

Swami Omkarananda's Jnana Yagna at Coimbatore



Swami Omkarananda conducted jnana yagna at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore from 24.12.2011 to 31.12.2011. He taught Kaivalya Navaneetham in the mornings and Bhagavad Gita Chapter III in the evenings.

Kaivalya Navaneetham has 2 chapters, viz, Teaching of Tatva and Clarification of Doubts. Swamiji taught the second chapter on the topic Clarification of Doubts.

After teaching the tatva, Guru asked the Sishya, if he had any doubt. The Sishya worshipped the Guru and told that by Guru's grace, he had understood the teaching. But he had some doubts.

The Sishya asked whether Brahman can be revealed by words or not. The Guru replied

that the words do not reveal Brahman as an object. But the words of the Sastra reveal Brahman as atma, the subject.

The Sishya asked whether Brahman can be known as an object. The Guru replied that Brahman cannot be known in the mind like an object, through sense organs or through showing examples or through inference. But Brahman can be known in the mind of a qualified student by understanding the teaching of the Sastra. Reflected consciousness reveals Brahman, the original consciousness.

Such a Sishya asked how to achieve concentration of the mind. The Guru replied that when sattva guna becomes predominant in the mind, concentration of mind can be achieved. The mind would be able to see atma as sat chit ananda Brahman.





Swamiji taught Bhagavad Gita Chapter III on the topic Karma Yoga. Karma Yoga is nishkama dharma anustana. Karma Yogi performs action with the attitude of offering the action to Ishwara. He cheerfully accepts both the pleasant and unpleasant results as prasada from Ishwara.

Jnani for the welfare of the society performs action. He understands that matter and matter interact and that it does not matter. In his action there is no tension. There is only attention.

With reference to sense objects, it is natural for one to have likes and dislikes. But one

should grow to have the maturity to have them as non binding likes and non binding dislikes.

Arjuna asked what prompted one to do papa. Lord Krishna replied that desire and anger prompted one to do papa.

One's jnana is covered by desire like fire is covered by smoke, mirror is covered by dust and foetus is covered by womb. One should control the enemy in the form of desire.

Senses are superior to the body. Mind is superior to the senses. Intellect is superior to the mind. Atma is superior to the intellect.

Having contentment is natural richness. Atma is satyam, jnanam, anantam Brahman and is always free. One who has this knowledge is free of all binding desires.

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