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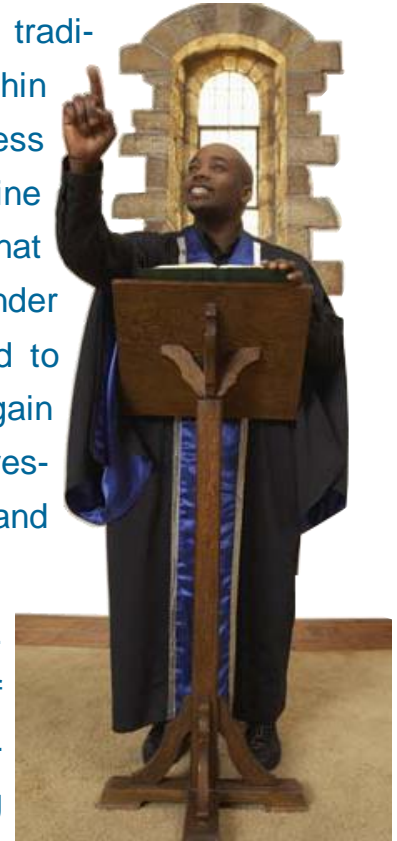
...for those who think



Resonate with the Supreme by divine consciousness

Does God exist far away 'somewhere out there', as most traditional religious followers believe? Or is divinity dormant within us, as new age proponents posit? Does He grant us success when we pray? Or do our own thoughts and efforts determine our success? The Bhagavad-gita (4.11) gives a principle that can unify these two schools of thought: "As all people surrender unto Me, I reward them accordingly." The reward referred to here is twofold - the fulfillment of the prayer for material gain and a revelation of the divinity within us. Let's see how progressive surrender is the engine that actuates both traditional and modern thought systems towards a holistic understanding.

When faced with reversals in life, some people express surrender by praying for material relief or gain. The fulfillment of their desires serves as a faith-booster for them. This reciprocation of prayer and fulfillment is the dynamic underlying most traditional religions. This revelation of the presence



and munificence of a transcendental Supreme has the potential to inspire further sur-

render. Uninhibited human surrender attracts unreserved divine reve-

lation. The Supreme is then revealed in full glory as an enchant-

ing person, best described by the name Krishna meaning 'all-

attractive'. We then fall in love with Krishna and joyfully worship

and serve Him as per His desires; for pleasing the beloved is

the essential nature of love. When divine love fills and charms

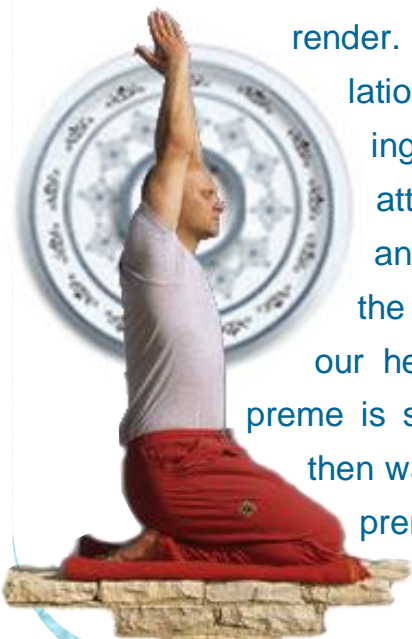
our heart, we rise far above utilitarian religiosity, where the Su-

preme is seen as a mere order-supplier of our trivial desires. Rather

than wanting the Supreme to serve us, we rejoice in serving the Su-

preme. Religion is then no longer misconstrued as a hotel, where

the bell of rituals summons the cosmic waiter to supply the



menu as per our desires. A ritual imbued with spirit becomes spiritual. Thus religious rituals blossom into spiritual expressions and experiences of divine love.

When confronted with life's vicissitudes, some other people start taking stock of and responsibility for their own thinking. This dynamism in one's mental life is also a step towards spiritual surrender, for one is giving up the grossly physical conception of life in terms of work and result. The relationship between positive thinking and improved performance is the basis of most new-age concepts. This revelation of the power of thoughts contains the seed of further spiritual surrender. The spiritually enterprising go beyond positive perception of reality to perception of positive reality. Spiritual positive thinking tunes our consciousness to resonate with the positive purpose of our existence. We are all souls, spiritual beings, beloved children of God and are entitled to rejoice in eternal loving exchanges with Him. The truly positive purpose of our present human lives is to awaken our dormant love for God, experience His unlimited love for us and ultimately returning back to His everlasting abode of ever-increasing bliss. Spiritual enlightenment blesses us with the vision to see all events in our life as expression of God's love for us. Spiritual empowerment enables us to choose our actions so that they become expressions of our love for Him. Thus Krishna (God) consciousness is the pragmatic quintessence of traditional religiosity - which emphasizes the primacy of the Supreme – and modern spirituality - which stresses the potency of human consciousness. This enlightened vision of life as a dynamic, harmonious interplay of human endeavor and divine empowerment is exciting and fulfilling. It opens the doorway for the full utilization of our latent material potential and complete realization of our dormant spiritual. No wonder Krishna, the infinite divine supreme, issues an inspiring call for action to Arjuna, the representative of the finite human spirit, "Therefore, arise and attain glory. Conquer your enemies and enjoy a flourishing kingdom on this earth. All your enemies have already been killed by my arrangement. Just become an instrument in My hands."



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