



STUDY MATERIAL BASED ON

SHRILA PRABHUPADA'S SHRI ISHOPANISHAD

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The objective was to prepare a **quick revision study material** based on “**SHRI ISHOPANISHAD**” by **SHRILA PRABHUPADA** that **facilitates revision & recollection of the verses & key points** and **serve as a guide in preparing / revising for the ISHOPANISHAD SECTION of the BHAKTI SHASTRI EXAM!**

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(i) VERSE and MEANING

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(iii) THEMATIC TITLES for the themes covered in the purport highlighting the **KEY POINT** mentioned therein.

Index of Acronyms

- BTG - Back to GodHead
- SPOG - Supreme Personality of GodHead
- BS - Brahma Samhita
- SB - Srimad Bhagavatam
- BG - Bhagavad Gita As it Is
- DS - Devotional service
- SP - Shrila Prabhupada

INTRODUCTION:

1. VEDAS:

(i) Vedas means **KNOWLEDGE**. Vedas are words spoken by SPOG who is transcendental to the 4 defects and hence Vedas are called **APARUSHEYA**. They are accepted as **AXIOMATIC TRUTH**. Eg. Cowdung is considered pure and it even makes an impure place pure though it is stool of an animal! So in spite of contradictions, the vedas have to be accepted as truth without any argument! Another name for **Vedas** is **SHRUTI, KNOWLEDGE ACQUIRED BY HEARING**.

(ii) Vedas are considered to be **MOTHER**. Just like we accept the words of our mother as to who our father is, similarly we have to accept the vedas without questioning or experimenting. Vedic knowledge comes down by **DISCIPLIC SUCCESSION**, in one of the 4 bonafide paramparas starting from Lord KRISHNA!

(iii) Vyasadev divided the vedas into Rig, Yajur, Sama & Atharva veda. The whole summary of the vedic knowledge is called Vedanta sutra!

2. FOUR DEFECTS OF HUMANS: (i) Tendency to commit mistake, (ii) Cheating propensity, (iii) Imperfect senses, (iv) Illusion

3. TWO SYSTEMS OF KNOWLEDGE IN MATERIAL WORLD:

(i) **INDUCTIVE** – AROHA – perform research to find out

(ii) **DEDUCTIVE** – AVAROHA- HEAR FROM BONAFIDE AUTHORITY

3. VARNASHRAMA: There are 4 divisions of society and 4 divisions of spiritual life. This is called varnashrama

4 DIVISIONS OF SOCIETY:

BRAHMANA – intelligent class

KSHATRIYA – administrative class

VAISHYA – Mercantile class

SHUDRA – assist the other 3 classes

4 DIVISIONS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE – BRAHMACHARI, GRIHASTA, VANAPRASTHA, SANYASI

4. THREE KINDS OF EVIDENCE:

(i) **PRATYAKSHA** – Direct evidence, not very good because we have imperfect senses

(ii) **ANUMANA** – inductive knowledge/ hypothesis/assumptions - this is also not perfect

(iii) **SHABDA** – TO HEAR (AURAL RECEPTION) FROM

BONAFIDE AUTHORITY- THIS IS PERFECT!. Even Brahma heard and understood the vedas from SPOG!

5. TWO QUALIFICATIONS OF A BONAFIDE GURU:

(i) Heard vedic message from **right source**

(ii) Practically be firmly **established in Brahman**

INVOCATION:

*om pūrṇam adaḥ pūrṇam idaṁ pūrṇāt pūrṇam udacyate
pūrṇasya pūrṇam ādāya pūrṇam evāvaśiṣyate*

The Supreme Lord is complete, His emanations such as this world are complete, even after such emanation, He remains the complete balance!

KEYPOINTS:

1.SPOG HAS A TRANSCENDENTAL FORM: The SUPREME PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD IS SAT CHIT ANANDA VIGRAHA.

SAT(knowledge- impersonal Brahman, SAT & CHIT(knowledge & eternity- Paramatma), SAT, CHIT & ANANDA(knowledge, eternity & bliss – Bhagavan(SPOG), VIGRAHA- FORM (BS 5.1 – Isvara parama Krsna)

2.COMPLETENESS OF HUMAN LIFE: When the jivas, the parts and parcels of the Lord, dovetail **EVERYTHING IN THE SERVICE OF THE COMPLETE WHOLE**, then the **COMPLETENESS OF HUMAN LIFE IS EXPERIENCED** and the parts & parcels also become complete!

ANALOGY: *Just like hand is potent when attached to the body similarly living entity/ soul is satisfied only when connected to the Supreme Lord, any completeness felt without such connection with SPOG is illusion!!*

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE - KEY POINT:

1.FORM VS FORMLESS: The Supreme Absolute Truth is both FORMLESS AND WITH FORM to be complete!

2.MATERIAL WORLD IS COMPLETE: Lord has made complete, expert arrangement for the maintenance and subsistence of this universe that it works independently!

3.REASON FOR FEELING INCOMPLETENESS: The incompleteness felt in one's life is only because of incomplete knowledge of the complete whole. E.g. Fish out of water will never feel complete and satisfied!!

4.ILLUSORY COMPLETENESS DUE TO SENSE ENJOYMENT: Dovetailing the senses in service of the SPOG is real enjoyment! Sense enjoyment gives illusory completeness. Eg. Hand severed from body!!

5.REAL COMPLETENESS IS IN PERFORMING DEVOTIONAL SERVICE : Jivas are parts and parcels and have to work for the satisfaction of the whole (dependent completeness) whereas SPOG is independently complete. **DEVOTIONAL SERVICE enables one to experience real completeness!!**

VERSE 1:

**Īśāvāsyam idaṁ sarvaṁ / yat kiñca jagatyāṁ jagat
tena tyaktena bhuñjīthā / mā gṛdhaḥ kasya svid dhanam**

All animate, inanimate are controlled by Lord, one should accept what is assigned as his quota, not accept another's wealth

KEYPOINTS:

1. VEDAS ARE PERFECT: Vedic knowledge is INFALLIBLE as it comes down through BONAFIDE DISCIPLIC SUCCESSION BEGINNING WITH THE LORD HIMSELF WHO IS ALL PURNAM- ALL PERFECT!

2. LORD IS PROPRIETOR OF EVERYTHING: The inferior material energy- APARA PRAKRTI and superior energy- PARA PRAKRTI are emanations from the Lord and everything belongs to either of them, therefore everything is the property of the SPOG **(BG 7.4-5)**

3. BECOME DEVOTEE: Jiva should recognize the authority of the SPOG, become His devotee, follow His instructions to offer everything to Him and partake only remnants of food offered to the Lord **(BG 9.26)**, else those who don't offer food to the Lord verily eat sin **(BG 3.13)**

ANALOGY: (1) Neither proprietorship by capitalists or communists, but only SUPREME LORD'S PROPRIETORSHIP can result in peace!
(2) The Lord is compared to fire which distributes heat & light, similarly Lord distributes His energies everywhere!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE - KEY POINT:

1 - APAURUSHEYA: Transcendental to the four defects of the tendency to cheat, commit mistakes, imperfect senses, illusion

2-4 - ISHAVASYAM PRINCIPLE: Everything belongs to the Supreme Lord and managed by the energies of the Lord – Apra (inferior) and Para (Superior) energy of the Lord

5-6 - REAL PROPRIETOR & QUOTA: Human beings in sattvic platform can understand their quota and be satisfied with it...

7 - SPIRITUAL COMMUNISM : Capitalism & Communism are useless, SPOG is the supreme CEO – Controller, Enjoyer and Owner

8-9 - HIGHER RESPONSIBILITY OF HUMAN BEING: Human beings have free will that is not available with animals. So, there is a greater responsibility to utilize the free will

10-11 - SANCTIONED VS SANCTIFIED: Vegetarian food which is sanctioned for human beings becomes sanctified by offering bhoga to the Lord and this bhoga becomes prasadam by the merciful glance of the Lord!

VERSE 2:

kurvann eveha karmāṇi/jijīviṣec chatam samāḥ

evaṁ tvayi nānyatheto 'sti/ na karma lipyate nare

One who works according to Isavasyam principle may live for 100 years and yet such actions will not bind him(na lipyate nare)

KEYPOINTS:

1.KARMA BANDHANA: Bondage by one's actions that leads one to keep changing his body amongst the 8.4 million species!

2. KARMA, VIKARMA, AKARMA: Actions performed according to one's prescribed duties is called Karma, actions that degrade one to lower forms of life is called vikarma & actions performed with the understanding of the authority of the SPOG that free one from karmabandhana is called AKARMA OR NAISKARMYA!

3.WORK AS PER ISHAVASYAM PRINCIPLE: All activities to be performed as per Ishavasyam principle(**BG 18.5-9**) and one may live for many years without any bondage and this guarantees human form though may be unfinished in one body!!Even a little progress protects one from the greatest types of fear(**BG 2.40**)

4.LIVING A GOD-CENTERED LIFE IS THE ESSENCE: A humble God-centered life is better than a life dedicated to godless altruism or socialism.

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE: KEY POINT

1- KARMABANDHANA: If one does not act according to his prescribed duties, then one transgresses the law of nature and **binds oneself to the cycle of birth and death**

2,3 - AKARMA: Intelligent men perform akarma knowing very well that both good and bad work bind one to material miseries. **Akarma will free them from the reactions of both good and bad work**

4 - REAL BENEFIT: The real benefit is to make people around us God Centered. any other kind of help constitutes selfish interest – immediate or extended and is temporary, it ends with the body. The real benefit of making the soul Krishna conscious extends life after life!

5 - GREATEST DANGER: Falling into the lower species of life

6,7 - INCOMPLETE PRACTICE OF DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: Human form of life is guaranteed to continue the path of devotional service from where one has left off! How one can perform devotional service and perfect his life is further described in detail in Nectar of Devotion.

VERSE 3:

asuryā nāma te lokā / andhena tamasāvṛtāḥ

tāms te pretyābhigacchanti/ ye ke cātma-hano janāḥ

One who utilizes his body for sense gratification is an asura and by misutilising the human form, he enters into asuric planets of ignorance!

KEYPOINTS:

1.SURAS VS. ASURAS: Suras aim at the lotus feet of Lord Vishnu and work accordingly whereas & others are called ATMA SAMBHAVITA (BG 16.17-18) OR ASURAS OR DEMONS!

2.BETTER FACILITIES ENTAILS BIGGER RESPONSIBILITIES: Human beings have to engage in self realization rather than simply feeding their hungry stomachs and try to solve the real problems!

3.NO LOSS IN PATH OF DS: One who engages in DS but not yet perfected the process is born in the family of shuchi or shrimat (Brahmana or Vaishya spiritually advanced family (BG 6.41-43) and continue their process of DS!

4.DESTINATION OF ASURAS: Destination of Asuras is the darkest region of ignorance (andhena tamasa vrta)!

ANALOGY: 1) OCEAN & BOAT: Under the guidance of expert driver(Guru, Shastra, Sadhu), one should use the solid boat (human body) to cross over the ocean of material existence!

2) The ways of the suras are as illuminated as the path of the Sun!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE - KEY POINT:

1 - SURA VS ASURA: Those who are cognizant of their responsibilities and work in that spirit are called SURAS OR GODLY PERSONS & those who are devoid of knowledge of self realization & Ishavasyam principles are ASURAS OR DEMONS!

2-4 - GIFT OF HUMAN FORM OF LIFE: Human form is the **most suitable boat for crossing over the ocean of material world under the guidance of expert boatmen who are the acharyas and scriptures.** One who misuses this opportunity of attaining eternal bliss & glides down from rare human form to one of the other 8.4 million species is called **atma ha- the killer of the soul.**

5 - DESTINATION OF UNSUCCESSFUL BHAKTAS & 2 TYPES OF ASURAS: Human life assured to continue devotional service. The 2 types of asuras are those who are attached to material enjoyment & religious pretenders

6 – SOLVE REAL PROBLEMS OF LIFE: Birth, Death, Disease, Old Age are the real problems and human life is meant to find solution to these real problems!

VERSE 4:

*anejad ekam manaso javiyo/ nainad devā āpnuvan pūrvam arṣat
tad dhāvato 'nyān atyeti tiṣṭhat /tasminn apo mātariśvā dadhāti*

The SPOG although fixed in His abode(anejad ekam) runs faster than the mind(manaso javiyo) and controls the devtas who supply air and rain, who also cannot approach Him!!!

KEYPOINTS:

1.SPOG REVEALS HIMSELF ONLY TO HIS DEVOTEES: The SPOG can be known only by His devotees through His causeless mercy. Mental speculators cannot understand the SPOG(**BS 5.34**). He remains eternally in Goloka, yet present in every part of His creative energy. Goloka eva nivasaty akhilatma bhuto, Govindam..namami (**BS 5.37**)

2.THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH IS THE ABSOLUTE PERSON: SPOG says that even demigods and sages do not know Him completely as the Supreme Personality who is the cause of all causes (**BG 10.2**)

3. SPOG'S ENERGIES: The Spiritual world is the manifestation of His Antaranga shakti(Internal potency), the material world of His bahiranga shakti(external potency) and demigods and humans belong to His tathasta shakti(marginal potency)! As part & parcel of the SPOG, it is the duty of all to engage in the service of the SPOG!

ANALOGY: The SPOG is compared to fire. Just like fire burning at one place distributes heat and light, the SPOG situated in His transcendental abode diffuses His energies/ opulence everywhere!!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE - KEY POINT:

1 - INCONCEIVABLE LORD: The inconceivability of being fixed & running etc. can ONLY be **understood by the process of DS which attracts the mercy of SPOG!**

2 - THE LORD'S ENERGIES: Internal (spiritual energy – Antaranga shakti) External (Material energy – Bahiranga shakti) and Marginal (human beings – Tathasta shakti)

3 - SPOG NOT SUBJECT TO OUR LIMITED CAPACITY: Can be understood only by revelation by the mercy of the SPOG/ Spiritual master

4 - THE LORD IS A PERSON: The Lord has a Transcendental Form that is **SAT-CIT-ANANDA**

5 - ACINTYA BHEDA ABHEDA TATTVA: **one in quality, different in quantity.** Both are satcitananda, SPOG is vibhu, Jiva is anu

6 - INITIATIVE BY JIVA: **One has to take initiative to perform devotional service** as per one's intelligence, skills, aptitude, abilities provided by the Lord and thereby he can revive his original consciousness

7 - SOURCE AND USE OF POWER: **All power is obtained from the Lord;** therefore each particular power must be utilized to execute the will of the Lord for the pleasure of the Lord!!!

VERSE 5:

tad ejati tan najati tad dūre tad v antike

tad antar asya sarvasya tad u sarvasyāsyā bāhyataḥ

The Supreme Lord walks /does not walk, far away/near, within and outside of everything. (**inconceivable contradictions!**) The Lord can convert His material energy into superior energy and viceversa. By the **Lord's mercy only** can one understand His **inconceivable opulence**.

KEYPOINTS:

1.SPOG's INCONCEIVABILITY: SPOG eternally stays at Goloka dham (BG 15.6) and He can descend to material world at will! Only fools deride the SPOG when He takes human form(**BG 9.11**)

2.SPOG IS FULL OF INCONCEIVABLE POTENCIES: The SPOG can convert his potencies according to His will, can convert spiritual energy to material energy and viceversa. Eg. The SPOG appears in the material form as archavighraha and accepts the devotee's devotional service and reveals Himself to His devotee according to his level of surrender(**BG 4.11**).

3.SPOG APPEARS FOR THE PLEASURE OF HIS DEVOTEES: The Lord descends primarily to FAVOUR HIS DEVOTEES!. Eg. Narasimha Deva appeared to favour Prahlad Maharaj primarily! The Lord appears in His virat form externally and insidd our heart as ANTARYAMI AS UPDRASHTA, ANUMANTA- AS THE WITNESS & SANCTIONER!

4.SPOG'S INCONCEIVABLE ONENESS: Everything is the manifestation of the SPOG's energies and in this way there is oneness in His diverse energies & yet He enjoys unlimitedly in His Personal form!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1- SUPREME MUST BE INCONCEIVABLE: He walks, and He does not walk." It is illogical. But in reference to God, such a contradiction simply serves to indicate His inconceivable power. All contradictions reconcile in the SPOG!

2 - ABSOLUTE TRUTH IS FAR YET NEAR: Far away at Goloka dham yet near, as Paramatma in our heart(Antaryami-witness) & as Archavirgraha

3 - 6 - DEITY WORSHIP: SPOG manifests in Archavighraha (material form) to accept our service wherein we can perceive, develop a relationship & serve the Lord with our material senses in vatsalya bhava and the Lord reciprocates according to our level of love & surrender!!

7 - NIRGUNA YET SAGUNA: Nirguna - no material qualities & Saguna - full of transcendental qualities

8 -10 - LORD PERVADES EVERYTHING YET SEPARATE: SPOG manifests as Virat Rupa outside and inside our heart as antaryami (Paramatma). The Lord in His personal form still enjoys unlimitedly all the pleasures enjoyed minutely by us, the tiny part and parcel living entities, namely the jivas.

VERSE 6:

*yas tu sarvāṇi bhūtāny ātmany evānupaśyati
sarva-bhūteṣu cātmānaṁ tato na vijugupsate*

One who sees the SPOG within everything and sees all living beings as part & parcel of SPOG, does not hate anyone

KEYPOINTS:

1. REALIZATION OF SPOG IN 3 STAGES: Kanishta Adhikari is the lowest stage of realization and by proper association with devotees coming under bonafide disciplic succession and by the process of hearing and chanting, one moves towards 2nd stage called Madhyama Adhikari who makes distinctions only for the purpose of preaching according to the level of the person and slowly advances to the highest level which is Uttama Adhikari who sees everything/everyone in relation with SPOG!

2. ANUPASHYATI : False philanthropists imitate an Uttama Adhikari devotee but still behave on the bodily platform. ANUPASHYATI means to follow the instructions of acharyas coming in a bonafide disciplic succession beginning with Lord Krsna Himself and not to imitate them!

3. VISION OF UTTAMA ADHIKARI: An Uttama Adhikari is one who is already in the liberated platform - **BG 18.54 – Brahma bhuta prasannatma na shocati na kanksati, sama sarveshu bhuteshu mad bhakte labhate param** - he neither laments nor hankers and is already situated in the liberated platform. He sees the spirit soul within the material body and serves Him as spirit. Thus the material aspect is already served.

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1 - KANISHTA ADHIKARI: Consider the Lord to be present only at temple & sentimental without knowledge of scripture. **By reading SP's books, hearing from bonafide authority, they learn how to deal with Vaishnavas and progress to Madhyama!**

2 - MADHYAMA ADHIKARI: These devotees discriminate and understand how to deal with four categories of people: (1) the Supreme Lord; (2) the devotees of the Lord; (3) the innocent, who have no knowledge of the Lord; and (4) the atheists, who have no faith in the Lord

3 - UTTAMA ADHIKARI: Such a devotee does not discriminate between an atheist and a theist and sees everyone as part and parcel of God

4-7 - ONENESS – FALSE/REAL: FALSE ONENESS refers to imitators who imitate at a bodily level or artificial renunciation. True/REAL ONENESS is that of ONENESS IN INTEREST/PURPOSE – which is to serve and please the Lord following the instructions of bonafide guru. ONENESS in QUALITY AND NOT IN QUANTITY IS THE CORRECT UNDERSTANDING OF REAL ONENESS!

VERSE 7:

*yasmin sarvāṇi bhūtāny ātmaivābhūd vijānataḥ
tatra ko mohaḥ kaḥ śoka ekatvam anupaśyataḥ*

One who sees everyone as qualitatively one with the Lord (ekatvam anupasyataha) is free from moha (illusion) shoka(anxiety)

KEYPOINTS:

1.ONENESS IN INTEREST: SP explains that All living beings are emanations from the marginal potency of the Lord (**BG 7.5**). They belong to the family of the SPOG! Hence there should be oneness in interest!

2.HOW TO GET FREE FROM LAMENTATION?: It is an illusion to think that by engaging in sense gratification, one can be happy because that is not possible and hence leads to lamentation. By making ParaBrahman, Lord Krishna who is a person as the center of all our activities and by using the result of the activities in the service of the Lord one can get out of illusion and lamentation! Then we can realize the atma bhuta or brahma bhuta interest and frees himself from moha and shoka(**BG 18.54**)

ANALOGY: 1) ONENESS in QUALITY: Spark of fire/ Drop of ocean are qualitatively one with fire/ocean though different in quantity as heat & light in the spark/drop is infinitesimal as compared to the fire/ocean!!

2) ONENESS in INTEREST: Just like the interest of the family members is the same, all living entities are part of the same supreme family, their interest is the same as that of the interest of the SPOG!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1,2 - ONENESS IN QUALITY: Ekatvam does not mean that the living entity is equal to SPOG in all respects. Ekatvam means oneness in quality just as spark is to fire as drop of ocean is to ocean.

3 - ONENESS IN INTEREST: In the material world there is a clash in the interest because between individual beings because the proper center of enjoyment is missed. When we engage in serving the Supreme Lord by glorifying the SPOG and spreading His message, there is oneness in interest! At this realization, there is no moha(illusion) or shoka(lamentation)

4-6 - INTEREST SEPARATE FROM THE LORD CAUSES DISTRESS, ILLUSION & FEAR: Anyone engaged in the service of Lord Krsna is the best even if there is difference of opinion as the center of attention is Krsna. Placing the Lord as the center of one's activities frees one from illusion , distress and fear.

VERSE 8:

sa paryagāc chukram akāyam avraṇam

asnāviraṁ śuddham apāpa-viddham

kavir manīṣī paribhūḥ svayambhūr

yāthātathyato 'rthān vyadadhāc chāśvatībhyaḥ samābhyaḥ

SPOG is omnipotent, unembodied, beyond reproach, without veins, pure, prophylactic, omniscient, philosopher, greatest, self sufficient and awards fulfilment of desires since time immemorial!

KEYPOINTS:

1.SPOG HAS TRANSCENDENTAL FORM: He is the Supreme Lord of all Lords and has a body that is satchitananda vigraha(**BS 5.1**) It is explained how every part of His body can perform the work of other senses(**BS 5.32**). Fools, those under the influence of material nature & those captivated by the beauty of external energy are not able to understand the transcendental form of the SPOG (**BG 9.11-12**), **BG 2.41**, **SB 7.5.30-31**)

2.SINFUL PERSON IS CONSIDERED SAINTLY IF HE IS ON THE RIGHT PATH: Even if a person performs sinful activities by mistake, if he is situated on the path of bhakti then he is considered to be saintly (**BG 9.30-31**) . This is due to the prophylactic or purifying nature of the association of the SPOG!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1 - 4 - SPOG IS UNEMBODIED (AKAYAM)/ WITHOUT VEINS(ASHNAVIRAM), OMNIPOTENT(SHUKRAM), OMNISCIENT(KAVIHI),BEYOND REPROACH

(AVRANAM): UNEMBODIED- no difference between His body and soul, **WITHOUT VEINS** – no material form, has a satchitananda vigraha form that does not require mechanical construction like veins, **OMNIPOTENT** - uses any of His senses for any purpose, **OMNISCIENT** – can convert spiritual to material energy and viceversa, **BEYOND REPROACH-** Beyond any fault!

5-8 –SPOG AWARDS FULFILLMENT OF DESIRES(Yaathatathyata Arthan Vyadhadat), GREATEST (PARIBHUH), SELF SUFFICIENT (SVAYAMBHU), ANTISEPTIC (SHUDDHAM), PROPHYLACTIC (APAPAVIDHAM): FULFILMENT OF DESIRES - SPOG awards enjoyment to living entities as per their karma, but karma is not all in all, SPOG's mercy is essential **PARIBHUH** – Greatest on whom all are dependent, **SELSUFFICIENT** – Lifted Govardhan Hill, killed demons. **SHUDDHAM:** Pure, antiseptic that all impure things becomes purified by just touching Him Eg. Sun. **APAPAVIDHAM** - SPOG's association purifies all who come in contact & sin cannot touch the SPOG!!

VERSE 9:

*andham tamaḥ praviśanti ye 'vidyām upāsate
tato bhūya iva te tamo ya u vidyāyām ratāḥ*

Those who engage in the culture of nescient activities (AVIDYA) shall enter into the darkest region of ignorance. Worse still are those engaged in the culture of so-called knowledge.

KEYPOINTS:

1. MISGUIDED KNOWLEDGE IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN IGNORANCE:

The purpose of the vedas is to know and understand the SPOG (**BG 15.5**).

(i)The VEDAVADARATHAS pose themselves as learned but are mistaken mundane educators (**BG 2.42**) and are completely diverted from the purpose of vedas. They give their own interpretations and fail to

understand that the Vedas can only be understood in disciplic succession.

(ii)The MAYAYAPAHRTA JNANA class of men think that they themselves are God and fail to understand that if they are God and are currently under the clutches of Maya, then Maya is more powerful than God!! They fail to understand that the SPOG can never be overpowered by Maya!! (**BG 7.15**)

Such misguided knowledge is more dangerous than ignorance or avidya as innocent people are misguided from the real purport of the Vedas!!

ANALOGY: (1)The advancement of learning by godless people is as dangerous as a valuable jewel in the hood of the cobra. **(2)**Foolish people engaged in profitless pursuit of sense gratification and work very hard for it are compared to asses since it carries so much load to just get some grass! (**BG 7.15**)**(3)** The advancement of civilization by godless people is like the

decorations on a dead body! (**Haribhakti Sudhodhaya 3.11.12**)

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1 - VIDYA Vs. AVIDYA: Ignorance of Isavasyam principle is AVIDYA. More dangerous than ignorance (AVIDYA) is misguided knowledge (so called vidya) that is used in pursuit of sense gratification and misleading innocent people!!

2-4 - WORSHIP BASIS IGNORANCE / MODERN

GODLESS EDUCATION: The profitless pursuit of sense gratification is the worship of avidya Eg. Mudhas, Asses. Modern Godless education which does not lead to self realization is ignorance.

5-8 -VEDA VADA RATAH:- *Veda-vāda-ratas* refer to those who use the vedas to fulfill their own sense gratification, They think that attaining heavenly pleasure for sense gratification is the ultimate purpose of the vedas! They don't have correct understanding and they may also misguide others which is more dangerous than even ignorance!

9 - MAYAAPAHRTA JNANA: Mayaapahrta jnana refers to those who either think themselves God and so there is no need to worship any other God! They cannot answer any question logically but are simply satisfied to have become God themselves!!

VERSE 10:

anyad evāhur vidyayā- nyad āhur avidyayā
iti śuśrūma dhīrāṇām ye nas tad vicacakṣire

The wise have explained that one result is derived from knowledge (**vidya**) and a different result is obtained from nescience (**avidya**) and should be heard from **A DHIRA!**

KEYPOINTS:

1. QUALITIES THAT REPRESENT KNOWLEDGE: 18 qualities are humility; pridelessness; nonviolence; tolerance; simplicity; **approaching a bonafide 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 importance of self-realization, philosophical search for the Absolute Truth – **rest are ignorance. (BG 13.8-12)**

2. PROCEDURE FOR RECEIVING TRANSCENDENTAL KNOWLEDGE: The real knowledge has to be received from a Dhira

ANALOGY: The Earth is just a lump of matter floating in space along with others and in their vastness look like dust particles in the air! These lumps of matter are complete in themselves (om purna madhaha purnam idam purnat purna mudarchate), they are equipped with all necessities to float in space!!!

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1 – VIDYA LEADS TO DESIRABLE QUALITIES:18

desirable qualities as laid down in **BG 13.8-12** which starts with humility, pridelessness to accepting a spiritual master, importance of self realization and search for the absolute truth. Except for these, all others constitute avidya or nescience

2-4 – AVIDYA LEADS TO UNDESIRABLE QUALITIES:

Undesirable qualities such as no respect for others, no cleanliness (physical and mental), always endeavoring for sense gratification, falsely proud, no faith in scriptures etc are result of avidya or ignorance

5-7 – REAL KNOWLEDGE OR VIDYA MUST BE

RECEIVED FROM A DHIRA: person who is undisturbed, neither laments nor hankers, who is spiritually realized, who comes in a bonafide parampara and follows the instructions of the SPOG received through bonafide Guru & follows the regulative principles is fit to impart real knowledge!

8 – ADHIRA: Modern politicians who are always interested in sense gratification cannot lead the people to self realization and are called Adhira!

VERSE 11:

*vidyām cāvidyām ca yas tad vedobhayam saha
avidyayā mṛtyum tīrtvā vidyayāmṛtam aśnute*

Only one who **cultivates both Vidya and Avidya parallelly** transcend the cycle of birth, death, disease, old age and enjoy immortality! Here **Vidya** refers to **KC transcendental knowledge** while **avidya** refers to **knowledge pertaining to bodily maintenance!**

KEYPOINTS:

1.SPOG ONLY IS IMMORTAL IN ALL THE WORLDS: Although Brahma lives for a very long time as described in BG, he is still not amara or immortal(**BG 8.17**)

2.ONLY SOLUTION FOR HAPPINESS IN THIS LIFE AND IN THE NEXT: To be happy in this life and to attain a permanent blissful life after quitting the body is to read scrutinizingly SP's Bhagavad Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam. The path of avidya or the knowledge of sense gratification undergo the same miseries repeatedly and do not learn lessons from them

3.WHEN IS REAL SENSE ENJOYMENT POSSIBLE: Real sense enjoyment is possible only when the disease of materialism is removed. In the pure spiritual form, free from all material contamination, real enjoyment of the senses is possible and in this way by this cultivation of spiritual knowledge, one may become completely free from the cruel hands of death! **ONE MUST NEVER ALLOW MISUSE OF HUMAN INTELLIGENCE FOR DISEASED SENSE GRATIFICATION!**

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1-4 – IMMORTALITY IS IMPOSSIBLE MATERIALLY: Material advancement cannot solve the problems of death, disease, old age and birth. Eg. Hiranyakashipu

5- ATTAIN IMMORTALITY BY PREPARING TO GO BTG : Engaging in devotional service is the process !

6-7 - ATTAIN IMMORTALITY BY READING SACRED LITERATURE: Engaging in devotional service is the process by which real vidya is revealed in the heart!

8- ATTAIN IMMORTALITY BY GIVING UP PERVERTED SENSE ENJOYMENT: Real sense enjoyment is possible only when the disease of materialism is cut by the process of devotional service to SPOG!

9 -12 – PROPER UTILISATION OF HUMAN LIFE: To give up sense gratification and inquire into the Absolute Truth is possible only in human life. Harmonized, restricted, regulated life is the key!!

13-14 - CULTURE OF VIDYA: Constantly hear, glorify, remember, worship the SPOG – this is vidya and everything else is avidya!!

VERSE 12:

*andham tamaḥ praviśanti ye 'sambhūtim upāsate
tato bhūya iva te tamo ya u sambhūtyām ratāḥ*

Asambhuti refers to demigods and their destination is andham, ignorance. Sambhuti refers to Mayavadis here and their destination is worse because they reject the Paramatma and Bhagavan realization

KEYPOINTS:

1. OPULENCES & ORIGIN OF THE SPOG KRISHNA: It is difficult for the devtas to understand how Krishna appears in the form of man. **(BG 10.2)**

2. THOSE WHO HAVE DESIRES FOR SENSE GRATIFICATION WORSHIP

DEMIGODS: People worship demigods to get their desires fulfilled and get temporary relief from problems **(BG 7.20)** and these worshippers go to the planet of demigods and results derived are temporary. **(BG 7.23)**. Krishna says all planets right from Brahma's to the lowest planets are all places of misery where birth, death takes place **(BG 8.16)**

3. SOLUTION FOR ETERNAL BLISS: Understanding about the SPOG through bonafide disciplic succession & hearing with sincerity. **(BG 4.2)** Insincere pretenders would be thrown into darkest regions of hell **(BG 16.19-20)**

ANALOGY: Worshippers of Demigods attain the DARKEST REGION OF THE UNIVERSE. The Universe is covered by the gigantic material elements just like a coconut covered by a shell and half filled with water. Since its covering is airtight, the darkness is dense and hence requires sun and moon for illumination.

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1-ASAMBHUTI VS SAMBHUTI: ASAMBHUTI refers to demigods because they don't have independent existence. **SAMBHUTI** refers to **SPOG**

2-3- SPOG CANNOT BE UNDERSTOOD BY MENTAL

SPECULATION: Mental speculators arrive at the incorrect conclusion that the Absolute must be formless and without qualities. In this way one can utmost reach the Brahman but cannot make progress to Bhagavan, the SPOG. The SPOG can only be understood by DS!

4-7 - DEMIGOD WORSHIPPERS & THEIR DESTINATION:

Those who are interested in SENSE GRATIFICATION WORSHIP THE DEMIGODS their destination is the demigod planets which are also temporary

8-10- DESTINATION OF MAYAVADIS or PSEUDO

RELIGIONISTS: Their destination is worse than Demigod worshippers as they use vedic knowledge for sense gratification. THEIR KNOWLEDGE IS MORE DANGEROUS THAN IGNORANCE! They may present a show of devotional service while engaged in immoral activities, reject the vedic injunction and their destination is the darkest regions of hell!

VERSE 13:

**anyad evāhuḥ sambhavād anyad āhur asambhavāt
iti śuśrūma dhīrāṇām ye nas tad vicacakṣire**

The result obtained by worshipping the SPOG and by worshipping what is not supreme are different. This can be understood from a Dhira!

KEYPOINTS:

1.HOW TO UNDERSTAND REAL KNOWLEDGE: The Vedic instructions to be received from a guru coming in a bonafide disciplic succession **(BG 4.2)**

2.ARJUNE THE CHOSEN ONE!: Lord Krishna chose Arjuna to re-establish the disciplic succession as Arjuna was a devotee of Lord Krishna **(BG 4.3)**

3.WHO WORSHIP THE DEMIGODS: Lord Krishna says that only people of small intelligence worship the Demigods **(BG 7.23)** and reach their planets **(BG 9.25)** Lord Krishna says abandon all varieties of religion and surrender unto Him alone **(BG 18.66)** Those who are faithless are described as mudhas or fools **(BG 9.11)**

4.SAMBHAVAT – WORSHIP OF THE SUPREME CAUSE: Lord Krishna is the original SPOG and everything emanates from Him **(BG 10.8)**. The SPOG is conscious of past, present and future **(BG 7.26)**. By hearing the activities of SPOG, one draws the attention of the Lord **(SB 1.2.17)** and He guides the devotee sitting in his heart **(BG 10.10)**. Any lowborn person can be purified by guidance of a pure devotee **(SB 2.4.18)**

ANALOGY: If one purchases a ticket to Calcutta, he reaches Calcutta and not Bombay, similarly the worshippers of demigods reach their planets and only the worshippers of SPOG reach the abode of the SPOG!!!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1 - ONLY DHIRA HAS REAL KEY TO

TRANSCENDENTAL KNOWLEDGE: One has to hear from a sober person (dhira) who has heard in bonafide disciplic succession

2-3 - DIFFERENT PATHS LEAD TO DIFFERENT

DESTINATION: The worshippers of the Demigods go to them and those who worship the Supreme Lord reach the Supreme abode.

4-5 - FALSE INTERPRETERS MISGUIDE OTHERS: Such interpreters explain the verses of the Bhagavad Gita in their own way and misguide others

6-9 -WHO IS SAMBHAVAT: Devaki's son Krishna is the Supreme Lord, the cause of all causes (SARVASYA PRABHAVAHA)

10- WORKING FOR PLEASURE OF KRISHNA: Arjuna worshiped the Lord by fighting with his relatives.

11-12- REAL SERVICE TO HUMANITY: Real service to humanity is when one teaches surrender to SPOG

13-16- PERFECTION OF SAMBHAVAT: The actual learned person is called "budha" and one becomes enthusiastic to render DS & that is real perfection!

VERSE 14:

*sambhūtiṁ ca vināśaṁ ca yas tad vedobhayaṁ saha
vināśena mṛtyuṁ tīrtvā sambhūtyāmṛtam aśnute*

Perfect knowledge of both Sambhuti (SPOG) and Vinasha (temporary manifestation) enables one to have an eternal life of bliss and knowledge!

KEYPOINTS:

1. ENERGIES OF THE SUPREME LORD: Lord Vishnu possesses superior energy called para and inferior energy called apara shakti. Living entities belong to the superior energy whereas material nature to inferior energy (**Vishnu Purana 6.7.61**). That superior energy of the Lord constitutes the deathless abode of the Lord whereas the material planets are all annihilated during the night of Brahma and recreated the next day (**BG 8.20**)

2. THE PREDOMINATING SUPREME PERSON IS KRISHNA: The Supreme person Krishna can be approached only by unalloyed devotional service and not by the process of jnana, yoga or karma. (**BG 8.22**) Lord Krishna says that His material energy is also very difficult to cross over, but one who surrenders can cross over the ocean of material existence! (**BG 7.14**)

3. LORD'S LAST INSTRUCTION IN BHAGAVAD GITA: Lord Krishna says, "Give up all varieties of religion and just surrender to Me, I will protect you, do not worry! (**BG 18.66**)

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1-3- INEVITABLE DEATH & USELESS ENDEAVOUR : Scientific advancement cannot stop death. This world is Martyaloka (the place of death) Material scientists try to make this place deathless due to their ignorance and being averse to vedic texts

4-5 - PARA AND APARA SHAKTI OF LORD: Para (Eternal) and Apara (Temporary) are the Lord's superior (3/4th – tripad vibhuti) and inferior (1/4th – ekapad vibhuti) energies. 2 kinds of unmanifested state (avyakta) occur in material world, during Brahma's night and end of his life time

6- KEY TO VAIKUNTA PLANETS – DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: - Unalloyed devotional service and not by jnana, yoga or karma can the Lord be understood!

7-8- MATERIAL DISEASE AND THE ONLY CURE : Lording it over material nature is our material disease and awakening of God consciousness through devotional service is the only cure

9-10- SAMBHUTI & VINASHA: Sambhuti refers to the SPOG and Vinasha refers to material manifestation. **One can be saved only by complete knowledge of both. Devotional service is the only way to get out of this cycle of birth and death!!**

VERSE 15:

*hiraṇmayena pātreṇa satyasyāpihitam mukham
tat tvam pūṣann apāvṛṇu satya-dharmāya dr̥ṣṭaye*

Prayer to the Lord to remove the covering effulgence so that we can see the lotus face of the SPOG, LORD SHRI KRISHNA

KEYPOINTS:

LORD KRISHNA HAS A TRANSCENDENTAL FORM: Reference verses quoted by Srila Prabhupada in this verse:

(BG 14.27):The Lord confirms that the Brahman effulgence is the dazzling effulgence of His personal form

(BG 7.7): The Lord again confirms that there is no truth superior to Him and everything rests on Him as pearls are strung on thread. Again SPOG explains that with a single fragment, He supports the entire universe.

(SB10.12.11): Sukadeva Goswami says that the same person who is considered impersonal Brahman by jnanis, who is considered ordinary by mundane people actually was playing with the cowherd boys as a friend!, thus engaged in transcendental loving activities! Although the Supreme Lord is the Supreme Person, He pervades the entire universe by His plenary part called Paramatma or supersoul!

(BG 14.27 and BS 5.40): yasya Prabha prabhavato) confirms that the Brahma jyoti is Lord Krishna's effulgence

(BG 6.47): Lord Krishna declares that bhakti yoga is the best process and devotional service to **the SUPREME PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD who has a transcendental form is the highest.**

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1-2 - SPOG IS THE BASIS OF BRAHMAN & PARAMATMA: Bhagavan realization is the ultimate realization of the SPOG. SPOG manages the affairs of creation (**pūṣan – NOURISHES/ MAINTAINS**)

3-5 - SPOG IS ANANDA MAYO BHYASAT: SPOG is always filled with transcendently bliss revealed in His various Lilas where He exchanges 5 rasas with devotees from shanta rasa to Madhurya rasa!!)

6-7 - SPOG REALIZATION IS A GREAT SCIENCE:The Lord pervades the material creation through Paramatma. Jiva is atma, SPOG is Paramatma. One can see the Absolute truth in full when one transcends the 24 elements and brahmajyoti. This perfect knowledge can be realized through SB study

8-11 - SPOG (BHAGAVAN) REVEALS HIMSELF TO DEVOTEES: One realizes the SPOG in full potency only when the **Brahman effulgence (hiraṇmaya patra) is removed** and then understands **VAASUDEVA SARVAM ITI - Bhagavan is the root, Brahman and Paramatma are the branches** & OF ALL YOGA PROCESSES, BHAKTI YOGA IS THE HIGHEST – CONSTANT ENGAGEMENT IN DEVOTIONAL SERVICE OF THE LORD IS THE HIGHEST!!

VERSE 16:

*pūṣann ekarṣe yama sūrya prājāpatya vyūha raśmīn samūha tejo
yat te rūpaṁ kalyāṇa-tamaṁ tat te paśyāmi yo 'sāv asau puruṣaḥ so
'ham asmi*

Prayers to BHAGAVAN to remove His effulgence (vyuha rasmin samuha tejo) so that we can see (pasyami) Your auspicious form (rupam kalyanatamam). So ham asmi – JIVA IS SAME IN QUALITY but DIFFERENT IN QUANTITY from the SPOG!!

KEYPOINTS: LORD KRISHNA HAS A TRANSCENDENTAL FORM: Reference verses quoted by Srila Prabhupada in this verse:

(BS 5.29): As within the sun planet, the sun god resides, similarly within the supreme spiritual planets Goloka Vrindavana from where Brahmajyoti is coming resides the SPOG Krishna who performs many pastimes

Word Pusann mentioned in the start of the verse means maintainer. The Lord maintains all beings especially His devotees

BHAGAVAD SANDARBHA: Jiva Goswami says that the complete conception of the Absolute Truth is realized in the Personality of GodHead because He is almighty and possesses transcendental potencies. The Brahman realization and Paramatma realization are only partial realizations of the SPOG

KATHA UPANISHAD(1.2.23): The Lord fully reveals Himself only to those He favours and no one else and the Lord especially bestows special favours upon His pure devotees only! This favouring by the Lord is beyond the purview of Brahmajyoti and Paramatma and is done by Bhagavan, the Supreme Personality of GodHead, Krishna!

Purport Paragraph number - TITLE – Key point:

1 - ACINTYA BHEDA ABHEDA TATTVA: SPOG & jiva are one in quality, different in quantity Eg. Sunrays and sunray molecules, Jiva is infinitesimal whereas the SPOG is infinite!!!

2-5 - BHAGAVAN REALIZATION IS THE HIGHEST REALIZATION: The SPOG creates, maintains and annihilates the cosmic manifestation and **BHA(maintains) GA(guides) VAN(everyone lives in Him and He lives in everyone). The Lord fully maintains His unalloyed devotees and guide them towards devotional perfection!** Bhagavan form is the highest realization surpassing Brahman and Paramatma features

6-7 - JIVA IS TEMPORARY MINI CONTROLLER, SPOG IS ETERNAL SUPREME CONTROLLER: The Lord gives facility for jivas to be mini controllers for sometime and that is not eternal. Hence Jiva is called Brahman and SPOG is called Parabrahman

8 - SPOG ESPECIALLY FAVOURS THE PURE DEVOTEES: The SPOG awards special favour to pure devotees by which they are able to REALIZE BHAGAVAN IN FULL – the highest realization!

VERSE 17:

*vāyur anilam amṛtam athedaṁ bhasmāntaṁ śarīram
oṁ krato smara kṛtaṁ smara krato smara kṛtaṁ smara*

When the body is burnt and pranavayu mixes with the air, Oh Supreme Lord, please remember all that I have done for you!

KEYPOINTS:

- 1.SOUL IS ETERNAL:** The Soul does not lose identity with destruction of the body(**BG 2.20**). **Living entity continues to exist.**
- 2.SURRENDER TO THE LORD:** A perfect man after many lifetimes of culturing knowledge, surrenders to SPOG Vasudeva (**BG 7.19**).
- 3.LAST THOUGHT DETERMINES NEXT BODY:** Whatever state of being one remembers at the time of death, that state he will attain without fail (**BG 8.6**) Thus the mind carries the living entity's propensities to the next life!
- 4.LORD'S INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS DEVOTEES:** Even if one commits sinful actions due to his past habits, if he is properly situated in his determination of devotional service, He will be quickly delivered by the mercy of the SPOG(**BG 9.30-34**)
- 5.IMPERSONALISTS PURSUE A FRUITLESS LABOUR:** Devotional service is denied to the impersonalists because they do not believe in the form or the Personality of GodHead (**BG 12.5**)
- 6.DUTY OF EVERY MAN: HEAR ABOUT, GLORIFY AND REMEMBER THE SUPREME PERSONALITY OF GODHEAD (SB 2.1.5).** By doing so one's entire life, one can remember the Lord at the time of death!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

- 1 - SOUL IS ETERNAL:** Living entity exists even after the annihilation of the material body that is temporary
- 2 - 5 – SOUL'S DESIRE DETERMINES BODY:** Karma daiva netrena (jiva's desire under the SPOG's supervision determines the next body)
- 6 - LAW OF LAST THOUGHT:** One's last thought determines one's next body(yam yam vapi smaran)
- 7 – LORD REMEMBERS DEVOTEE'S DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:** Even if a devotee forgets to remember Krishna at the time of death, Krishna remembers the devotional service performed by the devotee.
- 8 - 9 - GLORIES OF DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: (i)** if one performs devotional service, he is considered saintly. **(ii)** By the grace of Lord, imperfections come to an end
- 10-11 - BRAHMAVADI VS BHAKTAS:** Bhakta performs navavidha bhakti because he is part & parcel of Krishna. This facility is not available to impersonalists
- 12 – 15 - ULTIMATE SACRIFICE:** By always remembering the Lord by devotional service during life, one is able to remember the Lord at the time of death! So devotional service is the ultimate sacrifice!

VERSE 18:

*agne naya supathā rāye asmān viśvāni deva vayunāni vidvān
yuyodhy asmaj juhurāṇam eno bhūyiṣṭhām te nama-uktim vidhema*

O Lord as powerful as fire, please lead us to the right path (agne naya supatha raye asman), vishvaani deva (Oh Lord of the universe) vayunani vidvan (knower of all actions), yuyudhy asmaj juhuranam eno (kindly remove all the hindrances on our path, bhuyishtam te nama uktim vedhema (I offer my obeisances)

KEYPOINTS:

1. OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE PROCESS OF SELF REALIZATION:

Yogabhrastas or souls who have fallen from the path of self realization are given a chance to be born in family of brahmanas or rich merchants. When someone surrenders, the Lord immediately takes charge of such the surrendered soul and frees him from sinful reactions **(BG 18.66)**

2. THE LORD PERSONALLY DIRECTS A DEVOTEE: The Lord directs a devotee in such a way that he never acts wrongly. **(SB 11.5.42)**. Such direction is given by the Lord in the form of Guru, Sadhu and Shastra and directly through the form of Paramatma present in our hearts. By hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord, one becomes cleansed of all undesirable things and then one's devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes fixed. **(SB 1.2.17-20)** At this stage, the devotee becomes enlightened by virtue of his devotional service and he comes to know the path of the Lord and the way to attain Him. As all doubts diminish, he becomes a pure devotee!!!

Purport Paragraph number – TITLE – Key point:

1- SURRENDER TO THE LORD ENABLES ONE TO PROGRESS TOWARDS SELF REALIZATION:

By surrendering to the Lord and praying for His causeless mercy, the devotee can progress on the path of complete self-realization. The Lord is addressed as fire because He can burn the living entity's sins into ashes

2-4 - HUMAN BODY IS THE BEST VEHICLE FOR SELF REALIZATION:

If one does not engage in devotional service due to illusion, one loses the good opportunity of human life afforded by the SPOG

5-7 - SPOG GUIDES DEVOTEES IN 2 WAYS :a) SPOG situated in the heart as **Paramatma** gives personal directions to sincere devotees. **b) SPOG** guides through **Guru, Shastra & Sadhu**.

8 - HEARING AND CHANTING ARE THE BACKBONE OF DEVOTIONAL SERVICE:

The Lord wants everyone to hear and chant His glories. By hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord, one becomes cleansed of all undesirable things, and then one's devotion becomes fixed upon the Lord.

A Hindu deity, likely Lord Venkateswara, is depicted in a meditative posture. He is wearing a bright yellow dhoti and a matching shawl. A thick, vibrant red garland of roses is draped around his neck. He has a white tilak on his forehead. The background is dark with large, expressive white brushstrokes on the left side. The overall mood is serene and reverent.

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