



CLASS TWO: RECOGNIZING WHO THE TEACHER IS AND YOUR GOOD FORTUNE (BhG 4.6-11; 5.29; 7.1-3; 7.21-25; 9.13-14)

A. When Your Lord Comes

अजोऽपि सन्नव्ययात्मा भूतानामीश्वरोऽपि सन् ।

ajo'pi sannavyayātmā bhūtānāmīśvaro'pi san ।

प्रकृतिं स्वामधिष्ठाय सम्भवाम्यात्ममायया ॥

prakṛtiṁ svāmadhiṣṭhāya sambhavāmyātmamāyayā ॥

Even while being unborn and having an imperishable nature,
Even while being the Lord of all beings,
Controlling My own material nature
I arise through My own illusory power. (4.6)

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत ।

yadā yadā hi dharmasya glānirbhavati bhārata ।

अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदाऽऽत्मानं सृजाम्यहम् ॥

abhyutthānamadharmasya tadā'ātmanāṁ sṛjāmyaham ॥

Arjuna, I emanate whenever morality declines and immorality increases.
(4.7)

परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृतां ।

paritrāṇāya sādhūnāṁ vināśāya ca duṣkṛtāṁ ।

धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे ॥

dharmaśansthāpanārthāya sambhavāmi yuge yuge ॥

For the protection of those who do good, to destroy evil, and to establish
what is right I manifest time and time again. (4.8)



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जन्म कर्म च मे दिव्यमेवं यो वेत्ति तत्त्वतः ।

janma karma ca me divyamevaṁ yo veti tattvataḥ ।

त्यक्त्वा देहं पुनर्जन्म नैति मामेति सोऽर्जुन ॥

tyaktvā dehaṁ punarjanma naiti māmeti so'rjuna ।।

One who truly knows My divine birth and activity does not go through rebirth after leaving the body; he reaches Me, Arjuna. (4.9)

B. Who the Lord Is

भोक्तारं यज्ञतपसां सर्वलोकमहेश्वरम् ।

bhoktāraṁ yajñatapasāṁ sarvalokamaheśvaram ।

सुहृदं सर्वभूतानां ज्ञात्वा मां शान्तिमृच्छति ॥

suhṛdaṁ sarvabhūtānāṁ jñātvā māṁ śāntimṛcchati ॥

The one who knows Me to be the Recipient of all sacrifices and austerities, the Great Lord of all the worlds, and the Friend of all beings, will attain peace. (5.29)

C. Recognizing the Lord

मय्यासक्तमनाः पार्थ योगं युञ्जन्मदाश्रयः ।

mayyāsaktamanāḥ pārtha yogaṁ yuñjanmadāśrayaḥ ।

असंशयं समग्रं मां यथा ज्ञास्यसि तच्छृणु ॥

asamśayaṁ samagraṁ māṁ yathā jñāsyasi tacchṛṇu ॥

Listen to this! With your mind fixed on Me and relying on Me, Arjuna, you will come to know Me entirely. There's no doubt about it! (7.1)



ज्ञानं तेऽहं सविज्ञानमिदं वक्ष्याम्यशेषतः ।

jñānaṁ te'haṁ savijñānamidaṁ vakṣyāmyaśeṣataḥ ।

यज्ज्ञात्वा नेह भूयोऽन्यज्ज्ञातव्यमवशिष्यते ॥

yajjñātvā neha bhūyo'nyajjñātavyamavaśiṣyate ॥

I will teach you this wisdom completely, together with discriminatory knowledge. When you know this, there is nothing else in the world left to know. (7.2)

मनुष्याणां सहस्रेषु कश्चिद्यतति सिद्धये ।

यततामपि सिद्धानां कश्चिन्मां वेत्ति तत्त्वतः ॥

manuṣyāṅāṁ sahasreṣu kaścidyatati siddhaye ।
yatatāmapī siddhānāṁ kaścinmāṁ veti tattvataḥ ॥

There is barely one man among thousands who strives for perfection. And of those few who do try to achieve the goal, only the rare one recognizes me for who I really am. (7.3)

यो यो यां यां तनुं भक्तः श्रद्धयार्चितुमिच्छति ।

yo yo yāṁ yāṁ tanuṁ bhaktaḥ śraddhayārcitumicchati ।

तस्य तस्याचलां श्रद्धां तामेव विदधाम्यहम् ॥

tasya tasyācalāṁ śraddhāṁ tāmeva vidadhāmyaham ॥

Whoever wants to worship with faith, whatever form one is devoted to, I bestow upon that one unwavering faith. (7.21)



स तया श्रद्धया युक्तस्तस्याराधनमीहते ।

sa tayā śraddhayā yuktastasyārādhanamīhate ।

लभते च ततः कामान्मयैवविहितानिह तान् ॥

labhate ca tataḥ kāmānmayaiavavihitāniha tān ॥

He who is endowed with such faith endeavors to pay homage to this form, and obtains from it what he desires. But these are all ultimately allocated only by Me. (7.22)

अन्तवत्तु फलं तेषां तद्भवत्यल्पमेधसाम् ।

antavattu phalaṁ teṣāṁ tadbhavatyalpamedhasām ।

देवान्देवयजो यान्ति मद्भक्ता यान्ति मामपि ॥

devāndevayajo yānti madbhaktā yānti māmapi ॥

And the results of that worship done by those of small understanding is only temporary. Worshippers of the gods go to the gods, but those devoted to Me surely come to Me. (7.23)

अव्यक्तं व्यक्तिमापन्नं मन्यन्ते मामबुद्धयः ।

avyaktaṁ vyaktimāpannaṁ manyante māmabuddhayaḥ ।

परं भवमजानन्तो ममाव्ययमनुत्तमम् ॥

paraṁ bhavamajānanto mamāvyayamanuttamam ॥

The unintelligent comprehend Me, the Unmanifest, in my manifest form. They are unaware of my higher being – imperishable and unsurpassed. (7.24)



नाहं प्रकाशः सर्वस्य योगमायासमावृतः ।

nāham prakāśaḥ sarvasya yogamāyāsamāvṛtaḥ ।

मूढोऽयं नाभिजानाति लोको मामजमव्ययम् ॥

mūḍho'yaṁ nābhijānāti loko māmajamavyayam ॥

I am not clearly visible to all due to the veil of illusion of my yoga. This deluded world does not recognize Me as the Unborn, the Imperishable.
(7.25)

महात्मान्स्तु मां पार्थ दैवीं प्रकृतिमाश्रिताः ।

mahātmānstu mām pārtha daivīm prakṛtimāśritāḥ ।

भजन्त्यनन्यमनसो ज्ञात्वा भूतादिमव्ययम् ॥

bhajantyananyamanaso jñātvā bhūtādimavyayam ॥

But the great souls, Arjuna, taking refuge in My divine nature, are devoted to me. With minds on nothing else, they understand Me as the imperishable source of all beings. (9.13)

सततं कीर्तयन्तो मां यतन्तश्च दृढव्रताः

satataṁ kīrtayanto mām yatantaśca dṛḍhavrataḥ

नमस्यन्तश्च मां भक्त्या नित्ययुक्ता उपासते ॥

namasyantaśca mām bhaktyā nityayuktā upāsate ॥

Always glorifying Me and striving to firmly keep their vows, prostrating with faith, those with unwavering discipline worship Me. (9.14)