## Swami Sudeerananda's Gita Jnana Yagna at Coimbatore

Swami Sudeerananda conducted Gita Jnana Yagna for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. It was held from 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 to 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at Ramar Temple, Ramnagar, Coimbatore. Around 150 students benefited.

Swamiji taught Gita 9th Chapter. He told that even for achieving success in worldly pursuits, we require dedicated efforts. For achieving success in spiritual studies, total commitment is required.

Karna although he was a kshatria by birth, did not know that he was a kshatria. Like that we do not know that we are Brahman. The search for the tenth man ends only on knowing that I am the tenth man. Like that our search for happiness and fulfilment will end, only on knowing that I am the happiness and fulfilment, I am searching for. External world cannot give us permanent happiness. Only knowledge of the self can give us permanent happiness. In a calm mind, Brahman is manifest as ananda.

Jiva due to punya goes to svarga. After exhaustion of punya, the jiva comes back to this world. We see persons with higher education occupying top positions in this world. Like that a jiva with greater punya occupies the position of Brahmaji. But even that jiva would have to vacate the position of Brahmaji after exhaustion of punya.

Although Iswara is the maker of the creation, he is unattached without likes and



dislikes. But jiva due to ignorance is attached to persons and property and suffers due to ego.

For persons with commitment, Iswara gives brahma jnana. He also helps them retain that knowledge. Iswara does not see what material is offered to Him. He only sees with what attitude it is offered to Him. Dedicating all actions to Iswara and accepting the results as the prasada will help us to process our ego. Such actions will not bind us. We should understand that the action is done only by the body and mind and that we are actually not doing any action.

Where there is commitment, even persons with less privileged birth could get brahma jnana. Persons with privileged birth, if they have commitment, even with less efforts would definitely gain brahma jnana.

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