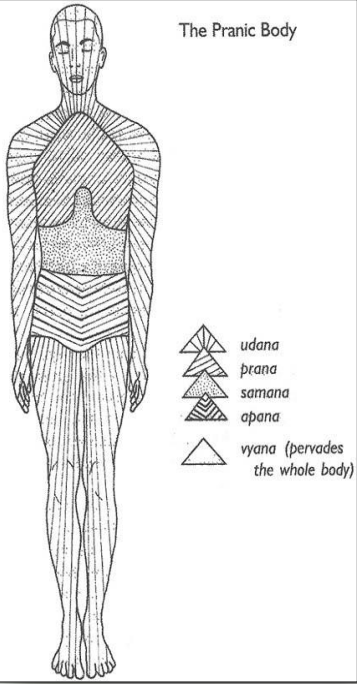
Parag-atma
 The soul attached to sense enjoyment

Pratyag-atma
 The soul unattached to sense enjoyment

Pratyag-atma

Goal of Yoga System

Principle



- Functions of Air**
- Prana-vayu**
Interaction of senses with sense objects and their engagements in activities outside the self
 - Apana-vayu**
Goes downwards
 - Vyana-vayu**
Acts to shrink and expand
 - Samana-vaya**
Adjusts equilibrium
 - Udana-vayu**
Goes upwards

What happens when one is enlightened?

One engages all these airs in searching for Self-realisation

The soul is subjected to the functions of ten kinds of air at work within the body and this is perceived through the breathing system

Patanjali system instructs how to control the functions of the body's air in a technical manner, so that ultimately all the functions become favorable for purifying the soul of material attachment

Overview of Prana

Type	Vayu	System	Action	Direction	Organs	Chakra	Element
Main Prana	<i>Prana</i>	Respiratory	Controls breathing, intake of Vital atmospheric energy	Moves from outside to inside to center of body	Head & Chest	<i>Anahata</i>	Air Vayu
	<i>Udana</i>	Nervous	Controls vocal cord and intake of air and food	Moves from inside to outside, from center of body to head	Throat, Brain	<i>Visuddhi</i>	Ether Akasa
	<i>Samana</i>	Digestive	Stokes the gastric acids, aids digestion, integrates whole body	Along the center of the body	Stomach	<i>Manipura</i>	Fire Agni
	<i>Vyana</i>	Circulatory	Pervades the entire body, distributing the energies thru nadis, arteries & veins	Circulates through out the body	All over the body, specially near skin	<i>Svadhithana</i>	Water Jala
	<i>Apana</i>	Excretory	Elimination of semen, feces, urine.	Moves downwards	Lower abdomen and surroundings	<i>Muladhara</i>	Earth Prthvi
Upa Prana	<i>Naga</i>		Regulates Burping		Little above the Naval		
	<i>Kurma</i>		Governs Blinking		In the eyelids		
	<i>Krikala</i>		Governs Sneezing		Above the stomach and the edges of trachea		
	<i>Devadatta</i>		Controls Yawning		Upper end of trachea & in throat		
	<i>Dhananjaya</i>		Controls the Functioning of the Heart Valves		In the bones, flesh, skin, blood, receptor sensors, hair etc.		

Other Sacrifices - *dravya-yajñāḥ, tapaḥ-yajñāḥ, yoga-yajñāḥ, svādhyāya-yajñāḥ*

All these Yogī's are faithfully engaged in different types of sacrifice and are seeking a higher status of life

Dravyamaya Yajña

Sacrificing their possessions in the form of various kinds of charities

Open various kinds of charitable institutions like *dharma-śālā*, *anna-kṣetra*, *atithi-śālā*, *anāthālaya* and *vidyā-pīṭha*.
Open many hospitals, old age homes and similar charitable foundations meant for distributing food, education and medical treatment free to the poor.

Tapomaya- Yajña

For higher elevation in life or for promotion to higher planets within the universe, voluntarily accept many kinds of austerities such as *Candrāyaṇa* & *Cāturmāsya*

These processes entail severe vows, rigid rules and sacrifice comforts of life. Eg. Under the *Cāturmāsya* vow the candidate does not shave for four months during the year (July-October), he does not eat certain foods, does not eat twice in a day or does not leave home.

Yoga-Yajña

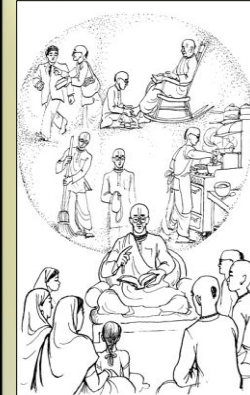
Engages themselves in different kinds of mystic yogas like the *Patañjali* system (for merging into the existence of the Absolute), or *haṭha-yoga* or *aṣṭāṅga-yoga* (for particular perfections).

And some travel to all the sanctified places of pilgrimage. These are sacrifices for a certain type of perfection in the material world.

Svādhyāya- Yajña

Engage themselves in studies of different Vedic literatures, specifically the *Upaniṣads* and *Vedānta-sūtras*, or the *Sāṅkhya* philosophy

Kṛṣṇa Consciousness is Transcendental



It's direct service of the Supreme Lord. Can Only be attained by Mercy of the Lord and His bona fide devotees.

Transcendental Knowledge
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Sacrifices by Yogi's – Hatha Yoga and Pranayama

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In the beginning practiced as Hatha Yoga (different postures)

System of Yoga for controlling breathing process

Pranayama

Goal of Pranayama & Hatha-Yoga

How to practice Pranayama

To control senses

Increase longevity: Yogi's wants to achieve spiritual perfection in one life only, therefore needs increased life span for perfection in spiritual realisation

To help in spiritual advancement

This practice involves controlling the airs within the body so as to reverse the directions of their passage

Apana
Goes downwards

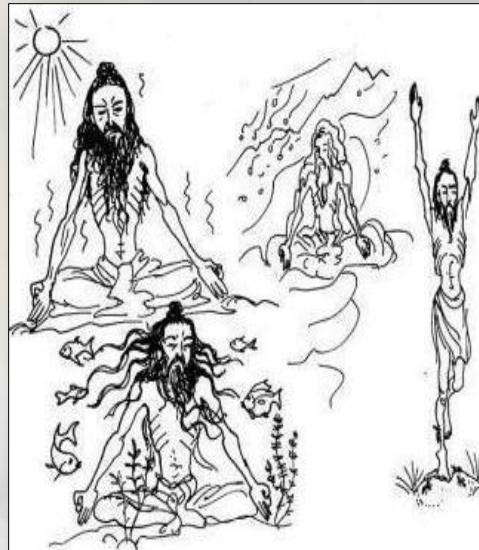
Prana
Goes upwards

Puraka
Equilibrium state

Recaka
Offering the exhaled breath into the inhaled breath

Kumbhaka-yoga
When both air currents are completely stopped

By Kumbhaka-yoga one can increase life span



Krsna
Consciousness is Transcendental

KC is direct Service to the Supreme Lord

KC can be only attained by the Mercy of a devotee

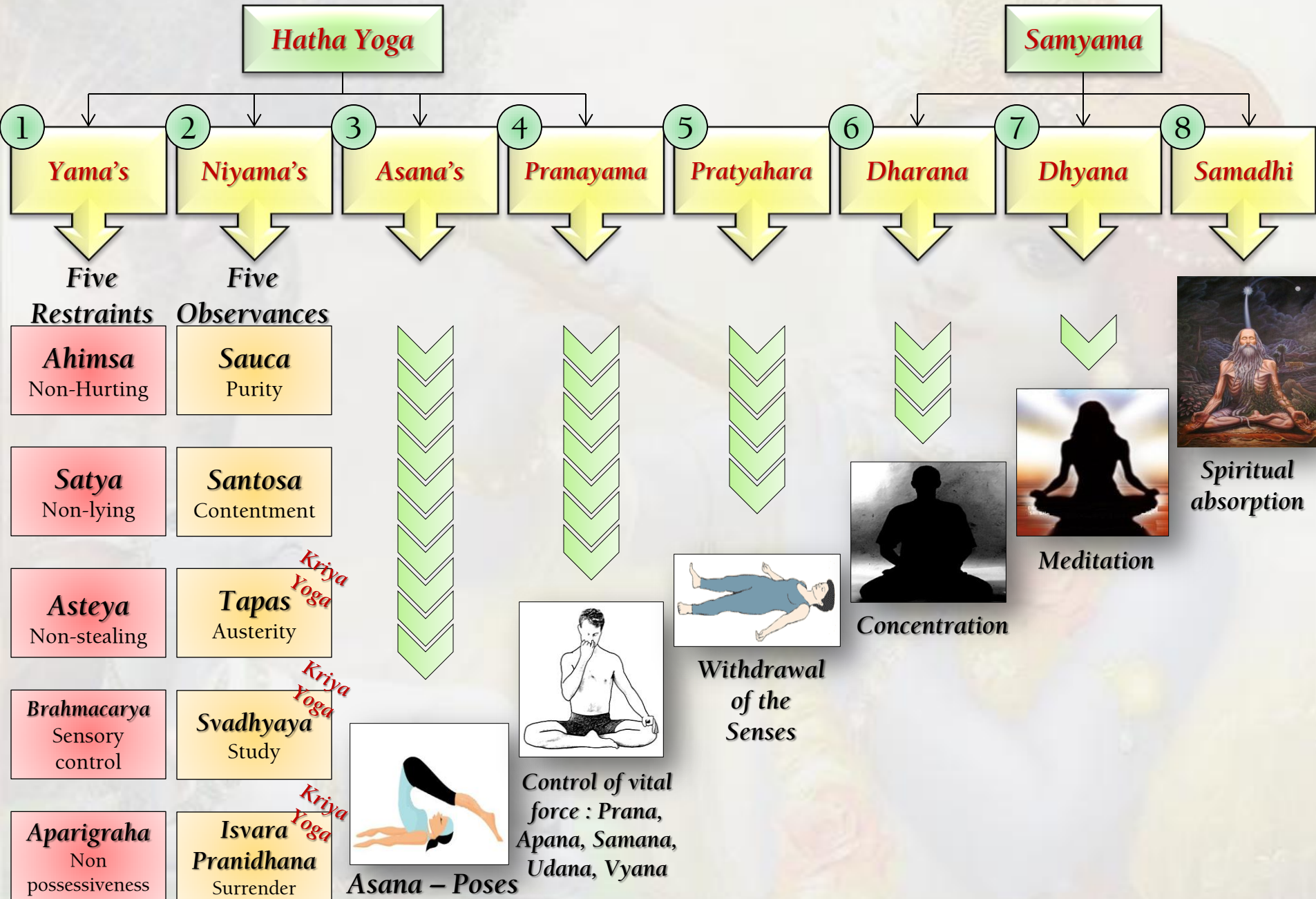
Automatically controls all the senses by engaging in KC activities. Eg. Offering Bhoga

KC cannot be attained by the sacrifices mentioned earlier.

Being constantly engaged in KC activities, naturally transferred to Krsna loka at death, therefore no need to increase longevity

By Devotional Service, one immediately transcends the modes and elevates to Spiritual Kingdom **BG 14.26**

Overview of Astanga Yoga (Patanjali Yoga) System



Attainment of various Siddhi's

Siddhi's Mentioned in SB

Astha Siddhi Primary 8 siddhi's Patanjali Yoga Sutra

Anima

Reducing one's body even to the size of an atom

Mahima

Expanding one's body to infinitely large size

Garima

Becoming infinitely heavy

Laghima

Becoming almost weightless

Prapti

Having unrestricted access to all places

Prakamyā

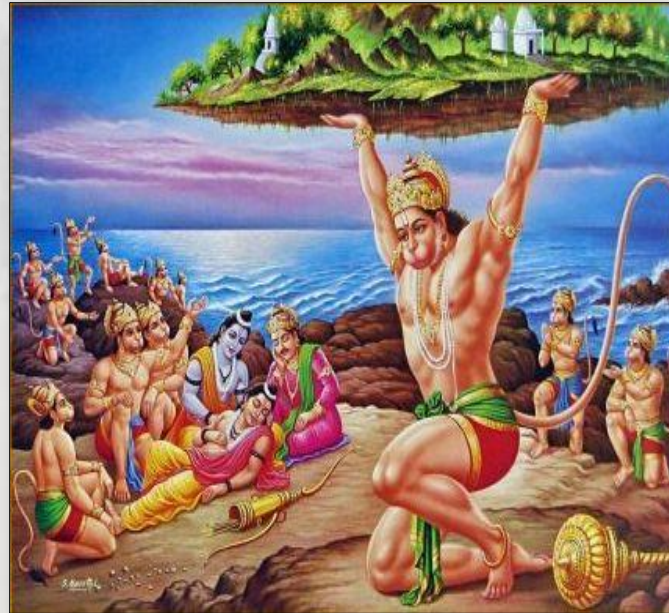
Realizing whatever one desires

Isitva

Possessing absolute lordship

Vasitva

Domination over the entire creation



Hanumanji using Siddhi's to serve Lord

Nava Niddhi's (Type of Wealth)

PARKAYA PRAVESH

One's soul entering into the body (sensorium) of some other person or animal or bird. Through this knowledge even a dead body can be brought to life.

HAADI VIDYA

On acquiring this vidya, a person feels neither hunger nor thirst, and can remain without eating food or drinking water for several days at a stretch.

KAADI VIDYA

Person is not affected by change of seasons, i.e. by summer, winter, rain, etc. Person shall not feel cold even if he sits in the snow mountains, and shall not feel hot even if sits in the fire.

VAYU GAMAN SIDDHI

Person become capable of flying in the skies and traveling from one place to another in just a few seconds.

MADALASA VIDYA

Person becomes capable of increasing or decreasing the size of his body according to his wish. Hanuman had miniaturized his body, while entering the city of Lanka

KANAKDHARA SIDDHI

One can acquire immense and unlimited wealth through this Siddhi.

PRAKYA SADHANA

Yogi can direct his disciple to take birth from the womb of a woman who is childless or cannot bear children.

SURYA VIGYAN

This solar science is one of the most significant sciences. Using it, one substance can be transformed into another through the medium of sun rays

MRIT SANJEEVANI VIDYA

Through this knowledge even a dead person can be brought back to life.

tri-kala- jśatvam

Knowing the past, present and future

advandvam

Tolerance of heat, cold and other dualities

para citta adi abhijsata

Knowing the minds of others

Aparajayah

Remaining unconquered by others

agni arka ambu visa adinam pratistambhah

Checking the influence of fire, sun, water, poison...

Secondary Siddhi's

anurmi-mattvam

Undisturbed by hunger, thirst & other bodily disturbances

dura-sravana

Hearing things far away

manah-javah

Moving the body wherever thought goes (astral projection)

dura-darsanam

Seeing things far away

kama-rupam

Assuming any form desired

para-kaya pravesanam

Entering the bodies of others

sva-chanda mrtyuh

Dying when one desires

devanam saha krida anudarsanam

Witnessing & participating in the pastimes of the gods

yatha sankalpa samsiddhi

Perfect accomplishment of one's determination

ajna apratihata gatih

Orders or commands being unimpeded

Summary of different sacrifices that leads to Transcendental Knowledge

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 25~29

Different types
of Sacrifices

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Demigod Worship



Sacrifices into
Brahman

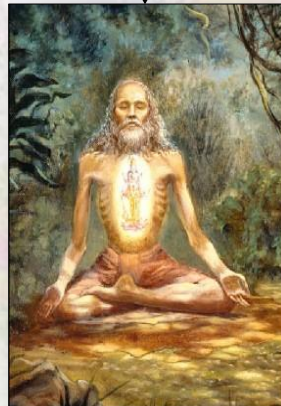


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Unadulterated
Brahmacharie's
Hearing process and
senses in the fire of
mental control

Regulated
Grhastha's
Objects of senses in the
fire of the senses

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Astanga Yoga
(Patanjali Yoga)

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Charity
Dravyamaya-yajna

Austerity
Tapomaya-yajna

Yoga Yagna
Sacrifice for a certain
perfection in material
world

Study of
Scriptures
Svadyaya yajna

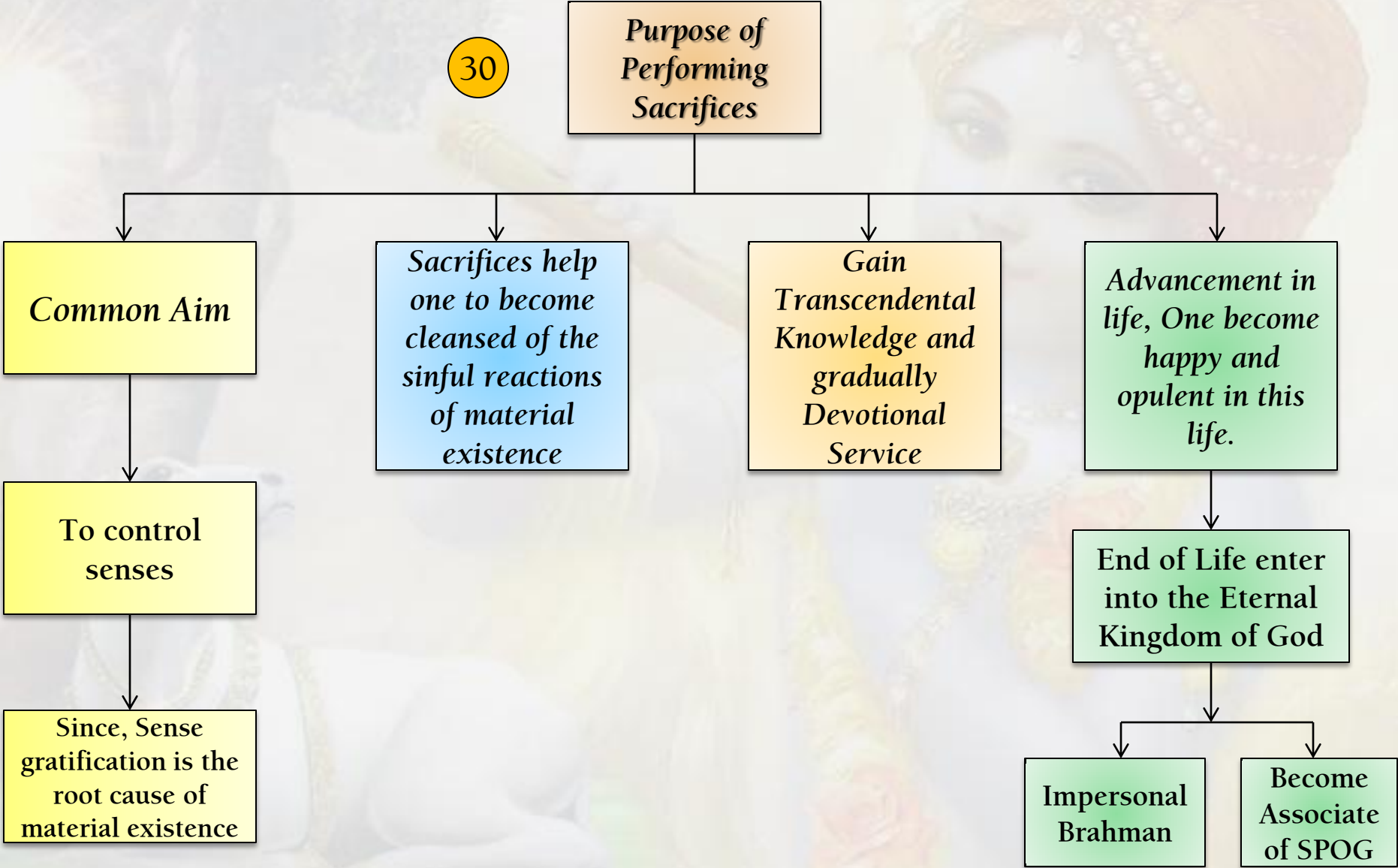
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Hatha Yoga &
Pranayama

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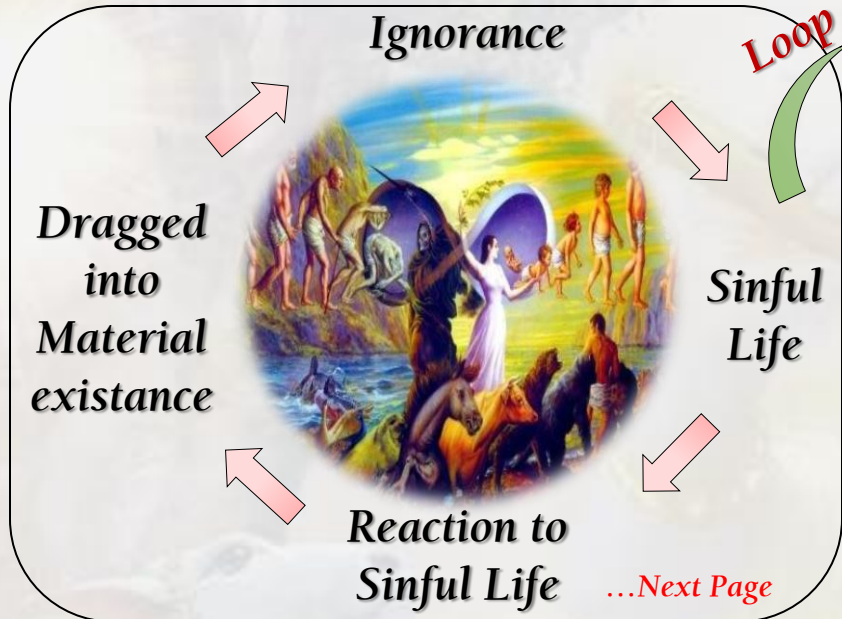
Results of Sacrifices - Cleansed of sinful reactions & Advance toward Supreme



Transcendental Knowledge
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Sacrifice - Essential to live happily on this planet or in this life and next

Cycle of Material Life



Human Form of Life

Purpose of Vedas

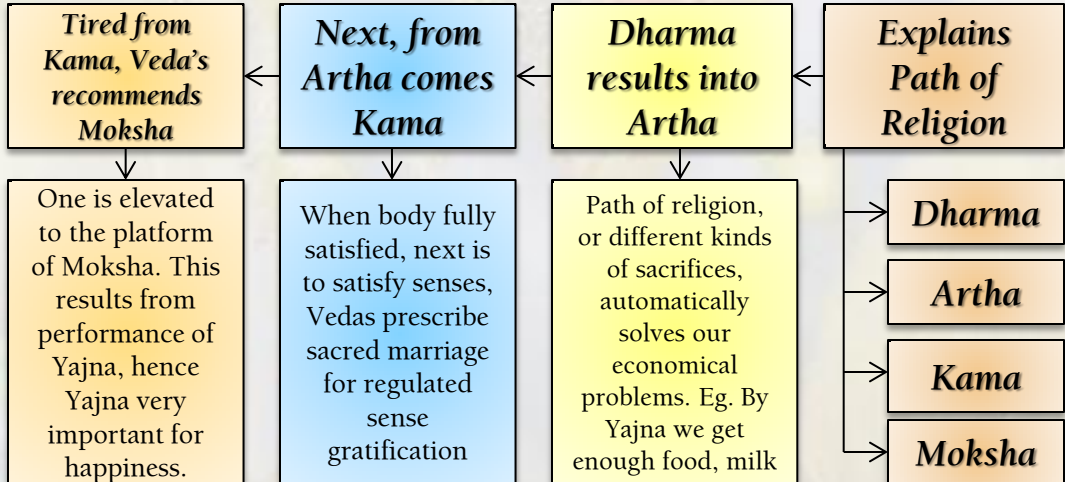


How Veda's Help us escape?

Life of Krsna Consciousness

Highest kind of happiness achieved thru promotion to spiritual planets by practice of KC

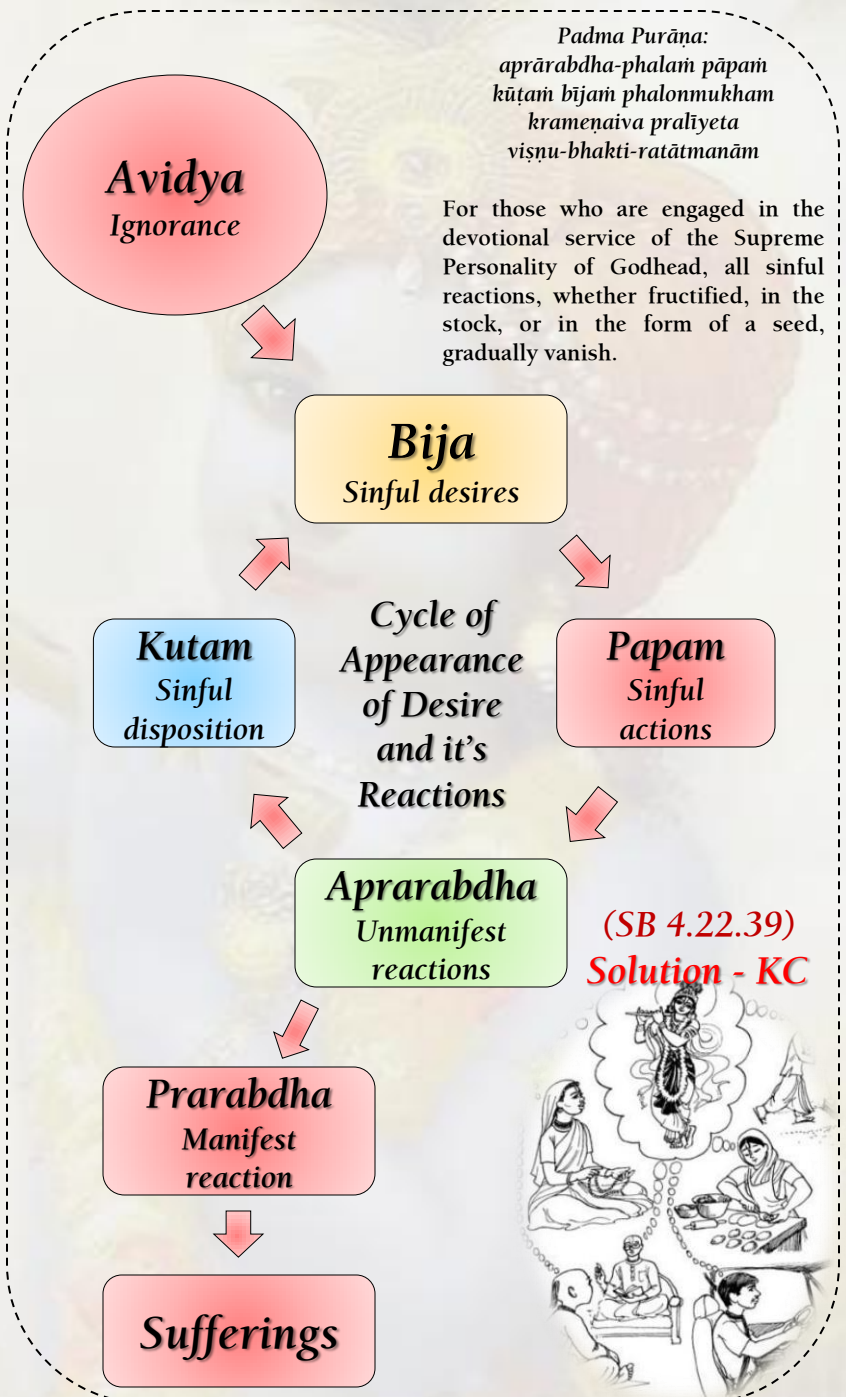
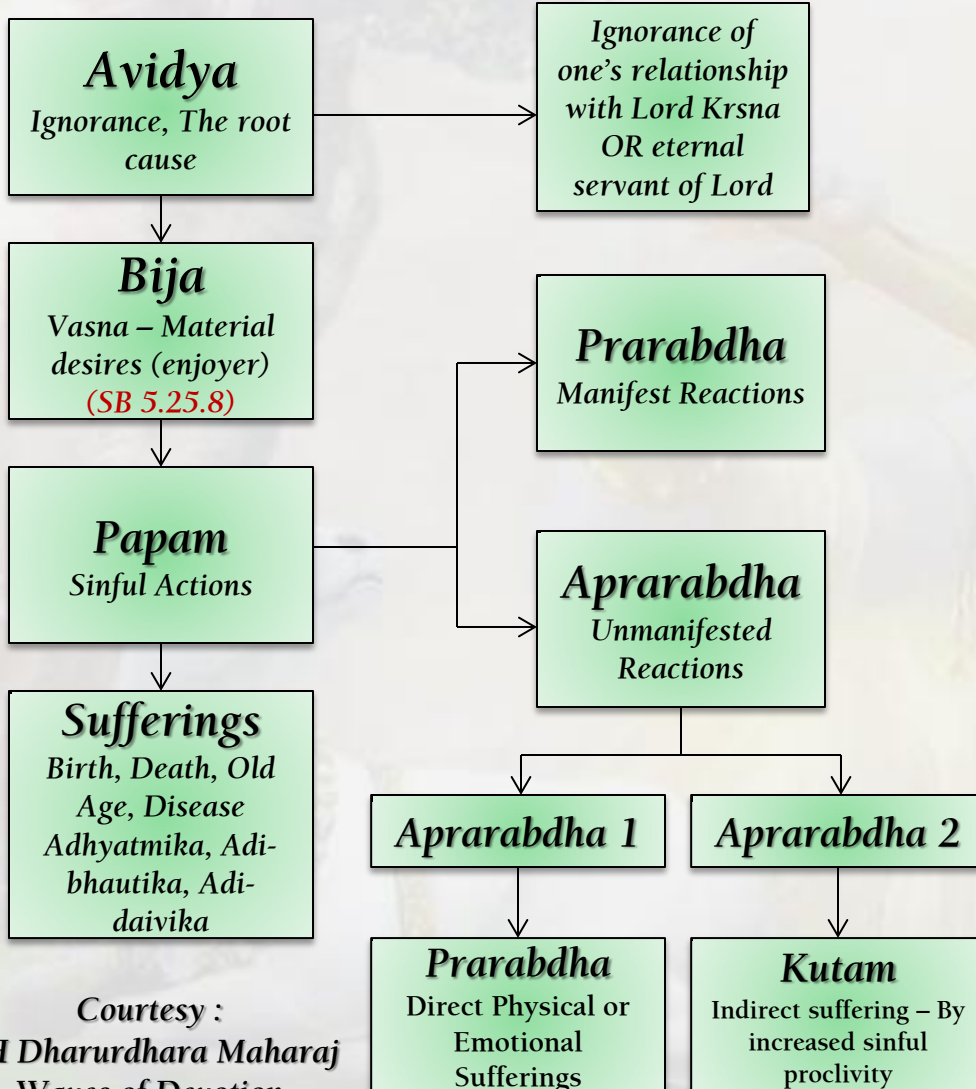
KC Solution to all problems of material existence



Cycle of Appearance of Desire and it's Reactions

Klesha
Distress & The cause of distress

How Klesha Appears?



Sacrifice - are born of different types of Work & culminate in Transcendental Knowledge

Transcendental Knowledge Verse 32-33

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Why varieties of Sacrifices?

To suit the different types of worker deeply absorbed in the bodily concept

Work either with *Body*

Work either with *Mind*

Work either with *Intelligence*

Sacrifices are ultimately recommended to get liberation from body

Sacrifices

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Purpose of all Sacrifices

To achieve complete Knowledge

To gain release from material miseries

To engage in loving service to the Supreme Lord

Without elevation in Knowledge Sacrifices are on Material Platform

Different types of sacrifice

Sacrifices takes different forms according to faith of the performer

Sacrifice with knowledge is better

When one's faith reaches stage of TK, performer considered more advanced than simply sacrificing for material possessions

Sacrifice without knowledge is Material

Without attainment of knowledge, sacrifice remains on the material platform

Mystery behind different sacrifices

Divisions of Sacrificial Activities

Depending on "Differences in Consciousness"

Karma Kanda
Furtive Activities

Jnana Kanda
Knowledge in pursuance of Truth

Summary - Section - E

Verse 4.34 to 4.42

Conclusion -- Summary of Transcendental Knowledge

- How to achieve transcendental knowledge
- The fruit of transcendental knowledge
- Who can successfully achieve transcendental knowledge
- The symptoms of one who has successfully applied transcendental knowledge to work
- Conclusion

34	<i><u>How to achieve:</u> To receive transcendental knowledge, approach and surrender to a self-realized spiritual master with submissive inquiry and service.</i>
35-38	<i><u>The fruit:</u> After acquiring knowledge one never again falls into illusion, for he knows all living beings are in Krsna and are part of Him. (35) Transcendental knowledge destroys all miseries, for it eradicates reactions to all material activities. It is the mature fruit of both mysticism and devotional service. (36-38)</i>
39-40	<i><u>Who can achieve:</u> One who has faith can acquire transcendental knowledge one who doubts, cannot.</i>
41	<i><u>The symptoms of success:</u> One successfully working in transcendental knowledge desires no fruits, has no doubts, is not bound by work, and knows he's an eternal servant of Krsna.</i>
42	<i><u>Conclusion:</u> Slash with knowledge all doubts born of ignorance. "Arjuna, armed with yoga, stand and fight."</i>

Transcendental Knowledge
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How to Acquire TK? – Approach Bonafied Spiritual Master, Inquire submissively and render service unto Him.

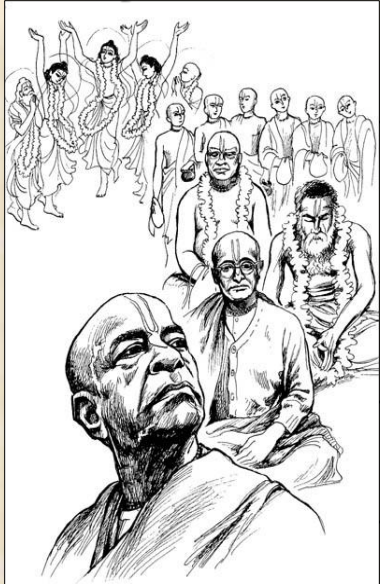
Bonafied Path

Lord Krsna
Original Spiritual Master



Path of Religion is directly enunciated by Lord
SB 6.3.19
dharmaṁ tu sākṣād bhagavat-praṇitam

Disciplic Succession



- He does not manufacture rules against the principles of the revealed scriptures & Never presents anything not to be found in Vedic literature
 - Never claims to be God
 - Never contradicts Teachings of Shastra's and other Bonafied Sadhus
 - 4 Bonafied Sampradaya's Brahma, Sri, Kumara, Rudra
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Non-Bonafied Path

Manufacturing one's own process is the fashion of foolish pretenders

- Mental Speculation
- Dry Arguments
- Independent study of books

Cannot Help One Lead to a Right Path

How to get Spiritual Understanding?

Path of Spiritual Realization is undoubtedly difficult

Satisfaction of self-realized spiritual master is Secret of Advancement in Spiritual life

Approach Bonafied Spiritual Master in Disciplic Succession

Inquire Submissively from Self Realized Soul

Render Menial service unto Self Realized Soul

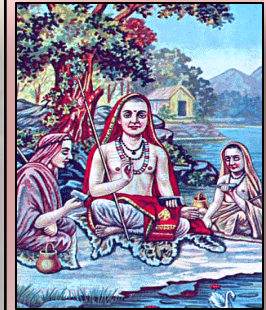
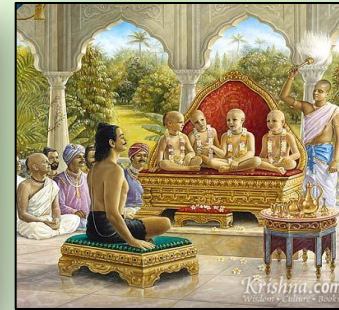
Blind following & Absurd Inquiries are Condemned




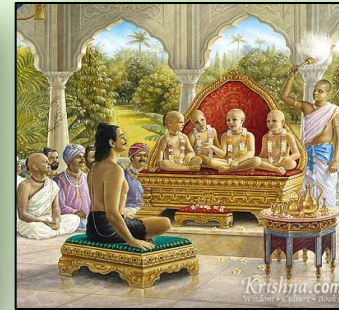

How inquiries are effective?
Submission, Service

One must be able to pass the test of the spiritual master, and when he sees the genuine desire of the disciple, he automatically blesses the disciple with genuine understanding

With Submission and always ready to render service, the reciprocation of knowledge and Inquires become perfect

Four Vaishanava Sampradaya



Chief					
Disciplic Succession	Brahma Sampradaya	Lakshmi Sampradaya	Rudra Sampradaya	Kumara Sampradaya	Mayavada Sampradaya
Other Names	Madhva Sampradaya	Ramanuja Sampradaya Sri Sampradaya Srivaishnava Sampradaya	Rudra Sampradaya Visnuswami Sampradaya Vallabha Sampradaya	Nimbarka Sampradaya Nimbaditya Sampradaya Sanakadi Sampradaya	Smarta Sampradaya
Acharya's	Madhvacarya, Lord Caitanya	Ramanujacarya	Visnusvami, Vallabhacarya	Nimbarka	Shankaracarya
Commentary On Vedanta	Purnaprajna-bhasya Govinda-bhasya	Sri-bhasya	Sarvajna-bhasya, Anubhasya	Parijata-Saurabha-bhasya	Sariraka-bhasya
Tattva	Madhvacarya: suddha-dvaita-vada (purified dualism) Lord Caitanya: Acintya-bhedabheda-tattva (inconceivable oneness and difference)	Visistadvaita-vada (specific monism)	Suddhadvaita-vada (purified monism)	Dvaitadvaita-vada (monism and dualism)	Advaita Kevaladvaita (monism)

Four Vaishanava Sampradaya - References

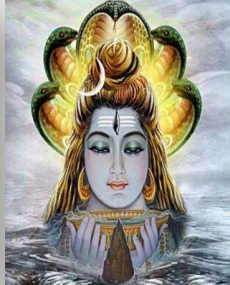
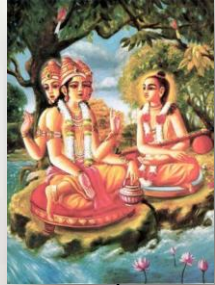


Lord Brahma

Laxmi devi

Lord Shiva

4 Kumara's

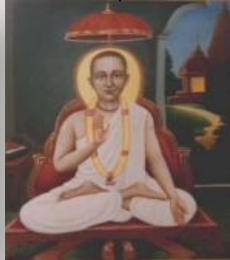
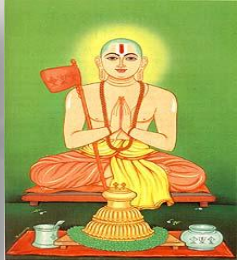
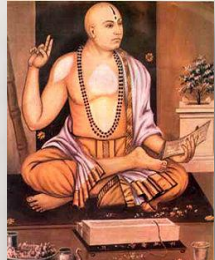


Madhavacharya

Ramanujacharya

Vishnuswami

Nimbarkacharya



Brahma – Madhava - Gaudiya Sampradaya

Isvara Puri, Nityananda Prabhu, Advaitacharya
Lord Caitanya

Rupa Goswami, Svarupa Damodara, Sanatana Goswami
Raghunatha das Goswami, Jiva Goswami
Krsnadasa kaviraj Goswami
Narottama das Thakura
Visvanatha Chakravarti Thakura
Sri Baladeva Vidya Bhushana, Jagannatha das Babaji
Bhaktivinoda Vinoda Thakura
Gaurakisora das Babaji Maharaj
Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura
A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada

Garga Samhita, Canto 10, chapter 61
Verses 23, 24, 25, 26

*vamanas vidih sesah sanako visnu vakyatah
dharmartha hetave caite bhavisyanti dvijah kalau*

Vamana, Brahma, Ananta Sesha and Sanaka Kumara will appear as brahmanas by the order of Visnu, for the preservation of eternal righteousness in kali yuga.

*visnuswami vamanangsastatha madhvastu brahmanah
ramanujastu sesangsa nimbadiya sanakasya ca*

Visnuswami, Madhvacharya, Ramanuja and Nimbadiya will appear respectively as a portion of Vamana, Brahma, Ananta Sesha and Sanaka Kumara.

*ete kalau yuge bhavyah sampradaya pravartakah
samvatsare vikrama catvarah ksiti pavanah*

These four saviours will be the establishers of the four authorised and empowered spiritual channels of disciplic succession in the period calculated from the reign of King Vikrama in 54 B.C. subsequently through the 432,000 year cycle of kali yuga.

*sampradaya vihina ye mantraste nisphalah smritah
tasmacca gamanang hyasti sampradaya narairapi*

These four authorised and empowered spiritual channels of disciplic succession are to be fully accepted by all beings; as any word, combination of words or formulation of sound frequencies, invoked or addressed, audible or inaudible, secret or revealed, ancient or contemporary outside their auspices prove to have absolutely no efficacy.

Qualification of A Bonafied Guru

Teachings

- *He speaks only of Krsna and matters related to Him (Bg 2.54 +p)
- *He never presents anything not to be found in Vedic literature (Iso 13p,1st para)
- *He never contradicts sadhus (saintly persons) or scriptures (sastra) (Bg 10.3p last para)
- *He does not manufacture rules against the principles of the revealed scriptures (Bg 3.21p/Bg 4.34p)
- *He is able to answer any question on spiritual life without hesitation, having understood all Vedic knowledge (Bg 15.19 +p, 3rd para/Bg 2.7p 1st para)
- *He never says "I am God" (Bg 5.16p)
- *He must be a master of the science of Krsna (Bg 2.8p 1st para)

Realization

- *He must be fixed in the Absolute Truth (Iso Intro 11th para)
- *He must have the symptoms of one on the transcendental platform (Bg 18.51-53 +p, 54 +p 2nd para/Bg 14.22-25 +p, 2nd para/Bg 2.55-57, 58 +p/Bg 5.20 +p, 21 +p)
- *He must be 100% Krsna Conscious (Bg 2.8p 1st para)
- *He should have attained the platform of uttama adhikari (NOI 5)
- *He knows the science of Krsna (Bg 2.8p 1st para)

Disciplic Succession

- *He comes in the disciplic succession (Bg 4.34p)
- *And therefore does not deviate from instruction imparted millions of years ago (Bg 4.42p last part)
- *He must have heard the Vedic knowledge from the right source (Iso Intro 11th para)
- *The importance of the disciplic succession ... (Bg 18.75 +p)

Character

- *He must be a perfect devotee (PQPA page 27-28)
- *He must be fully in control of the six pushing senses (agents) (NOI 1)
- *He strictly practices what he preaches (Bg 3.21 +p)
- *He is an "acarya", one who teaches by example (Bg 3.20 +p)
- *because even Krsna Himself acted to set an example (Bg 3.22,23 +p)
- *He is by nature very kind and compassionate to the disciple and tirelessly instructs him (Bg 4.34p end/Bg 18.72+p)

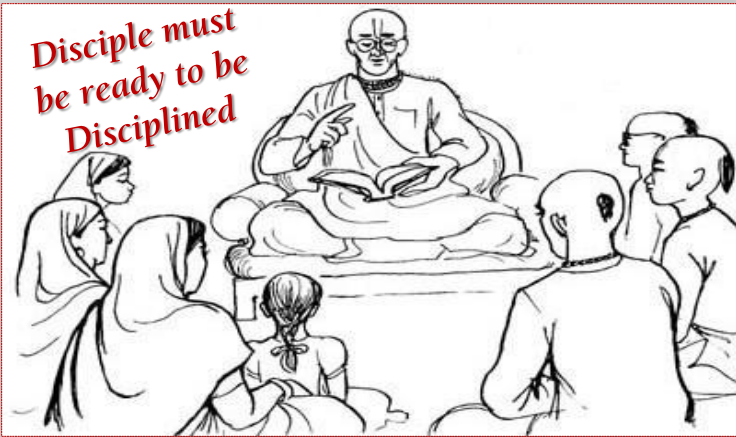
Ability to liberate Others

- *Krsna or His bona fide representative are the only persons who can release a conditioned soul from bondage (Bg 7.14p 3rd para)
- *The spiritual master knows the nature of his students and is thus able to guide them to act in Krsna Consciousness (Bg 2.41 3rd para)
- *He can change the materially conditioned nature of a person, gradually elevating him to the perfectional stage (Bg 17.2p)

Activities

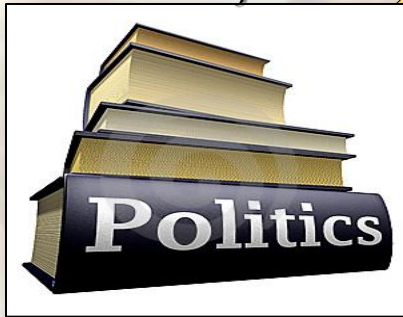
- *He is always glorifying Krsna (Bg 9.13 +14)
- *He never tries to imitate the Lord but always follows in His footsteps (Bg 3.24p)

Qualification of A Disciple

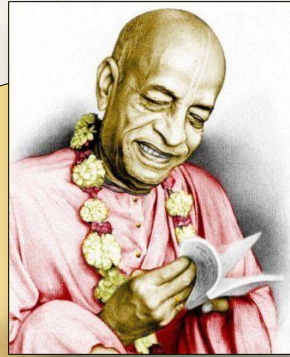
<p>One must be awakened to one's position of suffering in the material world and one must desire to find the ultimate solution (Bg Intro page 7 or 6)</p>	<p>One must have a firm respect for the Supreme Personality of Godhead (Bg Intro page 7 or 6)</p>	<p>One must have faith in the guru and Krsna (Bg 6.47p 5th para)</p>	<p>One must be submissive (Bg 4.34 +p/Bg Intro page 6-7 or 6 Mac)</p>
<p>One must be fully obedient (NOI 4 page 46)</p>	 <p><i>Disciple must be ready to be Disciplined</i></p>	<p>One must be humble (Bg 13.8-12p 5th para)</p>	
<p>One must have a serving mood (Bg 13.8-12p 5th para)</p>	<p>One should consider the order of the guru as one's prime duty in life (Bg 18.67p, last 2 lines/Bg 2.41p 3rd para/Bg 2.53p last line/Bg 3.35p 1st part)</p>	<p>One must respect the guru as God (PQPA pages 26-27/Bg 5.16p)</p>	<p>One must be anxious to satisfy the guru (Bg 4.34p) One must serve the other disciples of one's guru.</p>

Cautions for Preacher's

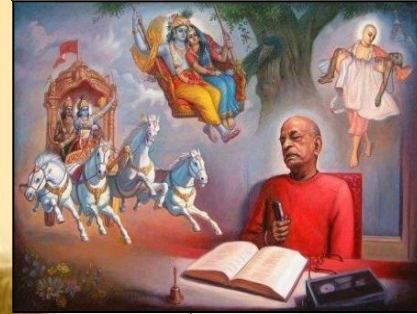
No political intension in preaching or for name & fame.



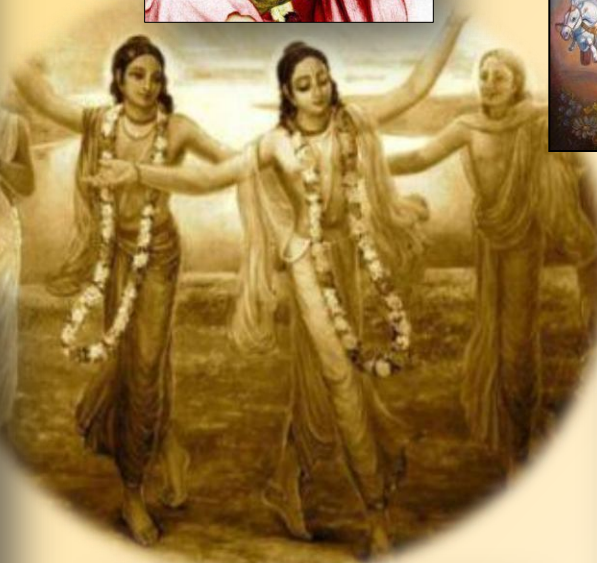
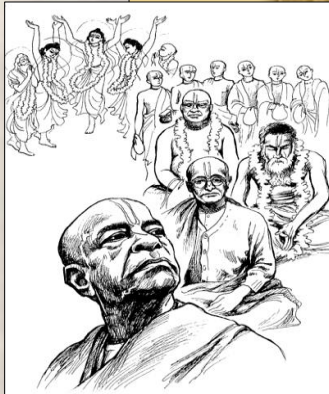
Srila Prabhupada's Unique Position as Founder Acharya



Present Message of Lord Krsna WITHOUT ANY ALTERATIONS



Beware of Ritvik Philosophy and Impersonalism



Preacher's Job is present the Message of Lord Krsna. Connect Bhakta to Lord Krsna.

Respect every Bonafied disciple of SP and senior preacher's, as You Respect Your Diksha Guru

Promoting Your Guru

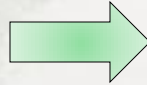
Never Preach for promoting Your Guru & Making Disciples for Your Guru



Never conceal devotees from mixing with other devotees for ulterior motive. Allow them to hear other's opinions.

How to take shelter under A Bonafied Spiritual Master?

Correct Understanding



Acting on correct Understanding

Incorrect Understanding
(Do Not Take Initiation on the basis of following)



Force from any Devotee or any Teacher

Based on Friendship

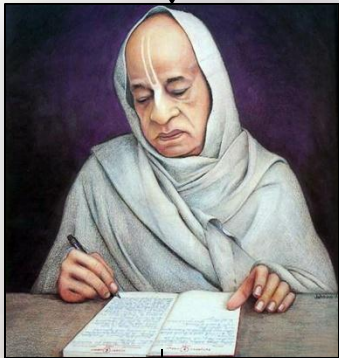
Based on Relationship

Some Devotee favoring You in different ways

Siksha Guru's Initiating SP, b/c He/She has helped You.

Accessibility of A Spiritual Master

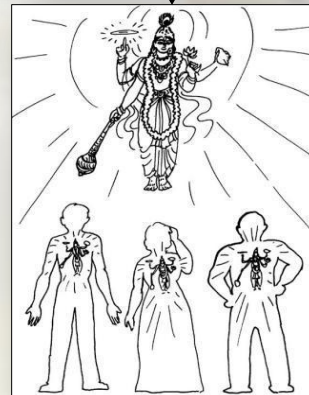
Peer Pressure
(All my friends are getting initiated)



Come to Complete correct Understanding that All the Bonafied Disciple of Srila Prabhupada are Uniquely great in their own aspect



With this mind set, Serve them with sincerity whenever You get an opportunity



When You sincerely Serve the Pure devotees, Krsna within Your heart will reveal

Sincere Student

Acts on correct Understanding

Good Disciple

Good Preacher

Srila Prabhupada is our Founder Acharya

Srila Prabhupada is representing a Bonafied DS

Mission of Srila Prabhupada

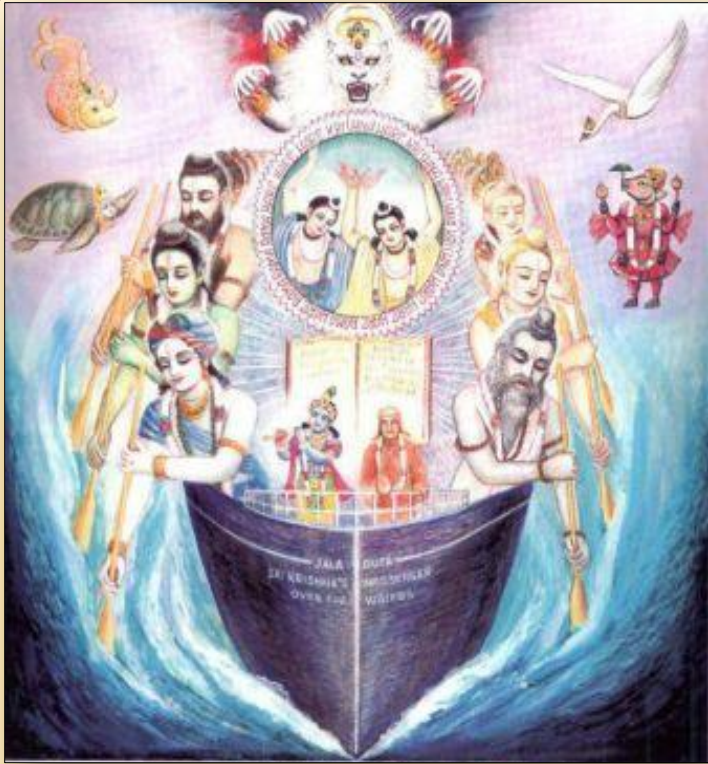
Each of them reflect unique qualities of Srila Prabhupada

Each of them is capable to take You Back to Godhead

Each of them carrying out the Mission of SP

Result of Acting based on Incorrect Understanding Gradual Disintegration of ISKCON

Purpose of ISKCON



Represent the
Message of Lord
Krsna in Disciplic
Succession

Training the
devotees to
Practice Pure
Devotional Service

Go Back Home
Back to Godhead

ISKCON is Philosophically Very Strong, Only thing that can
DESTROY US, is Disharmony Amongst Ourselves.

Instead of
Krsna being
center, we
become center

Competing with
devotees to make
disciples instead
of delivering
pure message

Other people
might follow
what we are
doing

Do You want to be part of this???



All Kind of
politics &
cheating to
maintain power
or for personal
glories

Disrespect,
Disunity,
Uncomfortable
talking to each
other etc. etc.

By Acting in such a
way we will be
displeasing entire
Parampara &
Jeopardizing their
hard work.

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse ~ 35

Result of obtaining TK – Never remain in Illusion, See living entities as parts of Lord.

What is Maya?
Ma-Not, Ya- This

Sense of an existence separate from Krishna is called **Maya**

Example of one in Maya

Arjuna's thoughts of temporary bodily conception

To think oneself separate from Krishna under illusion

Come under bodily conception & recognize with bodily relationships

How Mayavadi Thinks?

Thinks that we have nothing to do with Krishna, who is just a great historical personality & Absolute is only the Impersonal Brahman

Wrongly think that Krishna loses His own separate existence in His many expansions, This thought is material in nature

Refutation

Impersonal Brahman is the effulgence of Krishna (Ref BG 4.27)

Krishna is the cause of all causes, even the cause of millions of incarnations and all the living entities (Ref. BS 5.1)

Failure of Mayavadis to understand the meaning of the Absolute. Material understanding is that, when a thing is fragmentally distributed, it loses its own original identity. But "Absolute Truth" means: '1+1=1' and '1-1=1'

What does liberation / freedom from illusion mean?

Liberation means to be situated in one's constitutional position as an eternal servitor of Kṛṣṇa. SB 2.10.6
muktir hitvānyathā-rūpaṃ svarūpeṇa vyavasthitih.

How to get such Pure Knowledge?

Only from bona-fide Spiritual Master

Result
One learns, All living entities are parts & parcels of Supreme Personality of Godhead

What is the entire teaching of the Bhagavad-Gita targeted towards?

- Living entity is an eternal servitor
- Cannot be separated from Krishna at any time
- Any sense of identify apart from Krishna is Maya

What is the level of perfect Knowledge?
Supreme soul Krishna, is the supreme shelter of all living beings

Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 36

Even most sinful of all sinners, when situated in the boat of transcendental knowledge, will be able to cross over the Ocean of Miseries

Transcendental Knowledge
Directly from Krsna

Spiritual World



Material World



Knowledge about Spiritual World

Proper understanding of one's constitutional position in relationship to Krsna

Only TK (Boat) can lift one from the struggle for existence which goes on in the ocean of nescience

Ocean of nescience (Ignorance)	Severe struggle for existence
Even an expert swimmer cannot swim across the ocean but has to be lifted out of the ocean by a suitable boat	

Transcendental Knowledge - Boat

Ocean

Forest Fire

Stages of Reaction

Padma Purāna:
 aprārabdha-phalaṁ pāpaṁ
 kūṭaṁ bijaṁ phalaṁ mukham
 kramaṇaiva praliyeta
 viṣṇu-bhakti-ratātmanām

For those who are engaged in the devotional service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, all sinful reactions, whether fructified, in the stock, or in the form of a seed, gradually vanish.

Avidya
Ignorance

Bija
Sinful desires

Cycle of Appearance of Desire and its Reactions

Kutam
Sinful disposition

Papam
Sinful actions

Aprarabdha
Unmanifest reactions

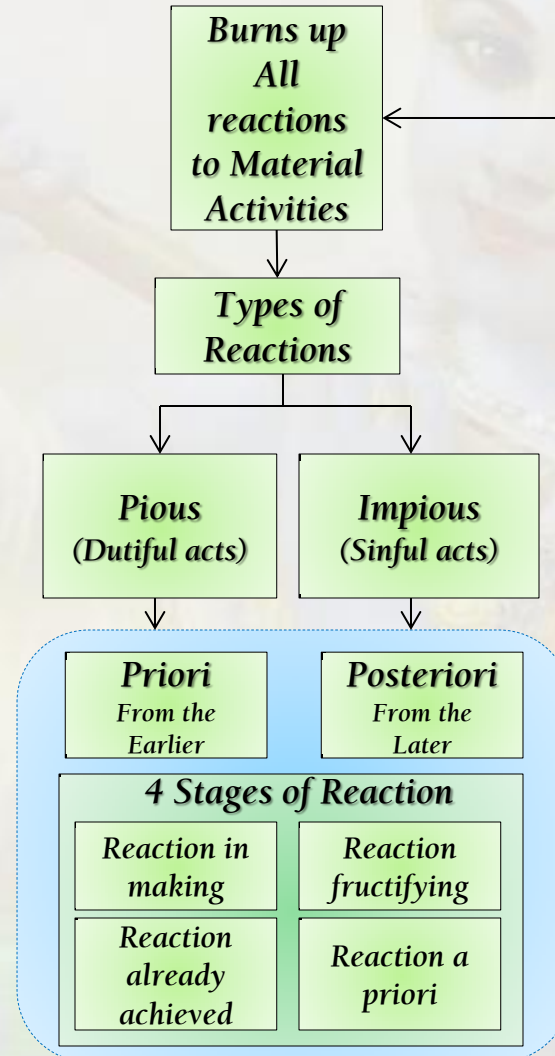
Prarabdha
Manifest reaction

Sufferings

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Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 37

By that knowledge of Self & Supersoul and their relationship, one burns all sinful reactions



Fire of Knowledge (TK)



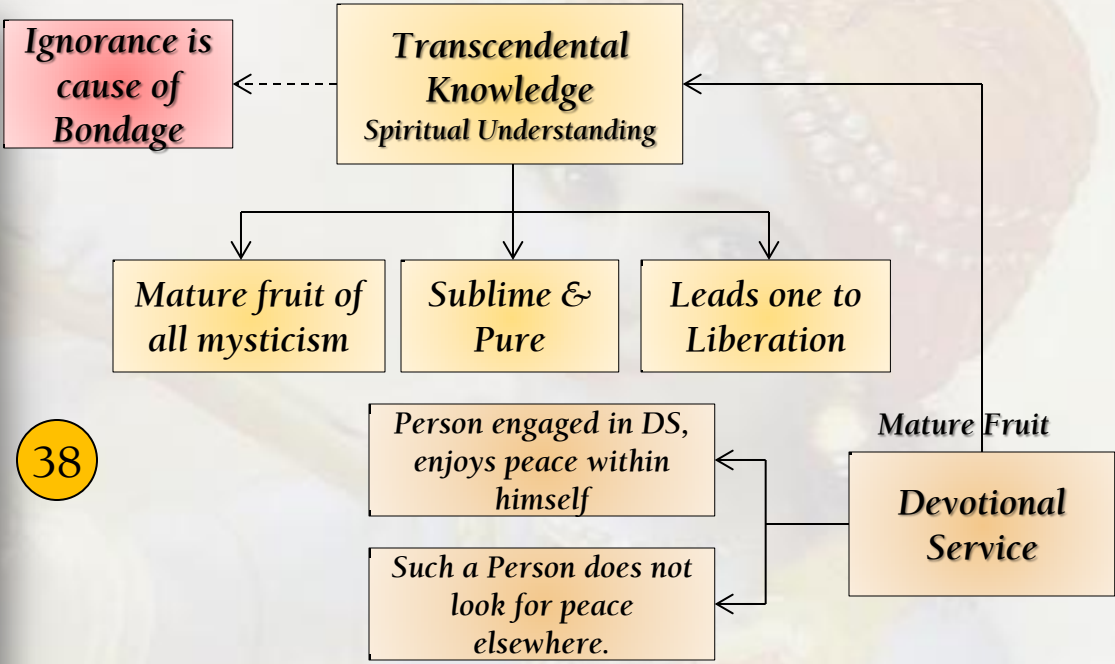
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Compared to

Fire

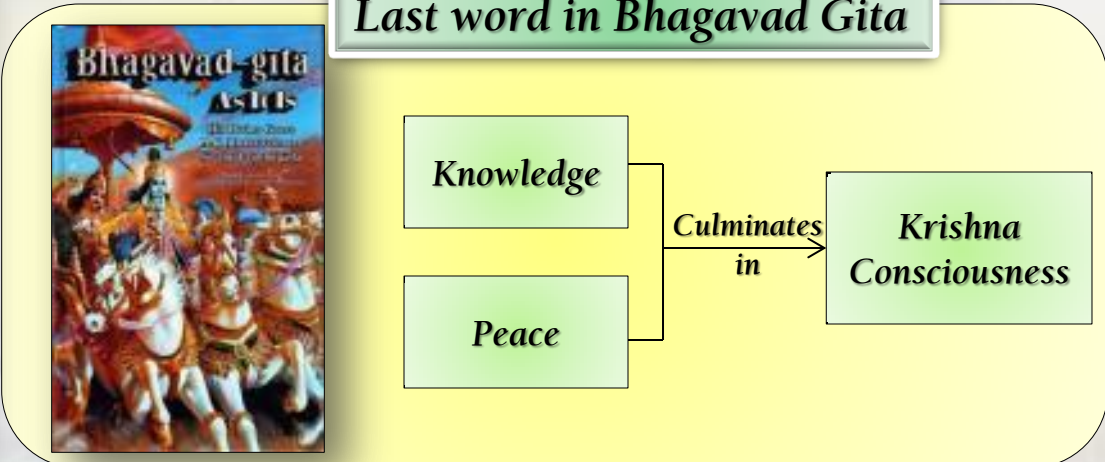
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Transcendental Knowledge - Sublime and Pure, is the mature fruit of all Mysticism



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Last word in Bhagavad Gita



Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 39

Who can acquire transcendental knowledge? The faithful, with dedication and sense control

Faithful

One who thinks that simply by acting in Krishna consciousness, one can attain the highest perfection



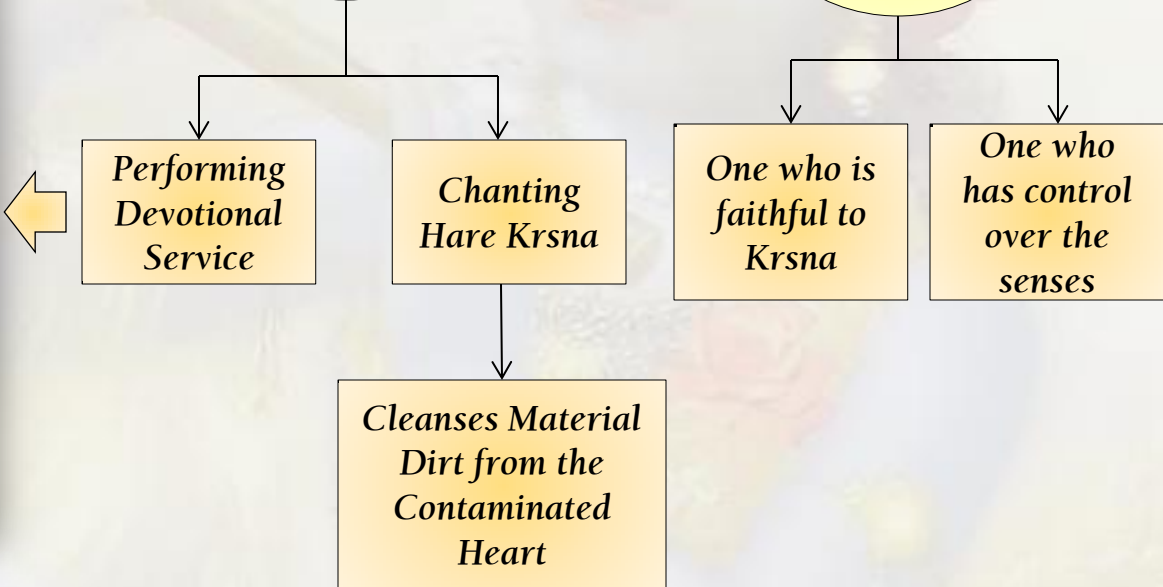
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'śraddhā'-śabde—viśvāsa kahe sudṛḍha niścaya
kṛṣṇe bhakti kaile sarva-karma kṛta haya

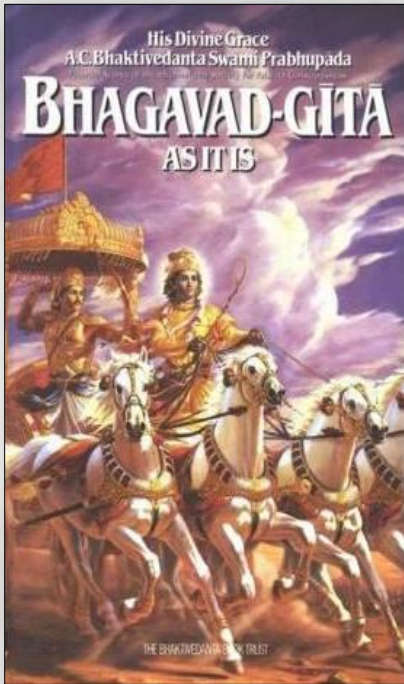
“Śraddhā is confident, firm faith that by rendering transcendental loving service to Kṛṣṇa one automatically performs all subsidiary activities. Such faith is favorable to the discharge of devotional service.

How to attain Faith?

Who can easily attain perfection in the Knowledge of KC without delay?



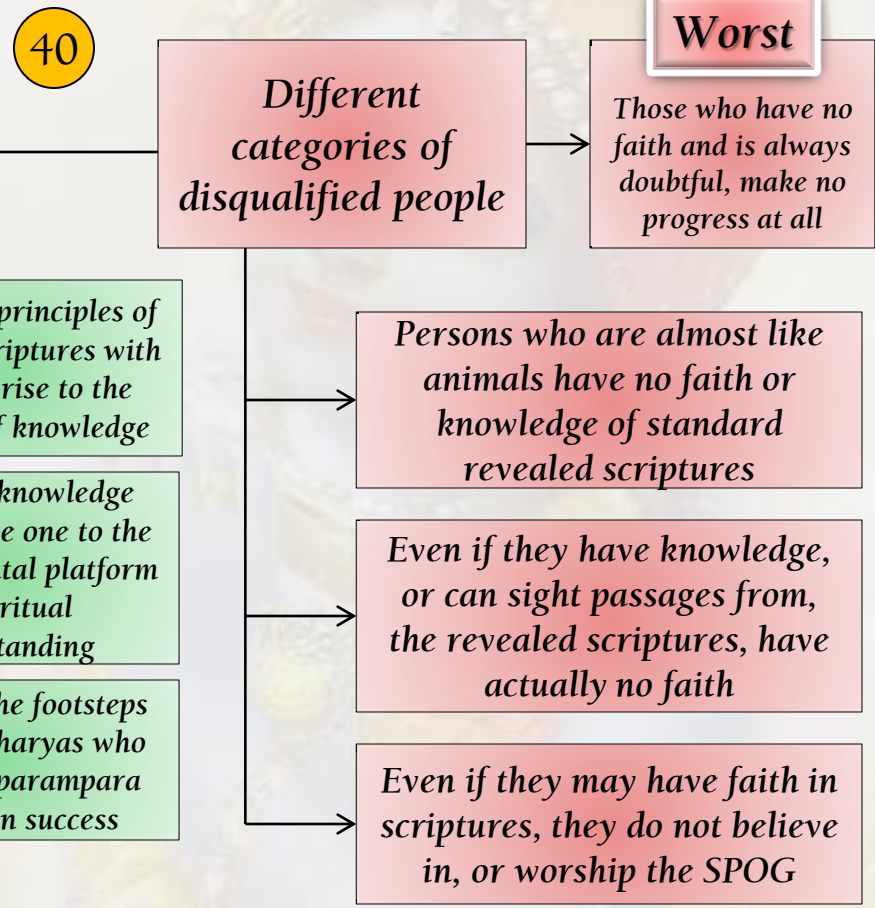
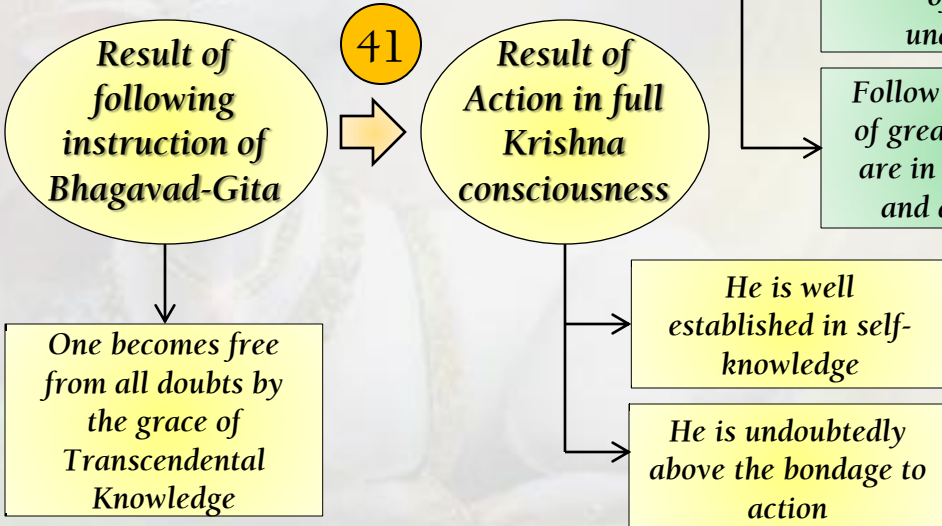
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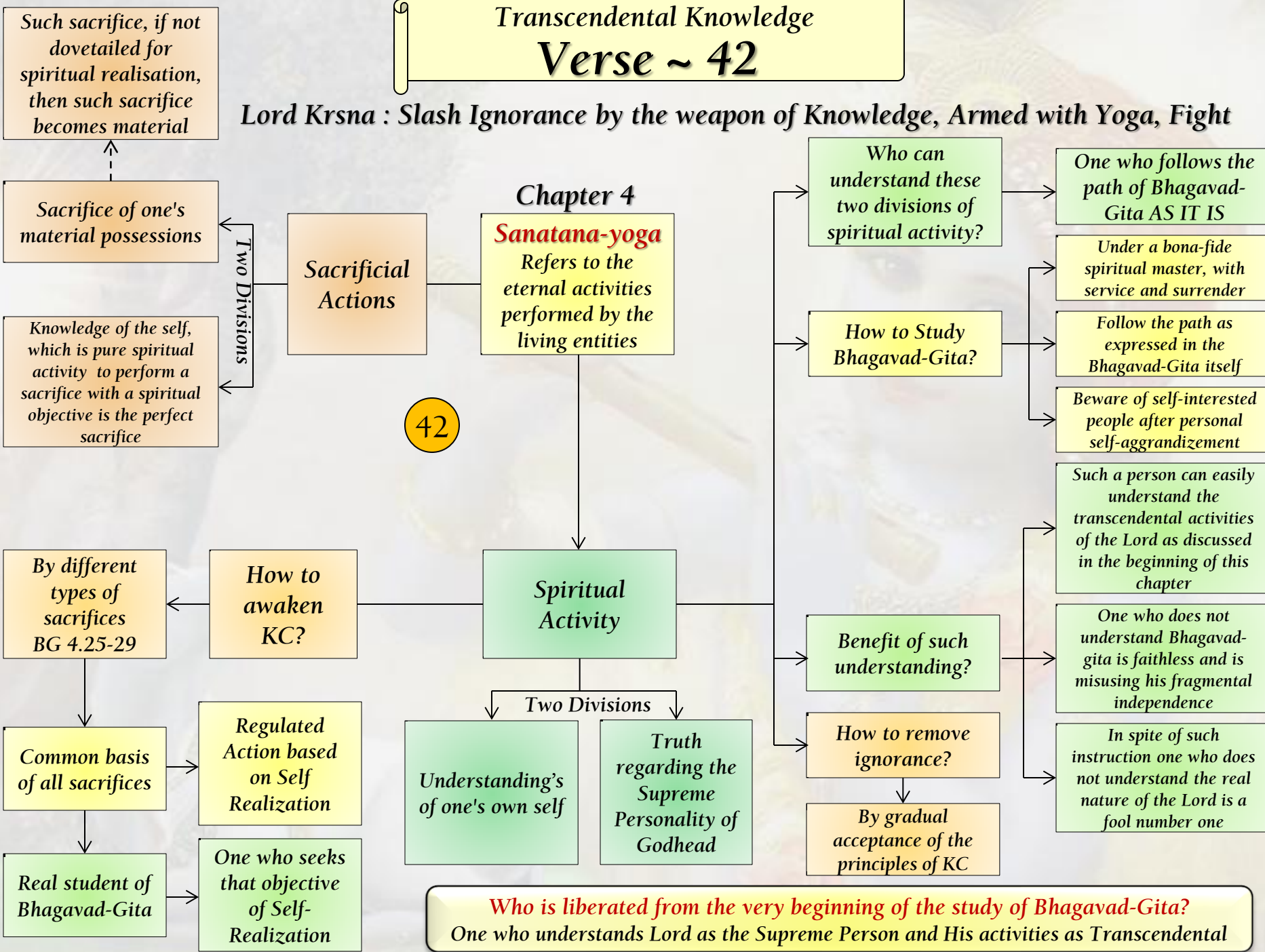
Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 40-41

Faithless cannot attain the Perfection of God Consciousness, No sinful reactions can affect one who performs his duties with TK



Transcendental Knowledge Verse ~ 42

Lord Krsna : Slash Ignorance by the weapon of Knowledge, Armed with Yoga, Fight



Who is liberated from the very beginning of the study of Bhagavad-Gita?
 One who understands Lord as the Supreme Person and His activities as Transcendental

Summary of different aspects of Transcendental Knowledge

Transcendental Knowledge
Verse 34~40

Transcendental
Knowledge

How to achieve
Knowledge?

4.34 & 4.39

Submissive
surrender to Guru,
No absurd Inquiries

Relevant inquiries,
No blind following

Service, without
false prestige, in
menial mood

Faithful
4.39

Control Senses
4.39

Goal
Is to please
Guru

How?
By Regulation &
by Intelligence
(from Guru,
Sadhu & Sastra)

Who is
disqualified for
Knowledge? 4.40

Ignorant

Faithless

Doubting Soul

Qualification of
Guru
4.34

Jnaninah
Self-realized

Tattva-darsinah
Has seen the
truth

Can impart
knowledge unto
you

By that knowledge of self
and Supersoul and their
relationship, one burns
all sinful reactions 4.37)

Self-Realization-mature
fruit of devotional
service (4.38)

Glories / Fruits of
Transcendental
Knowledge 4.35-38

What is the result
of that Knowledge?
4.35

One sees as follows

All living entities
are part and parcel
of Krishna

Any sense of
identity apart from
Krishna is Maya

By that knowledge
he will never fall
into illusion

By that knowledge you
will cross over the ocean
of miseries, even if you
are the most sinful of all
sinners (4.36)

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Transcendental Knowledge Chapter Summary



Lord Kṛṣṇa reveals Transcendental Knowledge

Conclusion

Kṛṣṇa commands Arjuna to destroy His doubts by Spiritual Knowledge

Armed with Yoga

Stand and Fight

Lord Kṛṣṇa appearance and activities are Transcendental

Kṛṣṇa reciprocates according to degree or surrender

Kṛṣṇa creates Varnasrama System

Kṛṣṇa explains the intricacies of action

Kṛṣṇa describes different types of sacrifice recommended in Vedas that culminates into TK.

Kṛṣṇa remembers about All past, while Arjuna Forgets

Reasons of His appearance

Deliver the Pious

Karma does not apply Kṛṣṇa

Annihilate Miscreants

Reestablish dharma

Kṛṣṇa's body is not material.

Prime Purpose
Satisfy His Unalloyed devotees

One who understands do not take birth again.

Everyone ultimately surrenders to Kṛṣṇa, for it is Kṛṣṇa who awards fruits of work

Kṛṣṇa creates the Varnasrama system according to the modes. He is beyond the system

How learned Man in Full knowledge acts and is unaffected by the reactions of work?

Kṛṣṇa reveals process for attaining TK - By approaching a self-realized guru (with submission, service and humble inquiries)

All liberated souls act without becoming entangled, knowing Kṛṣṇa gives result and creator of Varnasrama

Renounces self interested actions, acts only for the Supreme, Giving up all sense of proprietorship, acting only for the bare necessities of life

Ultimate knowledge is that all Jīvas are part of Kṛṣṇa

Arjuna should therefore, perform his duty and fight for Kṛṣṇa, but with detachment

TK destroys karmic reactions and brings attainment of "The Supreme Spiritual Peace". Faithless, however, attain neither happiness nor God consciousness.

Summary – Chapter 4

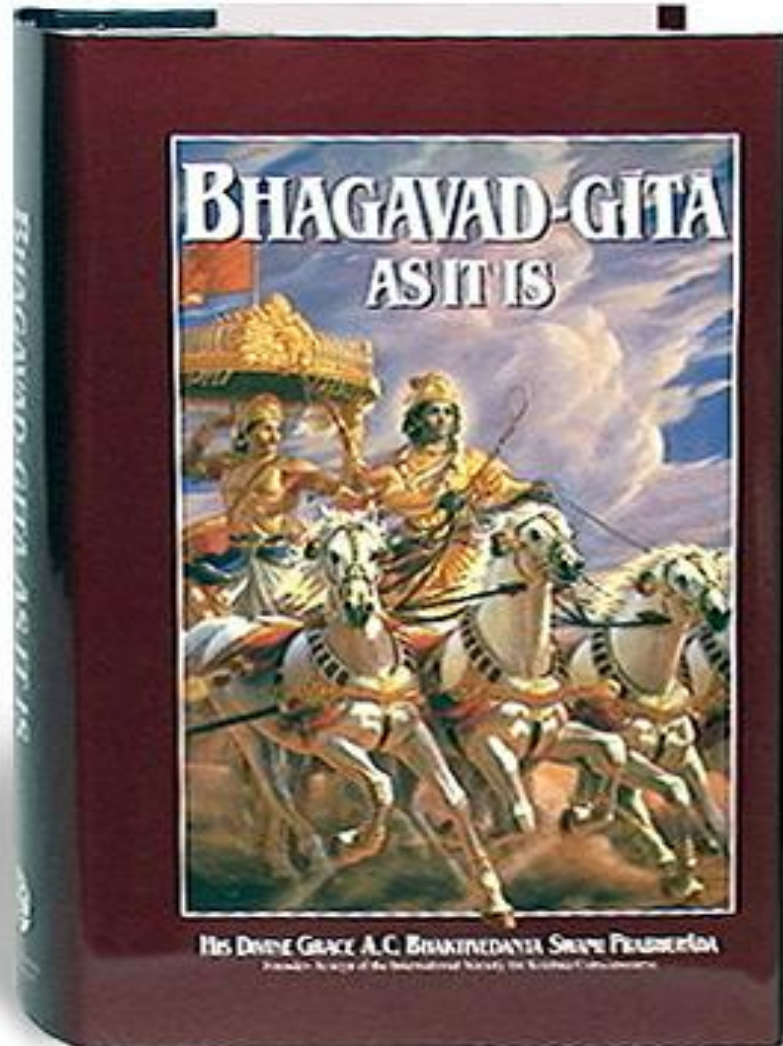
Here for the first time in the Bhagavad-gita, Lord Kṛṣṇa clearly distinguishes Himself from ordinary souls by saying that while He remembers past appearances, Arjuna has forgotten them. And unlike ordinary souls, karma does not impose birth and death on Lord Kṛṣṇa; He appears for His own reasons which are to deliver the pious, to annihilate the miscreants and to reestablish dharma, or religious principles. One who understands the transcendental nature of His appearance and activities attains liberation. Those who take refuge in Him are purified by such knowledge and achieve love for Him.

Kṛṣṇa reciprocates with the jīvas in accordance with their degree of surrender unto Him. Everyone ultimately surrenders to Kṛṣṇa, for it is Kṛṣṇa who awards fruits of work. Although Kṛṣṇa creates the Varnasrama system according to the modes, He is beyond the system. Knowing Kṛṣṇa as the awarder of the results of all work and as the transcendental creator of Varnasrama, all liberated souls act without becoming entangled. Arjuna should perform his duty and fight for Kṛṣṇa, but with detachment.

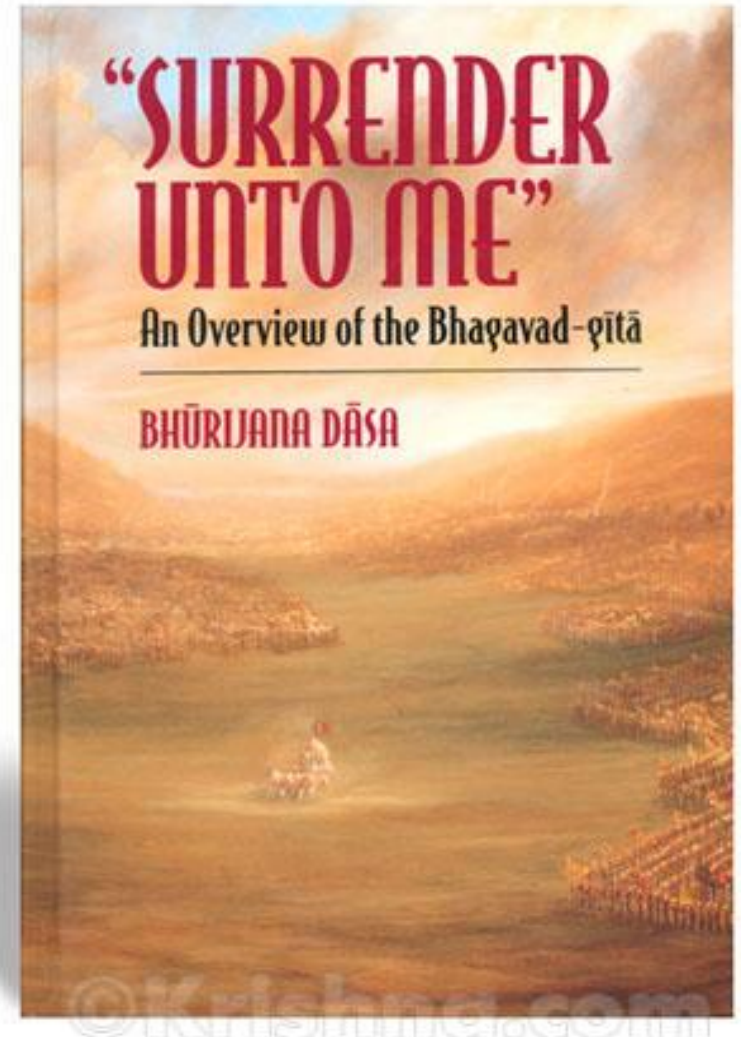
Kṛṣṇa again explains the intricacies of action and how, by being situated in transcendental knowledge, one becomes free from karmic reactions. The learned man, in full knowledge (that his self is spiritual and subordinate to the Supreme) renounces self-interested actions and acts only for the Supreme. Giving up all sense of proprietorship over his possessions and acting only for the bare necessities of life, he is unaffected by the reactions of work.

Kṛṣṇa describes different types of sacrifice recommended in the Vedas and states that they all culminate in transcendental knowledge. He then reveals the process for attaining transcendental knowledge i.e. by approaching a self-realized guru (with submission, service and humble inquiries), and He explains what that ultimate knowledge is that all jīvas are part of Kṛṣṇa. Transcendental knowledge destroys karmic reactions and brings attainment of "the supreme spiritual peace". Those without faith in transcendental knowledge, however, attain neither happiness nor God consciousness. In conclusion, Kṛṣṇa commands Arjuna to destroy his doubts by spiritual knowledge: "Armed with yoga," he tells Arjuna, "stand and fight."

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A painting of Lord Krishna, the central figure of the Bhagavad Gita. He is depicted with a blue complexion, wearing a golden crown adorned with a peacock feather. He is playing a golden flute. He is adorned with various gold jewelry, including necklaces, armlets, and bangles. The background is a soft, hazy landscape with trees and a bright light source behind him, creating a halo effect.

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