

Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 83: Chapter 9, Verses 32-34

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TRANSLITERATION

मां हि पार्थ व्यपाश्रित्य येऽपि स्युः पापयोनयः ।
स्त्रियो वैश्यास्तथा शूद्रास्तेऽपि यान्ति परां गतिम् ॥ ९-३२ ॥
किं पुनर्ब्राह्मणाः पुण्या भक्ता राजर्षयस्तथा ।
अनित्यमसुखं लोकमिमं प्राप्य भजस्व माम् ॥ ९-३३ ॥
मन्मना भव मद्भक्तो मद्याजी मां नमस्कुरु ।
मामेवैष्यसि युक्तवैवमात्मानं मत्परायणः ॥ ९-३४ ॥

*mām hi pārtha vyapāśhritya ye 'pi syuḥ pāpa-yonayah
striyo vaiśhyās tathā śhūdrās te 'pi yānti parām gatim
kim punar brāhmaṇāḥ puṇyā bhaktā rājarṣhayas tathā
anityam asukhaṁ lokam imaṁ prāpya bhajasva mām
man-manā bhava mad-bhakto mad-yājī mām
namaskuru
mām evaiśhyasi yuktvaivam ātmānaṁ mat-parāyaṇaḥ*

ॐ तत्सदिति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासूपनिषत्सु
ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे श्रीकृष्णार्जुनसंवादे
राजविद्याराजगुह्ययोगो नाम नवमोऽध्यायः ॥ ९ ॥

*om tatsaditi shrimadbhagavadgitasu upanishatsu
brahmavidyayaam yogashaastre
shrikrishnarjunasamvaade
rajavidyayarajaguhyayogo naama navamodhyaayah*

TRANSLATION

- (32)** All those who take refuge in Me, whatever their birth, race, sex, or caste, even those whom society scorns, will attain the supreme destination.
- (33)** What then to speak about kings and sages with meritorious deeds? Therefore, having come to this transient and joyless world, engage in devotion unto Me.
- (34)** Always think of Me, be devoted to Me, worship Me, and offer obeisance to Me. Having dedicated your mind and body to Me, you will certainly come to Me.

Thus in the Holy Book of Bhagavadgita, one of the Upanishads, in the Science of the Supreme Spirit, in the Art of Self-Knowledge, in the Conversation between Lord Shri Krishna and Arjuna, ends the 9th Chapter called “Rajavidya Rajaguhya Yoga”.

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Chapter 9

Verse 32:

In this verse, Lord Krishna makes it clear that irrespective of birth, sex, caste, or race, whoever takes complete shelter in Him will attain the supreme goal. Lord Krishna enumerates on this supreme destination even being accessible to those who are unworthy due to circumstances of birth. of heinous and abominable practices due to unrighteous character and habits. Such is the greatness of the path of devotion that everyone is eligible for it. It has been established that bhakti or loving devotion to Lord Krishna exclusively purifies a devotee of the blemish Bhakti alone is capable of leading such an individual directly to the supreme destination of the spiritual worlds and into Supreme Lord's eternal association.

Verse 33:

After having explained that even the lowest born who surrender wholly to Lord Krishna are completely redeemed and attain the Supreme Lord by bhakti or loving devotion, Lord Krishna questions how much more assured would the Supreme destination be attainable by the higher members of society like the Brahmins and Vaisnavas who are of noble birth and righteous conduct. It has been clearly and irrefutably established that bhakti or loving devotion to Lord Krishna is the only means to rehabilitate a fallen human being and the

only absolute way to accomplish the attainment of the Supreme destination of the eternal spiritual worlds in association with the Supreme Lord. Until having attained this, the spiritually intelligent should renounce all temporary and transient illusions of happiness in this *asukham* or miserable world we live in. Why is this world miserable? It is because we are bound to the three-fold miseries of old age, disease and death. Worshipping and propitiating only Him each and every day of one's life and succeed to the Supreme destination without hindrance. Otherwise the blessing of birth in a high family, meritorious deeds, education etc. serve absolutely no purpose if they are not used in the loving service of the Supreme Lord.

Verse 34:

Concluding this chapter, Lord Krishna reveals a concise and direct form of worship that is possible for anyone. He begins with *man manas* meaning to focus one's consciousness upon Lord Krishna, the Supreme Being, the Ultimate Reality, the Supreme Controller, the Omniscient, the Omnipotent, the all-pervading One. Furthermore, one should be *mad bhakto* or have their consciousness permeated with unadulterated love for Lord Krishna as their beloved friend. Then one should become *maj yaji* or Lord Krishna's devoted worshipper taking great delight in their intimate and individual relationship with the Supreme Lord internally. *Yaja* denoting *Yajna* indicates all the myriad of wonderful and sublime ways of offering bhakti or loving devotion unto Lord Krishna, the way a dear friend offers everything one possesses to please another dear friend. The Supreme Lord Overflows with all auspicious attributes, is devoid of any defect, of indomitable will, the sole refuge for all, the veritable source, origin and cause of all creation, who is always of fulfilled desires, who bestows benedictions upon His devotees, and removes all their defects, and whose transcendental form is the embodiment of eternity, endless knowledge and unlimited bliss as well as many other captivating qualities such as beauty, compassion, charm and sweetness.

“Thus, in the Holy Book of Bhagavadgita, one of the Upanishads, in the Science of the Supreme Spirit, in the Art of Self-Knowledge, in the Conversation between Lord Shri Krishna and Arjuna, ends the 9th Chapter called “Rajavidya Rajaguhya Yoga”.