# CHAPTER - 7 KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABSOLUTE

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.1**

śrī-bhagavān uvāca mayy āsakta-manāḥ pārtha yogaṁ yuñjan mad-āśrayaḥ asaṁśayaṁ samagraṁ māṁ yathā jñāsyasi tac chṛṇu

## **TRANSLATION**

The Supreme Personality of Godhead said: Now hear, O son of Prthā, how by practicing yoga in full consciousness of Me, with mind attached to Me, you can know Me in full, free from doubt.

## **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.2**

jñānam te 'ham sa-vijñānam idam vakṣyāmy aśeṣataḥ yaj jñātvā neha bhūyo 'nyaj jñātavyam avaśiṣyate

## **TRANSLATION**

I shall now declare unto you in full this knowledge, both phenomenal and numinous. This being known, nothing further shall remain for you to know.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.3**

manuşyāṇāṁ sahasreşu kaścid yatati siddhaye yatatām api siddhānāṁ kaścin māṁ vetti tattvataḥ

#### **TRANSLATION**

Out of many thousands among men, one may endeavor for perfection, and of those who have achieved perfection, hardly one knows Me in truth.

bhūmir āpo 'nalo vāyuḥ khaṁ mano buddhir eva ca ahaṅkāra itīyaṁ me bhinnā prakṛtir aṣṭadhā

## **TRANSLATION**

Earth, water, fire, air, ether, mind, intelligence and false ego — all together these eight constitute My separated material energies.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.5**

apareyam itas tv anyām prakṛtim viddhi me parām jīva-bhūtām mahā-bāho yayedam dhāryate jagat

## **TRANSLATION**

Besides these, O mighty-armed Arjuna, there is another, superior energy of Mine, which comprises the living entities who are exploiting the resources of this material, inferior nature.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.6**

etad-yonīni bhūtāni sarvāṇīty upadhāraya ahaṁ kṛtsnasya jagataḥ prabhavaḥ pralayas tathā

## **TRANSLATION**

All created beings have their source in these two natures. Of all that is material and all that is spiritual in this world, know for certain that I am both the origin and the dissolution.

mattaḥ parataram nānyat kiñcid asti dhanañjaya mayi sarvam idam protam sūtre maṇi-gaṇā iva

## **TRANSLATION**

O conqueror of wealth, there is no truth superior to Me. Everything rests upon Me, as pearls are strung on a thread.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.8**

raso 'ham apsu kaunteya prabhāsmi śaśi-sūryayoḥ praṇavaḥ sarva-vedeṣu śabdaḥ khe pauruṣaṁ nṛṣu

## **TRANSLATION**

O son of Kuntī, I am the taste of water, the light of the sun and the moon, the syllable om in the Vedic mantras; I am the sound in ether and ability in man.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.9**

puņyo gandhaḥ pṛthivyāṁ ca tejaś cāsmi vibhāvasau jīvanaṁ sarva-bhūteṣu tapaś cāsmi tapasviṣu

#### **TRANSLATION**

I am the original fragrance of the earth, and I am the heat in fire. I am the life of all that lives, and I am the penances of all ascetics.

## **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.10**

bījam mām sarva-bhūtānām viddhi pārtha sanātanam buddhir buddhimatām asmi tejas tejasvinām aham

## **TRANSLATION**

O son of Prtha, know that I am the original seed of all existences, the intelligence of the intelligent, and the prowess of all powerful men.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.11**

balam balavatām cāham kāma-rāga-vivarjitam dharmāviruddho bhūteṣu kāmo 'smi bharatarṣabha

## **TRANSLATION**

I am the strength of the strong, devoid of passion and desire. I am sex life which is not contrary to religious principles, O lord of the Bhāratas [Arjuna].

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.12**

ye caiva sāttvikā bhāvā rājasās tāmasās ca ye matta eveti tān viddhi na tv aham teṣu te mayi

## **TRANSLATION**

Know that all states of being — be they of goodness, passion or ignorance — are manifested by My energy. I am, in one sense, everything, but I am independent. I am not under the modes of material nature, for they, on the contrary, are within Me.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.13**

tribhir guṇa-mayair bhāvair ebhiḥ sarvam idam jagat mohitam nābhijānāti mām ebhyah param avyayam

## **TRANSLATION**

Deluded by the three modes [goodness, passion and ignorance], the whole world does not know Me, who am above the modes and inexhaustible.

daivī hy eṣā guṇa-mayī mama māyā duratyayā mām eva ye prapadyante māyām etāṁ taranti te

## **TRANSLATION**

This divine energy of Mine, consisting of the three modes of material nature, is difficult to overcome. But those who have surrendered unto Me can easily cross beyond it.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.15**

na mām duṣkṛtino mūḍhāḥ prapadyante narādhamāḥ māyayāpahṛta-jñānā āsuram bhāvam āśritāḥ

## **TRANSLATION**

Those miscreants who are grossly foolish, who are lowest among mankind, whose knowledge is stolen by illusion, and who partake of the atheistic nature of demons do not surrender unto Me.

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.6**

catur-vidhā bhajante mām janāḥ sukṛtino 'rjuna ārto jijñāsur arthārthī jñānī ca bharatarṣabha

## **TRANSLATION**

O best among the Bhāratas, four kinds of pious men begin to render devotional service unto Me — the distressed, the desirer of wealth, the inquisitive, and he who is searching for knowledge of the Absolute.

teṣām jñānī nitya-yukta eka-bhaktir viśiṣyate priyo hi jñānino 'tyartham aham sa ca mama priyaḥ

## **TRANSLATION**

: Of these, the one who is in full knowledge and who is always engaged in pure devotional service is the best. For I am very dear to him, and he is dear to Me.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.18**

udārāḥ sarva evaite jñānī tv ātmaiva me matam āsthitaḥ sa hi yuktātmā mām evānuttamām gatim

## **TRANSLATION**

All these devotees are undoubtedly magnanimous souls, but he who is situated in knowledge of Me I consider to be just like My own self. Being engaged in My transcendental service, he is sure to attain Me, the highest and most perfect goal.

## **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.19**

bahūnām janmanām ante jñānavān mām prapadyate vāsudevaḥ sarvam iti sa mahātmā su-durlabhah

#### **TRANSLATION**

After many births and deaths, he who is actually in knowledge surrenders unto Me, knowing Me to be the cause of all causes and all that is. Such a great soul is very rare.

kāmais tais tair hṛta-jñānāḥ prapadyante 'nya-devatāḥ taṁ taṁ niyamam āsthāya prakṛtyā niyatāḥ svayā

## **TRANSLATION**

Those whose intelligence has been stolen by material desires surrender unto demigods and follow the particular rules and regulations of worship according to their own natures.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.21**

yo yo yām yām tanum bhaktaḥ śraddhayārcitum icchati tasya tasyācalām śraddhām tām eva vidadhāmy aham

## **TRANSLATION**

I am in everyone's heart as the Supersoul. As soon as one desires to worship some demigod, I make his faith steady so that he can devote himself to that particular deity.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.22**

sa tayā śraddhayā yuktas tasyārādhanam īhate labhate ca tataḥ kāmān mayaiva vihitān hi tān

## **TRANSLATION**

Endowed with such a faith, he endeavors to worship a particular demigod and obtains his desires. But in actuality these benefits are bestowed by Me alone.

antavat tu phalam teṣām tad bhavaty alpa-medhasām devān deva-yajo yānti mad-bhaktā yānti mām api

## **TRANSLATION**

Men of small intelligence worship the demigods, and their fruits are limited and temporary. Those who worship the demigods go to the planets of the demigods, but My devotees ultimately reach My supreme planet.

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.24**

avyaktam vyaktim āpannam manyante mām abuddhayaḥ param bhāvam ajānanto mamāvyayam anuttamam

## **TRANSLATION**

Unintelligent men, who do not know Me perfectly, think that I, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣna, was impersonal before and have now assumed this personality. Due to their small knowledge, they do not know My higher nature, which is imperishable and supreme.

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.25**

nāham prakāśaḥ sarvasya yoga-māyā-samāvṛtaḥ mūḍho 'yam nābhijānāti loko mām ajam avyayam

### **TRANSLATION**

I am never manifest to the foolish and unintelligent. For them I am covered by My internal potency, and therefore they do not know that I am unborn and infallible.

vedāham samatītāni vartamānāni cārjuna bhaviṣyāṇi ca bhūtāni mām tu veda na kaścana

## **TRANSLATION**

O Arjuna, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I know everything that has happened in the past, all that is happening in the present, and all things that are yet to come. I also know all living entities; but Me no one knows.

### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.27**

icchā-dveṣa-samutthena dvandva-mohena bhārata sarva-bhūtāni sammohaṁ sarge yānti parantapa

## **TRANSLATION**

O scion of Bharata, O conqueror of the foe, all living entities are born into delusion, bewildered by dualities arisen from desire and hate.

## **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.28**

yeṣāṁ tv anta-gataṁ pāpaṁ janānāṁ puṇya-karmaṇām te dvandva-moha-nirmuktā bhajante māṁ dṛḍha-vratāḥ

## **TRANSLATION**

Persons who have acted piously in previous lives and in this life and whose sinful actions are completely eradicated are freed from the dualities of delusion, and they engage themselves in My service with determination.

jarā-maraṇa-mokṣāya mām āśritya yatanti ye te brahma tad viduḥ kṛtsnam adhyātmaṁ karma cākhilam

## **TRANSLATION**

Intelligent persons who are endeavoring for liberation from old age and death take refuge in Me in devotional service. They are actually Brahman because they entirely know everything about transcendental activities.

#### **BHAGAVAD-GITA 7.30**

sādhibhūtādhidaivam mām sādhiyajñam ca ye viduḥ prayāṇa-kāle 'pi ca mām te vidur yukta-cetasaḥ

## **TRANSLATION**

Those in full consciousness of Me, who know Me, the Supreme Lord, to be the governing principle of the material manifestation, of the demigods, and of all methods of sacrifice, can understand and know Me, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, even at the time of death.