Daily Wisdom from Bhagavad Gita

Daily (Mon-Fri) 9:00 pm CDT (7:30 AM IST)

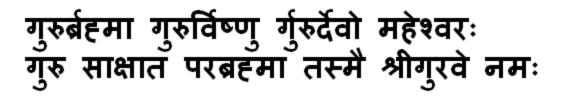
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Opening Prayers



GururBrahma GururVishnu GururDevo Maheshwaraha Guru Saakshaat ParaBrahma Tasmai Sri Gurave Namaha

Meaning:

Guru is the Creator (Brahma), Guru is the Preserver(Vishnu), GuruDeva is 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

Opening

Prayers

vasudeva sutam devam kamsa cāṇūramardanam | devakī paramānandam kṛṣṇam vande jagadgurum

Meaning:

I offer my obeisance's to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the beloved son of Vasudeva, who killed the great demons Kaṁsa and Cāṇūra, who is the source of great joy to Mother Devakī; and who is indeed a world teacher and spiritual master of the universe

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Is there any difference between God's birth and human birth?



When God comes in the Human form, does he come under the influence of Maya?

Why does God have to take avatar when he is present in every atom of the universe?



Is there any difference between the different avatars of God?





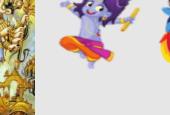


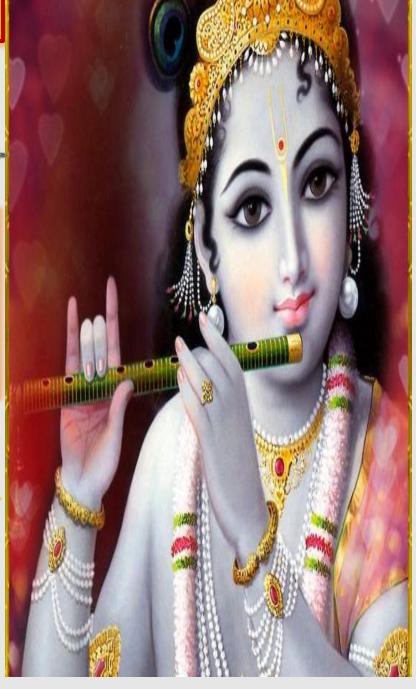






Can we see God through our material eyes and perceive God through our material senses?







Shloka (In Sanskrit)	Shloka (in English)
अवजानन्ति मां मूढा मानुषीं	avajānanti māṁ mūḍhā
तनुमाश्रितम् ।	mānuṣhīṁ tanum āśhritam
परं भावमजानन्तो मम भूतमहेश्वरम्	paraṁ bhāvam ajānanto
11	mama bhūta-maheśhvaram

Commentary: https://www.holy-bhagavad-gita.org/chapter/9/verse/11

Short Translation:

<u>BG 9.11</u>: When I descend in My personal form deluded persons are unable to recognize Me. They do not know the divinity of My personality, as the Supreme Lord of all beings.



Good teachers occasionally use strong words to jostle their students out of the complacence of shallow thinking, into a deeper state of thoughtfulness. Here, Shree Krishna uses the word $m\bar{u}dha$, which means "dim-witted," to describe those who deny the divinity of His personal form.

Those who say that God is only formless and cannot manifest in a personal form, contradict the definition of God as being all-mighty and all-powerful. The Supreme Lord has created this entire world full of forms, shapes, and colors. If He can do such an amazing feat of creating myriad forms in the world, can He not create a form for Himself? Or is it that God says, "I do not have the power to manifest in a personal form, and hence I am only formless light." To say that He cannot possess a personal form makes Him incomplete.

We tiny souls also possess forms. If one holds that God cannot possess a form, then the corollary is that He has even less power than us a human beings. For God to be perfect and complete, He must have both attributes to His personality—a personal aspect and a formless aspect.



apaśhyaṁ gopāṁ anipadyamānamā (Ŗig Veda 1.22.164 sūkta 31)

"I had the vision of God as a boy who is never annihilated, and who appeared in a family of cowherds."

gūḍhaṁ paraṁ brahma manuṣhya-liṅgam (Bhagavatam 7.15.75)

"The deepest knowledge is that God accepts a human-like form."



dwibhūjaṁ mauna mudrāḍhyaṁ vana mālinamīśhwaram (Gopāl Tāpani Upaniṣhad 1.13) "The Lord, wearing a garland of forest flowers, plays His flute, enchantingly forming the mauna mudrā with His hands."

yatrāvatīrņo bhagavān paramātmā narākṛitiḥ (Bhagavatam 9.23.20) "At that time, the Supreme Lord, who possesses all opulences, descended in a human-like form."

īśhwaraḥ paramaḥ kṛiṣhṇaḥ sachchidānanda vigrahaḥ anādirādir govindaḥ sarvakāraṇa kāraṇam (Brahma Samhitā 5.1)

In this verse, Brahma prays to Shree Krishna, "I worship Lord Krishna whose form is eternal, all-knowing, and blissful. He is without beginning and end, and is the cause of all causes." asyāpi deva vapuṣho mad-anugrahasya svechchhā-mayasya na tu bhūta-mayasya koʻpi (Bhagavatam 10.14.2)

In this verse, Lord Brahma prays to Shree Krishna, "O Lord, Your body is not made of pañch mahābhūta (the five great elements); it is divine. And You have descended in this form by Your own free will, to bestow Your grace upon souls like myself."



However, in regard to the personal form of God, we must keep in mind that it is a divine form, which means it is devoid of all the defects found in material forms. The form of God is sat-chit-ānand—it is eternal, full of knowledge, and constituted of divine bliss.

Since we souls have been taking births in the world from time immemorial, it is plausible that we were present in the human form on the earth when a previous descension of God was present on the earth. It is even possible that we saw the descension. However, the limitation was that God's form was divine and we possessed material eyes. So when we saw Him with our eyes, we were unable to recognize the divinity of His personality.

The divine nature of God's form is such that His divinity is perceived by each person only to the extent of his or her spiritual power.

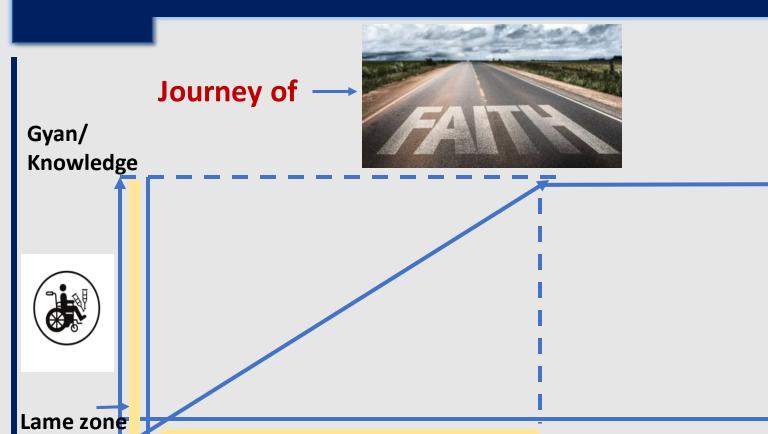
When those who are influenced by sattva guṇa see Him, they think, "Shree Krishna is a special person. He is very competent but is definitely not God."

When those under the spell of rajo guṇa see Him, they say, "There is nothing special in Him. He is very much like us." When those dominated by tamo guṇa see Him, they think, "He is egotistic and characterless, much worse than us."

It is only the God-realized saints who can recognize Him as God, since they have received divine vision by His grace. And so, Shree Krishna says that the unaware materially conditioned souls do not know Him when He takes an avatar in the world.









Full Moon

Peak of Gyan (knowledge)



Bhakti

Peak of Bhakti?

- None



Waxing Moon



Blind zone



Shloka (In Sanskrit)	Shloka (in English)
तेषां सततयुक्तानां भजतां प्रीतिपूर्वकम् ददामि बुद्धियोगं तं येन मामुपयान्ति ते 10	eṣhāṁ satata-yuktānāṁ bhajatāṁ prīti-pūrvakam dadāmi buddhi-yogaṁ taṁ yena mām upayānti te

Commentary: https://www.holy-bhagavad-gita.org/chapter/10/verse/10

Short Translation:

BG 10.10: To those whose minds are always united with me in loving devotion, I give the divine knowledge by which they can attain me.







- Divine knowledge of God is not attained by the flight of our intellect.
- No matter how powerful a mental machine we may possess, we have to admit the fact that our intellect is made from the material energy.
- Hence, our thoughts, understanding, and wisdom are confined to the material realm;
- God and his divine realm remain entirely beyond the scope of our corporeal intellect



The Vedas emphatically declare:

yasyā mataṁ tasya mataṁ mataṁ yasya na veda saḥ avijñātaṁ vijānatāṁ vijñātamavijānatām (Kenopaniṣhad 2.3)[v9]

"Those who think they can understand God with their intellects have no understanding of God.

Only those who think that he is beyond the scope of their comprehension truly understand him."





Once Chunnu was reading a book...

There was a Question that he had to solve..

$$\frac{\cancel{8} \ 4}{\cancel{1} \ \cancel{8}} = 4$$

You can't understand a scripture by reading it!



The Bṛihadāraṇyak Upaniṣhad states:

sa eṣha neti netyātmā agṛihyoḥ (3.9.26)[v10]

"One can never comprehend God by self-effort based upon the intellect."

The Ramayan states:

rāma atarkya buddhi mana bānī, mata hamāra asa sunahi sayānī [v11]

"Lord Ram is beyond the scope of our intellect, mind, and words."

Now, if these statements on the topic of knowing God plainly declare that it is not possible to know him, how then can Godrealization be possible for anyone?



The Yajur Veda states:

tasya no rāsva tasya no dhehī [v12]

"Without bathing oneself in the nectar emanating from the lotus feet of God, no one can know him." Thus, true knowledge of God is not a result of intellectual gymnastics but a consequence of divine grace.

Shree Krishna also mentions in this verse that he does not choose the recipient of his grace in a whimsical manner.

Rather, he bestows it upon those who unite their minds with him in devotion.

It is a process of systematic sensitization through regular sadhana (daily sadhana)

Shree Krishna reveals here how knowledge of God can be gained. He says that it is God who bestows divine knowledge upon the soul, and the fortunate soul who receives his grace is able to know him.



Always united is the condition!

– Simple and Straightforward formula provided by Lord Krishna☺

Discuss - Tools to systematically get closer to this goal..



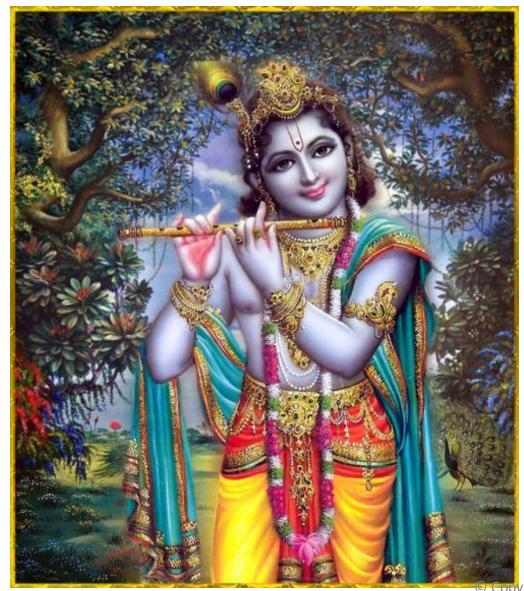
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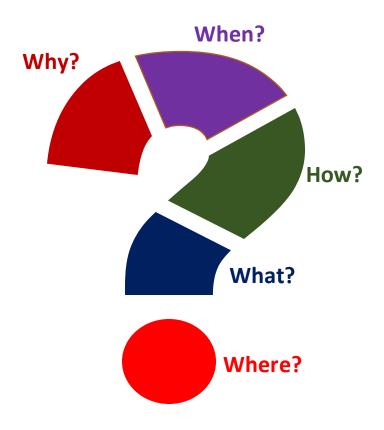
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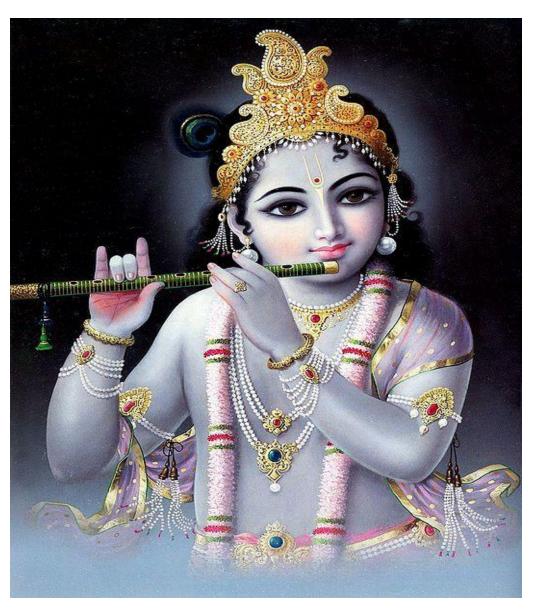
Question & Answers





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Closing Prayers



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सर्वे भवन्त् सुखिनः
सर्वे सन्त् निरामयाः ।
सर्वे भद्राणि पश्यन्त्
मा कश्चिददुःखभाग्भवेत ।
ॐ शान्तिः शान्तिः शान्तिः ॥
Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah
Sarve Santu Niraamayaah
Sarve Bhadraanni Pashyantu
Maa Kashcid-Duhkha-Bhaag-Bhavet
Om Shaantih Shaantih | |
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Om, May All be Happy,
May All be Free from Illness.
May All See what is Auspicious,
May no one Suffer.
Om Peace, Peace, Peace.

28 August 2021 <#>

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