

[From now onwards, I generally only note points that I make on Shrila Prabhupada's text, not on points made by the other commentators.]

2009-11-09-007.mp3: Class no. 7 given on 9 Nov 2009.

Introduction:

1. Recap.

2. The abode of the Supreme Lord. 15.6. Brahmajyoti, Vaikuntha planets. Goloka Vrndavana. The difference between the material planets and the spiritual planets. "Does not require to descend again to the material sky."

3. Interplanetary travel. Gita advises us to go beyond.

4. The real picture of this material world.

5. How to attain the spiritual world? 15.5.

6. One should desire and hanker after that supreme kingdom.

(a) bhukti-kama (akama)

(b) mukti-kama (moksa-kama)

(i) sa-visesa

(ii) nir-visesa

(c) bhukti-kama (sarva-kama)

(i) aihika

(ii) paratrika

7. How does one approach that kingdom? 8.5. Mad-bhavam = sac-cid-anandatva.

8. Selections from Bhaktivinoda's Vidvad-ranjana and Baladeva Vidyabhushana on the relationship between karma, jnana and bhakti.

9. A few words about Madhva's Gita-bhashya.

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2009-11-10-008.mp3: Class no. 8 given on 10 Nov 2009.

Introduction:

1. The general principle regarding the afterlife.
2. Energies of the Lord.
3. Reading Vedic literature absorbs our minds in Krishna. Implicit is the understanding of nirnayaka/nirneya shastras, etc. You have to study shastras through the spectacles of the liberated acharyas. tarko 'pratishtah shrutayo vibhinnah... evam parampara-praptam.
4. Mam anusmara + yudhya cha. vaidhi sadhana-bhakti + sva-dharma (no sinful activities, no offenses). The system impels you to increase the activities of bhakti (Cf 4.8p)
5. Mam anusmara = kirtaniyah sada harih.
6. This is possible when we have a strong sense of love.
7. The mind and senses have to be absorbed in thinking of Krishna: navadha bhakti. Sravanam is the easiest.
8. Selections from Bhaktivinoda's Vidvad-ranjana and Baladeva.
9. Selections from Madhva Bhashya.

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2009-11-11-009.mp3: Class no. 9 given on 11 Nov 2009.

Introduction:

1. 8.8.
2. Need a guru to fix the mind on the paramam purusham.
3. No one is barred out.
4. Gita-mahatmya.
5. The discipic succession. The Madhva connection. Siksha line.
6. Selections from Baladeva, Madhva's Tatparya and Shridhara Swami.

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2009-11-12-010.mp3: Class no. 10 given on 12 Nov 2009.

Selections from Keshava Kashmiri's introduction to the Gita.

1.1. Gita sugita kartavya explained in the first paragraph. The influence of dharma-kshetra. Mamakah.

1.2. Duryodhana didn't compromise.

1.3. Drona and Drupada. "Don't be lenient."

1.4. There were others on Duryodhana's side too.

[Commentaries from the other acharyas have been interspersed in this class]

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2009-11-13-011.mp3: Class no. 11 given on 13 Nov 2009.

1.9. Duryodhana speaks the truth.

1.10. Bhima vs. Bhishma.

1.11. But the others on the Kaurava side are also important. Duryodhana depended on Bhishma and Drona.

1.12. Bhishma understands Duryodhana.

1.14. Transcendental conchshells. "Madhava". Mahati syandane sthitau.

1.15. His holy names according to His activities. "Hrishikesha". "Dhananjaya". "Bhima-karma Vrikodara".

1.16. Very clear signs of destruction. Dhritarashtra is the sole cause of this catastrophe because of his non-action. Not Yudhishtira.

1.19. Contrast with 1.13. The hearts of the Dhartarashtras were shattered. The hearts of the Pandavas weren't.

1.20. The emblem of Hanuman. Wars of dominion, not violence.

Material from other commentaries.

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2009-11-14-012.mp3: Class no. 12 given on 14 Nov 2009.

1.21. The concept of "causeless mercy". Bhakta-vatsalya. The nature of the higher rasas. Cf. CC Madhya 19.183-184 purport (excerpt) and 19.211-225. Infallible in two ways.

1.23. Another reason why Arjuna wanted to see the opposition.

1.24. Arjuna conquered sleep and ignorance by the strength of devotional service to Krishna.

1.28. yasyasti bhaktih... Cf. SB 5.8.12 with purport.

Material from other commentaries.