

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.1**

śrī-bhagavān uvāca  
ūrdhva-mūlam adhaḥ-śākham  
aśvattham prāhur avyayam  
chandāmsi yasya parṇāni  
yas taṁ veda sa veda-vit

TRANSLATION

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: It is said that there is an imperishable banyan tree that has its roots upward and its branches down and whose leaves are the Vedic hymns. One who knows this tree is the knower of the Vedas.

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.2**

adhaś cordhvaṁ prasṛtās tasya śākhā  
guṇa-pravṛddhā viṣaya-pravālāḥ  
adhaś ca mūlāny anusantatāni  
karmānubandhīni manuṣya-loke

TRANSLATION

The branches of this tree extend downward and upward, nourished by the three modes of material nature. The twigs are the objects of the senses. This tree also has roots going down, and these are bound to the fruitive actions of human society.

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.3**

na rūpam asyeha tathopalabhyate  
nānto na cādir na ca sampratiṣṭhā  
aśvattham enaṁ su-virūḍha-mūlam  
asaṅga-śastreṇa dṛḍhena chittvā

#### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.4

tataḥ padaṁ tat parimārgitavyaṁ  
yasmin gatā na nivartanti bhūyaḥ  
tam eva cādyāṁ puruṣaṁ prapadye  
yataḥ pravṛttiḥ prasṛtā purāṇī

#### TRANSLATION

The real form of this tree cannot be perceived in this world. No one can understand where it ends, where it begins, or where its foundation is. But with determination one must cut down this strongly rooted tree with the weapon of detachment. Thereafter, one must seek that place from which, having gone, one never returns, and there surrender to that Supreme Personality of Godhead from whom everything began and from whom everything has extended since time immemorial.

#### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.5

nirmāna-mohā jita-saṅga-doṣā  
adhyātma-nityā vinivṛtta-kāmāḥ  
dvandvair vimuktāḥ sukha-duḥkha-samjñair  
gacchanty amūḍhāḥ padam avyayaṁ tat

#### TRANSLATION

Those who are free from false prestige, illusion and false association, who understand the eternal, who are done with material lust, who are freed from the dualities of happiness and distress, and who, unbewildered, know how to surrender unto the Supreme Person attain to that eternal kingdom.

#### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.6

na tad bhāsayate sūryo  
na śāsāṅko na pāvakaḥ  
yad gatvā na nivartante  
tad dhāma paramaṁ mama

#### TRANSLATION

That supreme abode of Mine is not illumined by the sun or moon, nor by fire or electricity. Those who reach it never return to this material world.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.7

mamaivāṁśo jīva-loke  
jīva-bhūtaḥ sanātanaḥ  
manaḥ-ṣaṣṭhānīndriyāṇi  
prakṛti-sthāni karṣati

#### TRANSLATION

The living entities in this conditioned world are My eternal fragmental parts. Due to conditioned life, they are struggling very hard with the six senses, which include the mind.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.8

śarīraṁ yad avāpnoti  
yac cāpy utkrāmatīśvaraḥ  
gṛhītvaitāni samyāti  
vāyur gandhān ivāśayāt

#### TRANSLATION

The living entity in the material world carries his different conceptions of life from one body to another as the air carries aromas. Thus he takes one kind of body and again quits it to take another.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.9

śrotraṁ cakṣuḥ sparśanaṁ ca  
rasanaṁ ghrāṇam eva ca  
adhiṣṭhāya manaś cāyaṁ  
viṣayān upasevate

#### TRANSLATION

The living entity, thus taking another gross body, obtains a certain type of ear, eye, tongue, nose and sense of touch, which are grouped about the mind. He thus enjoys a particular set of sense objects.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.10

utkrāmantam sthitam vāpi  
bhuñjānam vā guṇānvitam  
vimūḍhā nānupaśyanti  
paśyanti jñāna-cakṣuṣaḥ

#### TRANSLATION

The foolish cannot understand how a living entity can quit his body, nor can they understand what sort of body he enjoys under the spell of the modes of nature. But one whose eyes are trained in knowledge can see all this.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.11

yatanto yoginaś cainam  
paśyanty ātmany avasthitam  
yatanto 'py akṛtātmāno  
nainam paśyanty acetasaḥ

#### TRANSLATION

The endeavoring transcendentalists, who are situated in self-realization, can see all this clearly. But those whose minds are not developed and who are not situated in self-realization cannot see what is taking place, though they may try to.

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.12

yad āditya-gaṭam tejo  
jagad bhāsayate 'khilam  
yac candramasi yac cāgnau  
tat tejo viddhi māmakam

#### TRANSLATION

The splendor of the sun, which dissipates the darkness of this whole world, comes from Me. And the splendor of the moon and the splendor of fire are also from Me.

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.13**

gām āviśya ca bhūtāni  
dhārayāmy aham ojasā  
puṣṇāmi cauṣadhīḥ sarvāḥ  
somo bhūtvā rasātmakaḥ

**TRANSLATION**

**I enter into each planet, and by My energy they stay in orbit. I become the moon and thereby supply the juice of life to all vegetables.**

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.14**

aham vaiśvānaro bhūtvā  
prāṇinām deham āśritaḥ  
prāṇāpāna-samāyuktaḥ  
pacāmy annam catur-vidham

**TRANSLATION**

**I am the fire of digestion in the bodies of all living entities, and I join with the air of life, outgoing and incoming, to digest the four kinds of foodstuff.**

**BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.15**

sarvasya cāham ḥṛdi sanniviṣṭo  
mattaḥ smṛtir jñānam apohanam ca  
vedaiś ca sarvair aham eva vedyo  
vedānta-kṛd veda-vid eva cāham

**TRANSLATION**

**I am seated in everyone's heart, and from Me come remembrance, knowledge and forgetfulness. By all the Vedas, I am to be known. Indeed, I am the compiler of Vedānta, and I am the knower of the Vedas.**

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.16

dvāv imau puruṣau loke  
kṣaraś cākṣara eva ca  
kṣaraḥ sarvāṇi bhūtāni  
kūṭa-stho 'kṣara ucyate

#### TRANSLATION

**There are two classes of beings, the fallible and the infallible. In the material world every living entity is fallible, and in the spiritual world every living entity is called infallible.**

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.17

uttamaḥ puruṣas tv anyah  
paramātmety udāhṛtaḥ  
yo loka-trayam āviśya  
bibharty avyaya īśvaraḥ

#### TRANSLATION

**Besides these two, there is the greatest living personality, the Supreme Soul, the imperishable Lord Himself, who has entered the three worlds and is maintaining them.**

### BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.18

yasmāt kṣaram atīto 'ham  
akṣarād api cottamaḥ  
ato 'smi loke vede ca  
prathitaḥ puruṣottamaḥ

#### TRANSLATION

**Because I am transcendental, beyond both the fallible and the infallible, and because I am the greatest, I am celebrated both in the world and in the Vedas as that Supreme Person.**

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.19**

yo mām evam asammūḍho  
jānāti puruṣottamam  
sa sarva-vid bhajati mām  
sarva-bhāvena bhārata

#### **TRANSLATION**

**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.**

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 15.20**

iti guhyatamaṁ śāstram  
idam uktaṁ mayānagha  
etad buddhvā buddhimān syāt  
kṛta-kṛtyaś ca bhārata

#### **TRANSLATION**

**This is the most confidential part of the Vedic scriptures, O sinless one, and it is disclosed now by Me. Whoever understands this will become wise, and his endeavors will know perfection.**