

Bhagavad Gītā

Flashcards

Part 5



*A heartfelt gratitude to our Founder Acharya
His Divince Grace A. C.
Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada*

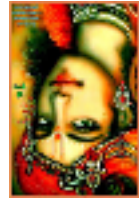
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Those who are thus bewildered are attracted by demonic and atheistic views. In that deluded condition, their hopes of liberation, their fruitive activities, and their culture of knowledge are all defeated.

Translation

*moghāṣā mogha-karmaṇo
mogha-jñāna vicetasah
rākṣasim āsurim caiva
praktiṁ mohinīm śritāḥ*



BG 9.12

Stephen Hawking



*He denied the
existence of God.*



Isaac Newton



*He accepted the
existence of God.*



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.

Translation

*samo 'ham sarva-bhūteṣu
na me dveṣyo 'sti na priyaḥ
ye bhajanti tu māṁ bhaktyā
mayi te teṣu cāpy aham*



BG 9.29

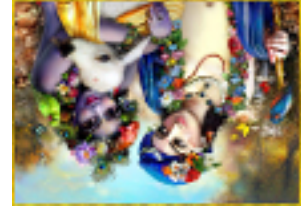


*Krishna is just like a cloud which pours rain on everyone.
It's up to us if we want to take his mercy (getting wet) or not,
(by blocking it with an umbrella.)*

Even if one commits the most abominable action, if he is engaged in devotional service he is to be considered saintly because he is properly situated in his determination.

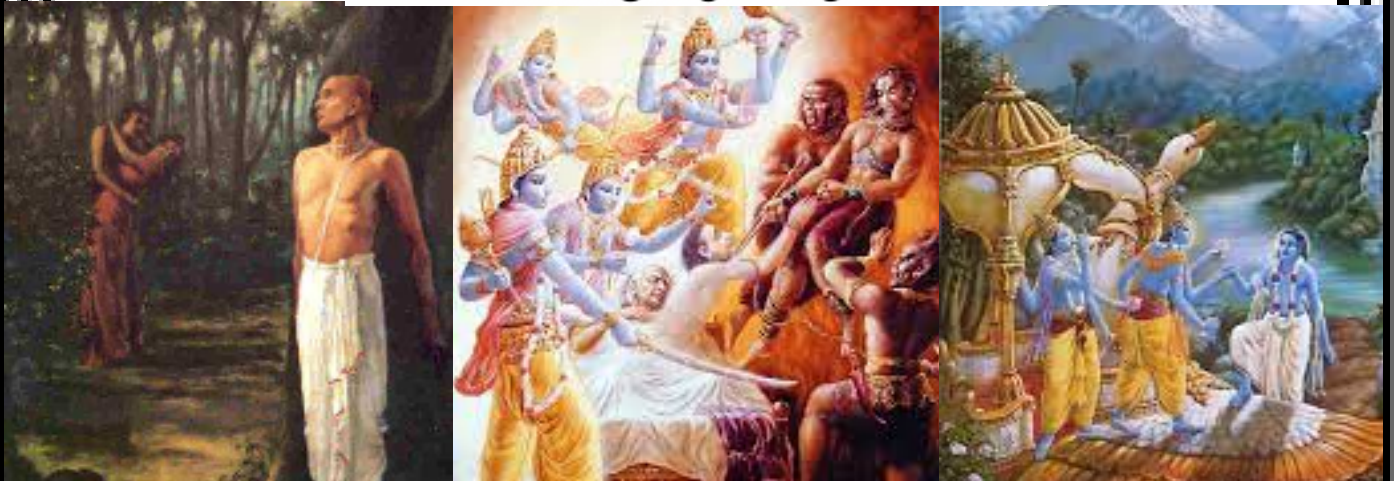
Translation

*api cet su-durācāro
bhajāte mām ananya-bhāk
sādhur eva sa mantavyaḥ
samyag vyavasīto hi sah*



BG 9.30

The story of Ajamila



Ajamila was a brahmana, but he committed the most abominable action. Later he engaged in devotional service by calling Narayan (his son's name), and the Vishnu duttas came.

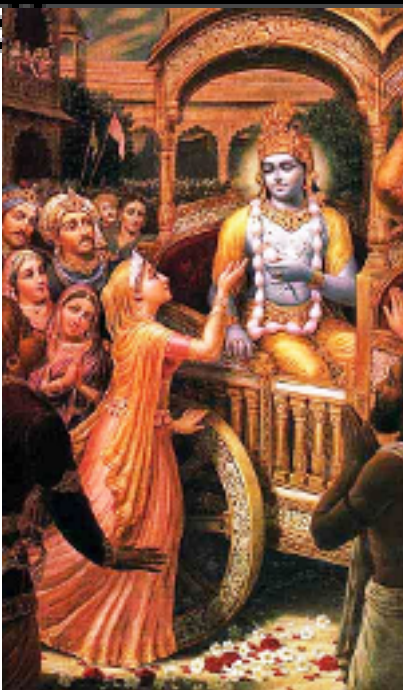
O son of Pṛthā, those who take shelter in Me, though they
be of lower birth – women, vaiśyas [merchants] and śūdras
[workers] – can attain the supreme destination.

Translation

*mām hi pāṛthava vyapāśṛitya
ye 'pi syuḥ pāpa-yaṇayaḥ
striyo vaiśyas tathā śūdras
te 'pi yānti parām gatim*



BG 9.32



*Kunti
Maharani*



Fruit seller



Shabari

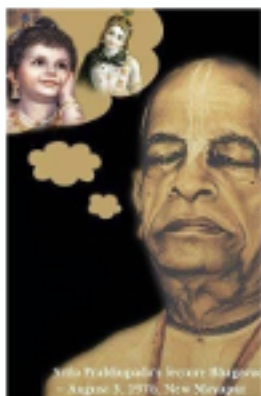
Engage your mind always in thinking of Me, become My devotee, offer obeisances to Me and worship Me. Being completely absorbed in Me, surely you will come to Me.

Translation

*man-mañā bhava mad-bhaktō
mad-yājī māñ namaskuru
mām evaiśyasi yuktvaivam
ātmanāñ mat-parāyañañ*



BG 9.34



*Srila Prabhupada
was completely
absorbed in thoughts
of Krishna.*



Arjuna said: You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead,
the ultimate abode, the purest, the Absolute Truth. You are
the eternal, transcendental, original person, the unborn,
the greatest.

Translation

arjuna uvāca
paraṁ brahma paraṁ dhāma
pavitram paramaṁ bhavaṁ
puruṣaṁ śāśvataṁ divyam
ādi-devaṁ ajaṁ vibhum



BG 10.12



All the great sages such as Nārada, Asita, Devala and Vyāsa confirm this truth about You, and now You Yourself are declaring it to me.

Translation

*āhus tvām r̥ṣayaḥ sarve
devar̥ṣīr nāradaś tathā
asito devalo vyāsaḥ
svayaṁ caiva braviṣī me*



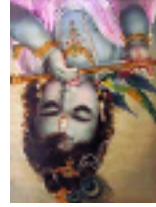
BG 10.13



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.

Translation

*bhaktya tv ananyaśakya
aham evaṁ-vidho 'rjuna
jñātum draśtūṁ ca tattvena
praveśitūṁ ca paran-tapa*



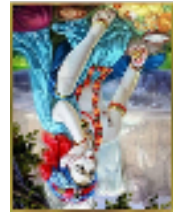
BG 11.54



My dear Arjuna, he who engages in My pure devotional service, free from the contaminations of fruitive activities and mental speculation, he who works for Me, who makes Me the supreme goal of his life, and who is friendly to every living being - he certainly comes to Me.

Translation

*mat-karma-kṛn mat-paramo
mad-bhaktāḥ saṅga-varjitaḥ
nirvairāḥ sarva-bhūteṣu
yaḥ sa mām eti paṇḍava*



BG 11.55



Lord Ram's younger brother, Bharat

Just fix your mind upon Me, the Supreme Personality of
Godhead, and engage all your intelligence in Me. Thus you
will live in Me always, without a doubt.

Translation

*mayā eva mana ādhatsva
mayi buddhim niveśaya
nivasīṣyasi mayi eva
ata ūrdhvaṁ na samśayaḥ*



BG 12.8

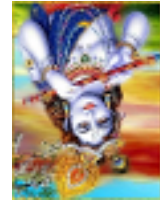


*The 6 Goswamis of Vrindavan always fixed their minds upon
Krishna and engaged all their intelligence in him.*

My dear Arjuna, O winner of wealth, if you cannot fix your mind upon Me without deviation, then follow the regulative principles of bhakti-yoga. In this way develop a desire to attain Me.

Translation

*atha cittaṁ samādhātum
na śaknoṣi mayi sthiraṁ
abhyāsa-yogena tato
māṁ icchāptum dhanaṅ-jaya*



BG 12.9



Following the regulative principles of Bhakti Yoga under the guidance of an expert spiritual master.

If you cannot practice the regulations of bhakti-yoga, then just try to work for Me, because by working for Me you will come to the perfect stage.

Translation

*abhyāse 'py asamartho 'si
mat-karma-paramo bhava
mad-artham api karmāṇi
kurvan siddhim avāpsyasi*



BG 12.10



Working for Krishna

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.

Translation

*puruṣaḥ prakṛti-stho hi
bhunkte prakṛi-jaṅ gūṇa
kāraṇaṁ gūṇa-saṅgo'sya
sad-asad-yoni-jaṁmasu*



BG 13.22



One who engages in full devotional service, unfailing in all circumstances, at once transcends the modes of material nature and thus comes to the level of Brahman.

Translation

*mām ca yo 'vyabhicāreṇa
bhakti-yogena sevate
sa guṇān samatīyātān
brahma-bhūyāya kalpate*



BG 14.26



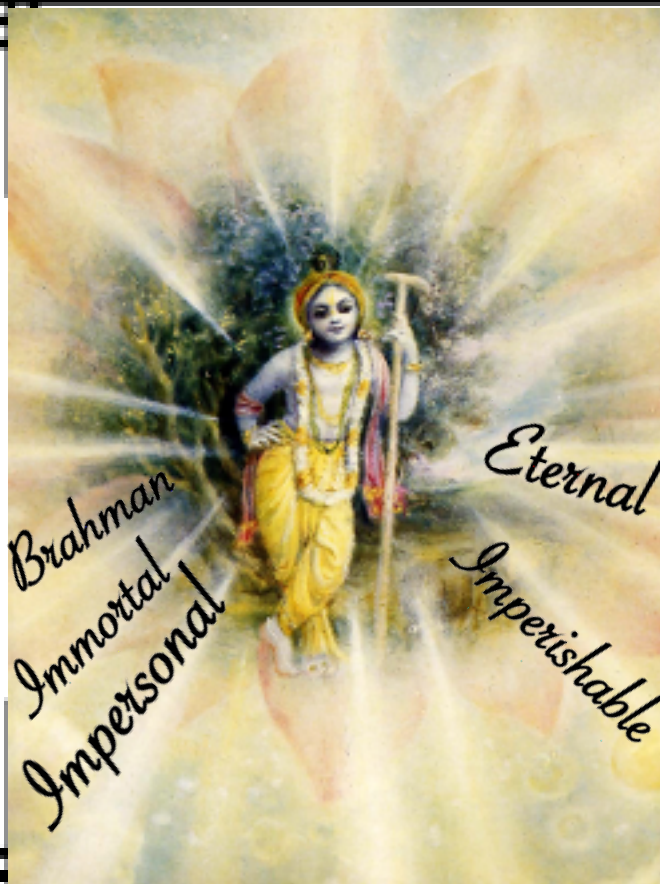
Prahlad Maharaj

And I am the basis of the impersonal Brahman, which is
immortal, imperishable and eternal and is the
constitutional position of ultimate happiness.

Translation

*brahmaṇo hi pratiṣṭhāham
amṛtasyāvyaḡayaśya ca
śāśvatasya ca dharmasya
sukhasyaikāntikasya ca*

BG 14.27



*Krishna's effulgence is
called Brahman.
It comes from his
personal form.*

Whoever knows Me as the Supreme Personality of
Godhead, without doubting, is the knower of everything.
He therefore engages himself in full devotional service to
Me, O son of Bharata.

Translation

yo mām evam asaṁmūḍho
jānāti puruṣōttamam
sa sarva-vid bhajati mām
sarva-bhāvena bhārata



BG 15.19



1. Krishna accepted simple Prasad at Vidura's house and rejected royal feast of Duryodhan.
2. Vidura takes instructions from Maitreya Rishi.
3. Vidura counselling Dhrtarashtra after Mahabharata war.

Anything done as sacrifice, charity or penance without faith in the Supreme, O son of Prithā, is impermanent. It is called asat and is useless both in this life and the next.

Translation

*aśraddhaya hutam datam
tapas taptam kṛtam ca yat
asad ity ucyate pārtha
na ca tat preya no iha*



BG 17.28



One who does sacrifice for wealth gets anxiety. One who gives charity for fame gets enemies. And one who does austerities for power will someday lose it.

Peacefulness, self-control, austerity, purity, tolerance, honesty, knowledge, wisdom and religiousness – these are the natural qualities by which the brāhmaṇas work.

Translation

*śamo damas tapaḥ śaucam
kṣāntir ārjavam eva ca
jñānam vijñānam āstikyam
brahma-karma svabhāva-jam*



BG 18.42



*A Vaiṣṇava is automatically a brāhmaṇa because a
Vaiṣṇava has all the good qualities of a brāhmaṇa.*

One who is thus transcendently situated at once realizes the Supreme Brahman and becomes fully joyful. He never laments or desires to have anything. He is equally disposed toward every living entity. In that state he attains pure devotional service unto Me.

Translation

*brahma-bhūtaḥ prasannātmā
na śocati na kāṅkṣati
samah sarveṣu bhūteṣu
mad-bhaktiṁ labhate param*



BG 18.54



The yogi does not lament for material loss nor desire material gain. Also, he sees all living beings, whether plants, insects, bird, animals or kings, as spiritual beings in material bodies.

From that platform, he can come to serve Krishna.

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.

Translation

*mac-cittaḥ sarva-durgāṇi
mat-prasādat tarisyasi
atha cet tvam ahaṅkāraṇ
na śroṣyasi vinaṅkṣyasi*



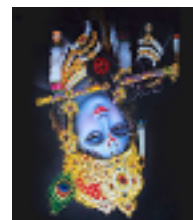
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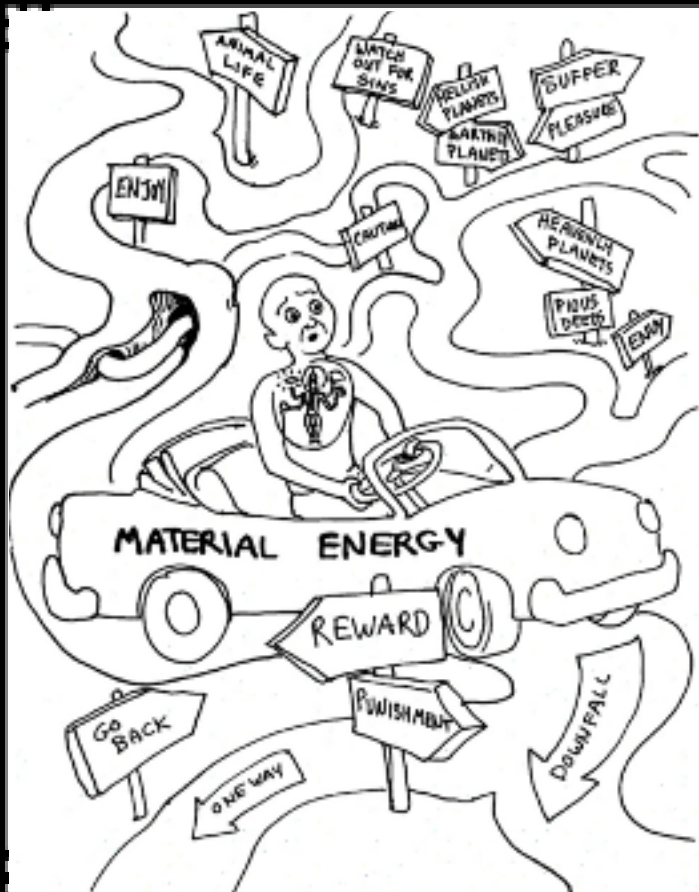
The Supreme Lord is situated in everyone's heart, O Arjuna, and is directing the wanderings of all living entities, who are seated as on a machine, made of the material energy.

Translation

*īśvaraḥ sarva-bhūtānāṃ
hṛd-deśe 'rjuna tiṣṭhati
bhṛāmayan sarva-bhūtāni
yantrārūḍhāni māyā*



BG 18.61



*The car of the material energy
represents the body.
The driver is the soul. Krishna,
in the heart of the living
being, gives him guidance as he
travels in the material world.*

For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees,
pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he
will come back to Me.

Translation

*ya idam paramam gūhyam
mad-bhakteṣv abhidhāsyati
bhaktim mayi param kṛtvā
mām evaiśyaty asaṁśayaḥ*



BG 18.68

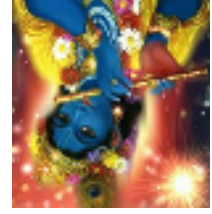


*Srila Prabhupada tried sincerely to
present the Bhagavad Gita as it is.*

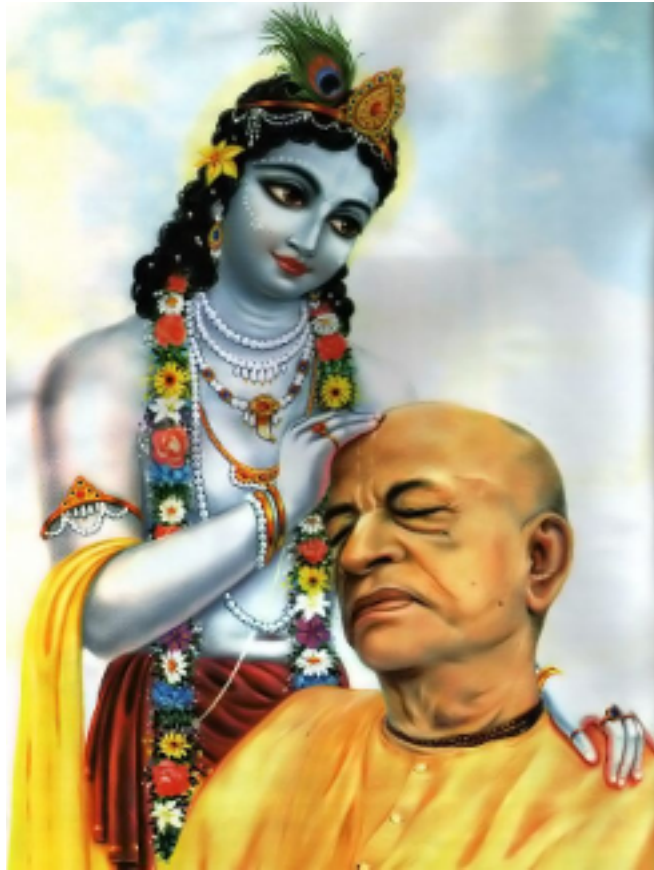
There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he,
nor will there ever be one more dear.

Translation

*na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu
kaścin me priya-kṛtamāṅ
bhavitā na ca me tasmād
anyaṅ priya-taro bhuvī*



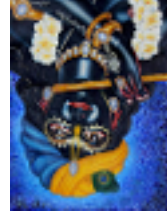
BG 18.69



Wherever there is kṛṣṇa, the master of all mystics, and wherever there is Arjuna, the supreme archer, there will also certainly be opulence, victory, extraordinary power, and morality. That is my opinion.

Translation

*yatra yogeṣvaraḥ kṛṣṇo
yatra pāṛtho dhanur-dharaḥ
tatra śrīr vijayo bhūtir
dhruvā nītir matir mama*



BG 18.78

