

Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 110: Chapter 11, Verses 50-52

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TRANSLITERATION

सञ्जय उवाच ।

इत्यर्जुनं वासुदेवस्तथोत्तवा

स्वकं रूपं दर्शयामास भूयः ।

आश्वासयामास च भीतमेनं

भूत्वा पुनः सौम्यवपुर्महात्मा ॥ ११-५० ॥

अर्जुन उवाच ।

दृष्ट्वेदं मानुषं रूपं तव सौम्यं जनार्दन ।

इदानीमस्मि संवृत्तः सचेताः प्रकृतिं गतः ॥ ११-५१ ॥

श्रीभगवानुवाच ।

सुदुर्दर्शमिदं रूपं दृष्टवानसि यन्मम ।

देवा अप्यस्य रूपस्य नित्यं दर्शनकाङ्क्षणः ॥ ११-५२ ॥

sañjaya uvācha

ity arjunam vāsudevas tathoktvā

svakam rūpam darśhayām āsa bhūyaḥ

āśhvāsayām āsa cha bhītam enam

bhūtvā punaḥ saumya-vapur mahātmā

arjuna uvācha

dṛiṣṭvedaṁ mānuṣam rūpam tava

saumyam janārdana

idānīm asmi saṁvṛittāḥ sa-chetāḥ

prakṛitiṁ gataḥ

yśhrī-bhagavān uvācha

su-durdarśham idaṁ rūpam dṛiṣṭavān asi

an mama

devā apy asya rūpasya nityam darśhana-

kāṅkṣiṇaḥ

TRANSLATION

- (50)** Sanjay said: Having spoken thus, the compassionate son of Vasudev displayed his personal (four-armed) form again. Then, he further consoled the frightened Arjun by assuming his gentle (two-armed) form.
- (51)** Arjun said: O Shree Krishna, seeing your gentle human form (two-armed), I have regained my composure and my mind is restored to normal.
- (52)** The Supreme Lord said: This form of mine that you are seeing is exceedingly difficult to behold. Even the celestial gods are eager to see it.

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Chapter 11

Verse 50:

Arjuna's mind had been extremely agitated and filled with anxiety by witnessing the terrifying aspect of the *vishvarupa* or divine universal form. Having so promised in the verse before, Lord Krishna now revealed His four-armed form adorned with a jeweled diadem, discus and mace. Then as a further consolation to Arjuna, Lord Krishna, the repository of all divine attributes such as majesty, omniscience, omnipotence, compassion etc., revealed His adorable *saumya-vapuh* or gentle two-armed form decorated with turban, jewelry, earrings and other ornaments which brought great relief to Arjuna who was extremely agitated by the *visvarupa* or divine universal form. The word *mahatma* means great soul and denotes Lord Krishna's potency as *paramatman*, the Supreme Soul within all living entities. It may also mean great soul due to His being so compassionate and kind-hearted.

Verses 51:

Having been comforted and consoled by Lord Krishna in such a compassionate manner and beholding Him now in His charming human form with unprecedented attributes such as

unlimited beauty, strength, compassion, omniscience etc., Arjuna was no longer agitated and was able to compose himself and restore his mind to its natural tranquility and he became placated.

Verses 52:

Lord Krishna reveals that it is extremely difficult to see His human two- armed form and He emphasizes this with the words *su-durdarsham* which means very rarely seen. The *vishvarupa* or divine universal form is impossible to be seen without His grace, yet His four armed human form is so rare that the demigods are always hankering to see it even for a moment; but now Lord Krishna is revealing that His beautiful two armed human form is the rarest of all and that it is so seldom revealed the demigods never get the chance to see it.