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Introduction

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Class Summary for Bhagavad Gita 5, by Acharya Tadany Cargnin dos Santos

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Quick recap

Acharya Tadany explains the meaning of various expressions from the Dhyāna śloka and Bhagavad Gītā, particularly focusing on how Lord Krishna is metaphorically described as a skilled boatman who guided the Pāṇdavas through the dangerous "river" of the Mahābhārata war with its many hazards represented by different warriors. He discusses the spiritual significance of wealth and wisdom, emphasizing that true wealth is knowledge rather than material possessions, and explains that with divine grace, seemingly impossible tasks become achievable through proper devotion and practice. The session concludes with explanations of how various deities and devotees worship the Lord through different methods, noting that while God takes avatar forms for devotees, the true nature of Bhagavan transcends all limitations of time and space.

Summar

Krishna: Guide Through Turbulent Waters

Acharya Tadany explains that in the Dhyāna śloka, the expression "kaivartakaḥ kēśavaḥ" refers to Lord Krishna as one who can steer a boat through treacherous waters, comparing the Mahābhārata war to a turbulent river. He elaborates that the Pāṇdavas, described as "Artha Purusha" (helpless or distressed), faced their greatest challenge in the war, and Lord Krishna became their savior, acting as "ārtha trāṇa parāyaṇā" (one devoted to protecting the distressed). Acharya Tadany notes that these analogies from the Bhagavad Gītā can be applied to daily life situations where people face various challenges.

Mahābhārata War River Allegory

Acharya Tadany explains how the Mahābhārata war is poetically compared to a river in a śloka, with Bhishma and Drona as the banks determining the direction of the war, Jayadratha as the





deep waters, Shakuni (from Gandhara) as deceptive blue lilies, and Shalya as a dangerous crocodile. Acharya Tadany further describes Kripa, who was the teacher of the Pāṇḍavas, Kauravas, and Yadavas, as a powerful undercurrent in this river allegory, with all these elements representing challenges the Pāṇḍavas had to face.

River Dangers and Pāṇḍavas' Journey

Acharya Tadany explains that Kripa is compared to a powerful undercurrent in a river that appears calm on the surface but can drag people in, while Karna is likened to turbulent, tornado-like waves. Ashwatama and Vikarna are described as dangerous flesh-eating animals like piranhas or sharks in this river analogy, with Duryodhana being compared to a deadly whirlpool that sucks people in. Acharya Tadany concludes by noting that despite these dangers in crossing the river, the Pāṇḍavas were able to make it across because they had a highly skilled boatman or captain.

Wisdom: The Supreme Spiritual Wealth

Acharya Tadany explains that Mādhava, meaning the husband of Lakshmi (wealth), is described as Paramānanda (the highest fulfillment). He clarifies that for spiritual seekers, the greatest wealth is wisdom and knowledge, not material possessions, as material wealth often creates more problems than solutions, especially among inheritors. Acharya Tadany emphasizes that wealth can be a source of happiness only when accompanied by wisdom (ātmā-jñāna), which enables one to handle Lakshmi (wealth) appropriately.

Divine Transformation Through Surrender

Acharya Tadany discusses how the Lord can transform even a dumb person into an eloquent speaker or a lame person into someone who can climb Mount Everest, emphasizing that with Mādhava's grace, anything is possible. He relates this to the challenge of studying the Bhagavad Gītā's 700 verses, noting that while it seems like a mountain to climb, it can be accomplished one step at a time through surrender to the Lord. Acharya Tadany announces that future classes will begin with a prayer asking the Lord to make their study possible, hoping that other responsibilities won't interfere with their Friday 5 PM meetings.

Divine Salutations to Viṣṇu

Acharya Tadany explains that the 9th and final verse is about salutations to God (Bhagavad), specifically Viṣṇu or Krishna, who is worshipped by many deities including Brahma, Varuna, Indra, and Marut. He emphasizes that even Brahma, the creator of the universe, worships Viṣṇu through divine hymns and sacred prayers, demonstrating Viṣṇu's greatness. Acharya Tadany notes that these deities who glorify Viṣṇu reside in higher worlds, not locally, and devotees in Bhu loka (Earth) also glorify Him.

Vedic Chanting Techniques and Traditions





Acharya Tadany explains that "Samagha Gāyanti" refers to singers of the Vedas, with "Sama" symbolically representing all four Vedas, though specifically mentioning the Sama Veda due to its musical form. He discusses the Vedāngas, which are six satellite scriptures that elaborate on the Vedas, and describes different chanting techniques including Pada (where each word is chanted separately), Krama (joining two words in sequence), and Ghana Pata (a complex pattern that serves as a tongue twister). Acharya Tadany notes these chanting methods are ingeniously designed and helpful for memorization.

Divine Perception Beyond Human Limitations

Acharya Tadany explains that different types of trainings are used to glorify the Lord, and great meditators (Yoginah) perceive the Lord within their inner mind through one-pointed focus. He clarifies that while scriptures describe Bhagavan as a person who takes avatar form for devotees, the real God is not a person because personhood implies limitations. Acharya Tadany elaborates on these limitations, explaining that persons face spatial constraints (being in only one place at a time) and temporal limitations (existing in specific time periods with mortality).

God's Limitless Nature and Essence

Acharya Tadany explains that the real Bhagavān (God) is limitless in time and space, existing not only in specific divine realms like Vaikunta or Kailasha but everywhere simultaneously. He notes that even the devas do not understand God's limitlessness, as Bhagavan has both a temporal, limited form (avatar) and an all-pervading, limitless nature which is the Lord's real essence.

