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... Bhagavad Gītā ...

Introduction

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Class Summary for Bhagavad Gita 4, by Acharya Tadany Cargnin dos Santos

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Quick recap

The class started unfolding the meaning of the dhyāna slōkās with an in-depth exploration of the Mahābhārata and its significance as a source of wisdom and guidance, particularly in the context of Kali Yuga, with Tadany emphasizing its role in promoting growth and addressing the challenges of the current era.

Question before classes

The answer focused on an in-depth discussion of the Bhagavad Gita's structure, philosophy, and teachings, with Tadany explaining its division into three parts and its connection to Vedanta and Yoga.

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Bhagavad Gītā: Spiritual Motherhood Wisdom

Tadany discussed the concept of the Bhagavad Gītā as a mother, comparing it to a physical mother's role in nourishing her child. He explained that just as a mother knows what type of food to give at different stages of a child's development, the Gītā provides the appropriate wisdom and knowledge to nourish one's inner being. Tadany emphasized that the Gītā, like a mother, knows when and how much wisdom to impart, demonstrating compassion and love in its teachings.

Bhagavad Gītā: Wisdom for Spiritual Growth

Tadany discussed the Bhagavad Gītā, describing it as a compassionate and loving source of wisdom that provides teachings at different stages of spiritual development. He explained that the Gītā, which was imparted to Arjuna by Lord Krishna, offers a body of knowledge that can lead to personal transformation and a change in perspective. Tadany emphasized that while the Gītā provides tools and guidelines, the ultimate change is up to the individual to undergo.

Bhagavad Gītā: Origins and Teachings

Tadany discussed the compilation of the Bhagavad Gītā, explaining that it was compiled by Vyāsa, who is considered an avatar of Vishnu. He emphasized that Vyāsa's compilation was thorough and objective, unlike modern news reporting which can be biased. Tadany also described the content of the Bhagavad Gītā, highlighting its teachings on the non-dual, infinite truth and its relevance to Arjuna's crisis of confidence during the Mahabhārata war.





Layers of Self-Dissatisfaction and Samsara

Tadany discussed the concept of self-dissatisfaction, which operates at three layers: physical, emotional, and intellectual. Physical dissatisfaction involves issues like appearance and aging, emotional dissatisfaction relates to family, relationships and social status, while intellectual dissatisfaction concerns questions about life's meaning. Tadany explained that when these forms of dissatisfaction combine, they create a state called Samsara, which is the opposite of mokṣa, a state of total self-acceptance and fulfillment.

Bhagavad Gītā: Essence of Upaniṣadic Wisdom

Tadany discussed the Bhagavad Gītā, explaining that it is not a philosophy of Krishna but a teaching containing the essence of ancient wisdom found in the Upaniṣads, which are part of the Vedic tradition. He described the Gītā as a symbolic extraction of the Upaniṣadic essence by Krishna, comparing it to a cowherd boy milking cows, and emphasized that the focus is on the teaching and wisdom rather than historical context or dates.

Gītā's Wisdom: Spiritual Nourishment Metaphor

Tadany discussed the metaphor of the cow and the calf in the Bhagavad Gītā, explaining that Arjuna is like the calf that must be present for Krishna to give the "milk" of wisdom. He described how the teachings of the Gītā are like milk, which was once thought to be unhealthy but is now recognized as beneficial, much like how opinions on diet have changed over time. Tadany emphasized the importance of understanding the Gītā's teachings as the "great and glorious milk" that nourishes the soul.

Vyāsa's Vedic Legacy and Wisdom

Tadany discussed the life and contributions of Vyāsa, who was originally named Krishna. Vyāsa is credited with dividing the Veda into four groups to make the vast body of knowledge more manageable for future generations. He also expanded the Vedic knowledge by creating the 18 purāṇas. Tadany noted that both Krishna and Vyāsa are referred to as Krishna, but they can be distinguished by their birthplaces. Tadany emphasized the importance of Vyāsa's deep and wide knowledge, contrasting it with shallow, superficial knowledge of many topics and specialized, but narrow knowledge of a single topic.

Vyāsa's Wisdom in Mahabharatam

Tadany discussed the beauty and wisdom of Vyāsa, who is praised for his knowledge and the light of wisdom he has kindled with the help of the Mahabharatam story. Tadany explained that despite Vyāsa's unattractive physical appearance, he is glorified for his wisdom and knowledge. The discussion concluded with Tadany mentioning that there are five more verses to cover in the next classes.

