### Mangalacarana

(Invoking auspiciousness)

**Obeisances & Prayers** 

om ainana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

sri-caitanya-mano-'bhistam sthapitam yena bhu-tale svayam rupah kada mahyam dadati sva-padantikam

Born in darkest ignorance, Spiritual Master opened my eyes with Torch of Knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

When will Srila Rupa Goswami, who is fulfilling desire of Lord Caitanya give me shelter under his Lotus Feet.

vande 'ham sri-guroh sri-yuta-pada-kamalam sri-gurun vaisnavams ca sri-rupam sagrajatam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa-jivam sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krsna-caitanya-devam sri-radha-krsna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams ca

1) Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura & All Vaishanavas

#### 2) All Goswami

Rupa Goswami, Sanatana Goswami, Raghunathdas Goswami, Raghunath Bhatta Goswami, Gopala Bhatta Goswami, Jiva Goswami

3) Panchatattya & associates

Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, Advaita Acharya, Gadadhar, Srivasa & other assoicates.

4) Srimati Radharani, Sri Krishna, Sri Lalita Sakhi and Sri Visakha Sakhi

he krana karuna-sindho dina-bandho jagat-pate gopesa gopika-kanta radha-kanta namo 'stu te

#### Lord Krishna

Friend of distressed, Source of Creation, Master of Gopis, Lover of Radharani

tapta-kancana-gaurangi radhe vrndavanesvari vrsabhanu-sute devi pranamami hari-priye

#### Srimati Radharani

Whose bodily complexion is like Molten Gold, Queen of Vrindavan. daughter of King Vrsabhanu, Very dear to Lord Krsna

vancha-kalpatarubhyas ca kipa-sindhubhya eva ca patitanam pavanebhyo vaisnavebhyo namo namah

#### All Vaishanavas devotees of Lord

They are like desire tree can fulfill desires of everyone, full of compassion to fallen souls.

sri-krsna-caitanya prabhu-nityananda sri-advaita gadadhara srivasadi-qaura-bhakta-vrnda

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#### Panchatattva

Lord Caitanya, Lord Nityananda, Advaita Acharya, Gadadhar Pandit, Srivasa Pandit and others in line of devotion.

hare krana hare krana krsna krsna hare hare hare rama hare rama rama rama hare hare

Mahamantra

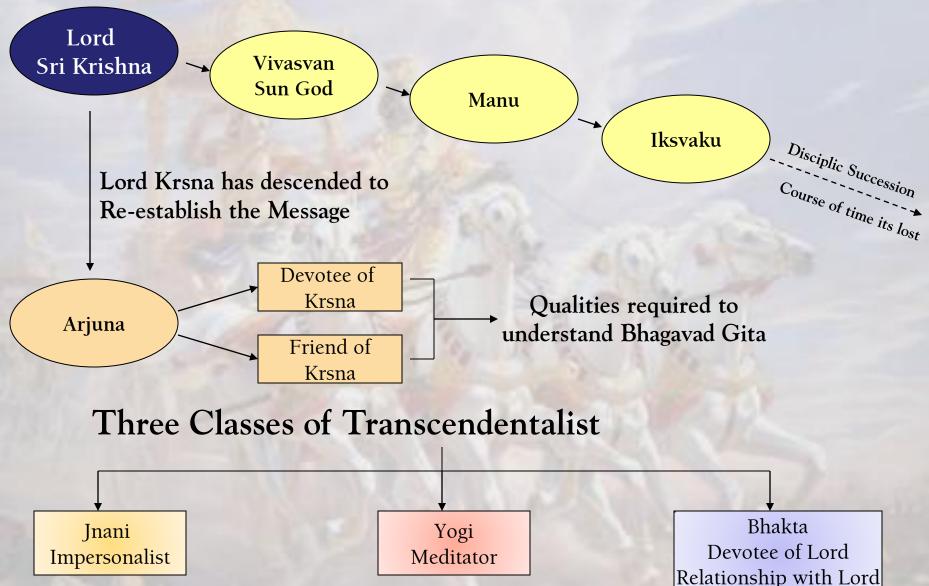


- → BG also known as Gitopanishad
  - --- Essence of Vedic Knowledge, Most important Upanishad
    - → Many commentaries of Bhagavad Gita Available, Why this edition?
      - None of them strictly authoritative b/c all of them commentator has expressed their own opinion without touching spirit of Bhagavad Gita As It Is.

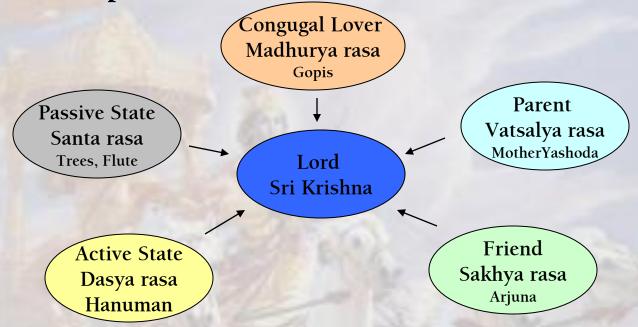
#### Spirit (Vital Principle) of Bhagavad Gita

- Spirit of Bhagavad Gita is mentioned in Gita itself.
- Eg. Taking medicine as per direction given by Physician not by whim
  - BG Should be accepted as directed by speaker, Lord Sri Krsna.
- Lord Sri Krsna is establishes himself as Bhagavan, Supreme Personality of Godhead
- Also confirmed by Great Acaryas (Spiritual Master) like Sankarcarya, Ramanujacarya, Madhavacarya, Nimbarka Swami, Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.
  - → Also mentioned in Scripture such as BG, BS, SB and all puranas
    - Therefore BG should be taken as directed by Lord Sri Krsna

Knowledge revealed in Disciplic Succession (Parampara) BG 4.1,4.2,4.3



Relationship with Lord



#### Svarupa-siddhi (Perfection of one's constitutional position)

- Everyone has one particular relationship with Krsna, called Svarupa
- → At present stage we have forgotten Lord and the eternal relationship
- That relationship is can be revived by process of Devotional Service, that stage is called Svarupa-siddhi

How Arjuna accepted Bhagavad Gita?

BG 10.12-14



- → Your are Supreme Truth (param brahma) (Living Entity->Brahman, Lord-> PB)
- → Ultimate abode (param dhama)
- → The Purest (pavitram), untainted by material contamination
- → The Absolute Truth (paramam bhavan)
- → You are a Person (purusam), Supereme Enjoyer
- → Eternal (sasvatam)
- → Transcendental (divyam)
- → Original Lord (Adi-devam)
- → The Unborn (ajam)
- → The greatest (vibhum)
  - → All great sages such as Narada, Asita, Devala and Vyasa confirm this truth about you. (Accepted by all acharyas)
  - → You yourself are declaring it to me. I TOTALLY ACCEPT AS TRUTH YOU HAVE TOLD ME.
- Neither Demigods or the Demons can understand your personality. (Even great personalities cannot understand then how human beings can understand?)

#### How Bhagavad Gita should be understood?

- → Bhagavad Gita should be taken Spirit of Devotion
- → One should not think that he is equal to Krsna
- One should not think Krsna as ordinary personality or even very great personality but Krsna is Supreme Personality of Godhead.
- One trying to study BG should atleast theoretically accept Sri Krsna as Supreme Personality of Godhead
  - → One should read BG in submissive spirit, else it is very difficult to understand BG, because it a great mystery.

#### Purpose of Bhagavad Gita?

- → Deliver mankind from nescience of material existence.
- --- Everyman is full of difficulty & Anxiety in the Material World
  - → We are put into Asat (Temporary), but we are eternal
- Out of so many suffering, some inquires why suffering? Wants solution, inquires. In Brahma Sutra this is inquiry is called Brahma-Jijsasa. (Athato Brahma Jijsasa).
  - → For such sincere students Bhagavad Gita is spoken.

References – About importance of inquiry

BG 4.34

tad viddhi praņipātena paripraśnena sevayā upadekṣyanti te jñānam jñāninas tattva-darśinaḥ

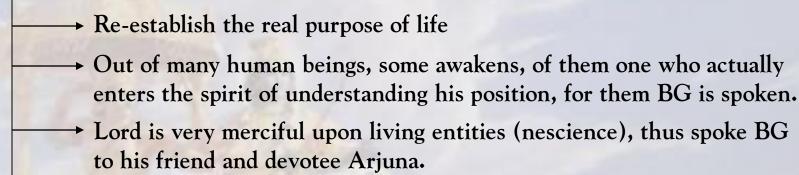
VedantaSutra 1.1.1 athato brahma jijnasa

SB 1.2.10

kamasya nendriya-pritir labho jiveta yavata jivasya tattva-jijnasa nartho yas ceha karmabhih

Reasons for Lord Krsna's Appearance

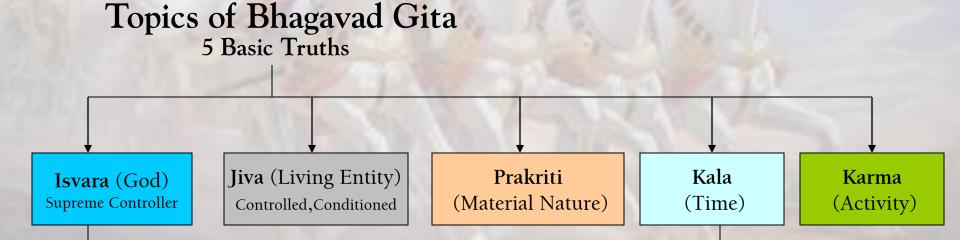
Lord Krsna descends:



Arjuna's position

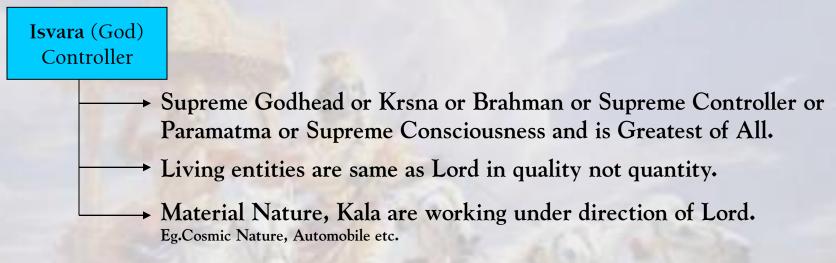
→ Arjuna is close associate of Krsna and above ignorance. He was put into ignorance to deliver message of Bhagavad Gita.

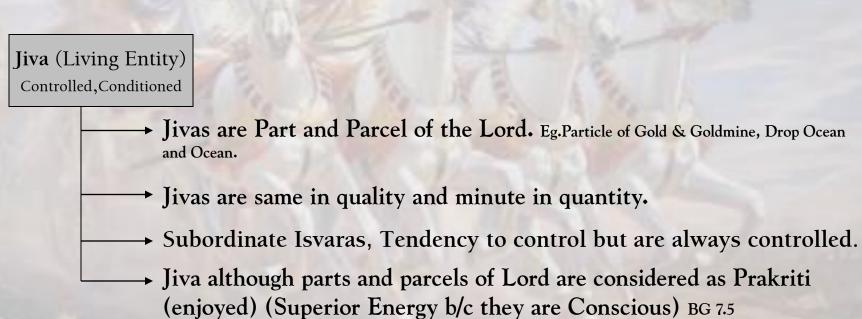
Not Eternal



Eternal

#### Topics of Bhagavad Gita





Topics of Bhagavad Gita... Contd.



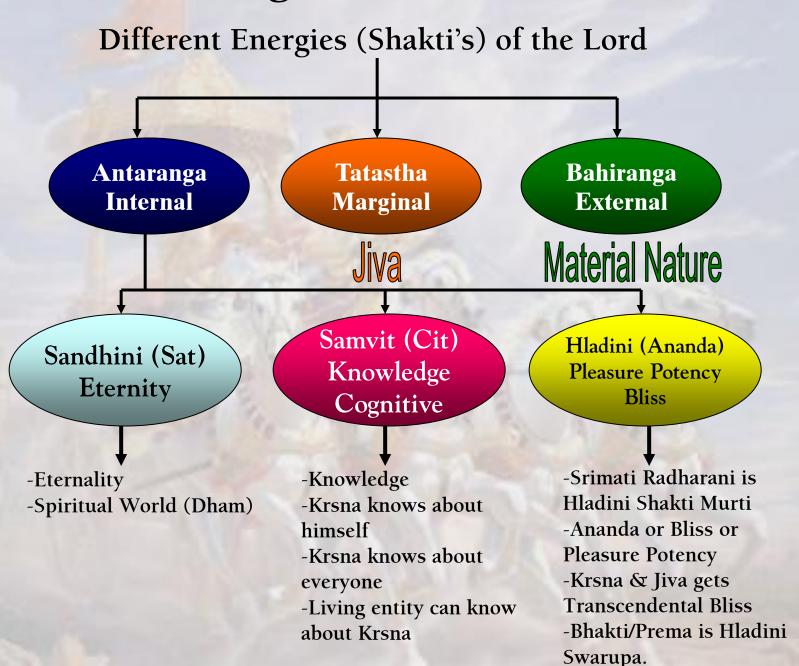
## Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction Difference between Isvara & Jivas

Explained in BG Chapter 13.2-3

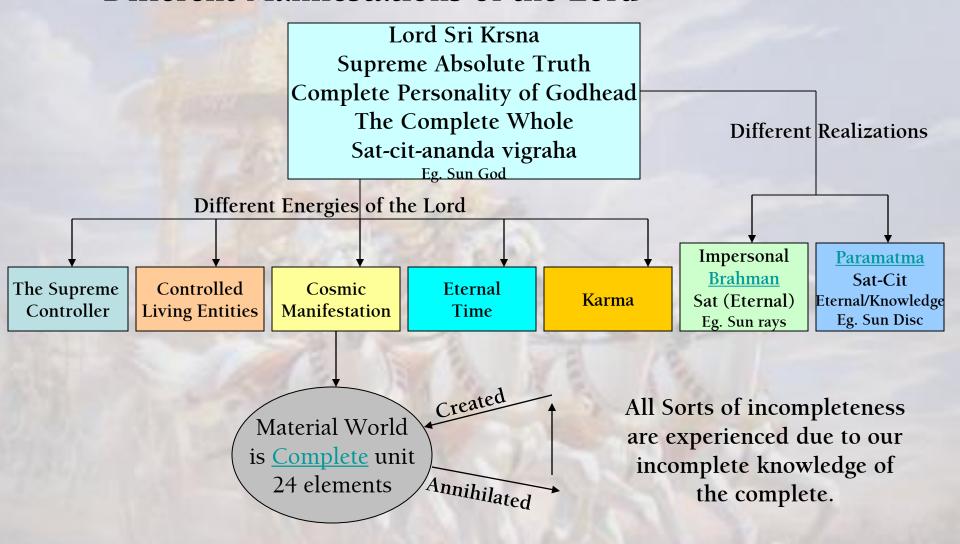
Lord	Living Entity
Ksetra-Jna(super knower) (BG 13.3)	Ksetra-Jna (knower of the field) (BG 13.2)
Conscious (Of all the bodies), not Materially contaminated (BG 7.13, 9.10)	Conscious (Of ones own body), Materially contaminated (BG 13.2, 14.5)
Heart of all Living entities (Paramatma) (BG 13.23)	Resides only in one's own body
Controller of all bodies  Gives direction to the living entity (BG 15.15)	Controlled or Conditioned  Forced to act as per the modes (BG 15.7)
Not affected by Karma (BG 3.22, 4.14)	Entangled in action & reaction (Karma) (BG 13.22)
Lord travels with Living Entity to his next destination	Enters into another body based on Karma (Transmigration) (BG 2.13, 8.6)

What is Consciousness and Bhakti?

 Jiva is conscious and Lord is supreme conscious. Consciousness is not generted by association of matter. For Jiva the conciousness is covered eg. Light covered by colored glass. → When Lord descends into material world his consciousness is not covered or affected. (BG 9.10) → BG teaches us how to purify consciousness and any activity in purified consciousness is called Bhakti. Pure consciousness is transcendental to the 3 modes of material nature. When Jiva is Materially Contaminated, its called conditoned. False consciousness or False Ego (bodily concept of life). Mukti or Liberation means freedom bodily concept or Material Consciousness. Consciousness is "I am". Contaminated - I am the Lord. I am the Creator and I am the Enjoyer. But actually he is the co-operator. Eg. Part of the machine co-operates with the machine, part of the body co-operates with the body, watering root of the tree and master and servant. → Lord is the actual Enjoyer and the Living entities are enjoyed. Living entities enjoy by cooperating.

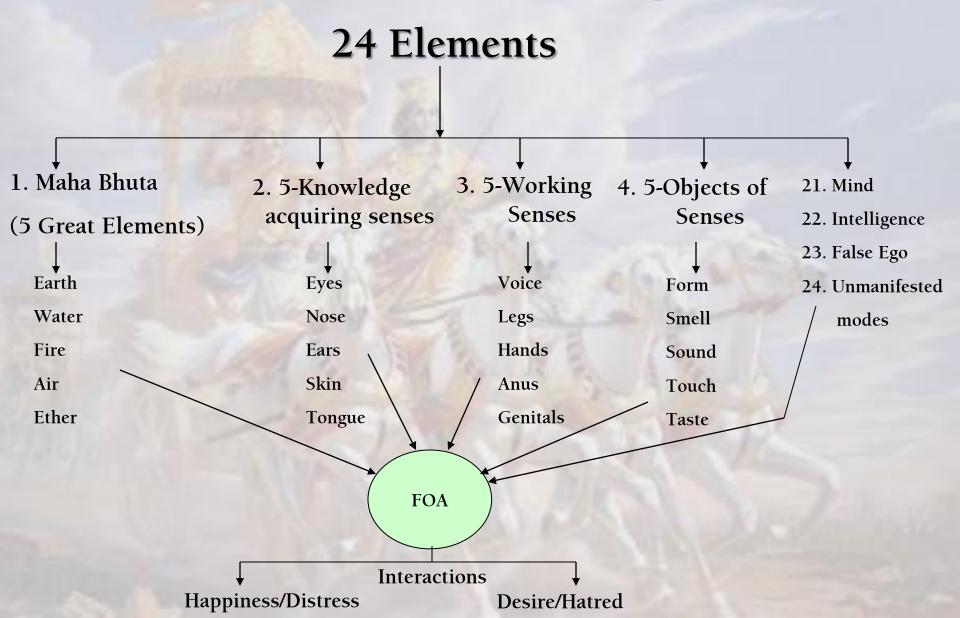


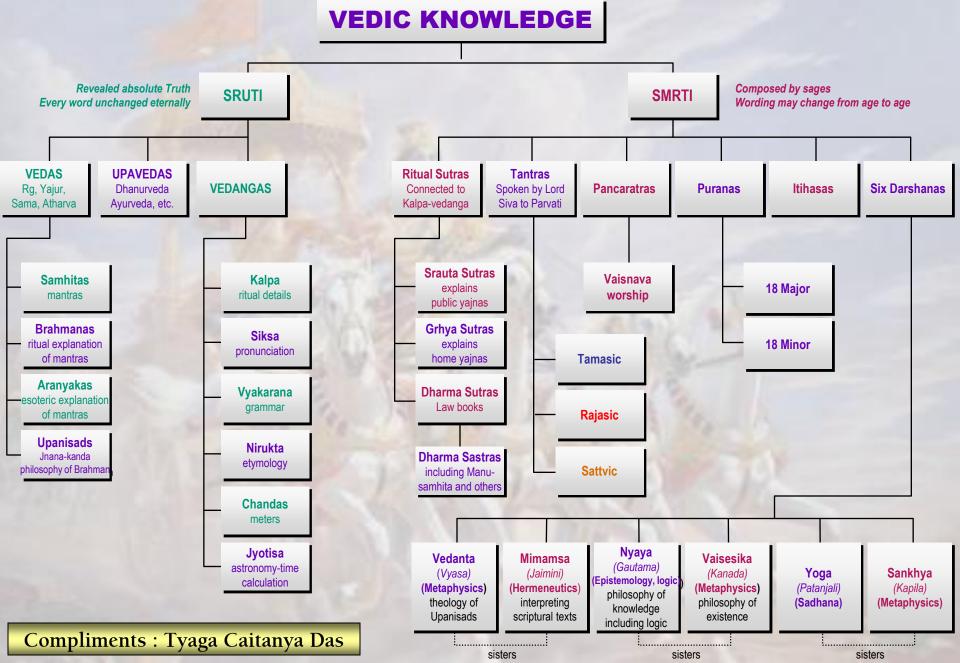
### Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction Different Manifestations of the Lord



Bhagavad Gita contains the complete Knowledge of Vedic Wisdom

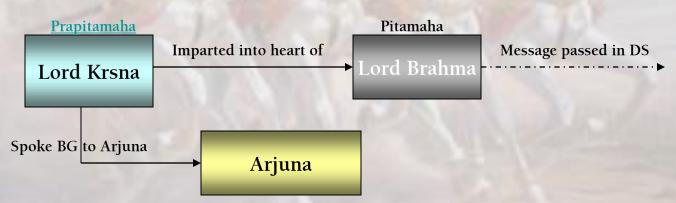
24 Elements as described in Chapter 13.6-7





#### Vedic Knowledge

- Vedic Knowledge is complete, infallible, beyond mistakes, b/c it is apaurseya(spoken by Lord Himself) beyond 4 defects. Eg. Cowdung, 4 defects
  - → Imperfect senses
  - → Commit Mistakes
  - → Illusioned
  - Cheating tendency
- → Bhagavad Gita is Essence of all Vedic Scriptures, we should accept without interpretation.
- Vedas Knowledge is not matter of research. Its comes down in Parampara (disciplic succession).
  - Disciplic Succession (Parampara)

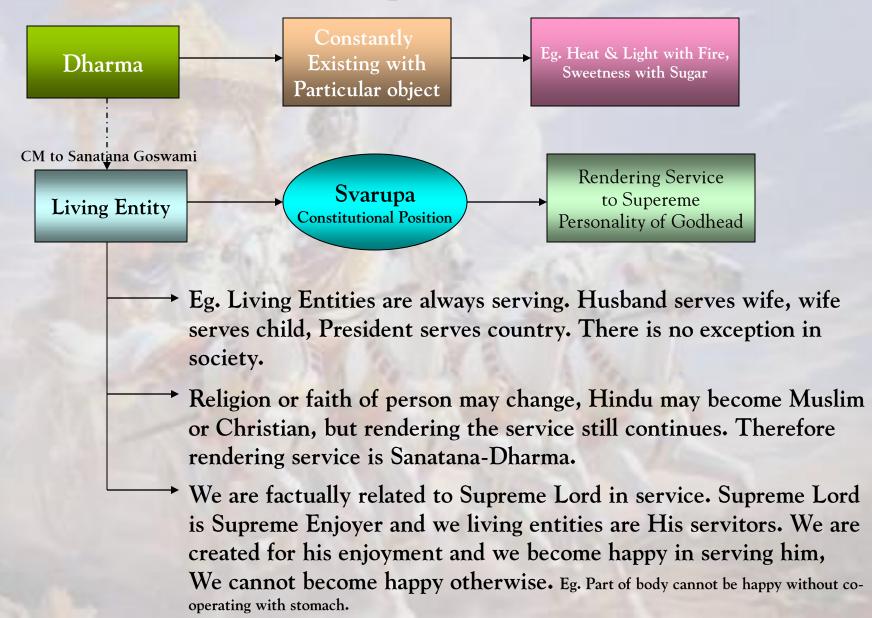


#### Goal of Human Form of Life

→ Realize the importance of Human Form of Life Direction given in Vedic literatures, essence in Srimad Bhagavad Gita. → Properly utilize instructions of Bhagavad-Gita. → Purify our existence, Re-establish our eternal relationship with Lord & Go Back to Godhead (Spiritual Sky) which is eternal, Knowledge & Bliss, this is Sanatana Dharma. Sanatana Dharma → According to Sripada Ramanujacarya "Sanatana"-> No beginning or end. → Sanatana-Dharma does not refer to any sectarian process or religion. → It is eternal function of the eternal living entities in relationship with eternal Supreme Lord. → Difference between Religion & Sanatana Dharma → Religion coveys the idea of faith and faith may change, but Sanatana Dharma never changes. Eg. Hindu may become Muslim, Christian. For instance Liquidity of water, Heat of Fire. Religion can have beginning or end but Sanatana Dharma is eternal.

Eg. Other Religions.

Sanatana Dharma (Svarupa)



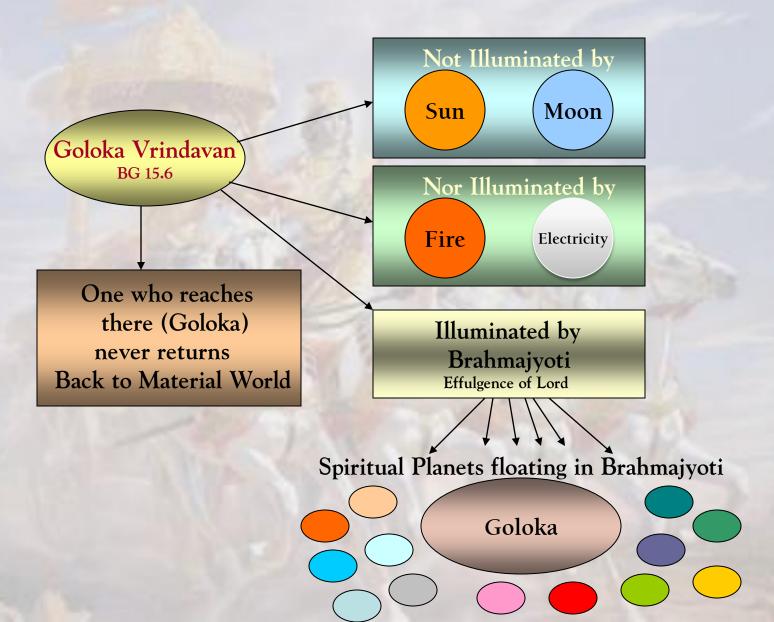
#### Demigod Worship (Devatas)

- Demigods (Devatas) are subordinate controllers in the Material World. Eg Sun God (Vivasvan), Moon God (Soma)
  - Demigod Worship is not recommended or approved by Krsna
  - Those whose intelligence has been stolen by material desires (lust) surrender unto demigods. They follow the particular rules and regulations of worship according to their own nature.

#### Reason for Lord's Appearance

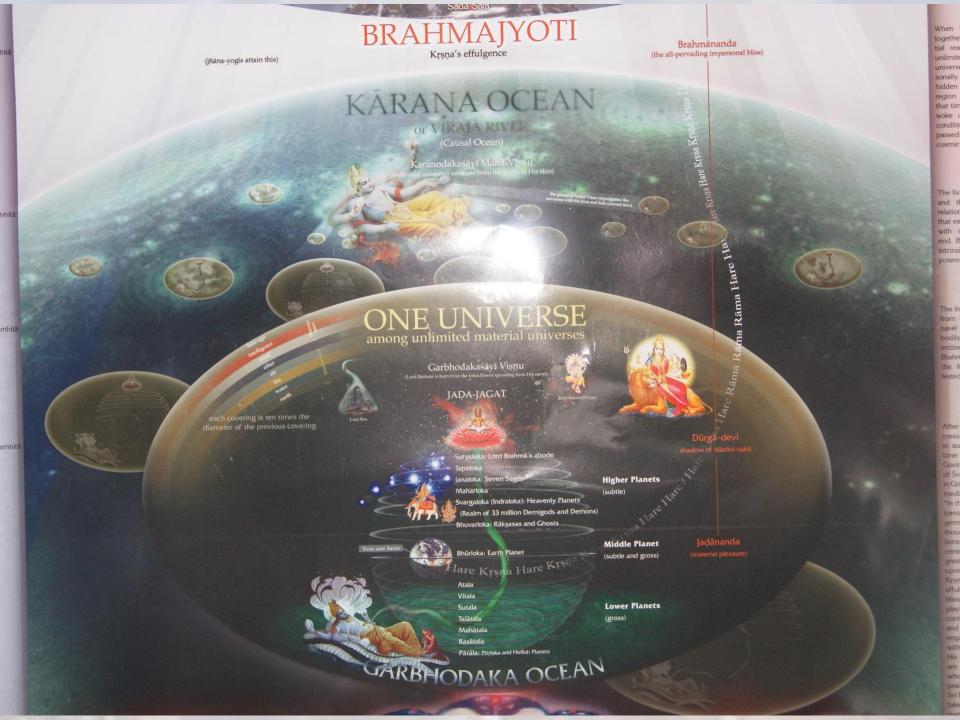
- → Lord is Ananda-mayo-bhyasat (Reservior of All Pleasure). Living entities are his parts & parcel and participate in his enjoyment.
- → Lord descends in this Mortal World to show His pastimes in Vrindavan, which are full of bliss, by which living entity can get attracted to him. He performs various passtimes with his devotees and by his pastimes he shows they need not worship Demigods. b/c their ultimate goal is to return to his abode.

Lords Abode (Goloka Vrindavan)





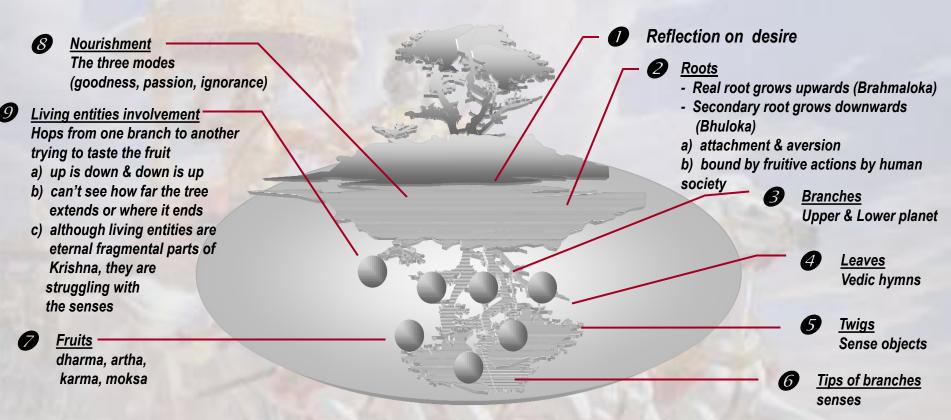




Birth, Death, Old Age & Disease

Yanti deva vrata devan

# Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction The Banyan Tree - the Material world is a perverted reflection of the spiritual



HOM 3

The only way out of the tree is **DETACHMENT** 

② Surrender to the Lord

Attains eternal abode

(1) Find one in knowledge

a) hear properly from him

b) about the relationship between Lord & living entity

a) through the spiritual master

b) no false prestige that he is Lord of material nature

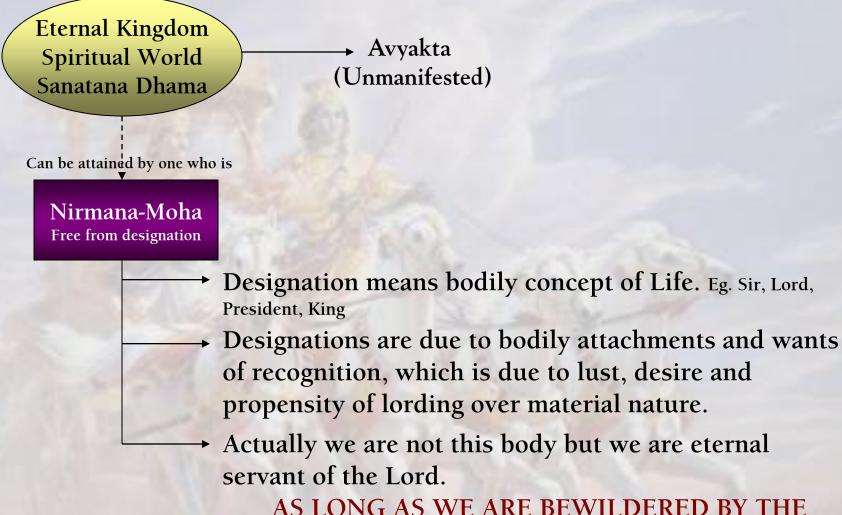
c) not in illusion

d) gives up false association

c) free from dualities

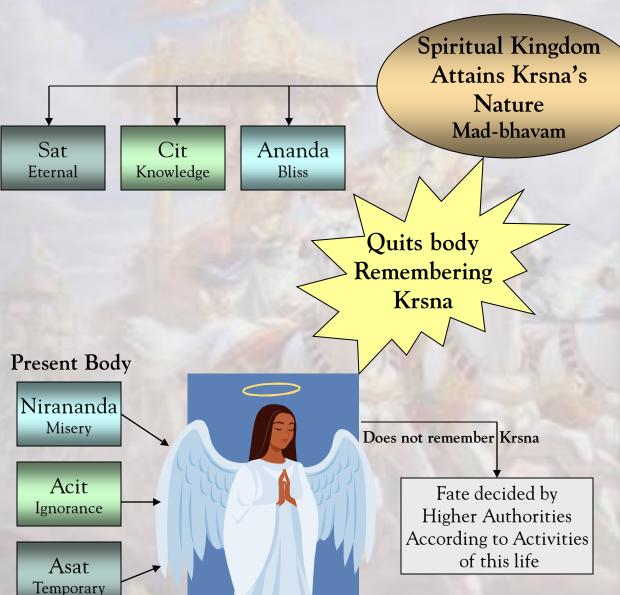
Compliments: Tyaga Caitanya Das

How to attain abode of Krsna?



AS LONG AS WE ARE BEWILDERED BY THE ATTRACTIONS OF FALSE MATERIAL ENJOYMENTS, WE DO NOT GET ENTRY TO SPIRITUAL KINGDOM.

How to Attain Abode of Krsna?

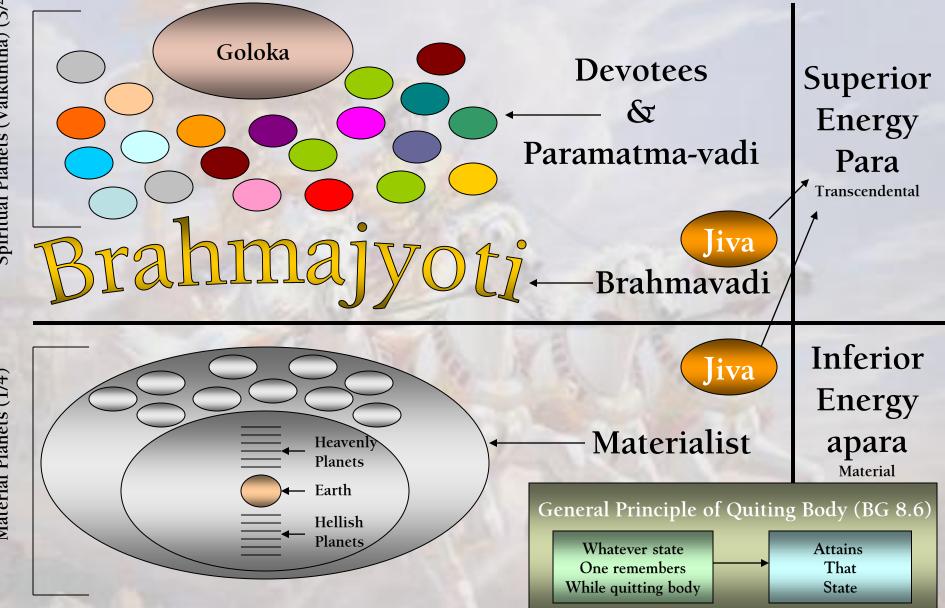


BG 8.5
anta-kāle ca mām eva
smaran muktvā kalevaram
yaḥ prayāti sa mad-bhāvam
yāti nāsty atra samsayaḥ

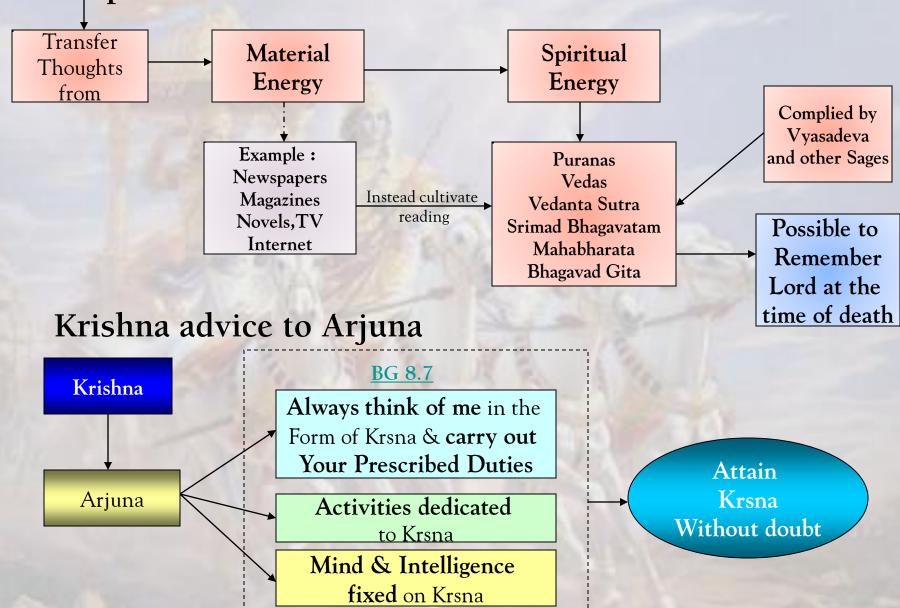
And whoever, at the end of his life, quits his body, remembering Me alone, at once attains My nature. Of this there is no doubt.

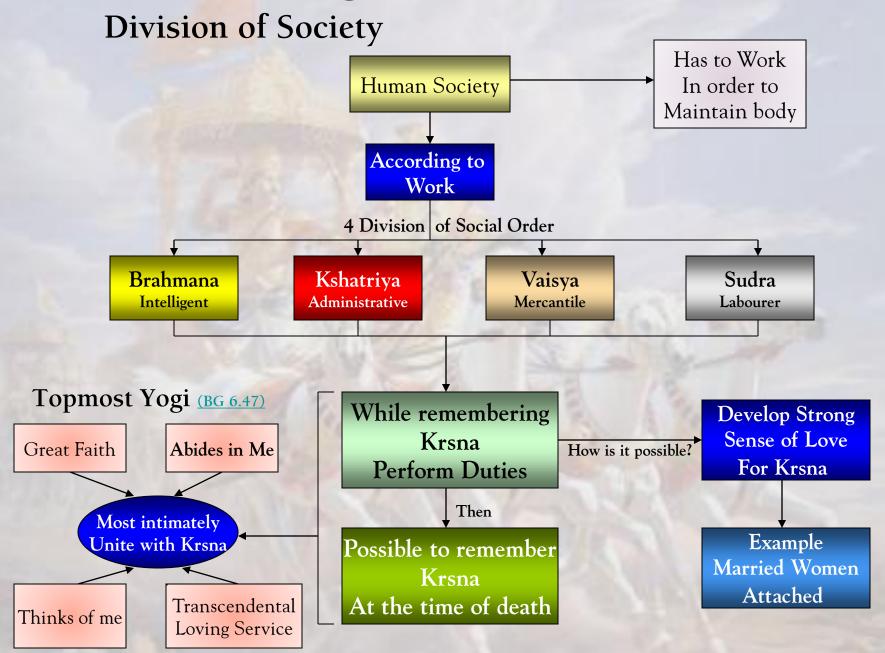


Destination of different Transcendentalists

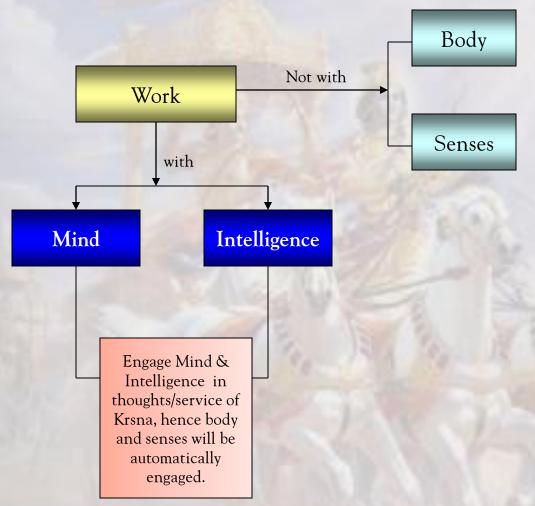




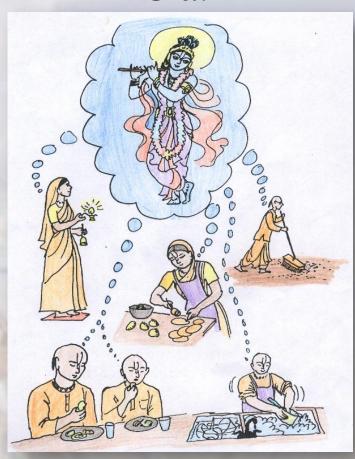




How do we work?



Secret of Bhagavad Gita



Total Absorption in thoughts of Lord Krsna

Cultivating Devotional Service (9 Processes)

Sanskrit	Meaning	Devotees
Sravanam (easiest)	Hearing	Maharaj Parikshit
Kirtanam	Chanting/Glorifying	Sukadev Goswami
Vishnu Smaranam	Remembering	Prahlad Maharaja
Pada-sevanam	Serving Lords Lotus Feet	Mother Laxmi
Arcanam	Deity Worship	Maharaj Prthu
Vandanam	Praying	Akrura
Dasyam	Executing Orders	Hanuman
Sakhyam	Friendship	Arjuna
Atma-nivedanam	Complete Surrender	Bali Maharaj

All 9 Processes → Maharaj Ambrisha

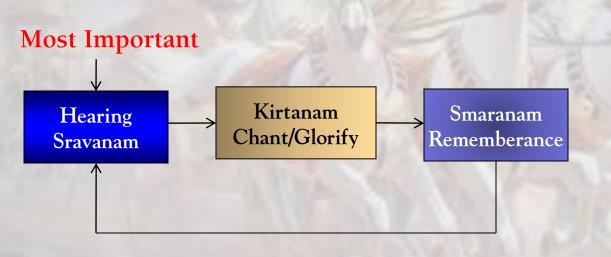
# Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction How to achieve Total Absorption?

Nectar of Instruction - 8

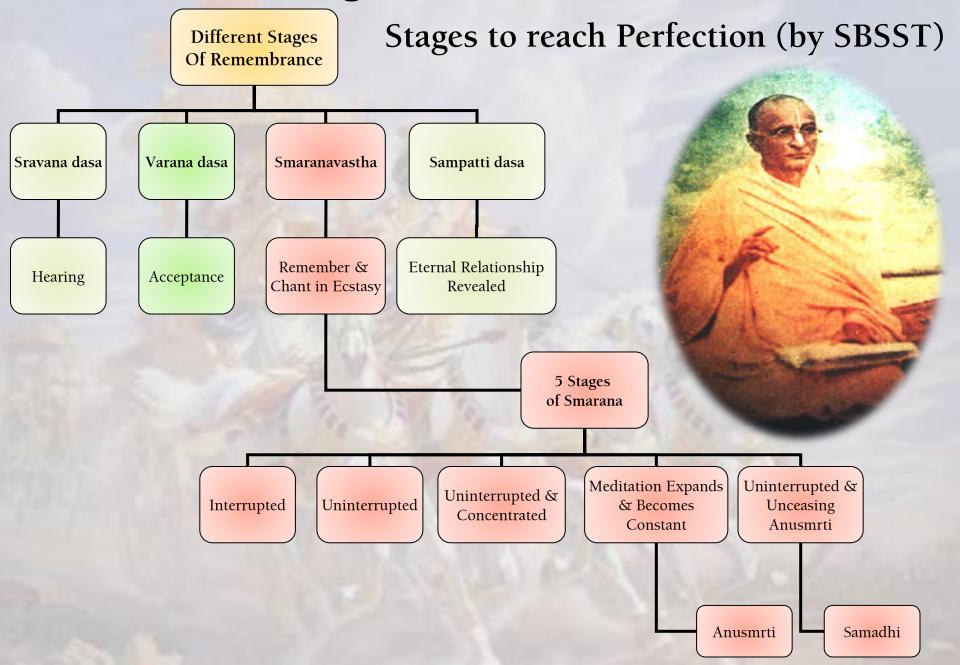
tan-nama-rupa-caritadi-sukirtananu-smrtyoh kramena rasana-manasi niyojya tisthan vraje tad-anuragi jananugami kalam nayed akhilam ity upadesa-saram

The essence of all advice is that one should utilize one's full time — twenty-four hours a day — in nicely chanting and remembering the Lord's divine name, transcendental form, qualities and eternal pastimes, thereby gradually engaging one's tongue and mind. In this way one should reside in Vraja (Goloka Vrindavan dhama) and serve Krsna under the guidance of devotees. One should follow in the footsteps of the Lord's beloved devotees, who are deeply attached to

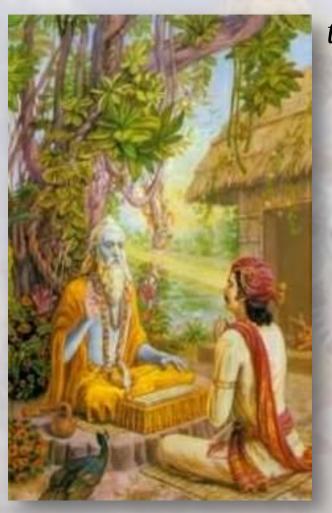
His devotional service.







How to Cultivate Devotional Service?

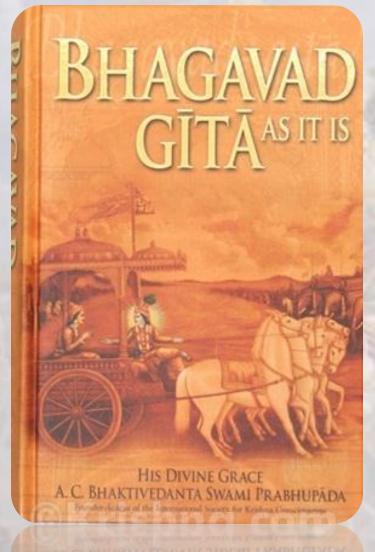


tad-vijnanartham sa gurum evabhigacchet samit-panih srotriyam brahma-nistham (Mundaka Upanishad-1.2.12)

To understand these things properly, one must humbly approach, with firewood in hand, a spiritual master who is learned in the *Vedas* and firmly devoted to the Absolute Truth

- Must Approach a Spiritual Master (BG 4.34)
- Focus mind on SPG
- The ways and the means for ultimate realization, ultimate attainment, are stated in the Bhagavad-Gita
- Open to everyone, NO RESTRICTIONS (BG 9.32-33)

# Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction Essence of Srimad Bhagavad Gita





By adopting the principles enunciated in Srimad Bhagavad-Gita, One can perfect their life and permanently solve all the problems of life.

#### Gita-Mahatmya

#### Glorification by Sripad Sankaracharya

Gita-Mahatmya 1
gita-sastram idam punyam
yah pathet prayatah puman
visnoh padam avapnoti
bhaya-sokadi-varjitah

If one properly follows the instructions of Bhagavad-gita, one can be freed from all the miseries and anxieties of life.

One will be freed from all fears in this life, and one's next life will be spiritual.

## Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction Benefits of Study of Bhagavad-Gita... Contd

Gita-Mahatmya 2 gitadhyayana-silasya pranayama-parasya ca naiva santi hi papani purva-janma-krtani

If one reads Bhagavad-gita very sincerely and with all seriousness, then by the grace of the Lord the reactions of his past misdeeds will not act upon him.

Gita-Mahatmya 3
maline mocanam pumsam
jala-snanam dine dine
sakrd gitamrta-snanam
samsara-mala-nasanam

One may cleanse himself daily by taking a bath in water, but if one takes a bath even once in the sacred Ganges water of Bhagavad-gita, for him the dirt of material life is altogether vanquished.

Gita-Mahatmya 4
gita su-gita kartavya
kim anyaih sastra-vistaraih
ya svayam padmanabhasya
mukha-padmad vinihsrta

Because Bhagavad-gita is spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one need not read any other Vedic literature. One need only attentively and regularly hear and read Bhagavad-gita. In the present age, people are so absorbed in mundane activities that it is not possible for them to read all the Vedic literatures. But this is not necessary. This one book, Bhagavad-gita, will suffice, because it is the essence of all Vedic literatures and especially because it is spoken by the Supreme Personality of Godhead

# Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction Benefits of Study of Bhagavad-Gita... Contd

#### Gita-Mahatmya 5

bharatamrta-sarvasvam visnu-vaktrad vinihsrtam gita-gangodakam pitva punarjanma na vidyate One who drinks the water of the Ganges attains salvation, so what to speak of one who drinks the nectar of Bhagavad-gita? Bhagavad-gita is the essential nectar of the Mahabharata, and it is spoken by Lord Krishna, the Original Vishnu.

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Bhagavad-gita comes from the mouth of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, & the Ganges is said to emanate from the lotus feet of the Lord. Of course, there is no difference between the mouth & the feet of the Supreme Lord, but from an impartial study we can appreciate that Bhagavad-gita is even more important than the water of the Ganges.

Gita-Mahatmya 6
sarvopanisado gavo
dogdha gopala-nandanah
partho vatsah su-dhir bhokta
dugdham gitamrtam mahat

This Gitopanisad, Bhagavad-gita, the essence of all the Upanisads, is just like a cow, and Lord Krsna, who is famous as a cowherd boy, is milking this cow. Arjuna is just like a calf, and learned scholars and pure devotees are to drink the nectarean milk of Bhagavad-Gita.

Gita-Mahatmya 7

ekam sastram devaki-putra-gitam eko devo devaki-putra eva eko mantras tasya namani yani karmapy ekam tasya devasya seva In this present day, people are very much eager to have one scripture, one God, one religion, and one occupation. Therefore, ekam sastram devaki-putra-gitam: let there be one scripture only, one common scripture for the whole world--Bhagavad-gita. Eko devo devaki-putra eva: let there be one God for the whole world--Sri Krsna. Eko mantras tasya namani: and one hymn, one mantra, one prayer--the chanting of His name: Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare. Karmapy ekam tasya devasya seva: and let there be one work only--the service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead

#### Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Introduction The Disciplic Succession

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2. Brahma	18. Vyasa Tirtha
3. Narada	19. Laksmipati
4. Vyasa	20. Madhavendra Puri
5. Madhva	21. Isvara Puri, (Nityananda, Advaita)
6. Padmanabha	22. Lord Caitanya
7. Nrhari	23. Rupa, (Svarupa, Sanatana)
8. Madhava	24. Raghunatha, Jiva
9. Aksobhya	25. Krsnadasa
10. Jayatirtha	26. Narottama
11. Jnanasindhu	27. Visvanatha
12. Dayanidhi	28. (Baladeva) Jagannatha
13. Vidyanidhi	29. Bhaktivinoda Thakura
14. Rajendra	30. Gaurakisora
15. Jayadharma	31. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati
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Disciplic Succession



1. Lord Sri Krishna













































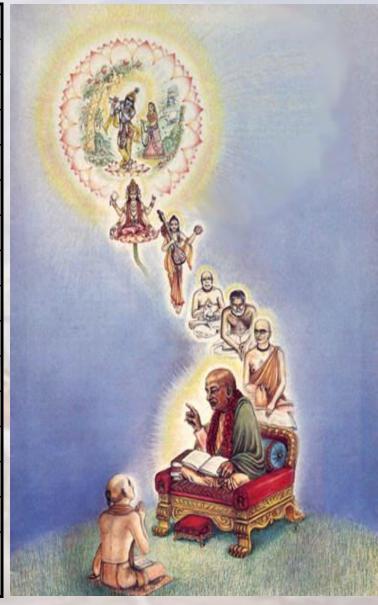


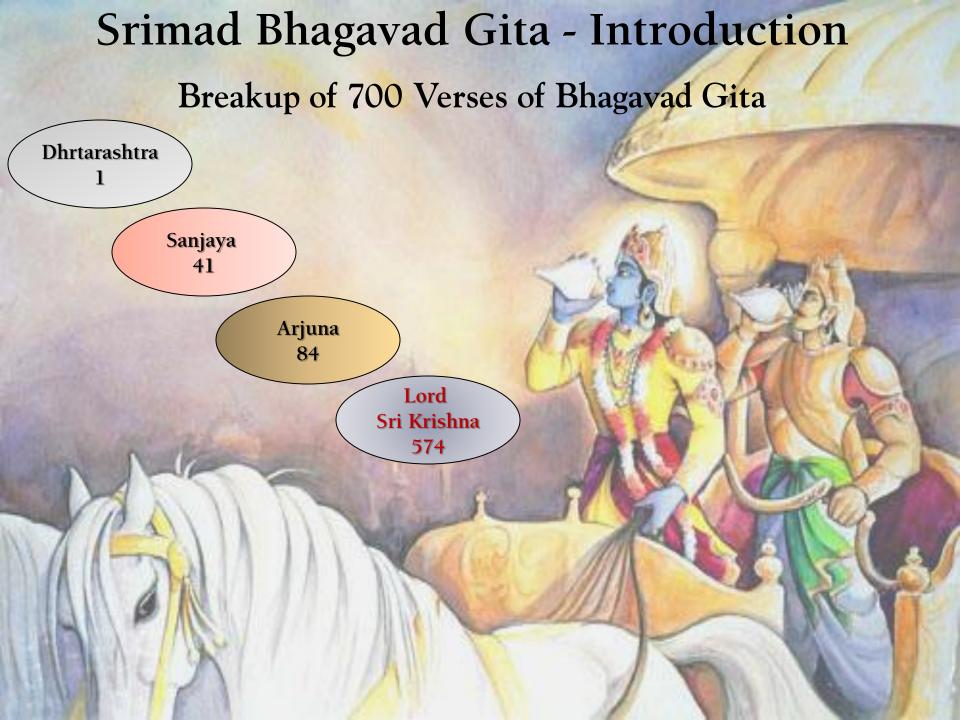
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#### DIVISIONS

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- Chapters 7-12: Bhakti yoga
- Chapters 13-18: Jnana