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Basics of 'What is God'?

Anyone can declare themselves as God in so many ways, and the less intelligent and the ignorant will accept. The deceivers will also take advantage of the ignorant and convince them to follow ordinary humans as God.

Knowing 'what is God' will help one to know the true God.

- The true God is one who has appeared thousands of times in this and other universes, and many times on this planet and other planets. This proves He is Eternal and omnipotent. Anyone who has appeared only once can never be called God.
- 2. The true God is the creator of billions of universes with zillions of planets. He does not come to one significant planet (Earth) to suffer. He comes to enjoy a loving relationship with His devotees.
- 3. The true God is one who is most merciful and loving. Anyone who only gives once chance (one life), or sanctions eternal suffering, or uses fear can never be called God.
- 4. The true God gives on the spot liberation, saves people in their current life, and destroys the demonic. Anyone who just watches people being harassed and killed and cannot stop it, can never be called God.
- 5. The true God performs miracles which have never been performed by anyone else.
- 6. The true God is the well-wisher of all living beings, and not just the humans or humans from one community or nation.
- 7. The true God is a person with a most beautiful spiritual form. Anyone who is average looking, has wrinkles, or a beard can never be called God. These are the symptoms of a material body. Any invisible god will always remain invisible, because they don't exist.
- 8. The true God is a very creative author with unlimited knowledge. He has compiled thousands of books of knowledge. There are even humans who have compiled more than 50 books. Anyone who has compiled just a few books can never be called God.
- 9. The true God is a responsible and intelligent communicator. He does not make irresponsible nor ambiguous statements.

1) Lord Krishna has appeared millions of times, proving He is Eternal.

"Brahma, it is I, the Personality of Godhead, who was existing before the creation, when there was nothing but Myself. Nor was there the material nature, the cause of this creation. That which you see now is also I, the Personality of Godhead, and after annihilation what remains will also be I, the Personality of Godhead." (Lord Krishna, Srimad-Bhagavatam 2.9.33)

"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)

"To deliver the pious and to annihilate the miscreants, as well as to reestablish the principles of religion, I Myself appear, millennium after millennium." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.8)

2) The below are some statements made by Lord Krishna declaring Himself as God.

a. Lord Krishna states He creates and maintains the whole cosmos of millions of universes.

"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)

b. Lord Krishna states that with a single particle of Himself, He maintains the whole universe.

"With a single fragment of Myself I pervade and support this entire universe." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.42)

c. Lord Krishna states He is the source of all spiritual and material planets.

"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)

d. Lord Krishna states He is the generating seed of all existences.

"Furthermore, O Arjuna, I am the generating seed of all existences. There is no being – moving or nonmoving – that can exist without Me." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.39)

e. Lord Krishna states He controls the weather.

"I give heat, and I withhold and send forth the rain." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.19)

f. Lord Krishna states He keeps the planets in orbit.

"I enter into each planet, and by My energy they stay in orbit." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.13)

g. Lord Krishna states He is the origin of all species of living beings.

"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)

h. Lord Krishna states He is Omnipresent, meaning He is present everywhere.

"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)

i. Lord Krishna states He is Omnipotent, meaning He is the greatest.

"Because I am transcendental, beyond both the fallible and the infallible, and because <u>I</u> am the greatest, I am celebrated both in the world and in the Vedas as that Supreme Person." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.18)

j. Lord Krishna states He is Omniscient, meaning He knows the past, present, and the future.

"O Arjuna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I know everything that has happened in the past, all that is happening in the present, and all things that are yet to come." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 7.26)

k. Lord Krishna states that the energy or splendor of the sun, moon, and fire come from Him.

"The splendor of the sun, which dissipates the darkness of this whole world, comes from Me. And the splendor of the moon and the splendor of fire are also from Me." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.12)

- 3) The below are some teachings from Lord Krishna which proves that He is the most merciful, forgiving, loving, and responsible.
- a. Lord Krishna proved that He is most merciful with moral teachings which benefit all living beings and actions of kindness.

Lord Krishna is the well-wisher of everyone

"The benefactor and well-wisher of all living entities..." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 5.29)

Lord Krishna is the most dear friend of everyone

"I am the most dear friend... [to everyone]" (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.18)

Lord Krishna treats everyone equally

"I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all..." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.29)

Lord Krishna doesn't command the killing of animals - Mercy for animals too

"If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, a fruit or water, I will accept it." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.26)

A devotee of Lord Krishna can only eat food that is first offered to Him (Bhagavad-Gita 9.27-28), and He only takes vegetarian food. Thus, the devotees should be pure vegetarian.

Lord Krishna commands His devotees to love everyone

"One who is not envious but is a kind friend to all living entities – such a devotee of Mine is very dear to Me..." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 12.13-14)

"Who treats alike both friend and enemy..." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.22-25)

"A person is said to be still further advanced when he regards all—the honest well-wisher, friends and enemies, the envious, the pious, the sinner and those who are indifferent and impartial—with an equal mind." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 6.9)

"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 godly men endowed with divine nature." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 16.1-3)

b. Lord Krishna proved that He is forgiving by giving everyone, unlimited chances and not just one.

Everyone is eternally existing and gets unlimited chances

"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. 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 2.12-13)

Lord Krishna states above that we are all eternal and we get unlimited chances or lives. There is no eternal damnation for any soul.

"Even if you are considered to be the most sinful of all sinners, when you are situated in the boat of transcendental knowledge you will be able to cross over the ocean of miseries." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.36)

Even the most sinful people can go back to the Kingdom of God, if they simply stop sinning from this moment on, worship Lord Krishna, and follow His instructions, the Bhagavad-Gita.

c. Lord Krishna proved that He is most responsible.

Lord Krishna considers everyone to be His family member

"The living entities in this conditioned world are My eternal fragmental parts. Due to conditioned life, they are struggling very hard with the six senses, which include the mind." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.7)

Lord Krishna gives us 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)

Lord Krishna does not force anyone to follow Him, nor curse, nor torment anyone. This is because, Lord Krishna is the most responsible Person.

4) Some physical proofs for Lord Krishna as God.

The absolute truth is a Person with the most beautiful transcendental form, Lord Krishna. Millions of people have seen Lord Krishna with their own eyes. Even today, some pure devotees are seeing, and some are perceiving Him every day.

"krsnas tu bhagavan svayam" - Lord Krishna is the original Personality of Godhead. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.3.28)

"sac-cid-ananda-vigrahaḥ" – Lord Krishna has an eternal blissful spiritual body. (Sri Brahma-samhita 5.1)

Lord Krishna is the original source of all incarnations of God and He has a spiritual form.

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

Lord Krishna declared Himself as 'rupam', with form. One cannot meditate on something which is formless.

"When Arjuna thus saw Krsna in His original form, he said: O Janardana, seeing this humanlike form, so very beautiful, I am now composed in mind, and I am restored to my original nature." (Arjuna on seeing Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.51)

Arjuna saw Lord Krishna in His original form, which is very beautiful.

"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)

Lord Krishna can be seen directly by His pure devotees.

"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)

When Lord Krishna appears on planet earth in His original human like form, which is eternal and spiritual, not material. The foolish think of Him as an ordinary person and neglect Him. They compare themselves with God, and because they have limitations due to their material body, they conclude that God cannot have a form, because He is great. They fail to realize that God has an eternal spiritual form, and not a temporary material form like ours. It's for this reason that He is great, and we are not.

"Arjuna said: You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the ultimate abode, the purest, the Absolute Truth. You are the eternal, transcendental, original person, the unborn, the greatest. All the great sages such as Narada, Asita, Devala and Vyasa confirm this truth about You, and now You Yourself are declaring it to me." (Bhagavad-Gita 10.12-13)

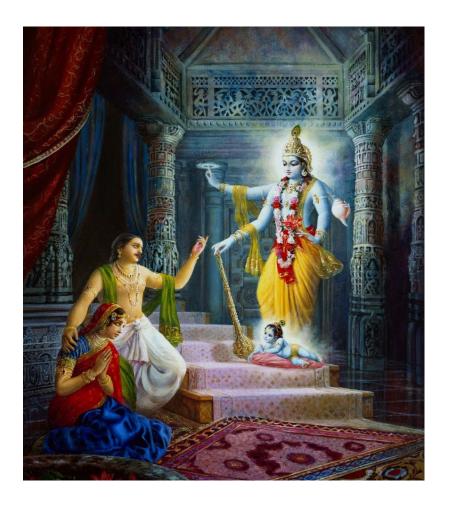
Many great saintly personalities like Narada, Asita, Devala and others accepted Lord Krishna as the one true God.

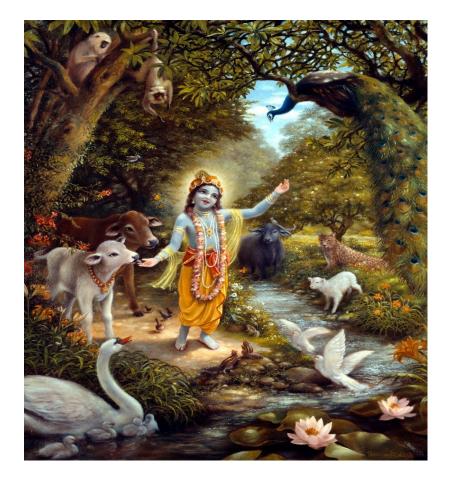
5) Lord Krishna performed miracles which have never been performed by anyone else.

Lord Krishna brought back to life many dead people and animals



Once some cowherd boys, cows, and calves were oppressed by the heat of the summer, they felt extremely thirsty. They drank the poisoned water of the Yamuna river. They fell dead on the bank of the Yamuna soon after they drank it. Krishna came and brought them all back to life by a mere glance. They regained their consciousness, got up from the edge of the water and began to look at one another in great astonishment. They came to know that they fell dead by drinking the poisonous water of the Yamuna and that Krishna brought them back to life by His gracious glance. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 2.7.28)





God Appears in a Spiritual Body

We come out from the womb of a woman and are naked. Krishna did not come out from the womb of a woman. He appeared next to a woman, fully clothed and as an adult. Then He transformed Himself into a baby. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.3.9-10, 46)

Krishna is unborn in the sense that His body never undergoes material changes. He appears and exhibits His transcendental forms and activities.

Krishna appeared 5000 years ago and performed His transcendental pastimes for 125 years before going back to His abode. He had a spiritual body, which was most beautiful. He never had any wrinkles, nor a beard, nor white hair, nor any disease. These are the signs of the body of God. (Bhagavad-Gita 4.6)

Krishna appears in the material creation to enjoy the juice (rasa) of a personal companion relationship with His devotees. Just like any loving father would want to see, live, and play with his children.

God of Compassion and Love

- Krishna commands His followers to be friendly to all living beings, and work for their welfare.
- Krishna commands His followers to regard friends, enemies, the envious, the pious, and the sinners with an equal mind.
- Krishna is the well-wisher of all souls.
- Krishna does not envy anyone, nor is He partial to anyone. He is equal to all.
- Krishna is the most-dear friend of everyone.

(References: Bhagavad-Gita 5.25, 5.29, 9.18, 9.29, 12.13, 15.7)





Supreme Controller

When baby Krishna needed to cross the river Yamuna which had deep water and fierce waves. The river parted and a many hooded snake provided shelter from the rain to allow Krishna to cross. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.3.48-50)

Inconceivable Power, Savior, and Most Merciful

Krishna lived like a normal human being as a prince, and only a few people knew He was God. As a prince, He had 8 wives, which was normal for Kings and princes in the ancient times all over the world. A demonic person kidnapped 16,100 girls and Krishna came to their aid, because He is a savior. He got the girls released but they could not go back to their homes because their fathers rejected them due to being away from home for some nights. The girls were considered fallen by society. The girls had no homes to go to and they asked Krishna to marry them so they would have a home and someone to take care of them. Krishna being the most merciful and a savior. expanded Himself into 16,100 forms and married all of them. There was one Krishna for one wife, and each wife had her own home. Krishna was always present with every wife in their own home, just like a normal couple.

The ignorant and foolish mock Krishna for having 16,108 wives, but they fail to realize that by accepting that He had 16,108 wives, they are accepting Him as God. This is proof that He is God. It's impossible for anyone else to have so many wives, 16,108 palaces, and be with every one of them at all times.

- There were 16,108 Krishnas, one for each wife
- Krishna had exactly 10 sons and 1 daughter with each wife (161,080 sons, 16,108 daughters)
- Krishna had 16,108 palaces, one for each wife
- Krishna was present with all His 16,108 wives simultaneously (at the same time)

The above facts very clearly prove that Krishna is God.

References: Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.59.42-43, 10.90.29-31



Krishna expands as Maha-Visnu and with every exhalation, millions of universes come out from the pores on His body. With inhalation, they all go back into His body. The lifespan of our universe is just one breath of Maha-Visnu, 311.040 trillion years. (Bhagavad-Gita 9.7,

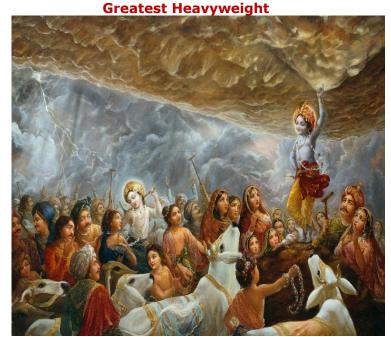
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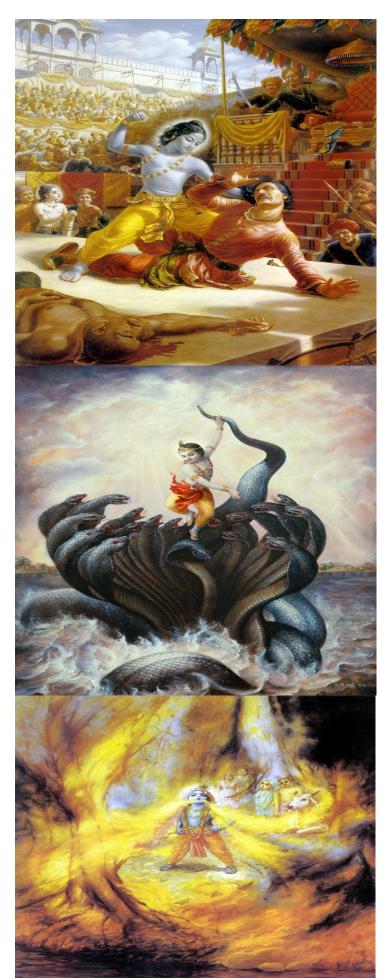
A woman filled Krishna's hands with fruits, and her basket was immediately filled with jewels and gold. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.11.11)



When Yosoda looks into the mouth of Krishna. He showed her all aspects of the cosmic manifestation. Outer space, planets, stars, planetary systems, islands, mountains, oceans, the time allotted for the living entities, variety of bodies, and so on. (Bhagavad-Gita 9.10, Srimad-**Bhagavatam 10.8.37-39)**



Krishna lifts a mountain (Govardhan Hill) that is 21km in perimeter and weighs billions of tons. He held it up for 7 days on his smallest finger to protect thousands of people from heavy rains. (Srimad-Bhagavatam 10.25.19)



Savior and Most Merciful

Within this universe, in the current cosmic cycle. Krishna has appeared more than 18,000 times in His original form and millions of times in His other forms. Each time He appears, the demonic challenge Him and Krishna very easily defeats all of them. Krishna saves His pure devotees in their current life. He does not keep them waiting until His next appearance. The five Pandava brothers, Prahlad, Dhruva, Draupadi, and millions of others were all saved by Krishna in their current life. All the demonic who are destroyed by Krishna are not sent to hell. They all get liberation and go back to the spiritual manifestation and live eternally in complete bliss. This is how merciful God (Krishna) is. (Srimad-Bhagavatam Canto 10 has Krishna's miracles and transcendental pastimes)

Supreme Controller and Most Merciful

Krishna is attacked by a many headed snake and He calmly plays with it and then lets it go. He does not hurt the innocent. (Srimad-Bhagavatam Canto 10, Chapter 16)

- a. Anyone who is killed in the presence of Krishna immediately goes back to the spiritual manifestation.
- b. Anyone who is killed by Krishna immediately goes back to the spiritual manifestation.
- c. Anyone who is a devotee of Krishna will immediately go back to the spiritual manifestation at death.
- d. Anyone who does not fall in one of the above three, will get unlimited chances (reincarnation) to attain one of the above.

(Srimad-Bhagavatam 1.9.39, BG 8.5, 9.34, 2.12-13)

Proven Savior

Krishna swallows a forest fire to save people. (Srimad-Bhagavatam Canto 10, Chapter 19)

Why Every Soul is Important to Lord Krishna?

Every soul belongs to Him.

(Bhagavad-Gita 4.35, 15.7)





Inconceivable Opulence and Power

Krishna showed His cosmic form to Arjuna. 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. Arjuna could see the unlimited expansions of Krishna and the universe while seated on the chariot.

(Bhagavad-Gita Chapter 11)

Proven Savior

When Draupadi was disrobed in front of many people by the evil Dushashana. Krishna came to save her. He appeared but without being seen by anyone He provided Draupadi with an unlimited supply of cloth to cover her. Dushashana pulled and pulled at her sari, but she could not be disrobed. There was no end to her sari. (Mahabharata)

Most Forgiving and Merciful

Regardless of the race, religion, color, gender, occupation, and country of residence. Regardless of the past sinful actions. Everyone can go back to the Kingdom of God and live eternally in complete bliss. If from this moment onwards, one stops all the sinful activities listed below, controls the desires, and worships Krishna. The seen and proven God of mercy, compassion, love, and forgiveness.

- No killing (animals, humans, trees)
- No alcohol, drugs, and tobacco
- No gambling
- No relationship outside marriage
- No hatred towards any living being
- No lving
- No violence towards any living being
- No cursing
- No stealing

(The essence of the Bhagavad-Gita)

God has No Companions?

Why should God be alone? His power and opulence have no meaning, unless He exhibits His potencies with others.

Some people believe that God has no companions. Which also means that anyone with a companion is not God. The essence of this belief is to defy God by limiting Him based on limited human perception and intelligence. Such a belief is essentially atheistic. Those who say God has no companions, should first ask themselves why they have companions? Why don't they live alone all their life? Have no spouse, no friends, no children, no relatives, no colleagues, and so on. How would they feel if they had to live alone for trillions of years?

God Has Unlimited Companions

We have a partner, the spouse. Most humans get married because life is boring alone. What is the point in alone existence? The purpose of life is to enjoy. But enjoyment is only possible when we share with others. If a person lives in a 10-bedroom house alone, it serves no purpose, there would be no enjoyment. It's only worth living in a 10-bedroom house if one lives in the company of others and if others visit the house. Otherwise it means absolutely nothing to be alone in the house for entire life, or even a few days.

Most humans cannot live alone during this one short life of 100 years or less, which is perfectly natural. Can anyone live alone for say 100 years, or how about 1000 years, how about 100,000 years? There is no human on the planet who would agree to live alone for more than 100 years. Most do not want to live alone even for a few months.

The almighty God is existing for trillions of years, He is eternal. Why on earth would He live in the vast unlimited cosmos with millions of universes, all by Himself? What does He do all day by Himself? What enjoyment would He get by being by Himself for trillions and trillions of years? What is the value in His unlimited potency if He does not use it?

There has never been a King or President on the planet who lived alone, because it makes absolutely no sense to be the King or President without the citizens. A King means he has citizens, he has companions to enjoy life with by way of servants, friends, and personal consorts. In a similar way, the Supreme Personality of Godhead has companions and not just a few but unlimited. He has billions of personal servants, friends, and personal consorts. To enjoy and share His eternal life with others.

Lord Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and He is never alone. He lives on the spiritual planet of Goloka Vrindavan with billions of friends, servants, and His eternal personal consort Radha. God has companions to experience and give love and happiness to others.

- Love can only be experienced between people and not alone.
- Happiness comes from sharing with others and not just alone.
- Satisfaction comes from pleasing others and not by oneself.
- Enjoyment can only be experienced by being with others and not by self.

If an eternal entity has no partners then he is devoid of love, devoid of happiness, devoid of satisfaction, and devoid of enjoyment. This means an insane entity.

Lord Krishna is most merciful and loving and He proves this by sharing His eternal life with living entities in a personal companion relationship, based on the desires and deserves of the living entities. Every living entity has a personal relationship with Lord Krishna, and this is realized when the living entity becomes a pure devotee of Lord Krishna. Eventually all living entities go back to the spiritual abode to enjoy the juice (rasa) of a personal companion relationship with Lord Krishna or His expansions.

There are many applicants for the position of Supreme, but only one has appeared many times and exhibited transcendental qualities and pastimes

God is described in the scriptures of one religion. He has been seen by the followers of one religion,

Sanatan-Dharma.

This is because, God is One.

