

DHARMA SHASTRI



Foundational Principles for Social Reform and Curriculum Design

SESSION 4 – BHAGAVAT DHARMA

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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. BHAGAVAD-GITA (5 Tattvas)

Lord Sri Krishna to Sri Arjuna

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| 1. ISVARA | - GOD | Eternal |
| 2. JIVA | - SPIRIT SOUL | Eternal |
| 3. PRAKRITI | - MATERIAL ENERGY | Eternal |
| 4. KALA | - TIME | Eternal |
| 5. KARMA | - ACTION AND REACTION | Temporary |

Reference: Introduction to the Bhagavad-gita

1.1 BHAGAVAD-GITA (5 Tattvas)

Varnasrama Dharma & Bhagavat Dharma

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|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1. ISVARA | Bhagavat Dharma | Eternal |
| 2. JIVA (Mukta) | Bhagavat Dharma | Eternal |
| 2. JIVA (Baddha) | & Varnasrama Dharma | Eternal |
| 3. PRAKRITI | Varnasrama Dharma | Eternal |
| 4. KALA | Varnasrama Dharma | Eternal |
| 5. KARMA | Varnasrama Dharma | Temporary |

2. SRIMAD-BHAGAVATAM (10 Tattvas) Srila Vyasadeva to Pariksit Maharaja

- + çré-çuka uvāca
- + atra sargo visargaç ca
- + sthānaà poñaëam ütayaù
- + manvantareçānukathā
- + nirodho muktir āçrayaù
- + Çré Çukadeva Gosvāmé said: In the Çrémad-Bhāgavatam there are **TEN DIVISIONS** of statements regarding the following: 1) the creation of the universe, 2) sub-creation, 3) planetary systems, 4) protection by the Lord, 5) the creative impetus, 6) the change of Manus, 7) the science of God, 8) returning home, back to Godhead, 9) liberation, and 10) the summum bonum. **(SB 2.10.1)**

2.1 FIRST FIVE TATTVAS

1. **SARGAÙ** The First Creation
2. **VISARGAÙ** The Secondary Creation (Sub-creation)
3. **STHÄNAM** The Planetary Systems
4. **POÑAËAM** Protection
5. **ÜTAYAÙ** The Creative Impulse

2.2 LAST FIVE TATTVAS

6. **MANVATARA** The Changes of Manus
7. **ÉÇA-ANUKATHÄÜ** The Science of God
8. **NIRODHAÜ** Going Back to Godhead
9. **MUKTIÜ** Liberation
10. **ÄÇRAYAÜ** The Summum Bonum

2.3 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

1. **SARGAÙ (Statement of the Creation of the Universe)**

“The first creation by Viñëu, the bringing forth of the five gross material elements, the five objects of sense perception, the ten senses, the mind, the intelligence, the false ego and the total material energy, or universal form.”

2. **VISARGAÙ (Statement of Sub-creation)**

“The secondary creation or the creation of Brahma who produces different forms of the universe (brahmanda) both moving and non-moving.”

2.4 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

3. **STHÄNAM (The Planetary Systems)**

“The maintenance of the universe by the Personality of Godhead, Viñëu. Viñëu’s function is more important and His glory greater than Brahmä’s and Lord Çiva’s, for although Brahmä is the creator and Lord Çiva the destroyer, Viñëu is the maintainer.”

4. **POÑÄÄAM (Protection)**

“Special care and protection for devotees by the Lord. As a king maintains his kingdom and subjects but nevertheless gives special attention to the members of his family, so the Personality of Godhead gives special care to His devotees who are souls completely surrendered to Him.”

2.5 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

5. ÜTAYAÜ (The Creative Impetus)

“The urge for creation, or initiative power, that is the cause of all inventions, according to the necessities of time, space and objects.”

6. MANVATARA (Changes of Manus)

“The periods controlled by the Manus, who teach regulative principles for living beings who desire to achieve perfection in human life. The rules of Manu, as described in the Manu-saàhitä, guide the way to such perfection.”

2.6 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

7. ÉÇA-ANUKATHÄÜ (The Science of God)

“Scriptural information regarding the Personality of Godhead, His incarnations on earth and the activities of His devotees. Scriptures dealing with these subjects are essential for progressive human life.”

8. NIRODHAÜ (Going back home, back to Godhead)

“The winding up of all energies employed in creation. Such potencies are emanations from the Personality of Godhead who eternally lies in the Käraëa Ocean. The cosmic creations, manifested with His breath, are again dissolved in due course.”

2.7 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

9. MUKTIÜ (Liberation)

“Liberation of the conditioned souls encaged by the gross and subtle coverings of body and mind. When freed from all material affection, the soul, giving up the gross and subtle material bodies, can attain the spiritual sky in his original spiritual body and engage in transcendental loving service to the Lord in Vaikuëöhaloka or Kåñëaloka. When the soul is situated in his original constitutional position of existence, he is said to be liberated. It is possible to engage in transcendental loving service to the Lord and become jévan-mukta, a liberated soul, even while in the material body.”

2.8 EXPLANATION OF EACH TATTVA

10. ÄÇRAYAÙ (The Summum Bonum)

“The Transcendence, the summum bonum, from whom everything emanates, upon whom everything rests, and in whom everything merges after annihilation. He is the source and support of all. The äçraya is also called the Supreme Brahman, as in the Vedänta-sütra (athäto brahma jijïäsä, janmädy asya yataù [SB 1.1.1]). Çrémad-Bhägavatam especially describes this Supreme Brahman as the äçraya. Çré Kåñëa is this äçraya, and therefore the greatest necessity of life is to study the science of Kåñëa.”

3. NECTAR OF DEVOTION (9 Tattvas)

Srila Rupa Goswami (Nava-Vidha Bhakti)

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|----|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. | SRAVANAM | HEARING |
| 2. | KIRTANAM | CHANTING |
| 3. | VISNU SMARANAM | REMEMBERING |
| 4. | PADA-SEVANAM | SERVING THE LOTUS FEET |
| 5. | ARCANAM | WORSHIPPING |
| 6. | BANDANAM | PRAYING |
| 7. | DASYAM | SERVING |
| 8. | SAKHYAM | BEFRIENDING |
| 9. | ATMA NIVEDANAM | FULLY SURRENDERING |

4. NECTAR OF DEVOTION (64 Tattvas)

Srila Rupa Goswami (64 Items of Devotion)

1. Taking shelter of a bona-fide spiritual master * (First 10 of 64)
2. Accepting initiation from a bona-fide spiritual master
3. Obeying the orders of the spiritual master
4. Following in the footsteps of previous acaryas
5. Inquiring about devotional service from the spiritual master
6. Giving up sense gratification
7. Living in the holy dhama
8. Engaging in occupational duties to maintain body and soul
9. Observing vows like Ekadasi
10. Worshiping sacred trees like Tulasi, Cows, Vaisnavas and Brahmanas

5. SAT-SANDARBHA (6 Tattvas)

Srila Jiva Goswami

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Tattva-sandarbha | Sambandha Jnana |
| 2. Bhagavat-sandarbha | Sambandha Jnana |
| 3. Paramatma-sandarbha | Sambandha Jnana |
| 4. Krishna-sandarbha | Sambandha Jnana |
| 5. Bhakti-sandarbha | Abhidheya Jnana |
| 6. Priti-sandarbha | Prayojana Jnana |

6. DASA MULA TATTVA (10 Tattvas)

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura

1. **Praman** – (Proof) are the Vedas – source of all knowledge

6.1 DASA MULA TATTVA

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura

ISVARA TATTVA

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|---|------------------------|
| 2. Param-tattva – Krishna, as origin of all things | SAMBANDHA JNANA |
| 3. Shaktiman – Krishna, as source of all energies | SAMBANDHA JNANA |
| 4. Rasa Samudra – Krishna, as ocean of sweet mellows | SAMBANDHA JNANA |

JIVA TATTVA

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| 5. Amsa – soul, as part and parcel of God | SAMBANDHA JNANA |
| 6. Nitya baddha – soul, as conditioned | SAMBANDHA JNANA |
| 7. Nitya mukta –soul, as liberated | SAMBANDHA JNANA |
| 8. Bedha & abedha – Same in quality, Different in quantity | SAMBANDHA JNANA |

6.2 DASA MULA TATTVA

Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura

9. Nava-vidha bhakti

Isvara/Jiva

ABHIDHEYA JNANA-

*** 9 Activities of Devotional Service

10. Prema

Isvara/Jiva

PRAYOJANA JNANA

*** Pure love for Krishna

6.3 ISVARA TATTVA

(SAMBANDHA JNANA)

2. PARAM TATTVA (Absolute Truth)

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|--------------|--------|------------|
| 1. Brahman | SAT | Eternality |
| 2. Paramatma | CIT | Knowledge |
| 3. Bhagavan | ANANDA | Happiness |

vadanti tat tattva-vidas tattvaà yaj jñanam advayam

brahmeti paramätmeti bhagavän iti çabdyate

TRANSLATION

Learned transcendentalists who know the Absolute Truth call this nondual substance Brahman, Paramätmä or Bhagavän. [SB 1.2.11]

6.4 ISVARA TATTVA

(SAMBANDHA JNANA)

3. **SHAKTIMAN (Source of all Energies)**

1. Bahir-anga sakti – external (material world)

Apara prakriti or Mohini prakriti

2. Antar-anga sakti – internal (spiritual world)

Para prakriti or Daivi prakriti

3. Tatastha-sakti – marginal (living entity)

6.5 ISVARA TATTVA (SAMBANDHA JNANA)

4.1 RASA SAMUDRA (Ocean of Mellows)

Five Primary Rasas

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Santa-rasa (Neutrality) | Trees, grass |
| 2. Dasya-rasa (Servitude) | Hanuman |
| 3. Sakhya-rasa (Friendship) | Arjuna |
| 4. Vatsalya (Parental) | Nanda & Yashoda |
| 5. Madhurya/Sringara (Conjugal) | Gopis |

6.6 ISVARA TATTVA (SAMBANDHA JNANA)

4.2 RASA SAMUDRA (Ocean of Mellows)

Seven Secondary Rasas

1. Roudra (anger)
2. Adbhuta (wonder)
3. Hasya (comedy)
4. Vira (chivalry)
5. Daya (mercy)
6. Bhayanak (ghastliness)
7. Vibhatsa (shock)

6.7 JIVA TATTVA

(SAMBANDHA JNANA)

5. AMSA

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Visnu Tattva 94%

Shiva Tattva 84%

Jiva Tattva 78%

6. NITYA BADDHA

Conditioned by the Three Gunas

7. NITYA MUKTA

Freed from the Three Gunas

8. BEDHA/ABEDHA

Qualitatively one with God

Quantitatively different from God

6.8 NAVA-VIDHA-BHAKTI

(ABHIDHEYA JNANA)

9- NAVA-VIDHA BHAKTI –

(9 activities of devotional service)

Isvara/Atma

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|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Sravanam | Hearing | Pariksit Maharaja |
| 2. Kirtanam | Chanting | Sukadeva Goswami |
| 3. Vishnu Smaranam | Remembering | Prahlad Maharaja |
| 4. Pada-Sevanam | Washing feet | Laksmi devi |
| 5. Arcanam | Worshiping | Prithu Maharaja |
| 6. Bandanam | Praying | Akrura |
| 7. Dasyam | Serving | Hanuman |
| 8. Sakyam | Befriending | Arjuna |
| 9. Atma Nivedanam | Abandoning all | Bali Maharaja |

6.9 PREMA BHAKTI

(PRAYOJANA JNANA)

10. **PREMA** - The goal is developing pure love for Krishna – **Isvara/Atma**

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