

Anyone can see that the material bodies of living beings (humans, plants, and animals) are physically different, temporary, situated in different conditions, circumstances, and locations. Within each body there is the living entity (the soul).

- The living entity is the soul and not the body
- The body is the vehicle, and the soul is the driver
- It is the soul which illuminates the whole body with consciousness
- All souls have the same qualities to the same degree: Eternality, knowledge, and blissfulness
- The soul is situated in the heart of all living beings
- All living beings (humans, plants, and animals) have a soul
- All souls are equal, one soul is neither inferior nor superior to another
- The soul is not Brahmin, nor Ksatriya, nor Vaisya, nor Sudra
- The soul is not high caste, nor low caste
- Every soul has an eternal companion relationship with God
- Every soul is a family member of God
- Every soul is accompanied by the Super Soul (God) in the heart. He is the witness, permitter, and the well-wisher
- Every soul gets liberation eventually, there is no eternal damnation
- The soul cannot be destroyed by any weapon, burned, blown, nor moistened
- The soul is neither male nor female
- The soul is neither black nor white
- The soul is not Indian, nor American, nor African
- The soul is not Hindu, nor Christian, nor Muslim
- The soul is neither diseased nor healthy
- The soul is not old, nor young, and does not age
- The soul has no weight and cannot be seen with the eye
- The size of every soul is 1/10,000th of the tip of the hair

The Fundamental Law of Physics (Conservation of Energy)

Energy cannot be destroyed but it can change forms. We (the soul) are the energy and the body is the form. When our current form (the body) is destroyed, we move into another form (another body).

"As a person puts on new garments, giving up old ones, the soul similarly accepts new material bodies, giving up the old and useless ones." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.22)

The Science of You (The Soul)

Number of Species (bodies) That the Soul Can Occupy

"jalaja nava lakshani, sthavara laksha-vimshati, krimayo rudra-sankhyakah, pakshinam dasha-lakshanam, trinshal-lakshani pashavah, chatur lakshani manavah" (Padma Purana)

Jalaja (Water based life forms) - 0.9 million
Sthavara (Immobile implying plants and trees) - 2.0 million
Krimayo (Reptiles) - 1.1 million
Pakshinam (Birds) - 1.0 million
Pashavah (animals) - 3.0 million
Manavah (human-like) - 0.4 million

Total 8.4 million species of living beings.

A soul occupies a particular body, exactly based on its desires and deserves.

"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." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.8)

"The living entity in material nature thus follows the ways of life, enjoying the three modes of nature. This is due to his association with that material nature. Thus he meets with good and evil among various species." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 13.22)

"The foolish cannot understand how a living entity can quit his body, nor can they understand what sort of body he enjoys under the spell of the modes of nature. But one whose eyes are trained in knowledge can see all this." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.10)

We All Belong to God

"Having obtained real knowledge from a self-realized soul, you will never fall again into such illusion, for by this knowledge you will see that all living beings are but part of the Supreme, or, in other words, that they are Mine." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.35)

"The living entities in this conditioned world are My eternal fragmental parts. Due to conditioned life, they are struggling very hard with the six senses, which include the mind." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.7)

We Are the Eternal Soul and Not This Temporary Body

When a person dies, we say 'he passed away', but the body is right in front of us. This implies there are 2 entities, the 'body' and the 'he'. The 'he' is the soul, the real person. This is the first teaching from the Bhagavad-Gita, the real 'he' is the soul and not the body. The body is temporary but the 'he' is eternal. Where has he (the soul) passed away to? Another body.

"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 2.12-2.13)

"That which pervades the entire body you should know to be indestructible. No one is able to destroy that imperishable soul." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.17)

"The soul can never be cut to pieces by any weapon, nor burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.23)

"One who has taken his birth is sure to die, and after death one is sure to take birth again. Therefore, in the unavoidable discharge of your duty, you should not lament." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.27)

God is Equal to All

"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)

Who Is the Origin of All Living Beings?

"Furthermore, O Arjuna, I am the generating seed of all existences. There is no being - moving or nonmoving - that can exist without Me." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 10.39)

"It should be understood that all species of life, O son of Kunti, are made possible by birth in this material nature, and that I am the seed-giving father." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.4)