

Day-2

Does God Exist?

If one wants to solve any problem, one has to go to the root cause of the problem or root cause of all causes. By solving the root cause, automatically problem is finished or disappears. Does really God exist? By God we actually mean that, is there a cause of all the causes that we see around here and once we go to the root cause, we can actually find out where exactly the problem lies. So that is the discussion for today. But this definition of God or question, does really God exist or are scriptures the words of God has been asked since time immemorial. But it is a very tricky question and none of us here actually can swear that He does not exist nor can swear that He does exist. We are like, may be or may not be. We have different conceptions. In this connection, there is a beautiful story:

Once there was a village and all the village people wanted to know about the existence of God. So they decided that they will approach a saint who lived close to the village and they requested him. After long, long pleading before him, he decided to come and everyone gathered. Sage came, sat down and he asked, do all of you believe in God? No one raised their hands. All of those who believe in God, please raise your hands, no one raised hands. So he said oh! None of you belief in God, there is no point in me speaking and he went away. Villagers were disappointed and next time they again pleaded, please come and speak. All right, he came and he said, alright, all of you who belief in God, please raise hands and then everyone invariably raised their hands. Oh! All of you believe in God, then there is no point of me speaking, and he went back. The villagers were confused what to do? So next time they decided some will raise and some will not raise hands. Next time they called him, the village was divided, women on one side, men on

other side. Then he said, alright, those who believe in God, raise hands. Half of the group raised their hands and half put their hands down. So he said, you believe in God and you do not believe. So, you people who believe convince those who do not believe. There is no point in, of me speaking. So the point is that is our situation, Ninety-nine point nine percent of people, especially in India, we belong to this category. Ask them from the bottom of their hearts, do you believe that God exists? Oh, well may be something like God exists, everything is God, you are God, I am God, God is love, God is light. We have some conception of God, really not sure that He exists. And none of us are sworn atheists also. That's our situation.

There was one atheist friend. For inauguration of his clinic, he invited many people. He had arranged some Brahmans for doing some worship. When asked, you never believed in God, what is this? He replies, as lacs have been spent on clinic, let there be some expenditure in worship also. In case there is God, let him also be satisfied. Then I was thinking, most of us including me, believe in God, basically because of two reasons. Number one is **fear of unknown**. By chance if He is there, Oh God if you are there, be satisfied, do not trouble me. Number two is **fear of society**. If you are atheist, you are looked down upon. And a pious man is respected, God fearing person is respected. Otherwise none of us is actually hundred percent sure about the existence of God. Neither are we completely atheist. We are like half baked. So first of all one must be convinced whether really does God exist?

What is the proof that God exists? Because we want to be very scientific, let us try to find some proof of existence of God. Number one, for every **urge**, there is fulfillment provided in the nature. For example, there is a natural urge like thirst, in nature there is **water** provided to quench this **thirst**. Similarly there is hunger, which is a natural urge. **Food** is provided in nature to satisfy that

hunger. Similarly there is an urge for sex drive and there is opposite sex provided in the nature to satisfy that urge. Similarly we find, on a cross cultural basis, all over the world, whichever culture; you will find that there is natural urge in living entity to surrender to a higher authority. Even if you go to the most aboriginal African tribe, you will find that there is a fear and respect for some higher power. They worship sky, they worship mountains and they worship sea. In this way, some power or higher power by which we are controlled, on which we are dependent is being worshiped. The sense of worshipping a higher authority is dormant in every one's heart. So in every society, every culture, there is a natural urge to offer respect and be grateful to a higher authority and therefore , if there is a natural urge in all the living entities, there must be something the highest power and that must to God. That is one proof that there must be God.

Second, creation implies a creator. Can we say some day one wind came and all the tube lights, beautiful AC and everything by chance came and struck here and this nice place was created? It is absurd, no one would believe it. Similarly when we see beautiful creation, obviously there must be a creator behind it. There must be an intelligent person. This implies intelligence and intelligence implies intelligent. In this connection there is a beautiful instance of a great scientist Isaac Newton. He was a theistic person and many of his colleagues were atheist. One day, Newton had a beautiful model of Solar system on his table. There was sun in the centre and all the planets going around the Sun. There was a lever under the table and if you turn the lever, all the planets would move around the Sun in their respective orbits and all the moons go around their respective planets. One day, a friend of his happened to come by. He asked Newton, it is a beautiful model, I would like to know, where did you get this? Newton wanting to make a point, said no, no, I just walked in this morning and all of a sudden it appeared from nowhere. Friend said,

please stop joking, I am serious about it and I would like to know. Newton said, believe me, this did not exist but when I opened the door, all of a sudden it appeared from nowhere. Friend said, no, no you are pulling my leg. Newton became very grave and he said, my dear friend, you do not believe that this small model of Solar system, came out itself by chance, but you dare believe that the original Solar system has come about itself, by change without a person, without an intelligent man behind it. So this is something to think about. If you walk on a sea shore and if you find a nice quartz wrist watch lying on the shore, would you say that by chance, the waves of the ocean were hitting the sand and in the process this beautiful watch was created by chance. But unfortunately, this is what we are saying when we say, this whole universe is created by a big bang. There was a big bang and this beautiful creation with all its variety has come about. How foolish and how absurd it is. But unfortunately this is what we believe. This is what is being told in text books.

When you see something perfectly working, it implies a law maker. A small Boy may think by chance trains are coming right on-time. How by chance all the trains are coming, if anyone comes little early, it will crash. How Up trains are coming on one track and Down trains are by chance coming on other track. By chance, if they come other side what will happen? He thinks that everything is by chance happening. But there is a perfect intelligence behind it. There is a person behind it who has designed it in such a way that no accident occurs. And to run traffic lights, there are so many people behind it. This is one example; so many people are required to maintain one cross-road. We find not only in this world but the whole creation, from the most microscopic level of an atom where exactly the electrons are going around the protons and neutrons, how all the molecules, how all the atomic particles are coming together from most macroscopic level to a cellular level to most macroscopic level of the moons going around planets,

planets going around the Sun, the whole Solar system working, there are the clusters, super-clusters, galaxies and milky ways, perfect order. In fact you can exactly say when will be the next eclipse, thousands of years before that you could predict what will happen, it is so perfect. It is so perfect law. There are natural laws; laws of physics, laws of thermodynamics and laws of gravitation. Do we think that by chance these laws exist and there is no person behind it? There is no intelligence behind it. So there are perfect laws. How a human being does not give rise to a donkey? There is a perfect law. Heredity, etc. and in this way we find laws imply law-maker. So whatever is the intelligence behind these laws and if there is intelligence, there must be an intelligent. So it reflects, throughout creation that there must be the existence of some **source**. Now this source, we say as God. However, this definition of God must be very clear otherwise a lot of confusion. Science means proper definition. If no definition, too much of confusion will exist. Therefore, the first thing is what is the definition of God? We have to be very clear from this time onward when we are discussing about God, let us be very clear what do we mean when we say does God exist?

The scientific definition of God what we mean, or definition is, He is **ultimate source** of everything. From whom everything comes, but who has **no other source**. I am here, the cause of which is my father and mother but ultimately who was the original source of all the living entities and everything and that original source of everything, the cause of everything which has no other source or no other cause, if there is anything, anyone can fit-in that definition, then that by definition is what we refer to now onwards as God. God means **Cause of all Causes** who has no other cause or the source of everything and no other source. This is an effect, but effect has a cause. If some one fits in that definition, he is referred to as God.

Number two, God must be the **Supreme Controller**. All of us, to some extent or the other have some control over some of the things in our life. Some people are controlling a nation, some people are controlling a state, some people are controlling a community and some people are controlling a family. If not, at least you are the controller of your own body. But none of us can claim supreme controllership. Can the president of America say that I control the lives of every living entity within the country? No, he has no control even over his own position. Can head of state say, I have control over every situation throughout the state? Can anyone of us say that I have complete control over every situation and everything of my family? We are all controllers but what to speak of controlling a family, we can't even control our own body. The body is not under our control. If there is nature's call, we have to respond to it. If heart stops beating, we cannot say start beating. You can't stop the hair from falling from your own head. What kind of a God are we? There are so many people who claim themselves to be God and they can't control the hairs falling down from their head. What can they control the whole universe? This is foolish. So, God means the supreme controller of all controllers. Everything is perfectly under his control, not a blade of grass moves without the sanction of the Lord. That is a God. Then we say in capital GOD, anyone who does not control everything and calls himself GOD is nothing but a DOG.

Supreme controller means if he orders something, that has to happen, it has to happen but no one can order him, he is supremely independent. No one can question him. That by definition is God.

God by definition is the **Supreme Proprietor**, the owner of everything. Now all of us can claim proprietorship or ownership of our body, of our home or some property but can we truly claim that this body belongs to us or are we the owner of the property, because ultimately, we leave and

go away and someone else claims it. So we may say that I have paper to show that it is my property but this property does not belong to us, it belongs to Government. As far as this body is concerned, ultimately you leave it and go away. You are a tenant, residing in it & then you have to leave. So we are not proprietor of our own body. So in this way none of us can claim that any property belongs to us. But if there is any object or anything who is supreme proprietor of everything we see around, throughout creation, all the planetary systems, if someone can claim that I am the proprietor permanently then that person by definition is called God and finally the **Supreme Enjoyer**. Enjoyer is he who actually drives the real benefit of all the proprietorship. The person who actually owns the property is enjoyer.

For example, in a hotel, there is a cashier, there is a server, there is a cleaner etc. They are all working and cashier is collecting the cash & putting in a bag. At the end of the day, a big man comes, all the money he puts in the bag and goes away. These people are struggling hard but this man comes and collects the cash and goes away. Why he is the enjoyer of all day's work here? Because he is the proprietor of that hotel. Therefore, for a person to be supreme enjoyer, one must be the proprietor. So if we say, we are the supreme enjoyer, we can be the supreme enjoyer only if we are the real owner of the property. And what is the proof of proprietorship? Proof of proprietorship is the control. If you own something, you should be controller. If you say I am the controller of this body, can you control disease, dieing, etc? You can not control.

We find that if we want to be the real enjoyer, real enjoyer is he who is proprietor and proof of proprietorship is control and who can control? the person who has created. He knows exactly what he has created and he has all the strings under his control. So by definition, God is he, who is the supreme enjoyer because he is supreme proprietor, everything is absolutely under his control because he is

original source of everything, he has created everything and he has nobody behind him who can claim proprietorship over his ownself or control him saying I am your source.

Now how do we recognize who is God. We see creation. Is there a person who created it? Suppose in front of me, I see an old building and I want to know who created this building. Then I will have to go back and try to find, to know, trace the history and find out who constructed it, who is its proprietor. A building is 50 years old or 1000 years old, you can find out. But how do we find out about this creation which is million and trillion years old, it is very difficult. Not only that, this creation is huge and therefore, creator must have existed beyond the creation and apart from the creation. We have to go back much, much back in terms of time, and much, much away in terms of distance.

So how do we get knowledge of an event or of a person or of a thing which is long beyond in terms of time and place? Because we want to know who created the creation. That gives rise to the next question, how do we acquire knowledge of anything at all? It is described that there are three ways of acquiring knowledge.

Pratyaksa Praman. The first way by which we can acquire knowledge is called Pratyaksa Praman or direct sense perception. Aksha means eyes. Prati-asksha means right in front. Oh! I can see therefore, I can believe it. For example, someone shows me Gulab Jamun, this is Gulab Jamun. Yes, now I know, I have full knowledge of Gulab Jamun. How it looks like, how it tastes, how it smells, everything. Directly we see it, directly we hear, directly we smell it, directly we touch it and directly we can taste it. There are five senses and through these senses, whatever knowledge we acquire, is called Pratyaksa Praman. But it has some deficiencies because invariably in every human-being there are four defects.

First defect, **our senses are limited** in their perception or capacity. For example, the eye cannot perceive what is just under the eye-brow or the eye-lid. Eye-lid is right in front of the eye but you cannot see it. If something is too close, you cannot see and if something is too far, you cannot see it. Sometimes we see plane in the sky moving but suddenly somewhere it disappears in the sky. Not that it has disappeared; it has gone beyond range of our sight. So we find that our senses are limited. Within a particular range only, we can sense. For example, hearing below 20 Hz and above 20,000 Hz, i.e. infrasonic and ultrasonic, we cannot hear. Bats may be making some sound, you cannot hear. They have ultrasonic ability, their range is much higher. Right here, radio Australia, radio cyclone is hitting our ears, but we cannot perceive, it is beyond our range. We need another instrument which can transform these waves into our range.

Therefore **we are under illusion**. We are always under illusion. We see something and think it to be something else. Optical illusions, auditory illusions, so you, Oh! I thought it was so and so. I heard, Oh! I thought this person has come. Sometimes we put a stick in water it looks bent and broken but actually it is not. Because our senses are limited, we are under illusion. Sometimes if you see Sun, it looks like small piece of disc which can be covered by your finger but actually it is thousands of times bigger than the earth planet. But from a distance we see it small.

Thirdly **we all make mistakes**. In fact there is a saying in English, two err is human. So many mistakes we make. We think this is the truth but later we realize there are more and more new discoveries.

Fourthly **we have a cheating prosperity**. We say, I am right because I can see it. But our perception is limited. Unfortunately human beings sometimes go beyond innocent

errors and deliberately propagate untruths. Scientists are not immune to this short coming because of some gains.

Therefore, with these four defects, the Pratyaksa Praman, the process of acquiring knowledge through sense perception is not the best. It has its own limitations in understanding the Absolute truth which is beyond our senses and beyond in terms of time also.

Anumana Praman. The next way of acquiring knowledge is called Anumana Praman. It means knowledge through inference. Alright, I accept our senses are limited, but based on it we speculate. Different people seeing the same phenomenon speculate differently and come to different conclusions. Therefore, we find so many philosophies. Each seems to be some extent OK. But ultimately none of them satisfies. Once, top specialists from medical field gathered for a conference. As they were discussing, they saw a man limping and walking. They all saw some phenomenon. Each one thought what could be this man's problem. Neurologist said, if a particular type of Neuron breaks, then there can be this type of problem. Psychologist said, this a type of psychological problem. Orthopedic surgeon said no, no, actually his particular type of bone and joint is dislocated. So each one of the specialists were giving their own understanding of what could be the reason of this particular phenomenon. Ultimately all of them decided, let's go and find out from him what is the truth? They said, this is our understanding of why you are limping. Can you please tell us why are you limping? He said, I have no problem, my slipper is broken and therefore, I have to limp and I am dragging my feet. So in this way, everyone observes the same phenomenon but each one according to his abilities is conceptualizing what could be? this is the problem.

It is amazing how for creation, Darwin gives, may be men came from monkeys. From branches they came to the benches, but question unanswered is why some remained on branches. The missing link which continuous to be missing. It is surprising, in the book on origin, he himself says, I cannot imagine how a thing like Retina of eye which is so complex, can by chance evolve from Amoeba. It is absurd, it is impossible. But we accept it as the truth. The person who wrote it, he himself does not believe, we swear men came from monkeys. This is evolution, according to him. So this has also its own faults.

Another beautiful example can be given, how Pratyaksa Praman and Anumana Praman are actually not very perfect in trying to understand the absolute truth. There were once six blind men, who went to the Zoo to see a very big animal. None of them knew what it was? They were told, in Zoo a big animal has come. One blind man caught hold of the trunk of this animal. He said, this animal is like a big hose-pipe. Another blind man touched the tusk of this animal, he said, it is like a knife or dagger. Other fellow touched the ears, he said, Oh! I know exactly what this animal is, it is like a seep. Another fellow touched the back of this animal, he said, it is big wall. Another one touched the leg; he said it is like a big pillar. Another touched tail and said it is like a rope. Now tell me, are they right or wrong? All of them are right in their own way, but none of them is absolutely right because through their limited sense of touch, whatever aspect they gathered, they concluded that this is what it is. So yes, elephant is like hose-pipe but at one place but it is completely different from what they perceive. This is Pratyaksa Praman. By sense of touch suppose they knew that Pratyaksa Praman is very useless and they started Anumana Praman and if they were asked to speculate, what could be this elephant? One may say. may be I am touching one portion, may be this animal is five mile long hose-pipe. One may speculate, I am touching only one part of the pillar. may be it is five mile

long pillar. So, the scientists and Philosophers, perceived the world through their limited senses and they speculated the rest. Therefore, in their philosophy, something makes sense though it is actually absurd. You can also touch and you can also feel but where the objectivity stops and speculation begins, we do not know. And therefore we find **Jato Mat, Tato Path**. As many people as many opinions and everything seems to be right to some extent, but none of them seems to be completely right. Therefore, in trying to understand the absolute truth the Pratyaksa Praman and Anuman Praman completely fail. What is the next option left for understanding the truth? The third option is called **Sabda Praman** or the word of authority.

When you hear from an authoritative source, when these blind people stopped speculating, and stopped trying to understand but listened from a man of proper vision, he says what you are touching is an elephant. The elephant is like this. It is so broad, so big, it has trunk which is like a hose-pipe, then they get the complete picture, then they understand. Therefore, hearing from a proper authority is the best way of understanding the truth. For example, if a child wants to know who my father is, it is very difficult to know. A child is lying on the street, if you go out and find a child and you have to find out his father, so difficult it is. But there is one very easy way. If the mother of the child comes or if the child asks the mother, please tell who my father is? She tells and matter is over. Similarly when we approach a proper bona-fide authority and hear from that source about the absolute truth, then it perfect. Just like, if you have stomach-ache, you do not approach a cobbler, you approach a proper doctor and if he gives opinion, which is of value. Similarly if you want to know the truth about the cause of all causes, the source of everything, supreme controller, proprietor & enjoyer, you must approach an authority.

Why should we approach an authority? Suppose you say I do not believe Australia exists. But to verify it, you have to actually go to Australia; you have to catch a plane,

so much of time, so much of energy, so much of money spent to go there. But if you hear from a proper source, like T.V. etc. which says, this is Australia, but you have to have faith. It may say it is Amazon forests. How sure you are that they are not showing some forest from India? You have faith that BBS news is correct, you may say, I have no faith in Doordarshan but BBS is reliable. Therefore, it saves time and it is safe. Suppose they say Arsenic is very poisonous. Some one many say no, no, I want to taste it. But you cannot be alive to tell the fact, how it tastes. Therefore, it is safe, it saves time and it is convenient. But one must approach a proper authority.

What is the test of an authority? The test of an authority is, their **opinion does not change** after the discovery of new facts. Secondly, it has **stood the test of time**. Since time immemorial, the same facts are being repeated and number three, it has **not been proved wrong**, never. Then we can say that authority is perfect. An authority which has stood the test of time, over the period of time the opinion is not changing again and again at all times, at all places in all circumstances this truth stands to be the same. That is the absolute truth. Relative truth is relative to change; we are not interested in relative truth. We are interested in Absolute truth. If you want to know absolutely who created it, etc. One must approach a proper bona-fide authority and authority means, it has stood the test of time, it has not changed over a period of time, the opinion is not changing in the coming of new facts and it has never been proved wrong.

So now that authority is what is called as scriptures or Shastra. They are called Vedas. Vedic knowledge is infallible. Infallible means, since time immemorial, same words are being repeated, not been changed, not been proved wrong, it has stood the test of time. People mistake word Vedas by some old palm leaf writing, old Sanskrit written by some people who lived in the caves of Himalayas.

Please give up these misconceptions. Vedas come from the root word Vith. Vith means to know that is Vidhya. Vidhya means knowledge. Vedas means that, which is knowable. This knowledge is infallible. Infallible means over a period of time, it never changes. To all people, at all times, at all places, under all circumstances, this is the truth; it is not going to change. That is Vedas. Why the Vedic scriptures are infallible, because it is claimed and Vedas themselves say that they came from the perfect source. That means the person who created, has given a mammal. Just like when you buy an electronic instrument, you get a mammal. The person who manufactured the instrument has given a mammal. Read this mammal and you will come to know what it is made of, what all it contains, what is its purpose? Similarly the Vedas are claimed to be original knowledge. What is the proof that these Vedas are infallible, have stood the test of time, there are some examples.

In the Srimad Bhagavatam, which is at least five thousand years old, it is surprising, there are some terms used which are so relevant even today, perfectly the same. In ninth canto of Srimad Bhagavatam, there is description of Maharaja Ambrish who ruled the planet earth at that time. It is described that he was king of Sapt-dvipa. Bhugol has also been described. Bhu means this earth planet, and gol means round. We find as far as, later in fifteenth century also when Columbus wanted to set sail to find out India, people thought that earth was flat and therefore Spanish king refused to give ship and all the paraphernalia, but somehow the queen was very favorable, she gave him ship along with all the slaves. For so many days they were traveling and ultimately the slaves thought, the guy is mad. They thought that world is flat and one day they are going to fall into nowhere. So they said tomorrow morning if we do not sight land we will kill this crazy man. Luckily for Columbus, they sighted land which they thought to be India but later found it was America. So we find that even as late as in fifteenth century, people did not know that earth was round. Sapata-

dvipa- It had seven islands, this earth has been described as Sapata-dvipa. It is so surprising, even when America was not discovered; this Sapata-dvipa existed and has been described. It is surprising, even as the age old tradition of these Vedic scriptures, there is a description of how this cow dung is considered to be very, very pure. In the Vedic scriptures it is said that the stool of any animal is considered very, very contaminated including human being. Deities are bathed in cow urine & cow dung during Pran-pratishthan because the cow dung is said to be so pure. Later scientists found out that cow dung has all the wonderful properties and antiseptic properties. In fact people in the villages mock the whole home with cow dung because it is said that the cow dung is very pure. Also they purify their homes with cow urine but not of any other animal's or human urine. Only cow nothing else. Later we have found out that it contains all good characteristics. Similarly, Tulsi plant is supposed to be very, very pure. Later on they found, it has all medicinal properties. Ganges water is considered to be very pure. Later they found for however long you may keep, it will not get contaminated. There are so many and there are only few examples which have stood this test of time and have never been proved wrong.

Next amazing thing is human embryology. In the scripture, Srimad Bhagavatam, third Canto where Kapil Muni is describing to his mother about the child within the womb from day one of conception till the birth of child. He describes, what exactly happens inside womb in these nine months. And recently one of our doctors, he did a thorough study and documented these facts. He corroborated it and the similarities, describing, on seventh day what happens to it, it becomes like a globule, one month, what happens, how movements starts within a particular time. Everything perfectly documented. This is at a time when all these were possible by modern science, only after the discovery of X-ray and they started seeing the child through X-ray in the womb otherwise they did not know what exactly happened.

Five-thousand years before Kapil Muni is telling what happens in the womb and this is not a medical text book. This is a non-medical philosophy like book and in that he casually mentions this. That means in Vedic scriptures even a layman had so much knowledge, that even the scientists of today don't have. Just casual reading of the Vedic texts, but they had full faith and they followed it, therefore, they were able to live simple, happy, blissful life. There are so many descriptions like this. Even predictions of future are perfect. It is described in Srimad Bhagavatam which was completed five thousand years ago; it is described about Buddha, where He will take birth, who will be His father & mother. Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who appeared just five hundred years ago is predicted in Mahabharata, in Srimad Bhagavatam and in so many other Upanishads also. How the line of kings in Surya Vansha, Chandra Vansha has been described and how in Kali-yuga, in the present age, it has come to the level of Nanda, Chandragupta Maurya, Chanakya and Ashok Vardhan, how he will come and he will spread this philanthropy of Buddhism that has also been described. In fact appearance of Jesus Christ has been described in Bhavishya Purana. How He will appear in a country where there are degraded Melacchas and Yavanas and how he will uplift them by presenting a philosophy. Even Mohammad has been predicted in the Atharav Veda and Bhavishya Purana. And there is another wonderful amazing thing, if you read there scriptures and understand them, nothing will surprise you for another five thousand years. This is a proof to show how powerful each verse of these Vedas are, essence of these Vedic scriptures. For example this particular age in which we are living is called Kali-yuga. Yuga means millennium. Kali means Kalha. Kalha means quarrel & Hypocrisy. For ten paisa people fight with each other & kill each other. You say something but you do something. It is described in this particular, twelfth canto of Srimad Bhagavatam. In one verse this present age has been described. Shukdev Goswami tells Prikshit Maharaj **S.B. (12.2.1)**. He says:

ततश्चानुदिनं धर्मः सत्यं शौचं क्षमा दया ।
कालेन बलिना राजन नङ्क्ष्यति आर्यु वलं स्मृतिः ॥

sri-sukah uvaca—Sukadeva Gosvami said; tatah—then; ca—
and; anudinam—day after day; dharmah—religion; satyam—
truth; saucam—cleanliness; ksama—tolerance; daya—
mercy; kalena—by the force of time; balina—strong; rajan—
O King Pariksit; nanksyati—will become ruined; ayuh—
duration of life; balam—strength; smrtih—memory.

(Sukadeva Gosvami said: Then, O King, religion, truthfulness, cleanliness, tolerance, mercy, duration of life, physical strength and memory will all diminish day by day because of the powerful influence of the age of Kali.)

He says, "Then O king, religion, truthfulness, cleanliness, tolerance, mercy, duration of life, physical strength and memory will all diminish day by day because of the powerful influence of the age of kali. Of what? Dharmah Piety will reduce day by day. Satyam! Truthfulness will go away. Saucam! Cleanliness will go away. Ksama! Tolerance will go away. Daya Mercy will be reduced. Kalena balina rajan, Nanksyati ayuh! Age will reduce day by day. Balina! People's strength will reduce day by day. Smrtih! People's memory will reduce day by day.

And we can actually see this. Dharmah! People were much more pious, now so many people are atheist. To be an atheist is new fashion. I don't believe in God. Oh really! I also, thank you very much. If you believe in God, they feel you are from an alien planet.

Satyam! Truthfulness will be reduced. Earlier as we read in Ramayana, "Raghukul reet sada chali aai, Pran jae par vachan na jai." I will die but words once out of the mouth, I will stick to them. In Vedic culture there was no

writing down. There was a Panchayat system. They will go to Panchayat & its decision was final in no time. Earlier people's speech was like lines on the rock. No question of going back from your words. In Kali-yuga, people's speech is like line on the water. By the time you finish, line is already rubbed. People twist their sentences in such a way that in next sentence they will say, I did not say this. People have no truthfulness. Even among close relatives, put it down on paper, sign on bond paper otherwise tomorrow, you may go back.

Saucam! People do not know what cleanliness is. There was a time in Vedic culture, people used to go to jungle to pass stool but these days toilet is right opposite to kitchen. We are creatures of Kali-yuga.

Ksama! People's tolerance has gone. They loose their patience in no time.

Daya! Mercy is lost. Just for little satisfaction of tongue, they are ready to cut throat of other animal.

Kalena balina rajan i.e. by the force of time oh King! Nanksyati. People's age will reduce. Today someone is very old and if he lives for hundred years, his photograph comes in News papers. There was a Russian old man, in front of him was a big cake having hundred candles, his ground children were blowing his birthday cake. Eighty years and if you are walking, it is wonderful. Earlier people lived regularly, food was healthy air was pure, everything was pure, now purity is lost. In future a time will come, if a person lives for twenty years, he will be considered a grand old man.

Balam! People's strength will reduce. It is a fact, when we hear, in Mahabharata, how Arjuna shot arrows, their bows were nine feet long and their arrows will travel without deflection for kilometers. Sometimes it will pierce an

elephant in its forehead and come out from its back-side and still go straight. This may appear mythology. They may pierce seven trees and still go straight. If you visit Salarjung Museum, the armory, the soldiers used to wear five hundred years ago, we cannot wear and stand what to say of wearing and fighting for days on horse back, solid iron, & their sword required a weight lifter to lift it. Today if we have to throw a ball in cricket, that fellow have to run half a kilometer and after six balls there is rest. In Mahabharata people will shoot arrows from Sun-rise to Sun-set and for eighteen consecutive days.

Smrtih! People's memory will reduce. Earlier people would hear and remember. Suta Goswami, heard Srimad Bhagavatam which is Eighteen thousand Sanskrit verses and after a few months he reproduced exactly as if reading or from tape recorder. He just heard once & it got inscribed in heart. As recent as in 1920, in Andhra some people were called Shrutidhar. Shruti means hearing and Dhar means who can hold. There was a competition, there were hundred people sitting and this man is sitting there. Hundred people randomly will ask hundred questions, not in a line. These fellows will ask any questions like what is dimension of North America. This man is supposed to hear every question and after which he has to answer in the same order. Number one you have to answer each question, number two you have to know who asked which question and number three you have to remember the order. During all this, there is one man is ringing the bell and at the end of question, you have to tell how many bells were rung. This was quality of people.

It is described in scriptures that a time will come when people will produce children to kill them and to eat them. It will not be surprising that tomorrow Kali-yuga will be so degraded that even air will be sold. Fifty years ago if someone said food will be sold this will be a surprising statement. Food was never sold. Concept of hotel never existed. There were dharma-shalas, free food. Then people

were told a day will come when water will be sold. People laughed at this, but today mineral water is biggest business. I may say tomorrow air will be sold. In Japan, in some shopping Malls, you through a coin, few puffs of pure oxygen you will get. For another five thousand years, nothing will surprise you if you read scriptures. Anyone who can understand scriptures can never be bewildered because that is word of authority coming from a perfect source.

Vedas means Shruti, earlier people would never write it down, and that is Guru-shishya parampara. The spiritual master would speak and disciples would hear it and they will transfer this knowledge. But later in the beginning of Kali-yuga, it was compiled by Ved-Vyas. Because he knew that people will degrade and therefore, he wrote down. Shruti means received by hearing. Vedas are called **Apaurusheya** that is not made by human beings, because as we have discussed human beings have four defects. These are revelations, revealed by the Supreme Lord through the living entities. But these are revealed truths and not manufactured or concocted truths by human brains.

These are revealed truths, revealed by God Himself, or through His representative. Scripture is compared to an instruction mammal. We have an electronic instrument and along with it come an instruction manual. What is the purpose of instrument? What is this instrument made-up of? How to use it? How not to use it? Dos & Don'ts. Keep it in a cool place; keep it out of children's reach like that. So the person who created this universe has given the scriptures as manual. Do this and you will remain happy. If you break these rules, you will be miserable.

All right you may say that Supreme Lord created and He gave the manual in the form of scriptures but why are there different scriptures? There are so many religions and there are so many scriptures and there seems to be so many differences of opinions in the scriptures. So if the same

person has made the instruction manual why are these differences in the scriptures? The answer is actually there are no different scriptures. In a sense it is all one. But according to time, place and circumstances, they differ; otherwise in essence, no scripture differ. It is not that scriptures are different, in essence they are not different but according to which person it is revealed, at what time, under what circumstances, they are told in a different way.

Let us take an example of what this means. Suppose there is good surgeon who knows everything about the body. Now suppose a young child of five years comes to this surgeon and says, uncle can you tell me what happens to the food we eat? Now the surgeon may say to the child, when you eat the food, it goes into stomach and it is digested, a lot of energy is got out for the body and anything which is not required is thrown off. Now suppose a tenth standard boy comes & says tomorrow is my biology exam, I want to know what exactly happens when we eat food. He may say to him, when this goes from here to stomach then it goes from stomach to small intestines & then large intestines and then goes off. In this way food is digested. Now suppose a MBBS doctor comes, He may tell in more details. Like carbohydrates are drawn here, minerals are drawn here, various components of food where they are kept and how kidney takes away all the salts and through the extradite things go away. Now suppose another MD surgeon comes and says one follow had food poisoning and I have opened his stomach & he is lying on the operation table. He may go into tremendous details. Now tell me is the Surgeon's reply same or is it different? It is same and also different. In essence it is the same, but according to the level of the person to whom he is speaking, the message seems to be different. The details are much more. Other example is of pocket dictionary and seventeen volumes Webster dictionary. In a pocket dictionary, some three thousand words are there and one or two meanings, just enough because it is meant for keeping in the pocket. In

seventeen volume dictionary you may find all type of usages to the words, all the applications with so many examples and there may be seventy thousand words. But do you think that the meaning in the pocket dictionary & the other one is different. No, only the details or more or details are less. Similarly in essence, there is no difference in the scriptures. All the scriptures agree that there is God & there is one supreme Lord. There is no discrepancy in the essence. The essence of Gita as Sri Krishna says in Gita, eighteenth chapter; sixty-sixth verse B.G. (18.66)

सर्वधर्मान्परित्यज्य मामेकं शरणं व्रज ।

अहं त्वाम सर्वपापेभ्यो मोक्षयिष्यामि मा शुचः ॥

sarva-dharmān — all varieties of religion; parityajya — abandoning; mām — unto Me; ekam — only; śaraṇam — for surrender; vraja — go; aham — I; tvām — you; sarva — all; pāpebhyaḥ — from sinful reactions; mokṣayiṣyāmi — will deliver; mā — do not; śucaḥ — worry.

(Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear.)

Abandon all varieties of religions and surrender unto me. Jesus was asked, what is the essence of the ten commandants given by Moses? He said "Love thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy might, love thy neighbor as thyself." What does love mean? Love means surrender. If you love someone, you surrender everything to him. In fact the word Islam means surrender. In essence we find that there is no difference. All the bona-fide scriptures say that give-up sense gratification, live a pure life, we have to achieve the kingdom of God, Vaikuntha otherwise you will go to Jahannum or otherwise you will go to Jannat. Everywhere concepts are same but according to time, place & circumstances, it is given differently. For example, it is not that Jesus was less self-realized. It is people to whom He

was speaking were too low, some were fishermen, and some were shepherds. In the book of Johns He says, I have much more to tell you but you cannot bear it now. Therefore, He told them through stories, through analogies etc. like we tell important points to children through stories. He preached for three years and was crucified. If He had spoken little strongly, probably they would have crucified Him in three months. Same thing was with Mohammed. Not that He was less self-realized, but the kind of people He was dealing was too low, therefore, He said just do this at least. They were so degraded that in one Sura, He said, at least don't have sex with your mother & sister; you can have many wives if you want. It means that they were having even that. They were so-degraded people and to them if you say become a first class celibate Brahmachari, which is impossible. What Krishna tells Arjuna or Shukdev Goswami is telling Prikshit Maharaj is very, very high level of philosophy. Therefore according to the time, place & circumstances, the essential absolute truth is revealed according to the capacity of the people. But in essence they are all the same.

When Jesus spoke one sermon, knock on the door it will be opened for you, seek and you shall find. **Athato Braham Jigyasa**. Now that we have got human from of life, enquire about absolute truth, do not waste your time in just eating, sleeping, mating & defending. The underline message is always the same, but the intensity and details are more or less according to the level of understanding.

Now there are so many scriptures, when we will have time to study all these and all these are in Sanskrit and to learn Sanskrit, it takes twelve years. So is it possible to understand all these scriptures because we want to understand who Lord is? We are desperate. The whole life time is not enough to study all scriptures. So, Lord Krishna, understanding the nature of kali-yuga people, Kali-yuga means crash course because life is too short. Everything summarize, we want essence, no struggle, no beating

around. In this way Krishna has very mercifully given the essence of all scriptures in the Bhagavad-Gita. So if you know B.G., everything you need to know is there. In fact the glory of Gita is described in Gita Mahatmya 3. It says:

**सर्वोपनिषदो गावो दोग्धा गोपालनन्दनः ।
पार्थो वत्सः सुधीर्भोक्ता दुग्धं गीतामृतं महत् ॥**

All the Upanishads- Upa means near, ni means under and shad means sit down. This knowledge must be submissively heard sitting close under spiritual preceptor. Upanishads are also called Vedanta. Ved means knowledge and anta-means end. Upanishads means end of all knowledge, the essence of Vedas. All Upanishads are compared to a cow; the person who is milking the cow is Gopalnandana – Krishna. He is churning the essence of cow of Upanishads. Arjuna is compared to calf. This analogy is so beautiful. Generally the cow does not give milk but if calf is taken and if calf takes milk and once calf's quota is over then the remaining milk is taken and distributed to every one. So the cowherd man uses the calf to get the milk. Similarly, Krishna, the transcendental cowherd boy, drew out the essence of the cow of Upanishads using Arjuna as an instrument. Arjuna was a self realized person, he asked some questions and in reply to these questions, Lord Sri Krishna the transcendental cowherd boy churned out the essence of Vedanta. Sudhir means who are intelligent. I.e. only those who are intelligent will take advantage of this transcendental milk of the B.G. which is the essence of all the Upanishads which is the end of all the Vedas, original and infallible knowledge. So just by understanding Gita, automatically all that is there in the scriptures, you come to know. And the elaboration of B.G. is the S.B. which elaborates on the principles of Gita in a broader way, quoting stories from history just like a law book and a law journal. Law books quote only the principle laws which are very difficult to understand but then in law journal you find

“so & so”, he had a problem with the Govt. and then govt. did this etc. and by that, law becomes very clear. So S.B. contains histories from various parts of the world by which one can understand B.G. Anyone who knows B.G. and S.B., knows the essence of all the scriptures.

We were discussing it to find out who is God. If we want to know who is God, we should have proper authority which is Sabada Praman and not Pratiaksh or Anuman Pranam.

Summary from slide show

Does really God exist has been pondered by various philosophers, scientists since time immemorial but invariably every person has come out with different kinds of understandings and no one has conquered and come to the same conclusion about the absolute truth. Could life arise by chance? Can we say that this beautiful garden that we see in front of us has come out by chance? By chance all the particular kind of trees or shrubs grew in the same place. By chance some particular kind of thing came into being. By chance some bricks fall in a round fashion. No, when we see a beautiful garden, it means that there must be a gardener behind it. Through you do not see him there but it is understood. Similarly when you see a beautiful creation, it implies a creator, an intelligent person. So who is this person behind this creation who has created in his lap a beautiful product that we see in nature. Who has colored butterfly. Who has caused the cow to give milk? From the most microscopic to macroscopic level there are perfect laws, laws of gravity etc. Automatically we find the planets are revolving in perfect orbit since time immemorial, In fact we can predict what will be their position at a particular moment, so many thousand years later. That is the perfection of the movement. Perfect laws are being followed and can we say this is without law maker and by chance it is

happening. From most microscopic level, cells like DNA, RNA, they are arranged in such a perfect order. All these chromosomes are perfectly arranged in an order. Here we find earth. Rains come on time, summer comes on time, winter comes on time, perfectly we can predict, Inter planetary levels, and even there we see perfect order. Similarly in whole galaxies, there are perfect milky ways. Then there are clusters and super-clusters, all these in perfect order.

Darwin claims, man from monkeys. May be his forefathers were monkeys, we don't know but that is what he claims. But he himself says, that I cannot believe, "To suppose that the eye, with all its inhibit able contravenes for adjusting the focus to different distances for admitting different amounts of lights could have been formed by natural selection, seems I truly confess absurd in the highest degree. This is his statement in his own book, the book on origin of species but we so foolishly, his Anuman we accept as Sabada Praman. He himself does not believe but we accept it as Sabada praman. That is our foolishness.

Big bang, there was a cartoon about little bang by Little Bang construction company. What this construction company says, it says, suppose we want to make a beautiful place like this, what they do, take some bricks, through some cement, through some wood, through some piece of glass etc. and press air, TNT, big blast and a beautiful building forms. Is it possible? If little bang can make beautiful structure then big bang can make beautiful universe. This is how absurd this proposal that big bang was there and beautiful creation came out. All these imaginations about the creation have been simply speculation and until & unless we hear from proper source we can never understand the conclusive truth.

That they are saying man from moneys is like saying, you take out just one setting of it and whole instrument, the

transistor will become a telephone. This is what they are saying that, a little change and monkey became a man or man became a monkey. Can we say that out of this complete structure, just take out one transistor or one capacitor and the whole thing will become a telephone or other thing. This is how absurd it is when people say slowly it evolved by natural selection process. All over the world there is a major upheaval, change & people are slowly rejecting this Darwin theory.

All cross cultural studies reveal that all the faiths have an understanding of a supreme creator, proprietor, controller and enjoyer. They may call it by different names, they may have different conceptions about the Absolute, but everyone believes in the existence of a higher authority and the same is revealed in the form of scriptures. But when this knowledge is heard in unbroken chain of disciplic succession, then only we will be able to understand the Absolute Truth and the essence of that knowledge is in the B.G. Hare Krishna!