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To the Hierarchy of Masters, Sages, Seers, Scholars and aspirants, the Scripture they follow is Bhagawadgita. It is the ultimate source of wisdom and most authentic book of wisdom on earth. Even as the members of WTT it is required that we should have atleast some basic understanding of this Scripture. Every Ashram, visibly and invisibly, present on this planet, contains this Scripture. This Scripture has been translated to almost every recognized language in India and also many other foreign languages. There have been many explanations give to this Scripture in many ways by many Grand Masters. There are many subtle meanings to each of the stanzas given in this Scripture. So only gross understanding is not sufficient, we should also look for subtle understanding. Depending on our state of evolution, it reveals to us different meanings.

Even for Master EK, who could not understand Secret Doctrine initially, he was instructed by his Master to read Bhagawadgita first and then read Secret Doctrine. This Scripture revealed many grand secrets of the creation to Master EK and he granted that wisdom to us in the form of 3 books - Mandara Scripture, Mandaragita and Shankaravam (1 in english and 2 in telugu). For each stanza in Bhagawadgita, you can read these 3 books in conjunction if possible. We are recognized as his followers only if we have the book "Mandara Scripture" with us at all times. We should carry it with us everywhere if possible or otherwise have multiple copies of it located at places where you spend most of your time daily, may be 3 or 4 places at home and office. Not only keeping it with you, you should read at least one stanza of it daily and contemplate on it.

So in the 18th chapter of this Scripture, we stopped at the 3 types of doers. First one is of Satwic nature (poised). He is not affected by the result of the work. He is not attached to it and does not believe that he is doer. One should not get attached to any work. Just do it when it comes to you and never own it. Someday that work may be handed over to another person. You should not be affected at that point. One should also remember that he is never the cause of the deed. It is the divine nature at play through the 3 qualities and it is the cause of everything. Even the Divine mother just watches while everything is done by the 3 qualities.

That is why you cannot attach logic to all your deeds. Sometimes you do not know why you have done something though you did not want to do it. You may be moving on the road and 2 beggars may approach you. You may give some money to one beggar and not to another. Why so? Does it mean that you like one beggar and not like another? No. You cannot attach any reason to such a deed. It is the divine nature that made you do so. Sometimes you may be even forced to something which you did not want to do. It just happens without your intervention. Many times we feel things happening without our voluntary intervention. Even when great things happen through us, we may be feel later whether we have really done it. This truth is remembered by the doer with poised nature. He does every act with lot of interest, with no fear and doubt, even though he is not interested in the result - success or failure.

Then there is the doer with Rajasic nature (hyperactive). We have the examples of Ravana and Duryodhana who are of this nature. They have strong likes and desires determining their acts. They keep looking for profit in every action they do. One should be directed only by duty and not by profit. A person of this nature even indulges in violence, if required, to get the work done.

Finally there is the doer with Tamasic nature (inertial nature). They never have continuity and stability in their actions. They keep changing their actions from time to time due to unstable thoughts. He thinks more and acts less. At the time of Jesus, one person had a land and he was digging a well. He kept on digging at different places as different people advised him to dig at different places. He finally could not dig a well with water. Jesus sees the land and tells that person "If you had dug only a one place all this time, a well would have been ready by now." One with inertial nature is such. He is very easily affected by wavering thoughts and wavering advices of different people. There are people who change jobs regularly, change houses regularly, changing things in houses regularly and so on. The worst case is people changing their life partners regularly. Why is it so? It shows unstable mind. This nature is very visible in people now days. They keep changing everything from time to time. One of this nature is also very lazy, uncomprehending and keeps insulting others.

Similar there is also Buddhi (discriminative will) conditioned by the 3 qualities.

Satwic Buddhi (Poised discriminative will) is that which knows what action causes bondage and what action causes liberation and decides on action accordingly. If you indulge in karma unknowingly, it may cause you bondage. So act with discrimination to avoid bondage. If you eat more than what is required, it creates trouble in your stomach and you are bound by it. It is because you did not discriminate while eating. So do what only what you have to do and what you can do. Do not just act as per your desire. Act as per discrimination and it will ensure that you are not bounded.

Then is discriminative will of Rajasic nature (hyperactive nature). Such a one acts based on the gain he expects. He fails in his decision making. If there is an announcement made that petrol rates would increase by 2 rupees from tomorrow, everyone will go to petrol bunks and try to fill the tanks of their vehicles for a mere gain of few rupees. For that, he wastes lot of time waiting in the queues. Similarly many follow the share market very closely and buy or sell based on the stock rates. At times he may gain and at times he may fail. Finally he gains only which he is entitled to. He would have gained the same even without indulging in so much action. Just follow the dharma, is it right or wrong and act. Do not think of the gain. He applies lot of logic and uses all his rational intelligence to do an act and finally ends up at the wrong end. Whatever you are entitled you, comes to you unasked if you follow the dharma, the eternal law.

There is a discriminative will of Tamasic nature (inertia nature). Such a one decides what is unlawful as lawful. In Mahabharata story, Pandu, brother of Dhritarashtra, was the king initially and he was made the King because he was the able one compared to Dhritarashtra. Later he recedes into forests and Dhritarashtra continued as the king in his absence. Later Dhritarashtra had 100 sons and Pandu had 5 sons with Dharmaraja as the eldest among all of them. So as per dharma, Dharmaraja should be the next king after Dhritarashtra. Also he is the most able among all of them. Though Dhritarashtra knew what is right, he did not decide so because of his inertial nature. He decides that his son should be the king. One with this nature decides everything without considering the right values.

Then dharana (composure) is also of 3 qualities. If your composure is such that the mind, senses and acts regulate each other in priority, it is of Satwic nature. If you can stabilise your mind on divine without any wavering, your dharana is of poised nature. Can you stably visualize a form of light within, constantly? It is possible for a one with composure of poised nature.

Then there is dharana of Rajasic quality. If your composure stands by dharma, temporarily, expecting some result, it is of hyperactive nature. Such a one fears that he may lose his identity and power and tries to do everything on his own. Generally, one, in power, controls many people under him and they follow his orders. The moment he loses power, his sub-ordinates do not follow his orders. A Satwic one accepts that situation but a Rajasic one cannot accept it. As a result, they always try to hold onto their power and try to control everyone. Even powerful nations in

the world try to wage wars, if necessary and show their dominance over other weaker nations because of their fear that they would lose their power. Similarly rich people fear that poor people might steal their wealth and keep a check on them at all times and continue to dominate them.

If one's composure is lost in sleep or fear or sorrow while thinking, it is of inertial nature. He does not have clear understanding of things. He thinks that the work that has to be done by him would be done by someone else and tries avoiding doing things.

One with composure of poised nature delegates his responsibility with trust and does not look back. He works as long as he has to and passes over to the heir, when time comes. The Lord has created everything and handed it over to the beings to take over and gave them all freedom. It is because of the trust he has in us. One with hyperactive nature tries to hold onto power and is not ready to pass it on to others. Even if he is forced to pass on, he keeps interfering in the work because he does not have trust in others and fears that his significance might be lost. One with inertial nature does not do the work expecting someone else to do it.

So in this manner, Krishna speaks about the different aspects which are affected by the 3 qualities and finally says to ensure that one remains poised, one should remain in alignment with divine. It is difficult for us to follow all that is told above. So just remain with HIM and do everything. As a result, there are no consequences. Just keep doing having complete faith in God and he will uplift you. It is the promise of Lord Krishna. He will grant you all the knowledge that is required to you. Is that not simple?

In this age of Kali, this instruction is very simple to follow in one way and at the same time is very difficult in another way. It is easy because we cannot follow all the instructions given in detail and following one simple instruction would be easy. It is difficult because people in this age would like to think and decide independently and they cannot easily leave everything to divine.

Krishna finally says to Arjuna "I like you very much and that is why I am telling you a secret which is generally not told to anyone. Surrender yourself to me completely and I will liberate you from all sins. See the ONE principle in me and consequently you will be able to see the ONE divine principle in all. With that, you will be able to overcome the 3 qualities and stand with THAT principle realized. This is my promise to you and all those who follow me."

There are many devotees of Krishna who attained that absolute state merely by submitting oneself to Krishna. Gopikas are the best example. They have no knowledge and do not know the dharma but they completely surrendered themselves to Krishna and were uplifted to the highest state. Even some blind persons moved around without any support just by remaining in alignment with Krishna. They used to just sing songs on Krishna and moved around everywhere. It is having complete trust in the Lord. There can also be a similar relation between a Master and disciple.

We could not go into details of many stanzas of this chapter. I leave it to your interest to read and understand the rest. One who knows English can read Mandara Scripture and those who cannot read English can read Mandaragita in Telugu. It will show you and lead you in the path. Many Masters come to your support when you are reading Bhagawadgita regularly. So, let us all study it regularly.

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