

What Is Irreligion?

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To follow God's instructions is called religion and to follow that which is against God's instructions is called irreligion.

The knowledge that is taught in the Bhagavad-Gita is religion and any knowledge that is opposed to the Bhagavad-Gita teachings is irreligion

God is eternal and so his teachings must also be eternal. Only [Lord Krishna is known eternally](#) as the Supreme person and so he is the only God, and the [Vedic knowledge is eternal](#) and thus the Vedic knowledge is the instructions of God. That which is opposed to what is taught in the Vedic scriptures is called irreligious, and those who follow the irreligious teachings are called the unbelievers of God, envious of God, and atheistic.

There are more than 800,000 verses in the eternal Vedic scriptures and the essence of all the Vedic knowledge is the [Bhagavad-Gita](#) and thus one should study and follow the Bhagavad-Gita to follow all the Vedic teachings.

"By all the Vedas, I am to be known. Indeed, I am the compiler of Vedanta, and I am the knower of the Vedas." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 15.15)

In this verse, Lord Krishna is saying that he is known in all the Vedas, he is the one who put all the Vedic knowledge together in written format 5000 years in the form of a person called Vyasa. The literary incarnation of Krishna, and off course Krishna knows everything that is taught in the Vedas, because he is originator of all Vedic knowledge.

"I am the father of this universe, the mother, the support and the grandsire. I am the object of knowledge, the purifier and the syllable om. I am also the Rg, the Sama and the Yajur Vedas." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.17)

Krishna is stating that he is origin of this and millions of other universes, the origin of the four Vedas, and thus only he should be made the object of knowledge.

"Regulated activities are prescribed in the Vedas, and the Vedas are directly manifested from the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Consequently the all-pervading Transcendence is eternally situated in acts of sacrifice." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 3.15)

Further confirmation that Krishna is the origin of the Vedas. The Bhagavad-Gita is the essence of all the Vedas, thus if one follows the Bhagavad-Gita, one is following the Vedas.

The Bhagavad-Gita is a summary of all Vedic knowledge, and comes directly from the mouth of the Supreme person, Lord Krishna. The Bhagavad-Gita alone is more than sufficient for one to ready, study, follow, and the result will be that this will be the last birth in the material world which is full of misery (old age, disease, taxes, terrorism, natural disasters, cheaters, deceivers, and so on). By following the Bhagavad-Gita and thus Lord Krishna, one will go back to his abode where everyone lives in the same beautiful body eternally, which is full of bliss, full of knowledge, and no misery.

We will now learn what is taught in the Bhagavad-Gita by the Supreme person, Lord Krishna. The only eternally known and proven God.

1. To believe God is formless is Irreligious

"In the age of Kali, godless civilizations will create so many so-called religious societies in which the Personality of Godhead will be directly or indirectly defied"
(Srimad Bhagavatam 1.16.20 purport)

In every Kali Yuga there are man made religious societies which aim to directly or indirectly defy God by making him unknown and invisible. To think God is formless basically means one does not know God and does not want to know God, atheistic.

"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)

The foolish cannot understand how God can take a form, because they base everything on their own perception and tiny brain. They have a form and are not great, so they believe that anyone with a form is not great and thus God cannot have a form because he is great. This is complete foolishness. Just because you have a form and are not a brain surgeon, does it mean that all brain surgeons have to be formless? Just because you have a form and are not a rocket scientist, does it mean that all rocket scientists have to be formless?

Lord Krishna has appeared more than 18,000 times right here on this planet in his original form and millions of times in his other forms like Lord Ram, Lord Caitanya, Lord Narasingha and many others. Lord Krishna has unlimited forms and appearances, and each time he appears he defeats all the demons who challenge him and very clearly proves that he is the Supreme person, God. The past-times of Lord Krishna, dating back to millions of years can be found in the Vedic scripture called Srimad Bhagavatam.

"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)

In this verse the 'millennium' refers to one Kalpa (24 hours of Brahma), which is 8.64 billion years. Lord Krishna appears in his original form once in every 8.64 billion years.

"Once in a day of Brahma, he descends to this world to manifest his transcendental pastimes." (Caitanya-caritamrta Adi-Lila 3.6)

Do you know anyone who has appeared more than 18,000 times in the same body with the same name? Or even twice? The simple answer is that only Krishna has appeared in his original body more than once. Once you and I die, we will never appear again in the same body, but Krishna keeps appearing in his same body and with the same name, because he is the one and only God.

Why can't everyone understand Krishna?

"I am never manifest to the foolish and unintelligent. For them I am covered by My internal potency, and therefore they do not know that I am unborn and infallible." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 7.25)

The ignorant, foolish, and less intelligent cannot understand how God can be a person with a form. To understand Krishna (God), one needs spiritual intelligence, which can be attained by not eating animals, especially cows. By eating animals, one takes on the qualities of animals, these being ignorance, aggression, and godlessness (no God=invisible God). One also needs to be completely open minded, pious, and the mercy of Krishna to understand him.

Can Krishna be seen?

"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)

Only by performing Bhakti (devotional service) unto Lord Krishna, one has a chance of seeing God face to face and not by ordering him. Millions of devotees of Lord Krishna have already seen him right here on this planet and he has been seen on millions of other planets in millions of universes.

One who uses his/her intelligence and reads all the documents on the planet will realize that Krishna is the only proven and seen God. One should never follow an unknown/invisible God, because the real God is completely known, proven, and seen.

2. To believe these are the last days is Irreligious

Even according to the scientists, this planet is at least 15 billion years old, so why should it all of a sudden come to an end just because some scriptures which have existed for less than 2000 years say so?

"O son of Kunte, at the end of the millennium all material manifestations enter into My nature, and at the beginning of another millennium, by My potency, I create them again." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.7)

In this verse the 'millennium' refers to one Maha-kalpa, which is 311.040 trillion years. This is the lifespan of this universe and we are currently 155.522 trillion years into it. In 155.518 trillion years time, this universe will be completely destroyed and after a break of 311.040 trillion years, there will once again be another cycle of creation and annihilation. Thus we still have another 155.518 trillion years to go before the end of the planet and universe. These are NOT the last days and God does not only have one Son nor only one Prophet, nor a last Prophet, God is great and thus unlimited and has unlimited Sons and unlimited Prophets.

"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)

Lord Krishna is a real person with a form and he is in full control and it's by his will that there are creations and annihilations (cycles).

3. Those who don't follow the Bhagavad-Gita are Irreligious

"Those persons who execute their duties according to My injunctions and who follow this teaching faithfully, without envy, become free from the bondage of fruitive actions." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 3.31)

Those who follow the Bhagavad-Gita teachings seriously are on the spiritual platform (soul conscious) and those who don't follow the Bhagavad-Gita are on the material platform (bodily conscious). This can be proven by the fact that those who don't follow the Bhagavad-Gita have the following beliefs:

- They believe they are the body (made from dirt)
- They believe the soul is not eternal, it was created just for this life
- They believe this is the only life (reject reincarnation)
- They believe everything happens by chance (reject Karma)
- They believe animals are food, one animal is food for another animal
- They believe in going to heaven and enjoying wine and women (bodily pleasures)
- They believe God is unknown/invisible

People with the above mentality have no knowledge and thus they resort to stealing knowledge from others and after adulterating it claim it as theirs. This is their perfection of life.

"But those who, out of envy, disregard these teachings and do not follow them are to be considered bereft of all knowledge, befooled, and ruined in their endeavors for perfection." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 3.31-32)

All the knowledge in the scriptures which have been created in the past 2000 years is based on Vedic knowledge but it's adulterated. This can be proven by the fact that Vedic knowledge is eternal, the non-Vedic scriptures are recently created and thus not eternal.

What happens to the cow eaters who die in ignorance of Bhagavad-Gita?

The animals eat, sleep, mate, defend, are aggressive, they cannot understand why there are a variety of living beings situated in a variety of conditions (cannot understand Karma), they think this is the one and only life (cannot understand reincarnation), they think one animal is food for another (meat eating), and for them God is completely unknown and invisible. If human beings also have this same mentality then they are better off in the animal kingdom and at death the soul of such persons will immediately be placed in the womb of animals. This can be proven by the fact that humans and animals are dying and being born/conceived every second. The souls are transmigrating from one body to another, from one species to another, life after life.

"When one dies in the mode of ignorance, he takes birth in the animal kingdom." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 14.15)

4. Cow killers are Irreligious

Cow killers are most irreligious based on Vedic knowledge.

The Most Recent Words of God

“Cow-killers are condemned to rot in hellish life for as many thousands of years as there are hairs on the body of the cow.” (Lord Caitanya, Sri Caitanya-caritamrta Adi-Lila 17.166)

The above words are from Lord Krishna himself just 500 hundred years ago. Lord Caitanya was an incarnation of Lord Krishna and his teachings are the most recent teachings from God in person. God does not hide in a cave or mountain and deliver his message through others. He comes in person and delivers his message from his own mouth.

5. To worship anyone other than Krishna is Irreligious

“Those who are devotees of other gods and who worship them with faith actually worship only Me, O son of Kunte, but they do so in a wrong way. I am the only enjoyer and master of all sacrifices. Therefore, those who do not recognize My true transcendental nature fall down.” (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 9.23-24)

Lord Krishna very clearly states that only he is God and thus only he should be worshipped. Those who worship others are actually only worshipping Lord Krishna, but they are doing it in the wrong way.

“Abandon all varieties of religion and just surrender unto Me. I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear. (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 18.66)

Again Lord Krishna is stating that give up all other religious societies and beliefs and just surrender unto him and he will release you from the reactions to all the sinful actions you have taken and take you back to his abode, the kingdom of God. Where everyone lives in the same body which is completely beautiful, full of knowledge, completely blissful, eternal, and there is no trace of misery.

How does one surrender unto Lord Krishna?

- Read the Bhagavad-Gita and other Vedic scriptures to know Krishna and his teachings
- Chant his name daily and/or work for Krishna
- Worship Krishna daily (deity worship)
- Serve Krishna daily (offer water, leaf, flower)
- Follow the regulated principles for civilized human beings - No meat/fish/eggs, No drugs/alcohol/tobacco, No gambling, No relationship outside marriage
- Love and serve all living beings (become a servant of all)
- Preach all the above to others

What is Bhakti (Devotional Service)?

If you utilize your energy (time, effort, money) for Krishna, this is called Bhakti. There are many ways to utilize your energy for Krishna, the above items are the main categories.

6. To Hurt or Kill Women/Children is Irreligious

From the Mahabharat (Great India) war we learn that women and children cannot be killed under any condition. The most powerful warrior in the war was Bhishma, who had a boon that he could only be killed if he wishes and not otherwise. Thus to win a war against a side with Bhishma would seem impossible as he cannot be killed.

However he was killed after his own wish and I will briefly explain what made him give up his own life.

By Vedic standards women cannot take part in wars and soldiers cannot attack anyone in the presence of women/children. If they are present then the war must be delayed to ensure the safety of women/children. Arjuna knew that Bhishma had a boon and thus could not be killed unless he wished and so it would be impossible for Arjuna to kill him. So Lord Krishna advised Arjuna that he should take Sikhandin on his chariot. Sikhandin was a man but to Bhishma he was a woman because Bhishma was a very advanced Yogi and knows his own past lives and also the past life of Sikhandin who was a woman in his previous life with the name of Amba, when the grandfatherly Bhishma was younger. Bhishma and Amba had a dispute and she actually cursed Bhishma that she (Sikhandin now) would be the cause of his death in the future. This curse came true.

Arjuna went on the battlefield with Sikhandin on his chariot and approached Bhishma on his chariot. Since Bhishma was a strict follower of Vedic culture and saw Sikhandin as a woman due to knowing him from his previous life when he was a woman (Amba), thus he would not fight with Arjuna. This gave Arjuna an opportunity to shoot many arrows at Bhishma and eventually Bhishma was overwhelmed by arrows and he fell on a bed of arrows (the arrows on his body). After a few days on the bed of arrows, Bhishma decided to leave his body (pass away). Since he was such an exalted personality due to following Vedic culture strictly. Lord Krishna was personally present when Bhishma (the soul) decided to leave the body. This is how a person who could only be killed if he wished was killed.

One must reject any instructions/scriptures which creates women/children killers.

7. To take women Captive is Irreligious

In the Mahabharat war, millions of soldiers were killed from both sides, but not a single woman was taken captive by any side. To take any woman captive for any reason is irreligious. This is Vedic culture, this is the culture created by God (Lord Krishna).

8. To have sex with women taken Captive (rape) is most Irreligious

Taking women captive which also includes kidnapping is bad enough, but to rape them is most irreligious and one must never follow such irreligious instructions/scriptures.

9. To Follow Violent/Lusty Gurus is Irreligious

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 4.34)

The important point above is that a spiritual master (Guru/Prophet) must be self-realized. This means he is not on the bodily platform (bodily designations/sense gratification), he is on the spiritual platform (no bodily designations/no sense gratifications). Thus he does not engage in violence (wars or animal killing), or lust, or hatred of others who are different.

These points are further clarified in the Vedic scriptures Srimad Bhagavatam and Nectar of Instruction as below.

"The symptoms of a sadhu are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime." (Srimad Bhagavatam 3.25)

It is clear from above that those Gurus who instruct their followers to be intolerant of others who are different, engage in wars with others who are different, or harass (or tax) those who are different, and not treat everyone equally are irreligious. One must never follow such irreligious instructions and instructing Gurus.

"A sober person who can tolerate the urge to speak, the mind's demands, the actions of anger and the urges of the tongue, belly and genitals is qualified to make disciples all over the world." (Nectar of Instruction 1)

Any Gurus who speaks harshly, gets angry, eats too much and many varieties of food, engages in illicit sex (sex with multiple partners and/or sex outside marriage) is irreligious. One must never listen to a word from such irreligious Gurus.

The Most Recent Prophet of God

One of the most recent best qualified Guru/Prophet of God is the founder of ISKCON, His Divine [Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada](#) who came to America at the age of 69 in 1966. He perfectly met all the above qualities of a religious Guru/Prophet of God. He never engaged in violence, he never killed or hurt anyone, not even a chicken. He was a [pure vegetarian](#). He never had illicit sex, he was completely free from sex (he was a Sanyasi), he lived a very simple life and eat simply. All his characteristics were pure and he didn't just say it, he truly proved that he was [the most recent prophet of God](#).

10. To believe this is the only life (reject reincarnation) is Irreligious

"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. (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.12)

Here Krishna is saying that we are all eternal. Those with some intelligence will ask them selves these logical questions: If this is the only life, then why do we exist now? Why did those who lived in the past exist in the past and not now? Why will those who will exist in the future not exist now or in the past? What determines when we exist?

The simple logical fact is that just as we exist now, we existed in the past and we will continue to exist in the future.

11. To believe that we are the body is Irreligious

"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 2.13)

"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)

Are you the car you drive? No. In a similar way, we are not this body but the soul within. We are the soul and not the body. The body is temporary, but the soul is eternal. The body dies but the soul never dies. Death simply means a change of body, just as we change cars, but we the passenger in the car, still remain the same person.

Spirituality starts with the knowledge that we are the soul and not the body. Those who believe that we are this body have no opportunity for spiritual advancement due to following irreligious instructions, which state that we are this body and this is the only life. Non-spirituality means bodily consciousness and thus everything is centered around this body. Thus such people only have interest in going to heaven and enjoying wine and women for the pleasure of their body (sense gratification).

Those who have spiritual knowledge are soul conscious and they have interest in going back to the kingdom of Krishna (God) where everyone lives in the same spiritual body, which is full of bliss, full of knowledge, and eternal. They have no interest in satisfying this body which is temporary, full of dirt, bones, and all kinds of horrible liquids.

12. To believe that the Soul is not Eternal is Irreligious

"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)

"For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time. He has not come into being, does not come into being, and will not come into being. He is unborn, eternal, ever-existing and primeval. He is not slain when the body is slain." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.20)

"The soul can never be cut to pieces by any weapon, nor burned by fire, nor moistened by water, nor withered by the wind. This individual soul is unbreakable and insoluble, and can be neither burned nor dried. He is everlasting, present everywhere, unchangeable, immovable and eternally the same." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.23-24)

In science there is a law of energy which states that energy cannot be destroyed but it can change forms. We (the soul) are the energy and the body is the form. When this current body (current form) of ours is destroyed (death), we will change our form, thus get a new body. The soul (energy) is eternal and can never be destroyed.

13. To believe in a future Day of Judgment is Irreligious

"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)

The Day of judgment is immediately at death and not some day in the future. Immediately at death, we (the soul) transmigrate to another body. This can be understood by knowing that every second living beings are dying and every second living beings are being born/conceived. The souls in the dead bodies are transmigrating to new bodies which are being created every second.

Those who believe in a future Day of Judgment can't even say when, this is simple prove that they are simply speculating. Speculative knowledge means man made knowledge, and man made knowledge means irreligion.

14. For non-military personnel to fight in the name of God is Irreligious

Some people will say Krishna asked Arjuna to fight and so why can't I also fight?

"Considering your specific duty as a ksatriya, you should know that there is no better engagement for you than fighting on religious principles; and so there is no need for hesitation." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.31)

Krishna is asking Arjuna to fight because he is a soldier in the military and he is also standing on the battlefield and not on the streets. It's a soldier's duty to fight when his King/President/Prime Minister calls upon him. Thus if you are not a soldier in the military of a nation, then it's irreligious for you to fight and kill or hurt anyone. If a soldier kills or hurts anyone in a war then it's not wrong (it's religious) as he is simply doing his duty (job). But if a non-soldier kills or hurts anyone then he will be arrested by the Police and punished by the law of the land. This is an irreligious act.

It is important to know that Krishna actually tried to stop the Mahabharat war by talking to both sides, but the person on the other side to Arjuna, Duryodhan, did not want to listen to Krishna and he only wanted war thinking that he would win and take all the land belonging to Arjuna. He didn't realize that the Supreme person, Lord Krishna was on the other side as an adviser and so there was zero chance of him winning.

One should never follow any instructions/scriptures which advocates fighting for non-military personnel, especially in the name of God. Krishna (God) does not authorize non-military personnel to engage in wars.

To kill women/children in war or outside war is completely irreligious as we discussed in 1 above. One must never follow any instructions/scriptures which advocates killing women/children.

15. For non-military personnel to kill believing that this will lead to Heaven is Irreligious

For the non-military personnel to engage in any form of violence thinking that this will lead to heaven is very foolish and irreligious.

"O Partha, happy are the ksatriyas to whom such fighting opportunities come unsought, opening for them the doors of the heavenly planets." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.32)

"O son of Kunte, either you will be killed on the battlefield and attain the heavenly planets, or you will conquer and enjoy the earthly kingdom. Therefore, get up with determination and fight." (Lord Krishna, Bhagavad-Gita 2.37)

Krishna is stating that for those in the military (soldiers) if they are called upon by their King/President/Prime Minister to fight then they will have an opportunity to use their military skills and do their duty to serve their nation.

One must never follow any instructions/scriptures which advocates the use of violence for non-military personnel.

16. For military personnel to fight an unjust war is Irreligious

The result of fighting in an authorized war for soldiers is that they will go to one of the heavenly planets if they die. This does not mean that any nation can declare war upon another nation and all the soldiers who die will go to heaven by the grace of Krishna (God). No, absolutely not. It has to be a righteous war. The Vedic culture only authorize the use of violence/war for certain aggressors which is described below.

Krishna (God) does not punish those who act to protect themselves from the following five aggressors:

- Those who give poison
- Those who set fire to a house
- Those who steal land
- Those who kidnap women
- Those who attack

When one engages in violence to defend themselves from these aggressors, there is no karmic reaction, because it is righteous to protect one's body, house, land, women, and defend oneself from attackers.

It is important to note that every single soldier killed in the Mahabharat war got salvation, they all went back to the kingdom of Krishna (God), the spiritual kingdom where they are all now living eternally in complete bliss. Those who are killed by Krishna or are killed in front of Krishna, all get salvation. This is because Krishna (God) is all forgiving, all loving, and all merciful to everyone.

Why didn't Krishna win the war for Arjuna?

Krishna could within a second burn to ashes all the soldiers on the opposing side, but he did not want to do this as he agreed not to take part in the war. He was just an adviser and chariot driver to Arjuna. God (Krishna) does not interfere with our free will and so he doesn't come down to clean up our mess. He gives us good advise and it's up to us to take it or leave it (free will). For those who follow Krishna's advise which is contained in the Bhagavad-Gita. This will be the last miserable material life, at death, the soul will immediately be transferred to the kingdom of Krishna (God) where everyone lives in the same body which is completely beautiful, full of bliss, full of knowledge, eternal, there is no trace of anxiety, and there are no wars or any sort of violence.

Those who don't take Krishna's advise, thus don't follow the Bhagavad-Gita, will do everything based on pure speculation and the result will be pure speculation. They will wonder from one life to another from one body to another, from one species to another, from one planet to another, from one misery to another, and so on.

One should learn from the Mahabharat war the following:

*"Wherever there is Krsna, the master of all mystics, and wherever there is Arjuna, the supreme archer, there will also certainly be opulence, victory, extraordinary power, and morality."
(Bhagavad-Gita 18.78)*