

Swami Sudeerananda's Public Talks at Coimbatore

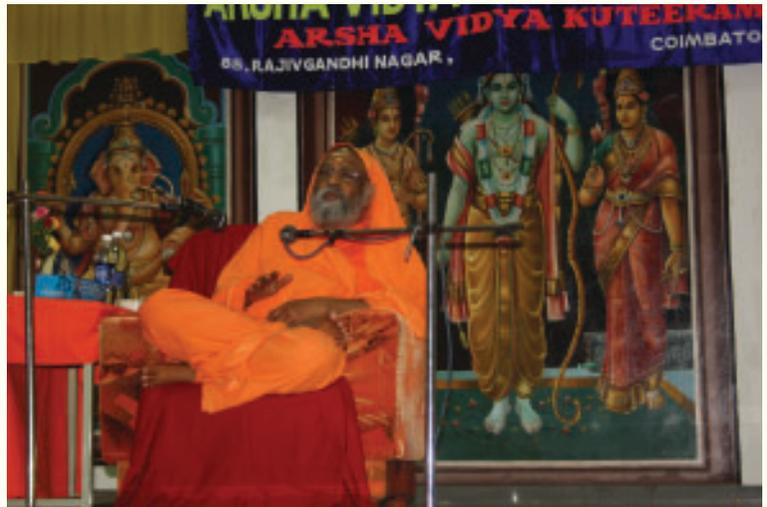
Swami Sudeerananda delivered public talks on Bhagawad Gita Chapter IX at Ramar Temple, Ramnagar, Coimbatore from 13 April 2012 to 19 April 201.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi inaugurated the jnana yagna on 13 April 2012. He said that sun entering mesha rasi is New year. This is the actual New year. But it is only celebrated in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. He congratulated the public who had assembled on that tamil New year's day after worshipping Iswara at the temple to listen to Gita.

All the human problems are due to moha or wrong perception. It is due to not seeing the reality. Gita teaches what is reality and correct thinking.

All that is here is Iswara. We see the sun, space, air, fire, water and earth as manifestations of Iswara. We see you and me as Iswara. Only in our culture money is worshipped as Lakshmi, knowledge is worshipped as Saraswathi and land is worshipped as Mother Earth. Our dance and music reveal every thing as Iswara.

On this New year's day in Kerala, vishu kani is celebrated. On the altar a mirror is kept. Fruits are kept before that. One looks at his/ her own image in the mirror as Iswara and worships. This is atma puja.



When one does fire ritual at home, when space is not adequate to go around the fire, one just goes around one self three times. This is also atma puja. Iswara begins with you and extends every where.

Due to advertisement one knows that Lux is a soap. When he goes to the shop to purchase a soap, he asks for Lux. Lux becomes his ista soap. Ganesha is Iswara. Siva is Iswara. Rama is Iswara. Krishna is

Iswara. If you ask one who is Iswara and if he says Siva is Iswara that means his Ista devata is Siva. One can call Iswara in any name and Iswara will understand and respond. Even when you call Subramaniam as Subbu or Mani or LS he responds. Like that by what ever name you call Iswara , whether Ganesha, Siva, Rama or Krishna or any other name, he will respond.

In the Gita 9th chapter Lord Krishna explains his glories. He also promises to give yoga and kshema to those who surrender to him. Yoga is getting what one does not already have. Kshema is retaining what one has already got. Iswara as karma phala datha gives one the result of one's karma. A mature person will accept what ever comes as prasada from Iswara with prasada buddhi.

Swami Sudeerananda taught Gita Chapter IX. Lord Krishna explains Satyomukthi. Satyomukthi is getting liberation here and now by knowledge. The knowledge is atma is Brahman. This knowledge destroys the sorrow caused by the sense of want. This knowledge is the highest knowledge. This secret is the greatest secret. This knowledge is the greatest purifier.

Only a qualified student with a sense of discrimination and commitment can get this knowledge. The whole jagat has its existence in atma. Even without the jagat, atma will exist. The entire jagat is manifest at the time of srusti. The entire jagat goes to unmanifest form at the time of laya.

Brahman is the intelligent cause of this jagat. Brahman is also the material cause and manifests as this jagat. Hence all things manifest in this jagat are Brahman alone.

One having knowledge of Vedas, doing yaga and earning punya will reach Swarga. After exhaustion of his punya phala, will be born again as a human being.

Lord Krishna promises that he will take care of yoga (getting material wealth) and kshema (retaining material wealth) of those who pursue self knowledge with single pointed commitment. There is also a second meaning. Yoga is getting atma jnana. Kshema is retaining atma jnana or being in jnana nishta.

Lord Krishna says he will accept what ever is offered with bakthi. It may be a simple leaf, flower, fruit or water. What is important is not the material but the attitude.

One should offer all his actions including eating, religious karmas, charitable acts and austerities to Ishwara. Doing all worldly activities with the attitude of offering them to Ishwara is karma yoga.

A qualified student pursuing self knowledge will understand atma is Brahman

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