

DHARMA SHASTRI



Foundational Principles for Social Reform and Curriculum Design

SESSION 1 -- OVERVIEW

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INVOCATION

- + dharma-mulam hi bhagavan
- + sarva-vedamayo harih
- + smrtam ca tad-vidam rajan
- + yena catma prasidati

The Supreme Being, the Personality of Godhead, is the essence of all Vedic knowledge, the root of all religious principles, and the memory of great authorities. O King Yudhisthira, this principle of religion is to be understood as evidence. On the basis of this religious principle, everything is satisfied, including one's mind, soul and even one's body. (SB 7.11.7)

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- 1- ISKCON's Four Movements
- 2- The Role of Dvijas (Twice Born)
- 3- Catur Vidya * Four Vedic Sciences

3- BHAGAVAT DHARMA

SOURCE	SPEAKER/WRITER	TATTVAS
1- Bhagavad-gita	Lord Krishna	05
2- Srimad-Bhagavatam	Srila Vyasadeva	10
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1. For ISKCON in General
2. For City Temples
3. For Rural Projects
4. For Individuals
5. For General Society

5. BOOKS OF REFERENCE

- 1. *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, Canto 7, Chapters 11 to 15
- 2. *Gita Nagari Essay* [1956] (available in VedaBase/Folio) by Srila Prabhupada
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6. WEBSITES

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2. Vedic Eco Village www.vedicecovillage.ca
3. Sri Surabhi Campaign www.srisurabhi.org
4. International Society for Cow Protection www.iscowp.org
5. Varnasrama College ONLINE (VCO) www.varnasramacollege.com
6. Varnasrama College Foundation (VCF) www.vc-foundation.com
7. VCF/Varnasrama – The Last Wave www.varnashramthelastwave.com