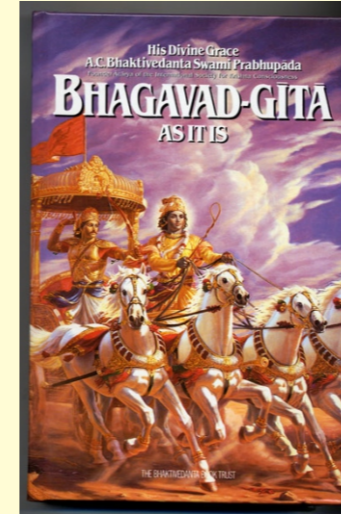


# SUMMARY DIGEST OF KARMA - PRAKRITI - KALA

(BASED ON BHAGAVAD GITA - AS IT IS - BY SRILA PRABHUPADA)



**KARMA = ACTION WITH REACTION (good or bad) & AKARMA = ACTION WITHOUT REACTION (good or bad)**

**KARMA BINDS ONE TO SAMSARA & AKARMA RELEASES ONE FROM SAMSARA**

**>>> KRISHNA-BHAKTI MEANS THE ART OF DOING CONSTANT AKARMA <<<**

**KARMA MEANS ACTIONS DONE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF MATERIAL NATURE IN THE BACKGROUND OF TIME (i.e. LIFE IN THE MATERIAL WORLD).**

**NISHKAM KARMA = ACTIONS DONE FOR THE SOLE SATISFACTION OF LORD KRISHNA. SAKAM KARMA = ACTIONS DONE FOR THE SOLE SATISFACTION OF ONE SELF.**

Work done as a sacrifice for Vishnu has to be performed, otherwise work causes bondage in the material world.

Therefore, O son of Kunti, perform your prescribed duties for His satisfaction, and in that way you will always remain free from bondage. (BG3/9)

ALL THE KARMA (ACTION & REACTION) GOES THROUGH 3 STAGES : 1. **KRIYAMAN** = ACTION THAT IS BEING DONE NOW. 2. **SANCHIT** = REACTION OF ACTION YET NOT MANIFESTED. 3. **PRARABDH** = REACTION OF ACTION MANIFESTING NOW.

**SHREE CHITRAGUPT, THE RECORD KEEPER OF SHREE YAMARAJ, MAINTAINS THE RECORDS OF ALL OUR KARMA. THEY ARE IMPRINTED IN THE MIND OF THE LIVING ENTITIES, ALSO.**

GOOD & BAD KARMA CAN NOT SET OFF EACH OTHER. BOTH INFLUENCE OUR LIFE SEPARATELY. ONLY AKARMA CAN ERASE ALL GOOD & BAD KARMA. ONLY KRISHNA-BHAKTI IS CALLED AKARMA.

GOOD & BAD KARMA ARE ERASED AS PER THE DEGREE OF SURRENDER TO LORD KRISHNA & THE VOLUME OF SERVICE TO LORD KRISHNA. OTHERWISE THE KARMA-CYCLE OPERATES ENDLESSLY.

**KARMA-CYCLE MEANS REPEATED BIRTH, OLD AGE, DISEASE & DEATH.**

THERE ARE INDIVIDUAL KARMA AND COLLECTIVE KARMA (OF A RACE OR A NATION), TO BE ENJOYED OR SUFFERED.

KARMA OF FAMILY MEMBERS INFLUENCE EACH OTHER. KARMA OF ANCESTORS & DESCENDENTS INFLUENCE EACH OTHER.

**KARMA MEANS ACTION PERTAINING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE (FUTURE) MATERIAL BODIES OF THE LIVING ENTITIES. (BG 8/3)**

THE PLACE OF ACTION (i.e. BODY), THE PERFORMER, THE VARIOUS SENSES, THE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF ENDEAVOR AND ULTIMATELY THE SUPERSOUL - THESE ARE THE FIVE FACTORS OF ACTION. (BG 18/14)

KNOWLEDGE, THE OBJECT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE KNOWER ARE THE THREE FACTORS THAT MOTIVATE ACTION; THE SENSES, THE WORK AND THE DOER ARE THE THREE CONSTITUENTS OF ACTION. (BG 18/18)

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO PERFORM YOUR PRESCRIBED DUTY, BUT YOU ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE FRUITS OF ACTION. NEVER CONSIDER YOURSELF THE CAUSE OF THE RESULTS OF YOUR ACTIVITIES AND NEVER BE ATTACHED TO NOT DOING YOUR DUTY. (BG 2/47)**

FOR THE ONE WHO IS NOT RENOUNCED, (i.e. NOT ENGAGED IN THE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE), THE THREEFOLD FRUITS OF ACTION - DESIRABLE, UNDESIRABLE AND MIXED - ACCRUE AFTER DEATH. (BG 18/12)

A MAN ENGAGED IN THE DEVOTIONAL SERVICE RIDES HIMSELF OF BOTH GOOD AND BAD ACTIONS EVEN IN THIS LIFE. THEREFORE, STRIVE FOR (BHAKTI) YOGA, WHICH IS THE ART OF ALL WORK. (BG 2/15)

**THE INTRICACIES OF ACTION ARE HARD TO UNDERSTAND. THEREFORE, ONE SHOULD KNOW WHAT ACTION (SATKARMA) IS, WHAT FORBIDDEN ACTION (VIKARMA) IS, AND WHAT INACTION (AKARMA) IS. (BG 4/17)**



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