

Transcendental Knowledge

1. We are the eternal soul and not the temporary body. Just as we exist now, we existed before this body and we will continue to exist after this body. It's the soul within the body that illuminates the whole body with consciousness. The soul is the energy and the body is the form. Energy cannot be destroyed but it can change forms.

“Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be.

As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.12-13)

“O son of Bharata, as the sun alone illuminates all this universe, so does the living entity, one within the body, illuminate the entire body by consciousness.”

(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 13.134)

2. Just as every property owner visits his properties, the supreme property owner also visits His properties in His original form, which is spiritual. In the current cycle, Lord Krishna has appeared more than 18,000 in His original form and millions of times in His other forms.

“Although I am unborn and My transcendental body never deteriorates, and although I am the Lord of all living entities, I still appear in every millennium in My original transcendental form.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.6)

“Fools deride Me when I descend in the human form. They do not know My transcendental nature as the Supreme Lord of all that be.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.11)

3. In life, we will engage ourselves in various activities, but we should never get attached to the results nor the activities.

“One who performs his duty without attachment, surrendering the results unto the Supreme Lord, is unaffected by sinful action, as the lotus leaf is untouched by water.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 5.10)

4. The real God is one who is the well-wisher and kind to all living beings. When one is conscious of such a God, he can become peaceful.

“A person in full consciousness of Me, knowing Me to be the ultimate beneficiary of all sacrifices and austerities, the Supreme Lord of all planets and demigods, and the benefactor and well-wisher of all living entities, attains peace from the pangs of material miseries.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 5.29)

“I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all. But whoever renders service unto Me in devotion is a friend, is in Me, and I am also a friend to him.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.29)

5. A self-realized person realizes that God is everywhere and every living being is part of Him. Such a person treats every living being nicely and will serve God and living beings anywhere.

“A true yogi observes Me in all beings and also sees every being in Me. Indeed, the self-realized person sees Me, the same Supreme Lord, everywhere.”

(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 6.29)

6. Only one person has appeared many times, declared, and proved Himself as the Supreme, because God is One.

“The whole cosmic order is under Me. Under My will it is automatically manifested again and again, and under My will it is annihilated at the end.”

(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.8)

“I am the source of all spiritual and material worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who perfectly know this engage in My devotional service and worship Me with all their hearts.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.8)

7. The conditioning of species by three modes is the basis of material existence. There is free will for the living entities (souls) and this results in various species of life. One can become free from material existence by simply worshiping the Supreme.

“Material nature consists of three modes – goodness, passion and ignorance. When the eternal living entity comes in contact with nature, O mighty-armed Arjuna, he becomes conditioned by these modes.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.5)

“The living entity in the material world carries his different conceptions of life from one body to another, as the air carries aromas. Thus he takes one kind of body and again quits it to take another. The living entity, thus taking another gross body, obtains a certain type of ear, eye, tongue, nose and sense of touch, which are grouped about the mind. He thus enjoys a particular set of sense objects.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.8-9)

“This divine energy of Mine, consisting of the three modes of material nature, is difficult to overcome. But those who have surrendered unto Me can easily cross beyond it.”

(Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 7.14)

8. Material life is subjected to old age, disease, misery, death, and re-birth for all living beings. Life after life there is misery of one kind or another. Only by devotional service unto Lord Krishna, one can become free from material existence and go back to the spiritual manifestation, where there is no old age, no disease, no misery, and no death.

“From the highest planet in the material world down to the lowest, all are places of misery wherein repeated birth and death take place. But one who attains to My abode, O son of Kuntī, never takes birth again.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 8.16)

“If you become conscious of Me, you will pass over all the obstacles of conditioned life by My grace. If, however, you do not work in such consciousness but act through false ego, not hearing Me, you will be lost.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.58)

9. One can see God, face to Face and understand Him, only by accepting His conditions. Which is to give up all sinful activities (no meat eating, no gambling, no relationships outside marriage, no alcohol/drugs/tobacco, no hatred for any living being) and perform devotional service unto Him.

“My dear Arjuna, only by undivided devotional service can I be understood as I am, standing before you, and can thus be seen directly. Only in this way can you enter into the mysteries of My understanding.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 11.54)

10. Study of the Vedic scriptures and especially the Bhagavad-Gita is performing devotional unto Lord Krishna with intelligence.

“And I declare that he who studies this sacred conversation of ours worships Me by his intelligence.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.70)