

# THE Bhagavad Gita

The Divine Song of God

*Life Changing Instructions  
from the Bhagavad-Gita*

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# WHY IS TIME, MATTER, AND SOULS ETERNAL?

Time and matter are eternal, because these are the energies of God, who is eternal and thus His energies are also eternal.

**“The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Time I am.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.32)**

**“Material nature and the living entities should be understood to be beginningless. Their transformations and the modes of matter are products of material nature.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 13.20)**

The living entities (souls) are eternal, because they are parts of the eternal God. Since God is eternal, his parts must also be eternal.

**“The living entities in this conditioned world are My eternal fragmental parts.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.7)**

# THE SYMPTOMS OF LIFE

Have Consciousness

Have Form

There is no living being that has no form or no consciousness.

## **Does God have a Form?**

If God is a living being, then He must have consciousness and form. Although His consciousness and form, will not be like ours, because He is Great and we are not. Our consciousness is lower and our form is temporary. Lord Krishna has the highest consciousness and He has the most beautiful form, which is eternal.

**“Fools deride Me when I descend in the human form. They do not know My transcendental nature as the Supreme Lord of all that be.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.11)**

**“My dear Arjuna, only by undivided devotional service can I be understood as I am, standing before you, and can thus be seen directly. Only in this way can you enter into the mysteries of My understanding.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.54)**

# WHY RELIGION IS IMPORTANT

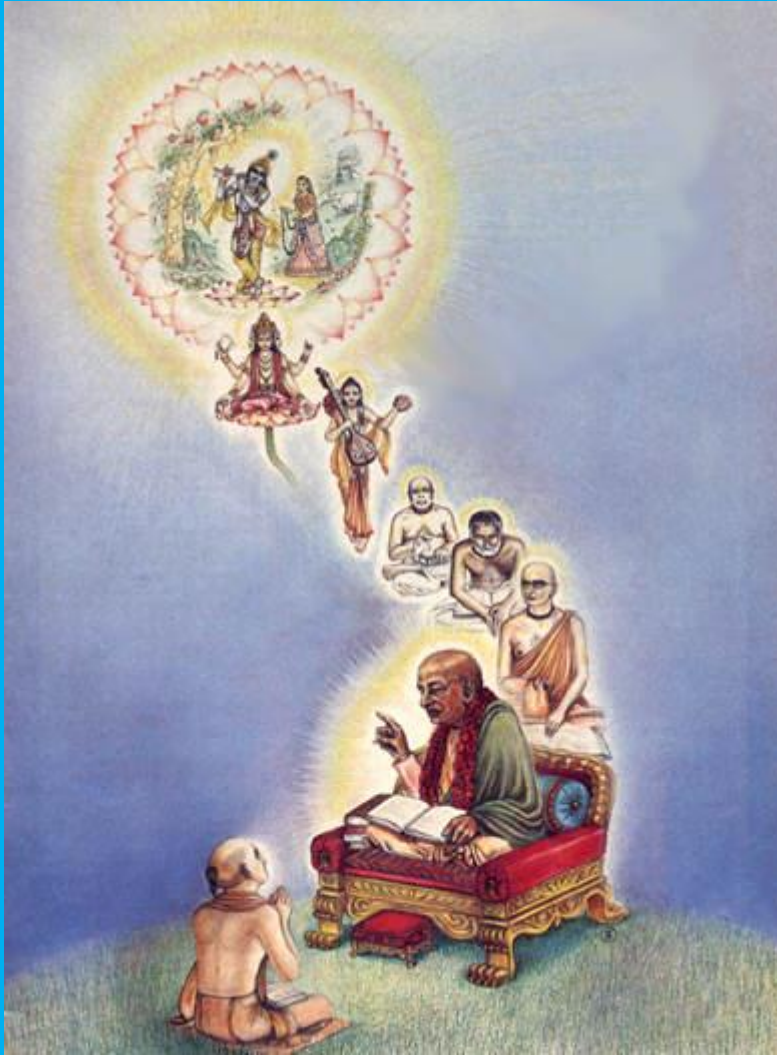


When the family members have no interest in religion or they become irreligious, the whole generation becomes irreligious. The women become degraded, and this leads to irreligious children. There is an increase in unwanted population and this causes hellish life for all.

**“When irreligion is prominent in the family, O Krsna, the women of the family become polluted, and from the degradation of womanhood, O descendant of Vrsni, comes unwanted progeny.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 1.40-41)**

In irreligious families, the men must always keep their one eye on their women and the other on their property, because otherwise other irreligious people will take them. The children are much more likely to listen to their mother than the father, and thus it's important for the fathers and husbands to be religious and protect their women from becoming degraded by ensuring they are engaged in religious activities and good association.

# VEDIC KNOWLEDGE COMES FROM GOD DIRECTLY



The Vedic knowledge comes directly from God. The Bhagavad-Gita was spoken by God Himself in Person, from His own Mouth, and it was written down by Himself via the form of Ved Vyasa.

**“This supreme science was thus received through the chain of disciplic succession, and the saintly kings understood it in that way.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.2)**

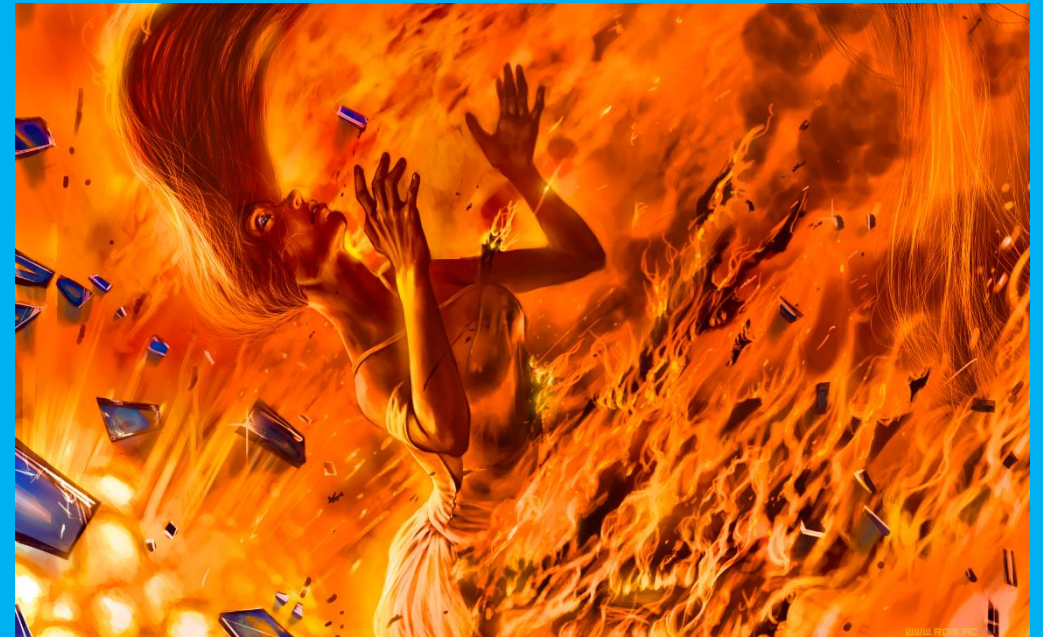
**"An increase of unwanted population certainly causes hellish life both for the family and for those who destroy the family tradition. The ancestors of such corrupt families fall down, because the performances for offering them food and water are entirely stopped." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 1.40-41)**

Those who leave behind irreligious children, have not got away without punishment. They will suffer in their next life due to their irreligious children.

**"By the evil deeds of those who destroy the family tradition and thus give rise to unwanted children, all kinds of community projects and family welfare activities are devastated." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 1.42)**

The evil deeds are as follows:

- ▶ Human slavery (including taking women captive)
- ▶ Rape
- ▶ Violence
- ▶ Not allowing freedom of thought, speech, and beliefs
- ▶ Aggressive behavior
- ▶ Animal killing
- ▶ Mother killing
- ▶ Gambling (including visiting casinos)
- ▶ Intoxications (drugs and alcohol)
- ▶ Illicit relationships (outside marriage relationships)
- ▶ Lying (including deception)
- ▶ Hatred
- ▶ Stealing
- ▶ Abortion

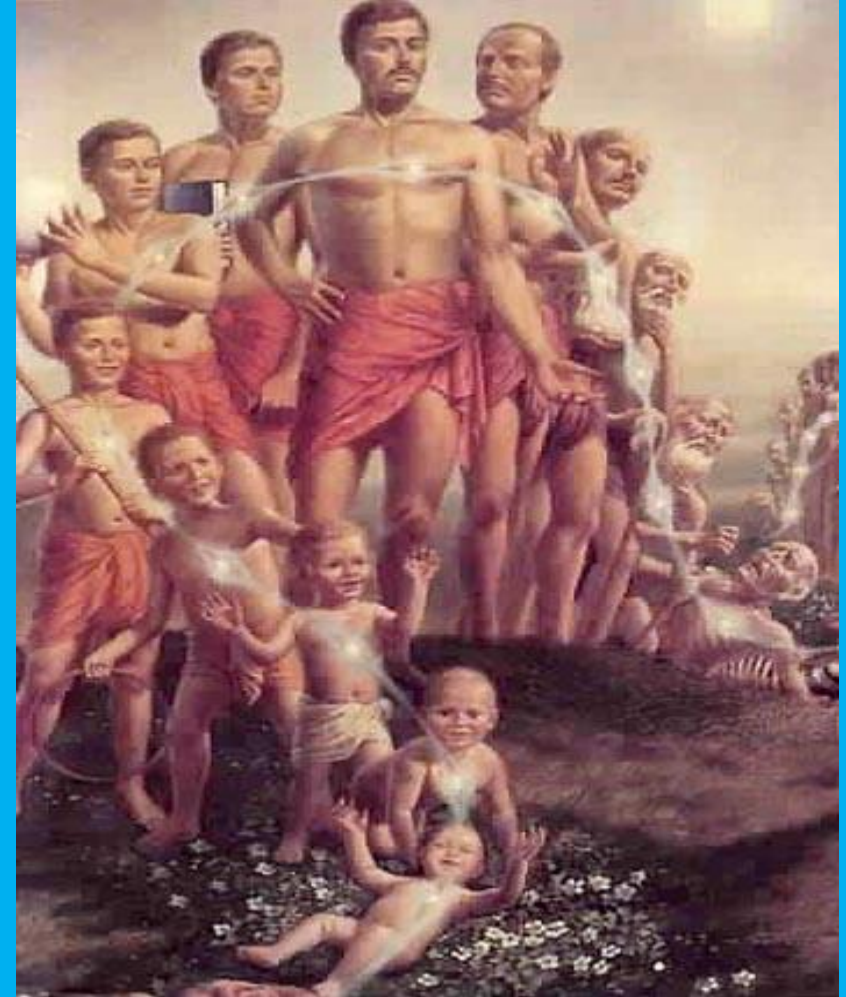


The above evil deeds lead to suffering for the families and their ancestors. The Bhagavad-Gita and other Vedic scriptures, very strongly urges one not to take any of above actions which are completely evil and irreligious based on the Vedic teachings. Only the Vedic teachings considers all the above as evil, and thus one must follow Sanatan-Dharma if they don't want to take part in performing any evil deeds.

# WE HAVE ALWAYS EXISTED

**We exist now, we existed before, and we will continue to exist after this life.**

**“Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.12)**

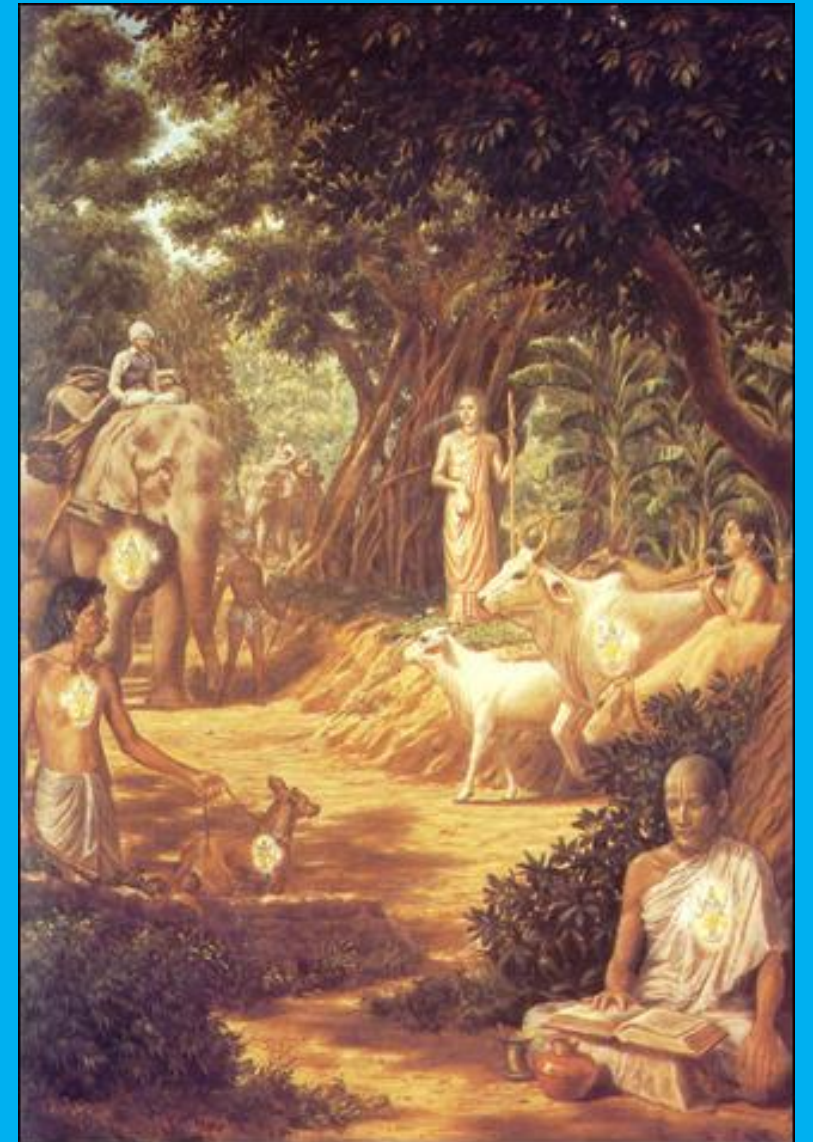


# WE ARE THE ETERNAL SOUL AND NOT THE TEMPORARY BODY

**“That which pervades the entire body you should know to be indestructible. No one is able to destroy that imperishable soul.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.17)**

**“For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.20)**

**“The soul can never be cut to pieces by any weapon, nor burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.23)**





# DEATH IS NOT THE END, ITS THE START OF A NEW LIFE



**“One who has taken his birth is sure to die, and after death one is sure to take birth again. Therefore, in the unavoidable discharge of your duty, you should not lament.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.27)**

YOU WILL FIND THOUSANDS IN THE 99 CENTS STORE, AND ONLY A FEW IN THE DIAMOND STORE



**“Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 7.3)**

**God is not so cheap.**

### **WORLD'S SMALLEST RATHA YATRA FESTIVAL**

There are various grades of men, and out of many thousands, one may be sufficiently interested in transcendental realization to try and know what is the self, what is the body, and what is the absolute truth. Generally, mankind is simply engaged in the animal propensities, namely eating, sleeping, defending, and mating, and hardly anyone is interested in transcendental knowledge. (Purport, Bhagavad-Gita 7.3)

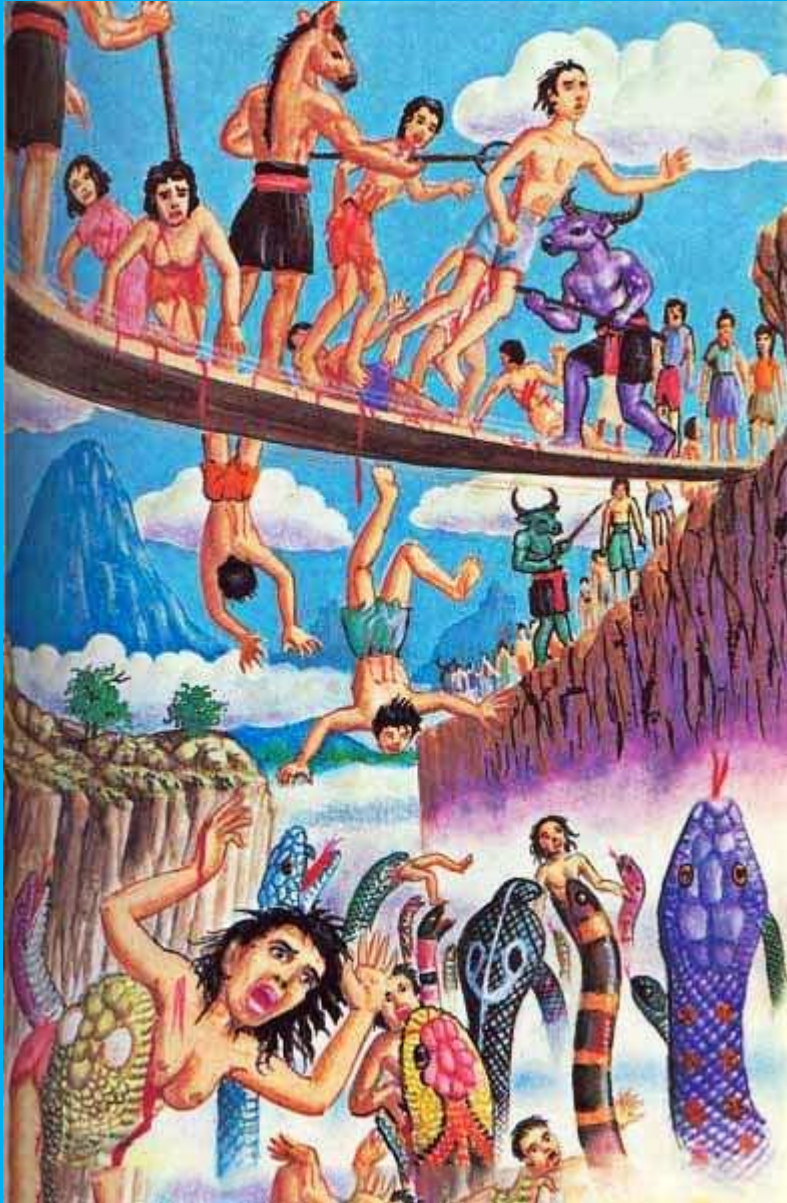
# Life is Continuous



“As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.13)

“As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, the soul similarly accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.22)

# Ignorance of spirituality knowledge leads to Hell



“Those situated in the mode of goodness gradually go upward to the higher planets; those in the mode of passion live on the earthly planets; and those in the abominable mode of ignorance go down to the hellish worlds.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.18)

## Don't count your eggs before they are hatched



Do your work, but don't expect the results, in this way there will be no frustration and anxiety. Many times we are disappointed and get frustrated because we worked hard for something and never got it.

**“You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.47)**

## What leads to degradation?

LUST, GREED, and ANGER are the roots to misery and degradation.



**There are three gates leading to this hell – lust, anger and greed. Every sane man should give these up, for they lead to the degradation of the soul. The man who has escaped these three gates of hell, O son of Kuntī, performs acts conducive to self-realization and thus gradually attains the supreme destination.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.21-22)**

**Life is a Rat Race - Don't be attached to Success or Failure and there will be no side effects**



Do your work, take part in sports, do what you can, but don't expect to win or lose or for any results. In this way, there will be no side effects of disappointment, frustration, and lamentation when you lose or get lower than expectations, which will lead to more losses or lower performance next time.

**“Perform your duty equipoised, O Arjuna, abandoning all attachment to success or failure. Such equanimity is called yoga.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.48)**

# The true followers of God are those who are kind to all living beings



**“One who is not envious but is a kind friend to all living entities, who does not think himself a proprietor and is free from false ego, who is equal in both happiness and distress, who is tolerant, always satisfied, self-controlled, and engaged in devotional service with determination, his mind and intelligence fixed on Me – such a devotee of Mine is very dear to Me.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 12-13-14)**



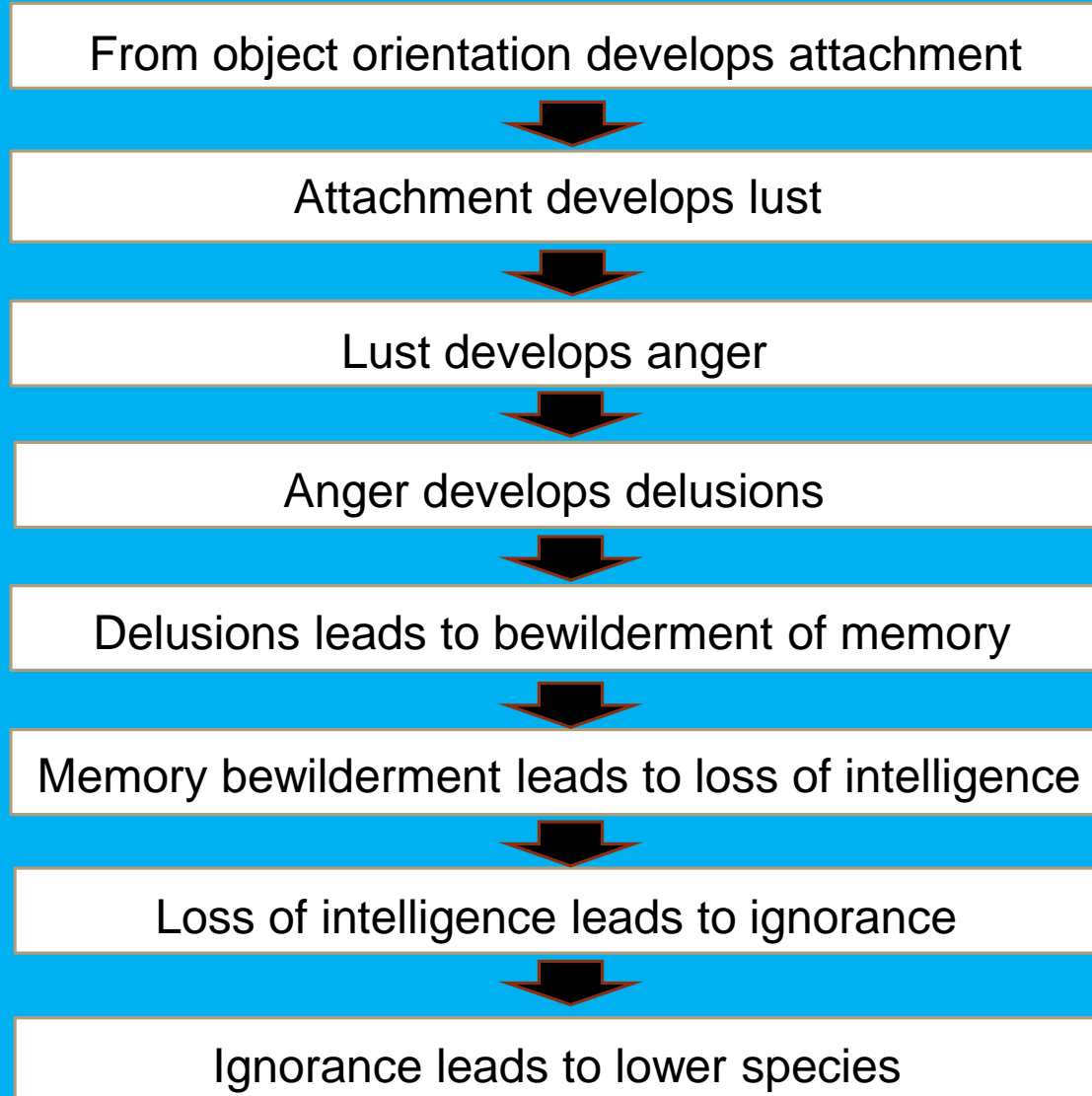
# HOW TO CONTROL THE CONSCIOUSNESS

The world is full of ugly scenes, narrow viewpoints, ignorant messages, and evil temptations. We can control ourselves by avoiding bad association in the first place, and withdrawing our senses (eyes, nose, ears, touch, mind, mouth) from such sensual objects.

**“One who is able to withdraw his senses from sense objects, as the tortoise draws its limbs within the shell, is firmly fixed in perfect consciousness.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.58)**



# What is the result of sense gratification?



**“While contemplating the objects of the senses, a person develops attachment for them, and from such attachment lust develops, and from lust anger arises. From anger, complete delusion arises, and from delusion bewilderment of memory. When memory is bewildered, intelligence is lost, and when intelligence is lost one falls down again into the material pool.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.62-2.63)**

**“As a strong wind sweeps away a boat on the water, even one of the roaming senses on which the mind focuses can carry away a man’s intelligence.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.67)**

**“When one dies in the mode of passion, he takes birth among those engaged in fruitive activities; and when one dies in the mode of ignorance, he takes birth in the animal kingdom.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.15)**

# How to attain peace



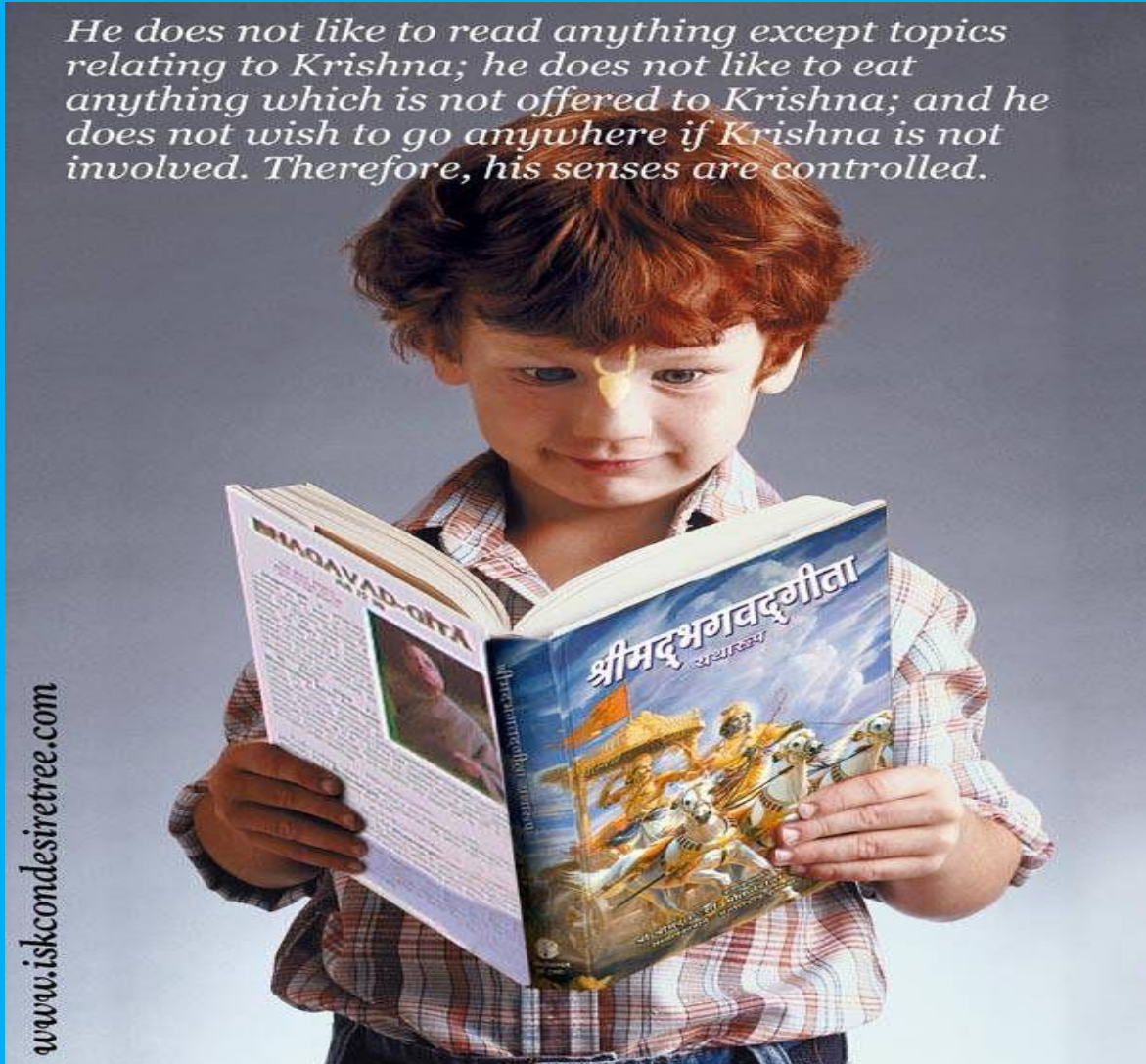
We have to reduce our desires, this is the only way we will eventually become peaceful. If we keep satisfying our desires, they will only increase and intensify. So we have to stop satisfying our desires and slowly the urges will reduce.

We can pour water into the ocean all day and every day, but the ocean will never become full. In a similar way, we can never satisfy our desires. so we have to stop satisfying them.

**“A person who is not disturbed by the incessant flow of desires – that enter like rivers into the ocean, which is ever being filled but is always still – can alone achieve peace, and not the man who strives to satisfy such desires. A person who has given up all desires for sense gratification, who lives free from desires, who has given up all sense of proprietorship and is devoid of false ego – he alone can attain real peace.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.70-71)**

# The best book to study

*He does not like to read anything except topics relating to Krishna; he does not like to eat anything which is not offered to Krishna; and he does not wish to go anywhere if Krishna is not involved. Therefore, his senses are controlled.*



## Did he get away?

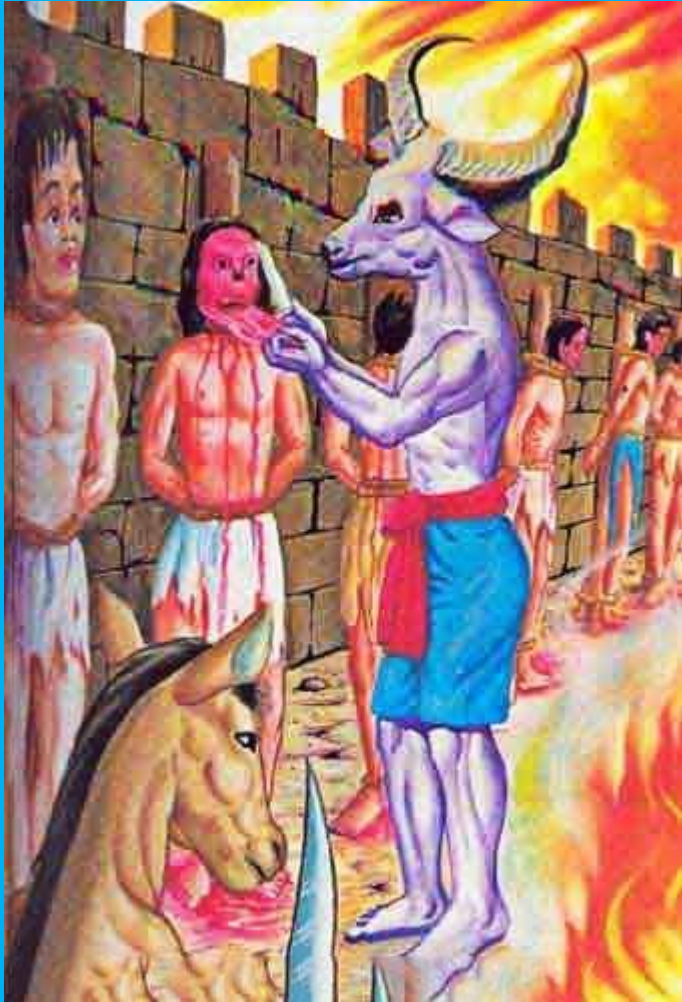
Nobody gets away with any wrong doing. God is everywhere and He is the witness to everything that everyone is doing, every second, everywhere.

God has a system of infallible justice. He is the Supreme Judge and He is the Witness.

**“I am the witness” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.18)**

**“I am everywhere” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.5)**

# Now it's my turn to eat



Nobody gets away with any wrong doing. Kill and be killed, eat and be eaten, those who slaughter will also be slaughtered one day, an eye for an eye. This is infallible justice for all living beings. The Law of Karma.

**"He who permits the slaughter of an animal, he who cuts it up, he who kills it, he who buys or sells meat, he who cooks it, he who serves it up, and he who eats it, must all be considered as the slayers of the animal." (Manu-smriti 5.51)**

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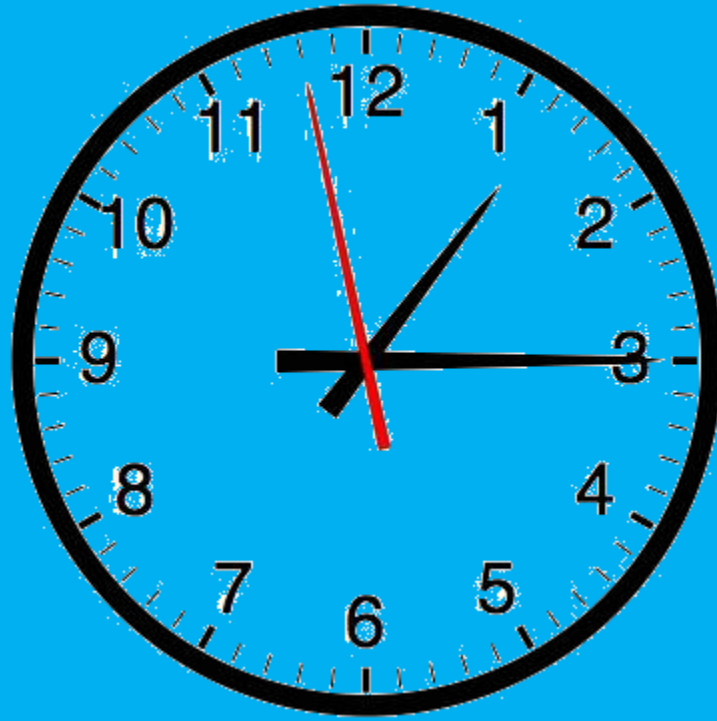
# Sow and so shall you reap – The Law of Karma

The animals also have the right to justice. Those who cook others will also be cooked one day, a steak for a steak, a fork for a fork.

“Slaughtering poor animals is also due to the mode of ignorance. The animal killers do not know that in the future the animal will have a body suitable to kill them. That is the law of nature. In human society, if one kills a man he has to be hanged. That is the law of the state. Because of ignorance, people do not perceive that there is a complete state controlled by the Supreme Lord. Every living creature is a son of the Supreme Lord, and He does not tolerate even an ant's being killed. One has to pay for it. So, indulgence in animal killing for the taste of the tongue is the grossest kind of ignorance.” (Purport Bhagavad-Gita 14.16)



# What is Time?



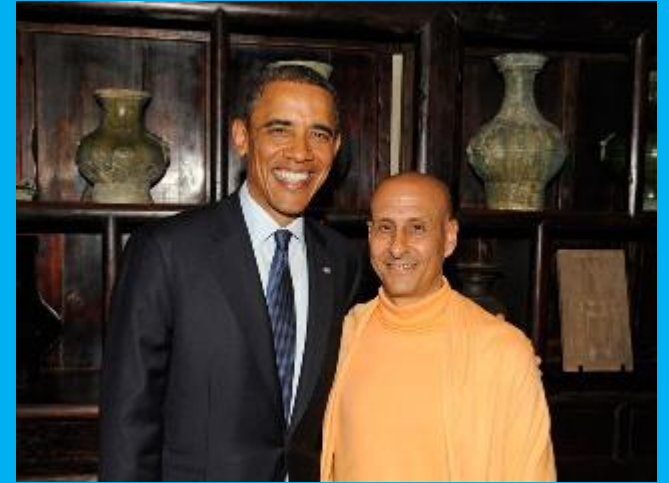
Time is one of the energies of God. Since God is eternal, His energies are also eternal, that's why time is eternal.

**"I am also inexhaustible time." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.33)**

**"The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Time I am."  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.32)**



# Great personalities should set good examples for others to follow



The leaders and celebrities should be religious and this will help their nation, because many will follow in their footsteps and the criminals in society will eventually be history. Otherwise there will be more chaotic conditions in the country due to increase in irreligious population.

**“Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 3.21)**



## How Effulgent is God?

If someone declares himself as God, ask him to light up just one room with his body. If he cannot then he is not God, but an imposter. If the person lived in the past, did he light up even one room?

**“If hundreds of thousands of suns were to rise at once into the sky, their radiance might resemble the effulgence of the Supreme Person in that universal form.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.12)**



## **Only God can show His unlimited Expansions**

**Arjun asked Krishna to show His universal form to set a criterion for in the future there would be so many imposters who would claim to be God or incarnations of God. One who claims to be God should be prepared to show his universal form to confirm his claim.**

**“You are the father of this complete cosmic manifestation, of the moving and the nonmoving. You are its worshipable chief, the supreme spiritual master. No one is greater than You, nor can anyone be one with You. How then could there be anyone greater than You within the three worlds, O Lord of immeasurable power?” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.43)**



## Only God can Create

Lord Krishna in His expansion as Maha Vishnu has millions of universes coming out from His body pores when we exhales, and they all go back into His body when He inhales. When He exhales or inhales just once (one breath), the whole lifespan of this universe passes, 311.040 trillion years.

**“Know that all opulent, beautiful and glorious creations spring from but a spark of My splendor.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.41)**



## God is Most Beautiful

God does not have a beard, white hair, nor wrinkles.

**“The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Yes, I will tell you of My splendid manifestations, but only of those which are prominent, O Arjuna, for My opulence is limitless.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.19)**



## God has many Names and Forms

Krishna has unlimited Names and Forms.

**“O mighty conqueror of enemies, there is no end to My divine manifestations. What I have spoken to you is but a mere indication of My infinite opulences.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.40)**

# Who is the Supreme Creator?



“The whole cosmic order is under Me. Under My will it is automatically manifested again and again, and under My will it is annihilated at the end.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.8)

“Furthermore, O Arjuna, I am the generating seed of all existences. There is no being, moving or unmoving, that can exist without me” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.39)

“I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who perfectly know this engage in My devotional service and worship Me with all their hearts” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.8)

## How far is God from you?



**“I am the supersoul, O Arjuna, seated in the hearts of all living entities, I am the beginning, the middle, and the end of all beings” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.20)**

**“Although I am the maintainer of all living entities and although I am everywhere, I am not a part of this cosmic manifestation, for My Self is the very source of creation.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.5)**



## How you can you be delivered?



In the past, millions of pure devotees of Lord Krishna have been personally picked up and taken back to Godhead by Krishna Himself. You too can be picked up.

**“But those who worship Me, giving up all their activities unto Me and being devoted to Me without deviation, engaged in devotional service and always meditating upon Me, having fixed their minds upon Me, O son of Prtha – for them I am the swift deliverer from the ocean of birth and death.: (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 12.6-7)**

# What do Pure Devotees of God do every day?



**“Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion. (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.14)**

## **What are the first 4 steps to knowing God?**

**To engage in Bhakti-Yoga (Devotional service unto Lord Krishna). One must try to stop engaging in sinful activities. There are 4 basic rules to follow.**

**1. NO KILLING OF ANIMALS – No meat, no fish, no eggs, no leather clothing/furniture. The animals are our brothers and sisters too**

**2. NO INTOXICATIONS – No alcohol, no drugs. The women and children suffer the most from alcoholics and druggies in families**

**3. NO GAMBLING – No casinos, no betting. The women and children suffer the most from gambling men who lose the livelihoods of families**

**4. NO ILLICIT RELATIONSHIPS – No sex outside marriage, no relationship outside marriage. The women and children suffer the most due to single parent families caused by relationships outside marriage.**

**All the above activities (Meat eating, intoxications, gambling, and illicit relationships) do harm to the most innocent of all living beings. The animals, women, and children and thus one must stop these sinful activities**

**“The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Fearlessness; purification of one’s existence; cultivation of spiritual knowledge; charity; self-control; performance of sacrifice; study of the Vedas; austerity; simplicity; nonviolence; truthfulness; freedom from anger; renunciation; tranquility; aversion to faultfinding; compassion for all living entities; freedom from covetousness; gentleness; modesty; steady determination; vigor; forgiveness; fortitude; cleanliness; and freedom from envy and from the passion for honor – these transcendental qualities, O son of Bharata, belong to go (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.1-3)**

# What are the 6 pillars of Sanatan-Dharma (The Eternal Religion)?

1. Truthfulness
2. Mercy
3. Austerity
4. Cleanliness
5. Charity
6. Spiritual Education

**“Humility; pridelessness; nonviolence; tolerance; simplicity; approaching a bona fide spiritual master; cleanliness; steadiness; self-control; renunciation of the objects of sense gratification; absence of false ego; the perception of the evil of birth, death, old age and disease; detachment; freedom from entanglement with children, wife, home and the rest; even-mindedness amid pleasant and unpleasant events; constant and unalloyed devotion to Me; aspiring to live in a solitary place; detachment from the general mass of people; accepting the importance of self-realization; and philosophical search for the Absolute Truth – all these I declare to be knowledge, and besides this whatever there may be is ignorance.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 13.8-12)**

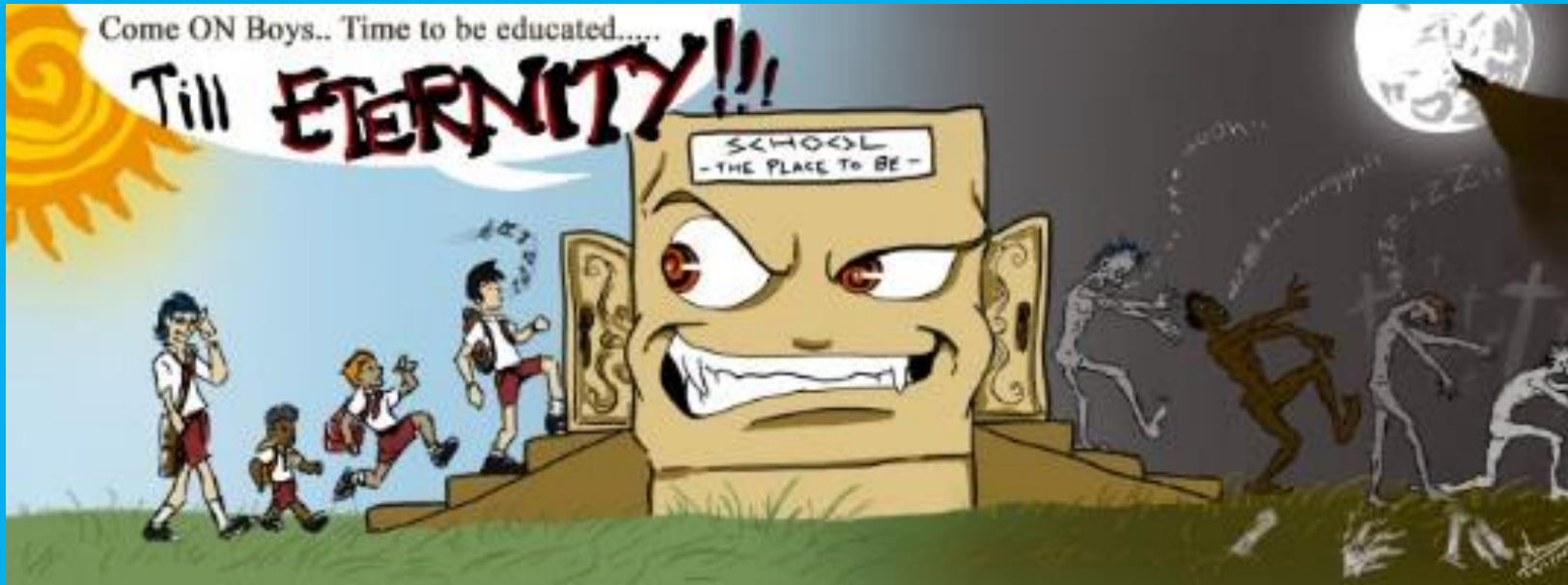
# Krishna is not an incarnation, He is the source of all incarnations



**“I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who perfectly know this engage in My devotional service and worship Me with all their hearts.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.8)**

**“My Self is the very source of creation.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.5)**

# Modern Education – Producers of Polished Animals



Indeed, it seems that the more educated one becomes, the less he believes in God, in God's law, in the next life, and in sinful and pious activities. Thus modern education is simply preparing men to become animals. If there is no education to teach a human being what he is and whether or not he is this body, he remains no better than an ass. (Swami Srila Prabhupada)

Unfortunately, human beings, although they have the bodies of men, are becoming less than animals in their behavior. This is the fault of modern education. Modern educators do not know the aim of human life. They are only concerned with how to develop the economic condition of their countries or of human society. (Swami Srila Prabhupada, cc. adi-lila 9.42)

# Ignorance can be slashed with the weapon of spiritual knowledge



Ignorance is the mother of all problems.

“As a blazing fire turns firewood to ashes, O Arjuna, so does the fire of knowledge burn to ashes all reactions to material activities.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.37)

“Therefore the doubts which have arisen in your heart out of ignorance should be slashed by the weapon of knowledge.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.42)



# What's your final destination?

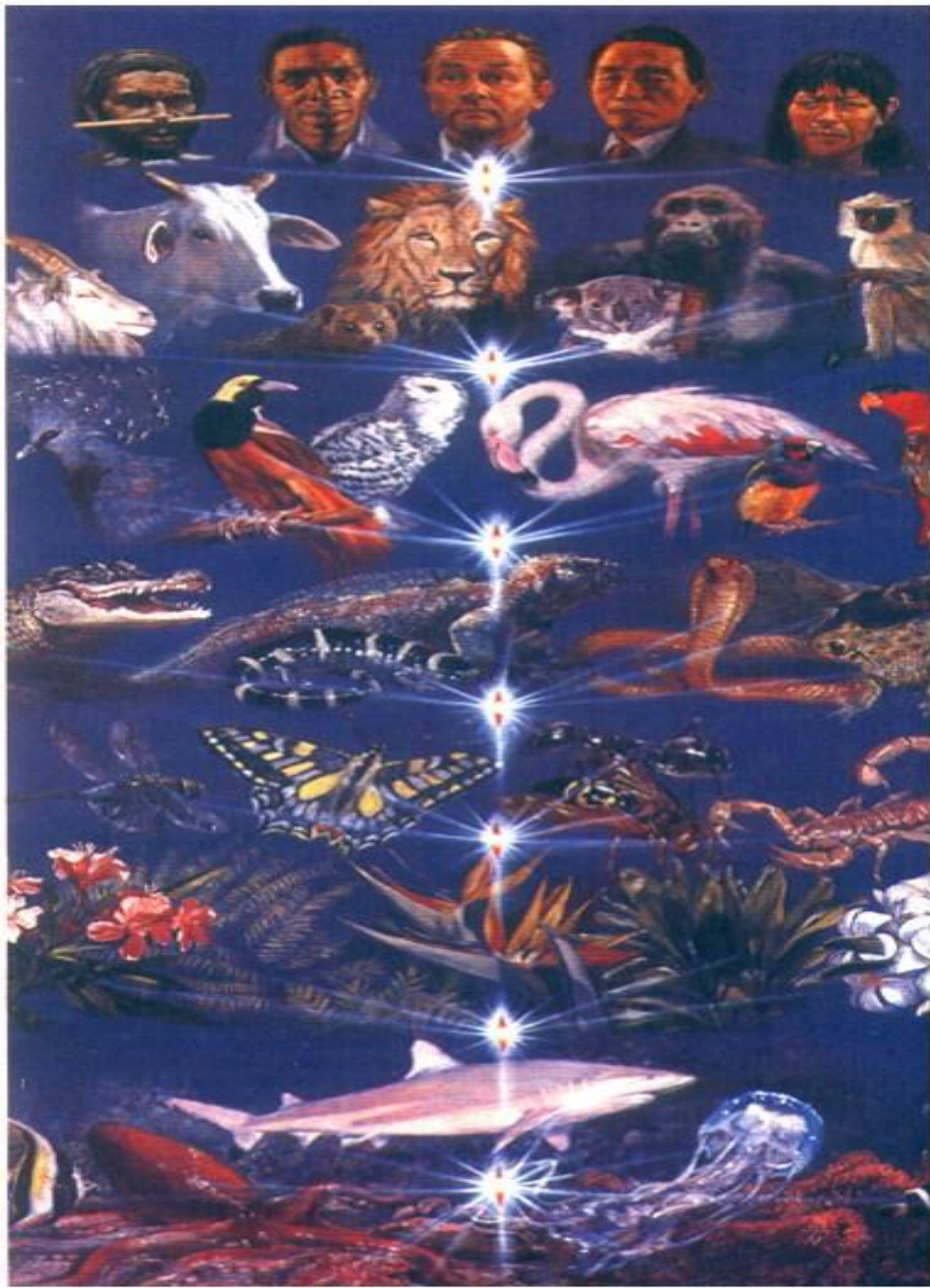


We should strive to attain the abode of God. Where everyone lives eternally in the same body in complete bliss, with no old age, no disease, no death, no taxes, zero violence, no anxiety, no misery of any kind.

“That which the Vedantists describe as unmanifest and infallible, that which is known as the supreme destination, that place from which, having attained it, one never returns – that is My supreme abode.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 8.21)

“That supreme abode of Mine is not illumined by the sun or moon, nor by fire or electricity. Those who reach it never return to this material world.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.6)

# Universal Brotherhood - All Living Beings are Brothers and Sisters



The real God does not incite hatred or envy between the human beings nor between the species. The animals and plants are also our brothers and sisters. We should not hurt or eat any of our brothers and sisters. We can only eat plants, because in most cases the plant is not killed, only a by product is taken. This also after we thank God by first offering to Him.

**“It should be understood that all species of life, O son of Kunti, are made possible by birth in this material nature, and that I am the seed-giving father.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.4)**

**“I am the father of this universe, the mother, the support and the grandsire.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.17)**



## Who should I meditate on?

“Therefore, Arjuna, you should always think of Me in the form of Krsna.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 8.7)

“But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form – to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.22)

“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.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 8.5)

# How old is the universe and when will it end?



**“O son of Kunti, at the end of the millennium all material manifestations enter into My nature, and at the beginning of another millennium, by My potency, I create them again.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.7)**

**Millennium in this verse refers to the lifespan of the universe, 311.040 trillion years. We have so far passed 155.522 trillion years and have another 155.518 trillion years left, before the universe is destroyed and after some time, He will again create.**

**“The whole cosmic order is under Me. Under My will it is automatically manifested again and again, and under My will it is annihilated at the end.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.8)**

# How many times has the Bhagavad-Gita been spoken?



The Bhagavad-Gita is not a one time only delivered scripture.

Lord Krishna appears on this planet in His original form, once in every daytime of Brahma, which is every 8.64 billion years, and each time the Bhagavad-Gita is spoken by Him. So far in the current cosmic cycle, Lord Krishna has appeared and spoken the Bhagavad-Gita more than 18,000 times on this planet (age of universe/timing of appearance=155.522 trillion/8.64 billion). The Bhagavad-Gita has also been spoken in millions of other universes. This is how great Lord Krishna (God), His teachings, and the Bhagavad-Gita are.

*“Once in a day of Brahma, He descends to this world to manifest His transcendental pastimes.” (Caitanya-caritamrta Adi-Lila 3.6)*

**“Although I am unborn and My transcendental body never deteriorates, and although I am the Lord of all living entities, I still appear in every millennium in My original transcendental form.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.6)**

# Is God Equal to All?

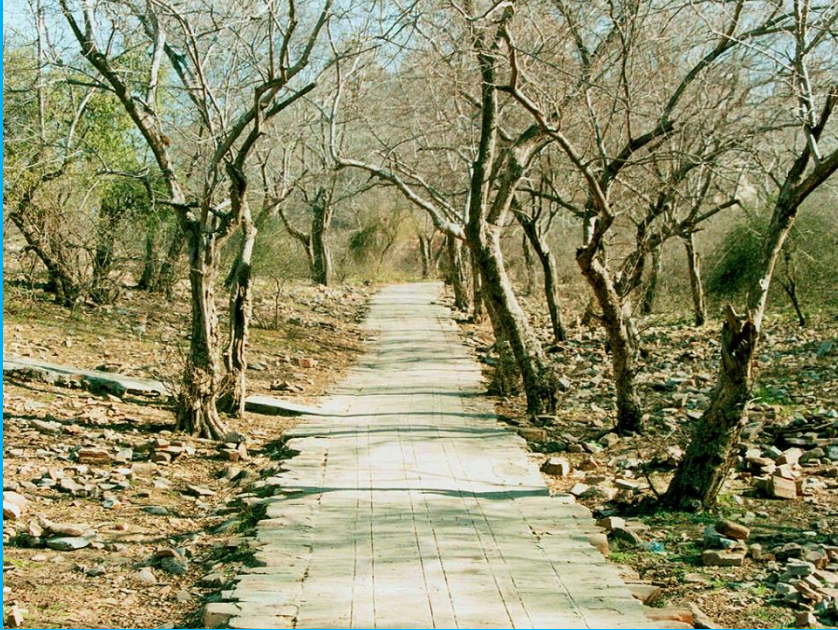


Lord Krishna does not differentiate between any living being, because He is the creator, maintainer, and gives guidance to all living beings. He is not jealous of anyone, because He has everything and He is fully renounced.

**“I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all. But whoever renders service unto Me in devotion is a friend, is in Me, and I am also a friend to him.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.29)**

**“The Supreme Lord is situated in everyone’s heart, O Arjuna, and is directing the wanderings of all living entities, who are seated as on a machine, made of the material energy.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.61)**

## Follow your own path, don't intrude into others



By doing or accepting something that is not meant for you, there will be side affects, reactions. Take your own medicine, taking the medicine of others can be fatal.

**“It is better to engage in one’s own occupation, even though one may perform it imperfectly, than to accept another’s occupation and perform it perfectly. Duties prescribed according to one’s nature are never affected by sinful reactions.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.47)**

# The steps to God Realization



“Being purified by his intelligence and controlling the mind with determination, giving up the objects of sense gratification, being freed from attachment and hatred, one who lives in a secluded place, who eats little, who controls his body, mind and power of speech, who is always in trance and who is detached, free from false ego, false strength, false pride, lust, anger, and acceptance of material things, free from false proprietorship, and peaceful – such a person is certainly elevated to the position of self-realization. One who is thus transcendently situated at once realizes the Supreme Brahman and becomes fully joyful. He never laments or desires to have anything. He is equally disposed toward every living entity. In that state he attains pure devotional service unto Me.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.51-54)



## Does God give free will?



**“Thus I have explained to you knowledge still more confidential. Deliberate on this fully, and then do what you wish to do.”  
(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.63)**

**After speaking the Bhagavad-Gita, Lord Krishna gives Arjuna free will, to follow Him or not, He does not curse anyone. Human beings are given free will by God Himself. This can be proven by the fact that people are born into different religions by the will of God. God does not test anyone with regards to beliefs, because we are not animals in a laboratory. One can practice any religion or no religion. The real God does not force or curse anyone who decides to follow a particular path or no path. Those who don't allow freedom of beliefs or force their beliefs unto others are against free will, against the will of God.**

**"Those who are envious and mischievous, who are the lowest among men, I perpetually cast into the ocean of material existence, into various demoniac species of life." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.19)**

# The Qualities of a Representative of God



- Zero violence towards any living being
- Zero lust for women and material objects
- He never incites hatred towards any living being
- He is kind to all living beings
- He is truthful
- He works for the benefit of all living beings
- He follows the scriptures
- He comes from a line of disciplic succession
- God is Great and thus He is unlimited and He sends unlimited representatives

**“The symptoms of a sadhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.” (Srimad-Bhagavatam 3.25)**

**“A sober person who can tolerate the urge to speak, the mind’s demands, the actions of anger and the urges of the tongue, belly and genitals is qualified to make disciples all over the world.” (Nectar of Instruction 1)**



**“One should be attracted by the beautiful vision of Krsna. His name is Krsna because He is all-attractive. One who becomes attracted by the beautiful, all-powerful, omnipotent vision of Krsna is fortunate.” (Swami Srilakshmi Prabhupada, purport Bhagavad-Gita 18.66)**



**“Always think of Me, become My devotee, worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend. Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.65-66)**