Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita – Part 85: Chapter 10, Verses 01-03 (December 18 – December 24, 2019)

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अथ दशमोऽध्यायः

श्रीभगवानुवाच ।

भूय एव महाबाहो शृणु मे परमं वचः।

यत्तेऽहं प्रीयमाणाय वक्ष्यामि हितकाम्यया ॥ १०-१ ॥

न मे विदुः सुरगणाः प्रभवं न महर्षयः।

अहमादिहिं देवानां महर्षीणां च सर्वशः॥ १०-२॥

यो मामजमनादिं च वेत्ति लोकमहेश्वरम्।

असम्मृढः स मर्त्येषु सर्वपापैः प्रमुच्यते ॥ १०-३॥

TRANSLITERATION

ATHA DASHAMODHYAAYAH

śhrī bhagavān uvācha bhūya eva mahā-bāho śhṛiṇu me paramaṁ vachaḥ yatte 'haṁ prīyamāṇāya vakṣhyāmi hita-kāmyayā

na me viduḥ sura-gaṇāḥ prabhavaṁ na maharṣhayaḥ aham ādir hi devānāṁ maharṣhīṇāṁ cha sarvaśhaḥ

yo māmajam anādim cha vetti lokamaheśhvaram asammūḍhaḥ sa martyeṣhu sarvapāpaiḥ pramuchyate

TRANSLATION

- (01) The Blessed Lord said: Listen again to my divine teachings, O mighty armed one. Desiring your welfare, because you are my beloved friend, I shall reveal them to you.
- (02) Neither celestial gods nor the great sages know my origin. I am the source from which the gods and great Rishis come in every way.
- (03) Those who know me as unborn and beginningless, and as the Supreme Lord of the universe, they among mortals are free from illusion and released from all evils.

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Chapter 10

Verse 01:

In chapters seven and eight, the opulence of the Supreme Lord has been briefly touched upon. In chapter nine, Lord Krishna has established the sublime superiority of *bhakti* or pure loving devotion directly by the realization of

consciousness and indirectly by declaring the eternal, spiritual benefits gained for His devotees as opposed to the temporary, material benefits gained by the votaries of the demigods and all other gods.. Now in the tenth chapter, He expands the horizon of His opulence and glories to crystallize and make vivid the realization of God for His devotees. These glories include, but not limited to, unrivalled sovereignty, indomitable will, inviolable power, unparalleled compassion, paramatman or the Supreme soul within all sentient beings and all creation comprising His transcendental form. Although the subject of greatness and majesty of the Supreme Lord was discoursed upon earlier, it is so extraordinary and phenomenal that it is very difficult to be properly understood by most. So, Lord Krishna shines light upon this theme reiterating it commencing with the words bhuyah eva, meaning once again, which emphasizes that one should listen attentively to glean the essence and comprehend. The ultimate revelation which will enlighten the Supreme Reality in its entirety regarding the magnificence and glory of the Supreme Lord causing bhakti for Him to germinate and grow expeditiously for the highest good of Arjuna as well as His other devotees.

Verse 02:

The myriad of demigods and even the great liberated sages who are highly illuminated and capable of super subtle perception of knowing past, present and future are unable to realize Lord Krishna's supreme, transcendental nature as the cause, source and ultimate controller of all creation. Neither Indra the chief of the celestial demigods nor Bhrigu the crest jewel of sages are able to perceive beyond the parameters of their mind and senses and comprehend the divine reality of Lord Krishna's transcendental appearance in human form endowed with supreme, indomitable, never-ending glory, expressed in a single word, *Sachhidaananda*, meaning Truth, Conscience and Bliss. In every way Lord Krishna is the cause and the source of the essence, intelligence and power possessed by all gods, demigods and sages. Whatever intelligence and power they have is limited corresponding to the measure of entitlement warranted and which is awarded solely by the Supreme Lord according to their merits. This is what makes them have their position and makes them demigods and great sages. Their consciousness being limited it is impossible for them to fathom Lord Krishna divine, transcendental nature which is inconceivable to comprehend with the mind. Yet now such knowledge although inconceivable will be revealed by Lord Krishna which will remove the impediments and obstacles that impede *bhakti* or loving devotion to the Supreme Lord from germinating and growing.

Verse 03:

Lord Krishna confirms the fact that real knowledge about His transcendental *rupa* or form is difficult to be understood by even the demigods and great sages. Ignorance about Lord Krishna and His Supreme nature as the prime cause and origin of all gods and great sages is the obstinate obstacle that limits and impedes the *jivas* or embodied beings from developing *bhakti* which is exclusive loving devotion to the Supreme Lord. Whoever knows Him as the unborn without beginning as the Supreme Lord of all creation and the Supreme Controller of all existence, is free from all illusion and is

released from all evils. The III *Svetasvatara Upanisad.IV states*: He alone is the source and origin of all the demigods. Those lacking in knowledge may surmise that the rulership of Supreme Lord Krishna is just localized of the complete cosmic manifestation and may hypothecate that His power is the same as any other god; but such offensive thinking is not productive and a foolish misnomer, so to neutralize any such concoctions Lord Krishna uses the words *loka-mahesvaram* or the Supreme controller of the complete cosmic manifestation throughout the entire realm of creation. The *Svetasvatara Upanisad VI.VII* states: He who is the Supreme God of all gods, the Paramount Divinity of all divinities, the Ultimate Ruler of all rulers is to be known as the adorable Lord. Those who know Lord Krishna as the Supreme Lord of all lords are not deluded and do not possess the great delusion of considering any other god as being equal to or the same as Him. Such blessed beings become free from all reactions to all their past and present actions and have crossed all obstacles enabling them to develop *bhakti* or loving devotion to Him.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MANDIR UPDATE

We are currently in the process of constructing a triple dome structure that would enhance the frontal view of our Mandir. A site plan for the dome construction has already been approved by the Palm Beach County. An architectural engineering file containing specifications for the base structure as well as the three Shikhars (Domes) have been recently submitted to the Talm Beach County for approval. Tlease see the sketch here below of the final structure drawn to scale as described in the submitted architectural engineering file.



(1) Sunday, December 22, 2019

Regular Satsangh:

8:30 a.m - 11:00 a.m.

Officiating: Pt. Vishnu Sharma

Puja, Pravachan, Bhajans Kirtans, Tirtha, Prasaad and Bhojan

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(2) Monday, December 23, 2019

Weekly Shiv Puja:

6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m.

Officiating: Dr. Ram

Lingabhishek Puja, Chanting, Bhajans, and Kirtans.

A Light Snack Will be Served After the Event

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(3) Sunday, December 29, 2019
Regular Satsangh:
8:30 a.m - 11:00 a.m.
Officiating: Dr. Ram

<u>Puja, Pravachan, Bhajans Kirtans, Tirtha, Prasaad and Bhojan</u>
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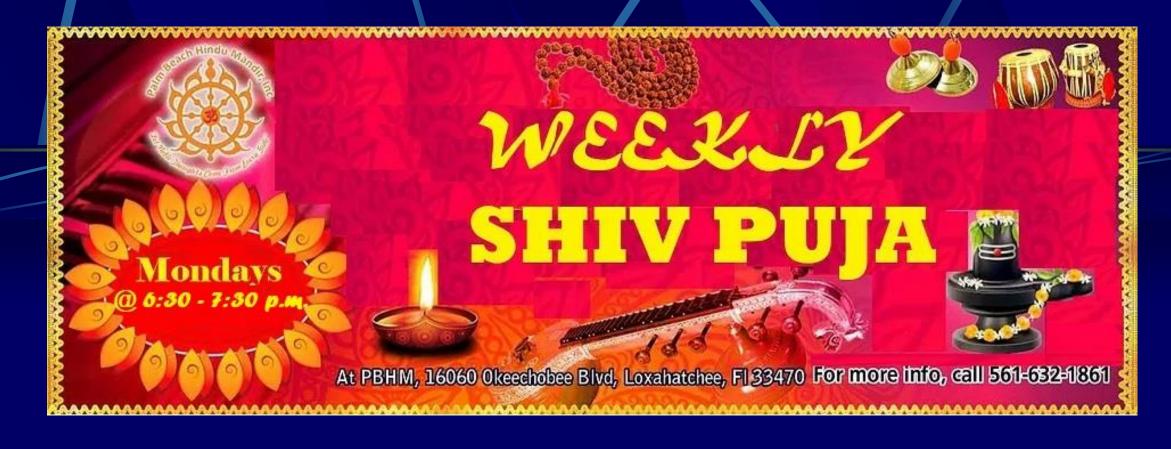


(4) Weekly Shiv Puja: 6:30 p.m - 7:30 p.m. Officiating: Dr. Ram

Lingabhishek Puja, Chanting, Bhajans, and Kirtans.

A Light Snack Will be Served After the Event

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(5) Tuesday, December 31, 2019
Special Satsangh
NEW YEAR'S EVE Hanuman PUJA

6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.

Officiating: Pt. Vishnu Sharma

Puja, Pravachan, Bhajans Kirtans, Tirtha, Prasaad and Bhojan
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(6) Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Special Satsangh NEW YEAR'S DAY

OUTDOORS GAAYATRI HAVAN

10:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Officiating: Pt. Vishnu Sharma

Puja, Pravachan, Bhajans Kirtans, Tirtha, Prasaad and Bhojan

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(7) Weekly Classes:

Percussion (Tabla & Dholak) Classes by Sri Rajesh Bhandari.

1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 7-8:30 pm

Balvikas and Yoga on Fridays from 6:30 - 8:30pm

Mandir Location: 16060/Okeechobee Blvd, Loxahatchee Groves, Fl 33470

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