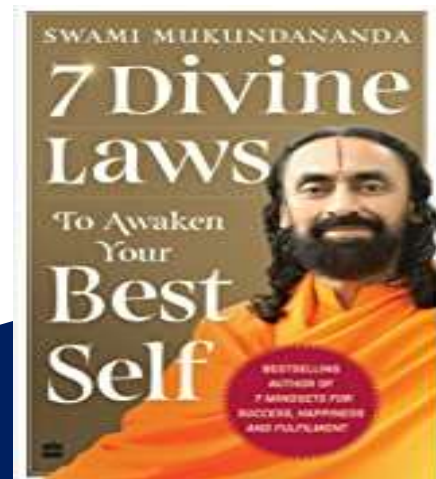


Book Club: 7 Divine Laws

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गुरुर्ब्रह्मा गुरुर्विष्णु गुरुर्देवो महेश्वरः
गुरु साक्षात् परब्रह्मा तस्मै श्रीगुरवे नमः

GururBrahma GururVishnu GururDevo Maheshwaraha
Guru Saakshaat ParaBrahma Tasmai Sri Gurave Namaha

Meaning: Guru is the Creator (Brahma), Guru is the Preserver (Vishnu), Guru is the Destroyer (Maheshwara). Guru is the absolute (singular) Lord himself! Salutations to that Sri Guru

वसुदेव सुतं देवं कंस चाणूर मर्दनम् ।
देवकी परमानन्दं कृष्णं वन्दे जगद्गुरुम्

vasudeva sutam devam kamsa canuramardanam |
devaki paramanandam krishnam vande jagadgurum

Meaning: I offer my obeisance's to Lord Krishna, the beloved son of Vasudeva, who killed the great demons Kamsa and Canura, who is the source of great joy to Mother Devaki; and who is indeed a world teacher and spiritual master of the universe

Agenda

- Quick Recap
- Book Reading
 - 7 Divine Laws, Ch 1: Law of Infinite Potential
 - Topic: ***Glorious Destiny of Our Soul*** (Pg 4)
- Visual Summary
- Practical Application
- Experience Sharing

Recap

- Dilemma we face. • •

We keep striving for perfection
but don't achieve success

- Lower instincts pull us down



- Making of a Genius
(knowledge)

Albert Einstein: "Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- The Biggest Mistake



Today's topic

- ***Glorious Destiny of the Soul***
- Refer Book Pg 4
- Chapter: *The Law of Infinite Potential*
- ***Book Reading Time!***



The “Revelation” from Vedant Darshan

Infinite **souls**!

Like sparks from fire, souls emanate from God!

Jalchar, Bhuchar, Khechar

Plants, Animals, Humans - consciousness evolves

Divine refers to of or related to God (Brahm, Pramata, Bhagavan)

Nothing about God is limited;

Infinite names, infinite size, infinite qualities

“All souls are eternal fragmental parts of the Divine.”

Eternal implies “Sanatan”. The concept of rebirth is a foundation to this path. We all have had innumerable / infinite lifetimes pass this way (endless cycle of maya going on)

Parts = implies a relation! What type of relation? The Gita says : Nayanam chindanti... soul is indivisible, can't be cut – then how cut or divided?

(Next few slides provide the answer to this!)

Activity: Compare a Fire vs. Spark!



Vs.



Energies – heat, light etc.? Volume
Capacity?

Likewise, as fragments of the Supreme Divine Personality, we have immense potential inherent in our soul.

What Type of “Fragment” are we?

- Is the relationship like that of a stone and its fragments?
- We, human beings, **are a fragment of the “Jeev Shakti”** of God. Further, Jeev Shakti is a “*Tatastha*” Shakti (*bordering*):
- “***Jeev tatastha shakti par, maya kar adhikar. Vastutastu yah das hai, Swami Nandkumar. (Bhakti Shatak verse 4)***
- The soul energy or jeev shakti is a tatastha shakti (“border”), but since eternity all the souls are under the control of maya. However, the soul's true identity is that of an eternal servant of the Lord.



Destiny of Soul: Two Sides of Coin

1



- As fragments of the Supreme Divine Personality, we have **immense potential** inherent in our soul.
 - Brahman means infinite. **Vrihatvat** Brahman. God is infinite in extent. So vast is this creation of His, and all of it, He is holding within himself!

2



- God Himself **wishes to share** His magnificence with us.
- Like a **loving father** ready to give his all to a child
 - But this word Brahman has another meaning to it. **Vrinhanatvat** Brahman. *God is He, who makes others infinite*
- God has designed this “University of Hard Knocks” around us (The world of Maya)
 - *brahma vṛihatvāt asa baṛā, jāko ādi na anta baṛā bṛinhanatvāt asa, aurana kare ananta*

Fun Fact: Dangerous Stairs



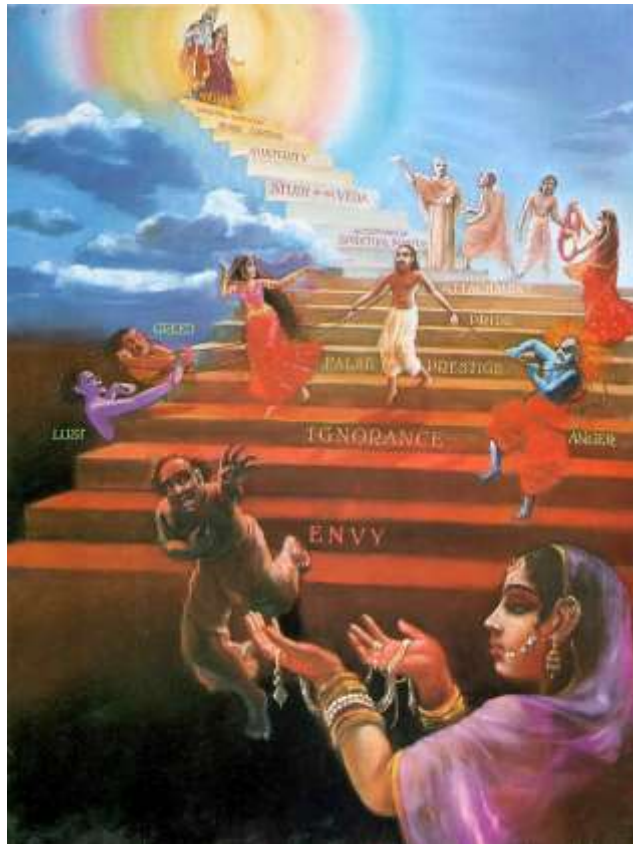
Dangerous stairs to the **Kalavantin Durg fort** (India)



Forbidden stairs in the Hawaiian hills



Soul's journey: Staircase to perfection!



BG 16.1-3 These are the saintly virtues of those endowed with a divine nature —**fearlessness**, **purity** of mind, **steadfastness** in spiritual knowledge, **charity**, **control over senses**, performance of **sacrifice**, sacred book **study**, **austerity**, and **straightforwardness**; **non-violence**, **truthfulness**, **anger absence**, **renunciation**, **peacefulness**, **restraint from fault-finding**, **compassion** toward all living beings, absence of covetousness, **gentleness**, **modesty**, and **lack of fickleness**; vigor, **forgiveness**, fortitude, **cleanliness**, **no enmity** toward anyone, and **absence of vanity**

The **Holy Bible** as well says - 'Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.' (Matthew 5:48)

BG 16.4 O Parth, the qualities of those who possess a demoniac nature are **hypocrisy**, **arrogance**, **conceit**, **anger**, **harshness**, and **ignorance**.

Later it is also mentioned Lust, Greed and Anger as Three Gates of Hell!

The Law of Infinite Potential

All souls have infinite potential for growth, whatever be their present state.

- *The word '**potential**' is especially important. It kindles hope and makes us optimistic about the future,*
- *And the word '**infinite**', implying our scope for growth is without limit.*

Interactive Activity

The Lord desires His little parts to grow in divine virtues and become perfect like Himself.

We have also learnt that God is “**Satya-sankalpa**” – if he desires something, it happens!



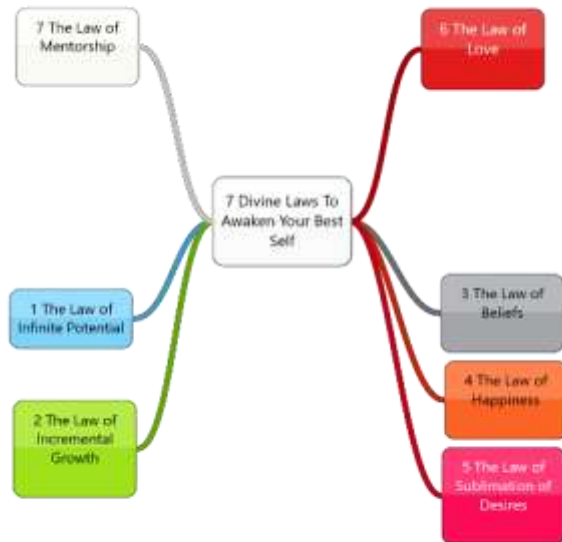
Then WHY are we still under the influence of Maya?

Equipped with the knowledge of this law, we can cultivate the **growth mindset.**

What is that? We will learn and study that in the next Book Club session!

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Mind Map



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Remember the mnemonic sentence to remember all seven divine laws!