

CHAPTER - 9
THE MOST CONFIDENTIAL KNOWLEDGE

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.1

śrī-bhagavān uvāca
idaṁ tu te guhyatamaṁ
pravakṣyāmy anasūyave
jñānaṁ vijñāna-sahitaṁ
yaj jñātvā mokṣyase 'śubhāt

TRANSLATION

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: My dear Arjuna, because you are never envious of Me, I shall impart to you this most confidential knowledge and realization, knowing which you shall be relieved of the miseries of material existence.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.2

rāja-vidyā rāja-guhyam
pavitram idaṁ uttamam
pratyakṣāvagamaṁ dharmyam
su-sukhaṁ kartum avyayam

TRANSLATION

This knowledge is the king of education, the most secret of all secrets. It is the purest knowledge, and because it gives direct perception of the self by realization, it is the perfection of religion. It is everlasting, and it is joyfully performed.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.3

aśraddadhānāḥ puruṣā
dharmasyāśya parantapa
aprāpya mām nivartante
mṛtyu-saṁsāra-vartmani

TRANSLATION

Those who are not faithful in this devotional service cannot attain Me, O conqueror of enemies. Therefore they return to the path of birth and death in this material world.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.4

mayā tatam idaṁ sarvaṁ
jagad avyakta-mūrtinā
mat-sthāni sarva-bhūtāni
na cāhaṁ teṣv avasthitaḥ

TRANSLATION

By Me, in My unmanifested form, this entire universe is pervaded. All beings are in Me, but I am not in them.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.5

na ca mat-sthāni bhūtāni
paśya me yogam aiśvaram
bhūta-bhṛṇ na ca bhūta-stho
mamātmā bhūta-bhāvanaḥ

TRANSLATION

And yet everything that is created does not rest in Me. Behold My mystic opulence! Although I am the maintainer of all living entities and although I am everywhere, I am not a part of this cosmic manifestation, for My Self is the very source of creation.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.6

yathākāśa-sthito nityaṁ
vāyuḥ sarvatra-go mahān
tathā sarvāṇi bhūtāni
mat-sthānīty upadhāraya

TRANSLATION

Understand that as the mighty wind, blowing everywhere, rests always in the sky, all created beings rest in Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.7

sarva-bhūtāni kaunteya
prakṛtiṁ yānti māmikāṁ
kalpa-kṣaye punas tāni
kalpādaḥ viśṛjāmy aham

TRANSLATION

O son of Kuntī, 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.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.8

prakṛtiṁ svām avasṭabhya
visṛjāmi punaḥ punaḥ
bhūta-grāmam imaṁ kṛtsnam
avaśaṁ prakṛter vaśāt

TRANSLATION

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.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.9

na ca mām tāni karmāṇi
nibadhnanti dhanañjaya
udāsīna-vad āsīnam
asaktam teṣu karmasu

TRANSLATION

O Dhanañjaya, all this work cannot bind Me. I am ever detached from all these material activities, seated as though neutral.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.10

mayādhyakṣeṇa prakṛtiḥ
sūyate sa-carācaram
hetunānena kaunteya
jagad viparivartate

TRANSLATION

This material nature, which is one of My energies, is working under My direction, O son of Kuntī, producing all moving and nonmoving beings. Under its rule this manifestation is created and annihilated again and again.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.11

avajānanti mām mūḍhā
mānuṣīm tanum āśritam
param bhāvam ajānanto
mama bhūta-maheśvaram

TRANSLATION

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.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.12

moghāsā mogha-karmāṇo
mogha-jñānā vicetasah
rākṣasīm āsurīm caiva
prakṛtiṁ mohinīm śritāḥ

TRANSLATION

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

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.13

mahātmānas tu mām pārtha
daiivīm prakṛtiṁ āśritāḥ
bhajanty ananya-manaso
jñātvā bhūtādim avyayam

TRANSLATION

O son of P thā, those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature. They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.14

satataṁ kīrtayanto mām
yatantaś ca dṛḍha-vratāḥ
namasyantaś ca mām bhaktyā
nitya-yuktā upāsate

TRANSLATION

Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.15

jñāna-yajñena cāpy anye
yajanto mām upāsate
ekatvena pṛthaktvena
bahudhā viśvato-mukham

TRANSLATION

Others, who engage in sacrifice by the cultivation of knowledge, worship the Supreme Lord as the one without a second, as diverse in many, and in the universal form.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.16

aham kratuḥ aham yajñaḥ
svadhāham aham auśadham
mantra 'ham aham evājyam
aham agniḥ aham hutam

TRANSLATION

But it is I who am the ritual, I the sacrifice, the offering to the ancestors, the healing herb, the transcendental chant. I am the butter and the fire and the offering.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.17

pitāham asya jagato
mātā dhātā pitāmahaḥ
vedyaṁ pavitraṁ omkāra
ṛk sāma yajur eva ca

TRANSLATION

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 Sāma and the Yajur Vedas.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.18

gatiḥ bhartā prabhuḥ sāksī
nivāsaḥ śaraṇam suhṛt
prabhavaḥ pralayaḥ sthānam
nidhānam bījam avyayam

TRANSLATION

I am the goal, the sustainer, the master, the witness, the abode, the refuge, and the most dear friend. I am the creation and the annihilation, the basis of everything, the resting place and the eternal seed.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.19

tapāmy aham aham varṣam
niḡṛhṇāmy utsṛjāmi ca
amṛtam caiva mṛtyuś ca
sad asac cāham arjuna

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.19: O Arjuna, I give heat, and I withhold and send forth the rain. I am immortality, and I am also death personified. Both spirit and matter are in Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.20

trai-vidyā mām soma-pāḥ pūta-pāpā
yajñair iṣṭvā svar-gatiḥ prārthayante
te puṇyam āsādyā surendra-lokam
aśnanti divyān divi deva-bhogān

TRANSLATION

Those who study the Vedas and drink the soma juice, seeking the heavenly planets, worship Me indirectly. Purified of sinful reactions, they take birth on the pious, heavenly planet of Indra, where they enjoy godly delights.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.21

te tam bhuktvā svarga-lokam viśālam
kṣīṇe puṇye martya-lokam viśanti
evam trayī-dharmam anuprapannā
gatāgataḥ kāmā-kāmā labhante

TRANSLATION

When they have thus enjoyed vast heavenly sense pleasure and the results of their pious activities are exhausted, they return to this mortal planet again. Thus those who seek sense enjoyment by adhering to the principles of the three Vedas achieve only repeated birth and death.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.22

ananyāś cintayanto mām
ye janāḥ paryupāsate
teṣāṃ nityābhiyuktānām
yoga-kṣemaṃ vahāmy aham

TRANSLATION

But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form — to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.23

ye 'py anya-devatā-bhaktā
yajante śraddhayānvitāḥ
te 'pi mām eva kaunteya
yajanty avidhi-pūrvakam

TRANSLATION

Those who are devotees of other gods and who worship them with faith actually worship only Me, O son of Kuntī, but they do so in a wrong way.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.24

ahaṃ hi sarva-yajñānām
bhoktā ca prabhur eva ca
na tu mām abhijānanti
tattvenātaś cyavanti te

TRANSLATION

I am the only enjoyer and master of all sacrifices. Therefore, those who do not recognize My true transcendental nature fall down.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.25

yānti deva-vratā devān
pitṛn yānti pitṛ-vratāḥ
bhūtāni yānti bhūtejyā
yānti mad-yājino 'pi mām

TRANSLATION

Those who worship the demigods will take birth among the demigods; those who worship the ancestors go to the ancestors; those who worship ghosts and spirits will take birth among such beings; and those who worship Me will live with Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.26

patraṁ puṣpaṁ phalaṁ toyam
yo me bhaktyā prayacchati
tad ahaṁ bhakty-upahṛtam
aśnāmi prayatātmanaḥ

TRANSLATION

If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit or water, I will accept it.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.27

yat karoṣi yad aśnāsi
yaj juhoṣi dadāsi yat
yat tapasyasi kaunteya
tat kuruṣva mad-arpaṇam

TRANSLATION

Whatever you do, whatever you eat, whatever you offer or give away, and whatever austerities you perform — do that, O son of Kuntī, as an offering to Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.28

śubhāśubha-phalair evaṁ
mokṣyase karma-bandhanaḥ
sannyāsa-yoga-yuktātmā
vimukto mām upaiśyasi

TRANSLATION

In this way you will be freed from bondage to work and its auspicious and inauspicious results. With your mind fixed on Me in this principle of renunciation, you will be liberated and come to Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.29

samo 'haṁ sarva-bhūteṣu
na me dveṣyo 'sti na priyaḥ
ye bhajanti tu mām bhaktyā
mayi te teṣu cāpy aham

TRANSLATION

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.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.30

api cet su-durācāro
bhajate mām ananya-bhāk
sādhur eva sa mantavyaḥ
samyag vyavasito hi saḥ

TRANSLATION

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.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.31

kṣipraṁ bhavati dharmātmā
śāśvac-chāntim nigacchati
kaunteya pratijānīhi
na me bhaktaḥ praṇaśyati

TRANSLATION

He quickly becomes righteous and attains lasting peace. O son of Kuntī, declare it boldly that My devotee never perishes.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.32

mām hi pārtha vyapāśritya
ye 'pi syuḥ pāpa-yonayaḥ
striyo vaiśyās tathā sūdrās
te 'pi yānti parām gatim

TRANSLATION

O son of P thā, those who take shelter in Me, though they be of lower birth — women, vaiśyas [merchants] and sūdras [workers] - can attain the supreme destination.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.33

kiṁ punar brāhmaṇāḥ puṇyā
bhaktā rājarṣayas tathā
anityam asukhaṁ lokam
imaṁ prāpya bhajasva mām

TRANSLATION

How much more this is so of the righteous brāhmaṇ as, the devotees and the saintly kings. Therefore, having come to this temporary, miserable world, engage in loving service unto Me.

BHAGAVAD-GITA 9.34

man-manā bhava mad-bhakto
mad-yājī mām namaskuru
mām evaiśyasi yuktvaivam
ātmānaṁ mat-parāyaṇaḥ

TRANSLATION

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.