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Chapter 5

Karma Sannyasa Yoga

The Path of Renunciation of Action

4 Stages of Life (Ashrama)

Brahmacharya (Student) Grihasta (Householder) Vanaprastha (Forest Dweller) Sannyasa (Renunciate)

Bhagavad Gita

Chapter 3. Karma Yoga - Path of Action

- Ishvara Arpan buddhi
- Prasad buddhi

Chapter 4. Gyana Karma Sannyasa Yoga – *Path of Renunciation of Action in Knowledge* • Yagna spirit

- Knowladra
- Knowledge

Verse 5.1

arjuna uvaca sannyasam karmanam krsna punar yogam ca samsasi yac chreya etayor ekam tan me bruhi su-niscitam



V5.1 Arjuna says

O Krishna! You praise renunciation of actions and also Karma Yoga. Tell me definitely which is the better of the two.

Verse 5.2

sri-bhagavan uvaca sannyasah karma-yogas ca nihsreyasa-karav ubhau tayos tu karma-sannyasat karma-yogo visisyate



V5.2 Shri Bhagavan says

Both renunciation (of action) and performance of action as karma yoga lead to liberation. But of these two, the performance of action as karma yoga is better than renunciation of action. Chapter 5

Karma Yoga Ishvara Arpan Buddhi Prasad Buddhi

Yagna spirit

Inner Purification
Vasanas become sattvik
Tranquil mind

MeditationEffortless Detachment

Renounce Action

Get Knowledge

Verse 5.3

jneyah sa nitya-sannyasi yo na dvesti na kanksati nirdvandvo hi maha-baho sukham bandhat pramucyate



V5.3

The person who neither hates nor longs (for anything) should be known as always a renunciate (sannyasin), Arjuna One who is free from the opposites (likes and dislikes) is indeed effortlessly released from bondage.

Chapter 5

Inner attitudinal change

Karma YogaAll actions in Yagna spirit1. Offering to God (Ishvara Arpan Buddhi)2. Not for the fruits (Prasad Buddhi)

Sannyasa Effortless detachment

Verse 5.4

sankhya-yogau prthag balah pravadanti na panditah ekam apy asthitah samyag ubhayor vindate phalam



V5.4

Children but not the wise argue that Knowledge and Karma Yoga are different. The person who follows even one (of the two) properly, gains the result of both.

Verse 5.5

yat sankhyaih prapyate sthanam tad yogair api gamyate ekam sankhyam ca yogam ca yah pasyati sa pasyati



V5.5 That place which is gained by the Sankhyas (gyanis) is reached by Yogins (Karma Yogins). He sees, who sees Sankhya and Yoga are the same

Verse 5.4 & 5.5

Karma Yoga – Yoga of Selfless Action Renounce the fruits of actions

Sankhya Yoga – Yoga of Knowledge Renounce doer-ship in all actions



Verse 5.6

sannyasas tu maha-baho duhkham aptum ayogataha yoga-yukto munir brahma na cirenadhigacchati



V5.6

But renunciation, O mighty armed, is hard to attain without Yoga; the Yoga harmonised man of steady contemplation quickly goes to Brahman

Verse 5.7

yoga-yukto visuddhatma vijitatma jitendriyah sarva-bhutatma-bhutatma kurvann api na lipyate



V5.7

He who is devoted to the path of action, a man of purified mind, one who has conquered the self, one who has subdued his senses, one who realises his Self as the Self in all beings. Though acting he is not tainted.

Verse 5.8 & 5.9

naiva kincit karomiti yukto manyeta tattva-vit pasyan srnvan sprsan jighrann asnan gacchan svapan svasan pralapan visrjan grhnann unmisan nimisann api indriyanindriyarthesu vartanta iti dharayan V5.8 & 5.9



'I do nothing at all'. Thus the harmonised knower of the Truth would think seeing, hearing, touching, smelling, eating, going, sleeping, breathing, speaking, letting go, seizing, opening and closing the eyes, convinced that the senses move among the sense objects.

Bhagavad Gita Questions & Comments





Next class 7 Dec 2023 at 7:30pm



Closing Prarthana

Aum Sarve Bhavantu Sukhina, Sarve Santu Niramaya Sarve Bhadrani Pashyantu, Ma Kashchid Dukha Bhak Bhavet

Asato Ma Sat Gamaya Tamaso Ma Jyotir Gamaya Mrityor Ma Amritam Gamaya

Aum Poornam-adah Poornam-idam, Poornat Poornam Udachyate, Poornasya Poornam-adaya, Poornam-eva Vashisyate. Aum Shanti Shanti Shantihi