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Chapter 7: Creation, Yugas, and the Descent of Vedic Wisdom

- 19:09:01 **Zubin Parihar:** Soul = Sol ==> Greek word for Sun
Sun has a lifetime, which means it has an end
Sun also describes Light, but not Chit and Ananda
- 19:10:36 **RJ-Scribe:** As long as you are breathing. Krishna resides in you. And when you stop breathing. You reside in Krishna
- 19:11:01 **RJ-Scribe:** Namaste
- 19:11:04 **RJ-Scribe:** Jaya Bhagavan
- 19:11:08 **RJ-Scribe:** Jaya Shri Krishna
- 19:11:17 **RJ-Scribe:** What we are doing at these Gita classes is called sadhu sangha
- 19:11:23 **RJ-Scribe:** You'll hear it as sat sangha
- 19:11:58 **RJ-Scribe:** The process of Sadhu Sangha
- 19:12:05 **RJ-Scribe:** The right type of association with the right focus
- 19:12:10 **RJ-Scribe:** Is a kind of group yoga class
- 19:12:16 **RJ-Scribe:** This class is doing asanas with our manas
- 19:12:22 **RJ-Scribe:** rather with the 5-element body
- 19:12:39 **RJ-Scribe:** It is assumed that you have done enough ashtanga yoga to sit still and not be distracted in your environment than this class
- 19:12:56 **RJ-Scribe:** it is as if you have brought your body to perfect balance and turned within
- 19:13:05 **RJ-Scribe:** this entire convo is what sadhus do to cut the gunas that bind us to matter
- 19:13:20 **RJ-Scribe:** and considering our long habit here in matter normal

19:13:24 **JA chants: Guru Pranams mantras**

Om guru brahma guru vishnu
guru devo maheshvaraha
guru sakshat para brahma
tasmai shri guruveh namaha

The guru reveals Brahma, the creator
The guru reveals Vishnu, the preserver
The guru reveals Shiva, the destroyer
The guru reveals the supreme Brahman
I offer my respects to such a divine guru.

Om ajna timirandhasya
jnananjana shalakaya
chakshur unmilitam yena
tasmai shri guruveh namaha

I bow to the divine guru, who, with the torchlight of knowledge,
has forced open my eyes that were blinded by the darkness of ignorance.

- 19:14:38 **RJ-Scribe:** when you have had the experience of an acharya for being the carrier of this vedic vidya
- 19:14:51 **RJ-Scribe:** and have no other purpose, it's almost as if they are directing us towards a posture
- 19:14:54 **RJ-Scribe:** not a posture of the physical body
- 19:14:57 **RJ-Scribe:** not the subtle body
- 19:15:08 **RJ-Scribe:** it's how to be in a certain posture as our true self the atma
- 19:15:23 **RJ-Scribe:** just as we heard previously, we are now being the atma as we practice this yoga
- 19:15:52 **RJ-Scribe:** we are separating our atma from our karana and the antakarana
- 19:15:59 **RJ-Scribe: Ch. 6 v. 279** (last 2 verses Chapter 6)
- 19:16:26 **RJ-Scribe:** the perfected yogi goes beyond those who perform the Vedic rituals for material gain
- 19:16:34 **RJ-Scribe:** in all circumstances, strive to be a perfected yogi
- 19:16:49 **RJ-Scribe: Ch. 6. v 280**
- 19:16:57 **RJ-Scribe:** of all yogis those who are completely dedicated to me
- 19:17:03 **RJ-Scribe:** and have joined in a mood of bhakti yoga
- 19:17:07 **RJ-Scribe:** divine loving service
- 19:17:11 **RJ-Scribe:** those yogis are the most connected to me
- 19:17:31 **RJ-Scribe:** we've been absorbed in all of the external activities of matter most of our lives
- 19:18:03 **RJ-Scribe:** the rest of the Vedic library has so much knowledge, that there are tapasyas which advance us in various ways and the pursuit of jnana which also does so
- 19:18:12 **RJ-Scribe:** the vedic yajnas which harmonize us with matter

19:18:18 RJ-Scribe: but none of them quite the pinnacle
 19:18:31 RJ-Scribe: perhaps we see--namaste--as the perfection of yoga
 19:18:36 RJ-Scribe: but to be there, we must be the atma
 19:19:19 RJ-Scribe: this friendly way in which Bhagavan is explaining everything
 19:19:26 RJ-Scribe: because of this friendly attitude for me
 19:19:35 RJ-Scribe: I know I will be fulfilling your wish, and not overwhelming you
 19:19:51 RJ-Scribe: it is so easy to get into oppositional mood
 19:20:00 RJ-Scribe: the nature of manas and buddhi
 19:20:13 RJ-Scribe: the more advanced pursue jnana, but there is something beyond these methods
 19:20:25 RJ-Scribe: really pay attention to that it's a MOOD
 19:21:01 RJ-Scribe: it's a step that we can take, it requires no change, it is simply us turning towards Bhagavan in a particular mood, and then everything rests on a connection, that is yoga

19:21:14 RJ-Scribe: **Chapter 7: The Perpetual Quest for Ultimate Knowing**

19:21:23 RJ-Scribe: **v.1, #281**
 19:21:55 RJ-Scribe: my guru used to say that doubts of the reality of Bhagavan are asuras
 19:22:07 RJ-Scribe: or as the poets say, if the Sun and Moon should doubt they will go out

19:22:18 RJ-Scribe: **v.2, #282**
 19:23:04 RJ-Scribe: jnana is sometimes called theoretical knowledge and vijnana is the knowledge you have directly perceived within yourself
 19:23:07 RJ-Scribe: two stage process

19:23:52 RJ-Scribe: **v.4, #284**
 19:24:37 RJ-Scribe: tangible and intangible energies
 19:24:57 RJ-Scribe: ahamkara identifies with minute particles of matter
 19:25:10 RJ-Scribe: this separating of the elements of the inner and outer aspects of our vehicles
 19:25:14 RJ-Scribe: is the essence of jnana yoga
 19:25:21 RJ-Scribe: the buddhi faculty
 19:25:24 RJ-Scribe: the so called third eye
 19:25:26 RJ-Scribe: na iti na iti
 19:25:29 RJ-Scribe: not this, not that
 19:25:35 RJ-Scribe: I am not this, not that
 19:25:54 RJ-Scribe: until through this negative process we find ourselves as the atma
 19:26:05 RJ-Scribe: this breakdown of our 5-element body, karana and antakarana
 19:26:09 RJ-Scribe: the 3-element dream body
 19:26:17 RJ-Scribe: the antakarana is what we use to dream
 19:26:23 RJ-Scribe: while we park our 5-element body on the bed
 19:26:40 RJ-Scribe: technically we can go anywhere in this universe if we are given permission to enter
 19:26:48 RJ-Scribe: think that the universe is a vast neighborhood
 19:26:55 RJ-Scribe: and you knock on the door, but you are not qualified
 19:26:58 RJ-Scribe: at some point you may be
 19:27:05 RJ-Scribe: by taking birth again and again on an earth planet

19:27:21 RJ-Scribe: we notice that the dreams are more interesting than what I can cause to happen in the 5 elements

19:27:27 RJ-Scribe: this understanding of prakriti

19:27:35 RJ-Scribe: pra gives us the English produce

19:27:40 RJ-Scribe: kri -- cause and effect

19:27:47 RJ-Scribe: the thing that scientists think they invented

19:27:51 RJ-Scribe: iti -- again and again

19:27:52 RJ-Scribe: iteration

19:28:03 RJ-Scribe: the entire prakriti is made of 8 elements combined again and again

19:28:07 RJ-Scribe: and ahamkara

19:28:12 RJ-Scribe: don't call it FALSE EGO

19:28:17 RJ-Scribe: mistranslation

19:28:30 RJ-Scribe: misidentification of our atma with the particles of matter

19:28:47 RJ-Scribe: look at the way the planets are orbiting the sun because they are caught in the sun's gravity

19:29:12 RJ-Scribe: each one of us is the center of a solar system

19:29:27 RJ-Scribe: we are so distracted by that and the world of matter around us, note that all of the distractions are made of parts

19:29:31 RJ-Scribe: none of them are what they appear to be

19:29:37 RJ-Scribe: they are only posing as that for a moment

19:29:41 RJ-Scribe: you should think...Ah!

19:29:51 RJ-Scribe: the image of something represented by particles...the image must come from somewhere else

19:30:13 RJ-Scribe: the particles are causing an image to appear within me, or in front of me, around me, none of those are permanent

19:30:19 RJ-Scribe: the search for yoga is for something that will endure

19:30:26 RJ-Scribe: when we wear things out in prakriti

19:30:29 RJ-Scribe: the readier we are for yoga

19:30:31 RJ-Scribe: **v.5, #285**

19:30:41 RJ-Scribe: apara prakriti

19:30:45 RJ-Scribe: manifests as realm of matter

19:30:48 RJ-Scribe: beyond that is param

19:30:52 RJ-Scribe: fully conscious and immortal nature

19:30:58 RJ-Scribe: countless atmas or jiva bhutas

19:31:02 RJ-Scribe: are manifestations of my param energy

19:31:07 RJ-Scribe: and are the moving force within every Jagat

19:31:14 RJ-Scribe: jagat = material universe

19:31:17 RJ-Scribe: **verse 6, #286**

19:31:35 RJ-Scribe: try to understand that all beings come from para realm of Brahman

19:31:41 RJ-Scribe: they enter through cosmic womb, yoni

19:31:49 RJ-Scribe: I am the creator and destroyer of all material universes

19:32:09 RJ-Scribe: this is the description missing in religions

19:32:20 RJ-Scribe: this is about the Supreme Being birthing us into matter

19:32:25 RJ-Scribe: having a material body

19:32:29 RJ-Scribe: **verse 7, #287**

19:32:43 RJ-Scribe: there is nothing beyond me, all is held in place by me

19:32:54 RJ-Scribe: this whole universe is hanging in space
19:33:19 RJ-Scribe: like the jewels strung on a necklace are held together by invisible threads
19:33:24 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan is the thread
19:33:33 RJ-Scribe: please introduce me to the person who is responsible for this
19:33:45 RJ-Scribe: the Bhagavad Gita is the opposite of being turned away
19:33:54 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan is talking to Arjuna like he is talking to all of us
19:34:01 RJ-Scribe: this is remarkable, we should be asking
19:34:09 RJ-Scribe: why isn't this convo being given to me?!
19:34:18 RJ-Scribe: this is what is missing from the so-called religions of the world
19:34:26 RJ-Scribe: the problem is they say they know everything
19:34:29 RJ-Scribe: but the Vedas say
19:34:33 RJ-Scribe: absolutely not
19:34:44 RJ-Scribe: why do you not take an interest in this convo?

19:34:47 RJ-Scribe: **verse 8, #288**
19:34:55 RJ-Scribe: I am the taste of water
19:34:58 RJ-Scribe: these are meditations
19:35:05 RJ-Scribe: isn't water amazing?
19:35:10 RJ-Scribe: will you ever see it the same?
19:35:20 RJ-Scribe: direct experience of Bhagavan
19:35:25 RJ-Scribe: I am the taste of water
19:35:26 RJ-Scribe: this is yoga
19:35:31 RJ-Scribe: I am the radiance of the moon and sun
19:35:39 RJ-Scribe: I am the vedas emerging from the original sound AUM
19:35:46 RJ-Scribe: I am the vibes carried by akasha and space
19:35:56 RJ-Scribe: when everyone does something amazing and brilliant
19:36:02 RJ-Scribe: in that moment when they do it just perfectly
19:36:06 RJ-Scribe: it's Bhagavan!

19:36:17 RJ-Scribe: **v. 9, #289**
19:36:22 RJ-Scribe: I am the smell of the earth
19:36:30 RJ-Scribe: radiant energy from fire
19:36:35 RJ-Scribe: I am the life force in all beings
19:36:45 RJ-Scribe: I am the focus and correct practice of those who perfect themselves
19:36:51 RJ-Scribe: we all know the sweet spot
19:37:02 RJ-Scribe: if you do anything, it goes quiet
19:37:05 RJ-Scribe: and a little applause
19:37:17 Andrea Goldsmith: that's what they call "flow" but it's Bhagavan!!!

19:37:21 RJ-Scribe: **v. 10, #290**
19:37:27 RJ-Scribe: I am the seed that gives rise to all beings
19:37:32 RJ-Scribe: who puts an oak tree inside of an acorn?
19:37:35 RJ-Scribe: let's make it simple
19:37:43 RJ-Scribe: I want to meet the person who made the oak tree and put it in the acorn
19:37:56 RJ-Scribe: I am not going to be satisfied until I meet the engineer
19:38:01 RJ-Scribe: you should go crazy! Aaaaah!!
19:38:07 RJ-Scribe: it will grow 100 feet tall
19:38:16 RJ-Scribe: it's like an ocean in a thimble

19:38:25 RJ-Scribe: and then I am that which always exists
19:38:38 RJ-Scribe: I am the discernment of those who see everything as it truly exists
19:38:47 RJ-Scribe: I am the brilliant energy of those radiant and powerful
19:38:48 RJ-Scribe: 'Charisma'
19:38:54 RJ-Scribe: from Krishna
19:39:06 RJ-Scribe: that brilliant energy in sports, dance
19:39:10 RJ-Scribe: they do something that you can't do
19:39:21 RJ-Scribe: flipping around, didn't even blink, it's all Bhagavan
19:39:30 RJ-Scribe: every single person is meeting Bhagavan
19:39:34 RJ-Scribe: embracing Bhagavan
19:39:37 RJ-Scribe: they are all yogis
19:39:41 RJ-Scribe: we are all on the same journey

19:39:49 RJ-Scribe: **v. 11, #291**
19:39:57 RJ-Scribe: I am the strength of the powerful not corrupted by selfish desires
19:40:02 RJ-Scribe: isn't it such a disappointment
19:40:07 RJ-Scribe: for someone with huge wealth and power
19:40:11 RJ-Scribe: are just corrupt
19:40:18 RJ-Scribe: you know what they can do with that wealth
19:40:25 RJ-Scribe: like the dancers
19:40:33 RJ-Scribe: you want to see them give every penny of their money away
19:40:44 RJ-Scribe: I want to hear a trillionaire get online and say those words
19:40:49 RJ-Scribe: I'll write them a note
19:40:57 RJ-Scribe: that says I don't want anything from you, but I will help you
19:40:59 RJ-Scribe: cure greed
19:41:15 RJ-Scribe: I am the desire for pleasure and beauty in all beings that does not violate the codes of dharma
19:41:27 RJ-Scribe: the word is kama
19:41:30 RJ-Scribe: not pleasure
19:41:34 RJ-Scribe: pleasure is a shadow of kama
19:41:41 RJ-Scribe: Kama Sutra has been translated as a sex manual
19:41:48 RJ-Scribe: Kama is the domain of Saraswati
19:42:02 RJ-Scribe: the Devi who makes everything beautiful with the 64 arts
19:42:08 RJ-Scribe: kama = beauty being manifest
19:42:17 RJ-Scribe: for that moment when beauty manifests
19:42:30 RJ-Scribe: that person was the pristine bringer of a pure moment of beauty

19:42:48 RJ-Scribe: **#292, v. 12**
19:43:01 RJ-Scribe: 3 gunas emanate from me: rajasic, sattvic, tamasic
19:43:03 RJ-Scribe: come from me
19:43:07 RJ-Scribe: but I am not produced from them
19:43:12 RJ-Scribe: nor am I under their influence

19:43:29 RJ-Scribe: **#293, v. 13**
19:43:36 RJ-Scribe: because of this deluding influence
19:43:42 RJ-Scribe: those under trigunas cannot see Me
19:43:53 RJ-Scribe: I am timeless beyond the wall of matter
19:43:56 RJ-Scribe: poets and artists see this wall

19:44:02 RJ-Scribe: they try to remove it for a moment as an instrument
19:44:14 RJ-Scribe: the best of them are not there and they surrender and let Bhagavan create the moment music, the art
19:44:16 RJ-Scribe: the painting
19:44:21 RJ-Scribe: but there is a wall
19:44:25 RJ-Scribe: we know there is Brahman
19:44:34 RJ-Scribe: and now the gunas are wrapped around us
19:44:39 RJ-Scribe: we cannot see past the wall of matter
19:44:47 RJ-Scribe: these are the metaphors of the construction of the mediation
19:44:56 RJ-Scribe: this is an instruction manual for practice of yoga

19:45:01 RJ-Scribe: **#294, v. 14**
19:45:06 RJ-Scribe: this gunamayi
19:45:10 RJ-Scribe: which I designed
19:45:16 RJ-Scribe: using my divine intelligence
19:45:21 RJ-Scribe: is difficult to transcend
19:45:28 RJ-Scribe: only those who take shelter of me can go beyond this influence
19:45:31 RJ-Scribe: of prakriti
19:45:35 RJ-Scribe: we cannot do it alone
19:45:40 RJ-Scribe: we cannot have the energy
19:45:44 RJ-Scribe: this is the last piece

19:45:50 RJ-Scribe: **#295, v. 15**
19:45:57 RJ-Scribe: therefore, those whose actions are harmful to others
19:45:59 RJ-Scribe: low-minded
19:46:03 RJ-Scribe: unevolved
19:46:11 RJ-Scribe: with jnana subverted by delusion
19:46:14 RJ-Scribe: dedicated to path of tamas
19:46:17 RJ-Scribe: cannot see Me
19:46:27 RJ-Scribe: this is call dhristi -- darshan
19:46:33 RJ-Scribe: to see what is beyond the wall of matter

19:48:35 RJ-Scribe: **Questions**
19:48:50 Q&A – Kate: chapter 7 verse 2,
19:49:28 Q&A – Kate: clarify, jnana the ultimate knowing and perfect discernment
19:49:33 Q&A – Kate: is it practical knowledge as well?
19:49:43 RJ-Scribe: yes to complicating it
19:49:48 RJ-Scribe: because English is problematic
19:49:53 RJ-Scribe: difficult to find the right synonyms
19:50:05 RJ-Scribe: think about the difference between something that you have learned and then having the first-hand experience of it
19:50:20 RJ-Scribe: the first hand-experience of it puts you in different category
19:50:25 RJ-Scribe: first the theoretical experience
19:50:29 RJ-Scribe: that is jnana
19:50:34 RJ-Scribe: depending on your journey
19:50:40 RJ-Scribe: for some people doing this practice for many years
19:50:45 RJ-Scribe: it is affirmation of vijnana
19:50:52 RJ-Scribe: hearing it again deepens root of vijnana

19:51:00 RJ-Scribe: first step is jnana
19:51:10 RJ-Scribe: if tested you could respond appropriately
19:51:19 RJ-Scribe: if I ask, what are the elements creating the wall
19:51:24 RJ-Scribe: you would say trigunas
19:51:32 RJ-Scribe: jnana and vijnana have been revealed to you
19:51:37 RJ-Scribe: both have many stages
19:51:43 RJ-Scribe: the teacher will make sure the jnana is clear
19:51:52 RJ-Scribe: but vijnana will continue in layers of more profound understanding
19:51:57 RJ-Scribe: "to know someone"
19:52:02 RJ-Scribe: has many levels of meaning
19:52:07 RJ-Scribe: could mean to be acquainted
19:52:10 RJ-Scribe: to work with them
19:52:12 RJ-Scribe: a friend
19:52:13 RJ-Scribe: a lover
19:52:18 RJ-Scribe: all of this is to know them
19:52:22 RJ-Scribe: this comes from jnana in Sanskrit

19:52:41 Q&A – Hana: in this chapter
19:53:00 Q&A – Hana: Bhagavan is described as so many ways in how He is present
19:53:03 Q&A – Hana: and how we see Him
19:53:10 Q&A – Hana: who is part of the things in prakriti
19:53:15 Q&A – Hana: that is the opposite of what Bhagavan is?
19:53:20 Q&A – Hana: if you see a tamasic action
19:53:26 Q&A – Hana: something dark and evil...who is creating that?
19:53:31 Q&A – Hana: what list is that? who is the maker of that?
19:53:50 RJ-Scribe: once this knowledge is a part of your observation
19:53:59 RJ-Scribe: you're going to see that it's being acted out all around you
19:54:06 RJ-Scribe: if you have a PHD in a particular subject
19:54:15 RJ-Scribe: it will only take a couple of questions to know what grade level someone is
19:54:19 RJ-Scribe: this universe is a university
19:54:22 RJ-Scribe: with this knowledge in mind
19:54:38 RJ-Scribe: we are now able to look at everyone according to their behaviors within prakriti to know their grade level
19:54:41 RJ-Scribe: their motivations and our interactions
19:54:47 RJ-Scribe: this is not a religion, Vedic knowledge
19:54:51 RJ-Scribe: the basis of jnana
19:54:55 RJ-Scribe: don't believe it
19:54:56 RJ-Scribe: question it. don't use faith
19:55:29 RJ-Scribe: it won't help you at all. where you have respect for the one giving the knowledge, from there ask questions, find the one that is noble, and then they are responsible to present this knowledge to you for your examination and you come back with questions

19:55:40 Sandi - VASA: Shraddha is usually translated as FAITH - this is incorrect
19:55:52 Sandi - VASA: **Shraddha:** The insight or degree of inner sight that is the result of previous lifetimes of experience. This creates a sense of certainty in our perception. Thus, shraddha is the trust, confidence, belief, or intention that a person invests or gives to a particular state of reality. Shraddha is trust in what one is seeing within.

The three gunas act as a filter, coloring shraddha and causing the person to see what is visible in their own heart according to their stage of awakening and evolution. The degree of enlightenment governing shraddha depends upon the guna of the perceiver and the extent of their listening to the Vedic shastras. In this way, the experience of shraddha creates a sense of certainty which is either blatantly wrong (tamasic), tinged with self-motivated desires (rajasic), or enlightened direct perception (sattvic).

Shraddha is not 'faith', as that implies belief without reason or blind faith.

- 19:55:40 RJ-Scribe: Chapter 7 is the long-term process of Q and A
19:55:57 RJ-Scribe: for the process of jnana for thousands and thousands of lifetimes
19:56:05 RJ-Scribe: until there is no activity that you haven't tested yet
19:56:08 RJ-Scribe: Go test it!
19:56:11 RJ-Scribe: as if I said
19:56:25 RJ-Scribe: go get drunk one more time, if you have been drunk for the whole lifetime, you would think that you don't need to
19:56:32 RJ-Scribe: the next morning, you would wonder what was I thinking?
19:56:36 RJ-Scribe: we are just drunk on the material world

[a beautiful brand-new baby joins the Zoom class...]

- 19:58:32 RJ-Scribe: I often say to my Hindu friends. You are so lucky to have gotten this Gita in your breast milk. My daughter also got hers in her breast milk. When you see that this is something very important to look at.
19:58:42 RJ-Scribe: in a very interesting way, that plus the ability to be fully the opposite
19:58:58 RJ-Scribe: that is what surrender is. in the circles of people who have learned this
19:59:00 RJ-Scribe: in the language
19:59:10 RJ-Scribe: surrender can be what someone does when they point a gun at you
19:59:15 RJ-Scribe: or it can be taking a risk to love someone
19:59:18 RJ-Scribe: a baby has no choice
19:59:23 RJ-Scribe: they are fully surrendered
19:59:34 RJ-Scribe: if the person holding the baby can be Krishna and we are the baby
19:59:37 RJ-Scribe: that is a MOOD
19:59:45 RJ-Scribe: if you want you can be Krishna's baby
19:59:52 RJ-Scribe: it would be more fun if Krishna became your baby
19:59:57 RJ-Scribe: that is hard to think of
20:00:14 RJ-Scribe: not only is Bhagavan teaching us. He is teaching us who we are, but also to invite us to play games with him
20:00:21 RJ-Scribe: That is for later once we learn the Gita
20:00:23 RJ-Scribe: ;)
20:00:26 Andrea Goldsmith: Bhagavad Puranas next term??

20:00:34 RJ-Scribe: **v. 16, #296**
20:00:47 RJ-Scribe: 4 kinds of humans that act for the benefit of all beings who are devoted to me
20:00:50 RJ-Scribe: arto
20:00:58 RJ-Scribe: ask me for help to solve problems of miseries

20:01:01 RJ-Scribe: jijnasu
 20:01:09 RJ-Scribe: curious and seek knowledge from Me
 20:01:12 RJ-Scribe: artharathi
 20:01:20 RJ-Scribe: seek wealth from Me for alleviation of distress in society
 20:01:24 RJ-Scribe: jnani
 20:01:37 RJ-Scribe: their desire is to self-actualize with wisdom to know Me
 20:01:43 RJ-Scribe: we jiva atmas are here on a journey
 20:01:51 RJ-Scribe: that gives a sense of patience with all living entities
 20:02:04 RJ-Scribe: to hold a very sweet space for all to learn and grow
 20:02:16 RJ-Scribe: we have been just like others at a lesser level of understanding
 20:02:21 RJ-Scribe: if our sense of empathy goes away
 20:02:23 RJ-Scribe: we look down on people
 20:02:29 RJ-Scribe: rather than look at them with love and patience
 20:02:34 RJ-Scribe: it is said in the Veda
 20:02:40 RJ-Scribe: we should see our enemy as our best friend
 20:02:49 RJ-Scribe: don't be confused and do what they are doing
 20:02:58 RJ-Scribe: in order for them to be the atma we must see them as the atma
 20:03:07 RJ-Scribe: then they see themselves through you without your coercion

 20:03:13 RJ-Scribe: **v. 17, #297**
 20:03:25 RJ-Scribe: of these 4 those who engage in My service with eka bhakti
 20:03:31 RJ-Scribe: single minded devotion
 20:03:40 RJ-Scribe: they are extremely priya, or beloved to me, and I think of them constantly
 20:03:49 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan is being very self-revealing -- this is very important
 20:03:59 RJ-Scribe: the first thing we should do is to want to learn about Bhagavan
 20:04:02 RJ-Scribe: I am just the ring-leader
 20:04:09 RJ-Scribe: every single one of us to Bhagavan...he is thinking
 20:04:20 RJ-Scribe: look at those lovely humans using their time with eka bhakti
 20:04:34 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan feels an emotion with us
 20:04:38 RJ-Scribe: then we have to ask
 20:04:43 RJ-Scribe: we become priya to Bhagavan
 20:04:47 RJ-Scribe: I love this line
 20:04:51 RJ-Scribe: "I think of them constantly"
 20:04:57 RJ-Scribe: He sounds like a teenage boy talking about his crush
 20:05:00 RJ-Scribe: He doesn't get old. He doesn't age, He is falling in love with us
 20:05:14 RJ-Scribe: "I can't help falling in love..."
 20:05:21 RJ-Scribe: that is Bhagavan saying
 20:05:35 RJ-Scribe: One who is dedicated to acquiring knowledge with eka bhakti...is priya!
 20:05:41 RJ-Scribe: What happened to angry Yahweh? My way or the highway Yahweh?
 20:05:48 RJ-Scribe: which would you rather
 20:05:50 RJ-Scribe: eka bhakti? single minded devotion or the alternative
 20:06:06 RJ-Scribe: I was raised with one and acted in favor of another

 20:06:14 RJ-Scribe: **v. 18, #298**
 20:06:26 RJ-Scribe: all 4 are highly evolved but those who act for jnana are just like my own Atma
 20:06:42 RJ-Scribe: the jiva atma whose yoga is unwavering abides within me forever and attains me as their ultimate and final destination

20:06:49 RJ-Scribe: that is the set up...

20:07:26 RJ-Scribe: and so one of my favorite Gita verses is next

20:07:34 RJ-Scribe: **v. 19, #299**

20:07:46 RJ-Scribe: after many many births

20:07:51 RJ-Scribe: in pursuit of jnana

20:07:56 RJ-Scribe: one finally comes to the conclusion

20:08:00 RJ-Scribe: vasudeva sarvam iti

20:08:12 RJ-Scribe: "everything is a part of and contained within Bhagavan"

20:08:14 RJ-Scribe: vasudeva

20:08:25 RJ-Scribe: gives us the 'vase' that we hold flowers in and 'VASA' for containing Vedic knowledge

20:08:34 RJ-Scribe: sa mahatma sudurlabhah

20:08:37 RJ-Scribe: su

20:08:43 RJ-Scribe: thousand times better

20:08:49 RJ-Scribe: such a broadminded seer

20:09:00 RJ-Scribe: one who sees the entire picture, the whole thing. the duratma is tiny minded and selfish

20:09:03 RJ-Scribe: like Golem

20:09:08 RJ-Scribe: "my precious!"

20:09:30 RJ-Scribe: the billionaires joy-riding to Mars while everyone watches to see what they may do to improve the planet

#299, Ch.7 v.19

bahūnām janmanām ante jñānavān mām prapadyate

vāsudevaḥ sarvam iti sa mahātmā sudurlabhaḥ

After many, many births in pursuit of divine knowledge, one finally surrenders unto Me alone, saying: Vasudeva sarvam iti 'Vasudeva is the vast source of all and is everything'. Such a mahatma is very rare.

20:09:49 RJ-Scribe: **#300, v. 20**

20:10:11 RJ-Scribe: those whose discernment has been stolen by the hunger for pleasure make offerings to devas based on their material nature

20:10:20 RJ-Scribe: everyone will go through a phase with Bhagavan that is selfish

20:10:24 RJ-Scribe: **#301, v. 21**

20:10:41 RJ-Scribe: when a human being becomes attracted to a deva, I steady that attention so they can please the deva with their offerings

20:10:51 RJ-Scribe: Not beating up on Christians and Muslims

20:10:54 RJ-Scribe: they should have read the book

20:11:01 RJ-Scribe: being devoted to a lesser deva is a lesser reality

20:11:06 RJ-Scribe: but what is worse? not caring at all?

20:11:11 RJ-Scribe: it's a step up, to talk to a deva

20:11:15 RJ-Scribe: because they are a divine being

20:11:17 RJ-Scribe: dehi dehi dehi

20:11:21 RJ-Scribe: gimme gimme gimme

20:11:23 RJ-Scribe: to the devas

20:11:27 RJ-Scribe: which is still selfish

20:11:36 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan steadies their attention to make that progress
20:11:52 RJ-Scribe: these are the people the Christians and Muslims kill. It is just a phase
20:11:54 Sandi - VASA: a phase over many lifetimes
20:11:57 RJ-Scribe: everyone goes through a phase

20:12:03 RJ-Scribe: **#302, v. 22**
20:12:22 RJ-Scribe: anyone who invests their shraddha upon a lesser divine being or upon an object, they receive the result from me

20:12:25 RJ-Scribe: **#303, v. 23**
20:12:37 RJ-Scribe: they take a birth on the planet with the deva they were attracted to
20:12:51 RJ-Scribe: it is temporary, but those who focus on me will come to me forever
20:12:57 RJ-Scribe: don't destroy things, jihad, etc.
20:13:06 RJ-Scribe: stop destroying things, we should be patient
20:13:21 RJ-Scribe: just try to arrange it so that the whole curriculum is present and you decide where you are
20:13:24 RJ-Scribe: if you do ask me, then you could come and live with me forever

20:13:33 RJ-Scribe: **#304, v. 24**
20:13:53 RJ-Scribe: those without buddhi think that I make an appearance in matter as an avatar that I become under control of matter
20:14:06 RJ-Scribe: they do not understand that I am beyond the trigunas and exist outside of time's control

20:14:08 RJ-Scribe: **#305, v. 25**
20:14:16 RJ-Scribe: I am not visible to those deluded by matter
20:14:31 RJ-Scribe: who have not gotten yogic discernment, my true nature is hidden by yoga maya
20:14:48 RJ-Scribe: my mystical brahman energies, that act like a veil, protecting my true identity
20:14:59 RJ-Scribe: this cannot be more clear, during 400 years of colonialization
20:15:04 RJ-Scribe: "the times they are a changing"
20:15:15 RJ-Scribe: because we are all on a journey
20:15:22 RJ-Scribe: why do you think that the planet is such a mess?
20:15:58 RJ-Scribe: makes you want to find another planet, what is the alternative, have a better philosophy, a better strategy, a different voice to talk to people, a higher perspective to lead them somewhere better than their current approach

20:16:03 RJ-Scribe: **#306, v. 26**
20:16:22 RJ-Scribe: I know the departed, the not yet manifest, and the still living but no one knows the full context of me
20:16:23 RJ-Scribe: achintya
20:16:52 RJ-Scribe: can't think this or imagine or comprehend this, you can't get your head around it with manas to grab it, but you can enter into a direct relationship through the Gita, Bhagavan is inviting all of us
20:17:00 RJ-Scribe: 7,000 years later he is inviting us
20:17:19 RJ-Scribe: nothing has changed, they were having conflict then, some people were asura and taking everything for themselves

20:17:36 RJ-Scribe: the process is the process of being in the material world, but there is no passport for you to choose

20:17:37 RJ-Scribe: just you

20:17:40 RJ-Scribe: **#307, v. 27**

20:17:48 RJ-Scribe: just because of the moha

20:17:55 RJ-Scribe: moha = overwhelming and deluding power

20:18:08 RJ-Scribe: all beings are born under prakriti and are influenced by hatred and perverted desires

20:18:16 RJ-Scribe: we have heard this, but not from the right person in the right voice

20:18:35 RJ-Scribe: Does this feel like a threat? Or does it feel like an invitation. Does it feel like you need massive qualifications?

20:18:44 RJ-Scribe: Wealthy, PHD, IQ?

20:18:57 RJ-Scribe: if you understand this, you can know the most influential being, what do you want?

20:19:12 RJ-Scribe: love, relationship, kindness, the full potential of being here

20:19:23 RJ-Scribe: maybe we can embody these qualities in spite of ourselves

20:19:28 RJ-Scribe: **#308, v. 28**

20:20:14 RJ-Scribe: those who are at the end who no longer generate papa and perform punya, finally overcome the delusion and duality of matter, in that state of moksha, they serve and adore me and have sacred vows and they remain steady

20:20:27 RJ-Scribe: the ritam is a part of the process of knowing papa and punya

20:20:32 RJ-Scribe: connected to sukha and dukha

20:20:36 RJ-Scribe: sukha is like sugar

20:20:43 RJ-Scribe: dukha is like putting up your dukes

20:20:50 RJ-Scribe: would you rather have sugar or a punch?

20:20:58 RJ-Scribe: if you go against the ritam or laws of nature you get a punch

20:21:02 RJ-Scribe: if you go with it, you get sugar

20:21:06 RJ-Scribe: reminds me of Pavlov's experiment

20:21:22 RJ-Scribe: with the dogs, the material world is like that, you press a button and you get a little treat

20:21:28 RJ-Scribe: if it gives me pleasure, more more more!!

20:21:35 RJ-Scribe: these questions come from the atma after a while

20:21:39 RJ-Scribe: **#309, v. 29**

20:21:49 RJ-Scribe: that state of moksha protects them

20:22:12 RJ-Scribe: from the effects of old age and death, taking shelter of me, they remember their Brahman nature

20:22:21 RJ-Scribe: mahatma, duratma, and Adhyatma. Bhagavan is the Adhyatma

20:22:39 RJ-Scribe: is there any game he is inviting us to come and play? a material game?

20:22:58 RJ-Scribe: the symptom that we are doing well, is that we stop playing in a greedy, rajasic, tamasic way, mostly hungry

20:23:06 RJ-Scribe: we become sattvic

20:23:17 RJ-Scribe: my senses are no longer insatiable, that the advertisers get rich on

20:23:20 RJ-Scribe: you can have more and more

20:23:36 RJ-Scribe: with 2.5 children in a station wagon, laughing, the camera looks at the brand, you want more of this material pleasure?

20:23:48 RJ-Scribe: The yogi says, no thanks, I have breakfast and dinner
 20:24:07 RJ-Scribe: you reach a certain point, but the fever breaks. You can have another moment of pleasure.
 20:24:11 RJ-Scribe: the mantra of the material world
 20:24:15 RJ-Scribe: more, more, more
 20:24:26 RJ-Scribe: a moron has the mantra, more, more, more
 20:24:30 RJ-Scribe: they achieve moksha
 20:24:33 Andrea Goldsmith: the More-on's mantras lol
 20:24:37 RJ-Scribe: not to be driven by the gunas
 20:24:44 RJ-Scribe: to live here -- namaste
 20:24:56 RJ-Scribe: when you feel yourself being dragged, you say aham brahmasmi
 20:24:58 RJ-Scribe: I am the atma
 20:25:13 RJ-Scribe: om namo bhagavate vasudevaya
 20:25:20 RJ-Scribe: give Bhagavan the signal
 20:25:31 RJ-Scribe: can You hear me? I am singing to You? I really want You.
 20:25:40 RJ-Scribe: I now understand everything I ever wanted
 20:25:45 RJ-Scribe: I want every aspect of You.
 20:25:49 RJ-Scribe: Mister Adhibhuta, Adhidaiva, Adhiyajna

 20:26:04 RJ-Scribe: **#310, v. 30**
 20:26:14 RJ-Scribe: Adhibhuta = supreme among all beings
 20:26:20 RJ-Scribe: Adhidaiva = the origin of all divine beings
 20:26:37 RJ-Scribe: Adhiyajna = the one who receives all sacred offerings
 20:26:48 RJ-Scribe: they know me and focus their yoga even at the moment they leave their body
 20:27:00 RJ-Scribe: 2nd to last verse of Iso Upanishad

Vayur anilam amritam athedam bhasmantam shariram
 Om krato smara kilve smara kritam smara

(V.17, Ishavasya (Iso) Upanishad)

20:27:09 RJ-Scribe: remember
 20:27:14 RJ-Scribe: when my body is no longer functionable
 20:27:21 RJ-Scribe: vayur and my life air will go
 20:27:27 RJ-Scribe: and my body on fire
 20:27:39 RJ-Scribe: and I watch my karana being burned, my 8-element body no longer functional
 20:27:48 RJ-Scribe: and I am looking saying I guess I won't be driving that one anymore
 20:27:58 RJ-Scribe: Oh Bhagavan, remember me the way I remember you
 20:28:11 RJ-Scribe: because my memory is fading, because the brain is resting, yoga is very practical and very real
 20:28:37 RJ-Scribe: I call this existential dilemma
 20:28:46 RJ-Scribe: you won't have anything or anyone with you when you leave this body
 20:28:50 RJ-Scribe: we are in the same boat
 20:28:55 RJ-Scribe: who are you best friending?
 20:28:57 RJ-Scribe: om namo bhagavate vasudevaya
 20:29:05 RJ-Scribe: I know who I am best friending.

20:30:00 **Sandi - VASA: Chinta/achintya:** Chinta means ‘the thinking faculty of manas applied to enquiry, thought, discussion, and understanding of principles within matter’. Chinta is ‘cognition of that which is knowable within matter’. Its opposite achintya is defined by words like unthinkable, inconceivable, etc. This word is most often used to refer to concepts that defy the laws of Nature within prakriti. Brahman, the atma, Bhagavan, and all such non-material realities are considered achintya—beyond material law, logic, and experience.

20:30:58 **RJ-Scribe:** Bhagavan caters to all people

20:31:10 **RJ-Scribe:** He is willing to meet people halfway at any way people are trying to meet him

20:31:15 **RJ-Scribe:** if you take one step towards God

20:31:20 **RJ-Scribe:** God takes 100 steps towards you

20:31:26 **RJ-Scribe:** this idea is amply manifested in beautiful verses

20:31:37 **RJ-Scribe: Sandi:** one of the verses that I wanted to point out is 305

20:32:20 **RJ-Scribe: Sandi:** the definition for yoga maya is clarified here and you won't see it any other versions

20:32:31 **RJ-Scribe: Sandi:** other translations say that Krishna is saying everything is an illusion, which is not what is said here

20:32:37 **Q&A – Aparna:** verse 304

20:32:53 **Q&A – Aparna:** I make an appearance in matter as an avatar and he implies that we do not come under laws of matter

20:33:21 **Q&A – Aparna:** one of the reasons I relate to the Ramayana is that Ram and Sita suffer though so much. there is that whole period of searching for Sita so Bhagavan sends out armies and there is so much suffering when Bhagavan comes as an avatar

20:33:26 **Q&A – Aparna:** is there something I am missing?

20:33:45 **RJ-Scribe:** We already have misconceptions about what the answer should be

20:34:03 **RJ-Scribe:** the Vedas are trying to shift those perceptions a little bit at a time. This is also what the Guru is. it is a ripening

20:34:07 **RJ-Scribe:** that is what jnana and vijnana are

20:34:15 **RJ-Scribe:** jnana is knowing the story enough to meditate on it

20:34:24 **RJ-Scribe:** the vijnana is the 10 levels of meaning in the story

20:34:26 **RJ-Scribe:** from experience

20:34:33 **RJ-Scribe:** Madhavacharya

20:34:36 **RJ-Scribe:** from Udupi

20:34:52 **RJ-Scribe:** at one point he is talking to some scholars and he says every verse has at least 10 levels of meaning

20:35:01 **RJ-Scribe:** the scholars say come on that is not possible

20:35:12 **RJ-Scribe:** they pick an obvious story-telling verse that didn't seem profound

20:35:20 **RJ-Scribe:** he breaks down the words at level 1, 2, 3, etc

20:35:23 **RJ-Scribe:** by the time they got to 5

20:35:32 **RJ-Scribe:** the scholars say that I got lost

20:35:35 **RJ-Scribe:** then they bottomed out

20:35:51 **Sandi - VASA:** three levels discussed in the introduction

20:35:56 **RJ-Scribe:** just try to see the 1st couple of levels without complicating it, taking it at face value, the Gita says

20:36:09 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan says because you are my friend, we must adopt a friendly mood of inquiry

20:36:23 RJ-Scribe: in order to get the right mood and the right answers

20:36:32 RJ-Scribe: how can I speak to you in a gracious way if you can't speak to me in that way

20:36:43 RJ-Scribe: depending on your desires and hungers, this will filter everything you see or hear or say

20:37:01 RJ-Scribe: you see in psychology this is true and our being is multi-levels of being and meaning

20:37:32 RJ-Scribe: the word 'stupa' is the 5 elements stacked in a sculpture, it's actually a square, a circle, a triangle, a crescent, unless the atma is there it is called a stupa

20:37:58 RJ-Scribe: that is where stupid comes from and that is why this chapter describes the 8 elements of nature and how we are

20:38:38 RJ-Scribe: the Gita is a take-it-like-it-is text, moreso than all of the others. it's why the Gita, the 10 principle Upanishads [and the Brahma Sutras] are the pillars of Vedanta

20:38:56 RJ-Scribe: be patient and all of the strands of meaning will become apparent

20:39:21 RJ-Scribe: I don't get it lol

20:39:33 RJ-Scribe: How can we relate?

20:39:41 RJ-Scribe: Rama and Sita is a story that all have faced

20:39:45 RJ-Scribe: it's a great example

20:41:31 Andrea Goldsmith: <https://gitacomesalive.com/pages/membership>

20:41:43 Andrea Goldsmith: membership includes Gita on the Go app

20:41:40 RJ-Scribe: When you read the book

20:41:47 RJ-Scribe: you hover over a Sanskrit word and it brings up the meaning

20:41:55 RJ-Scribe: we are working on getting that on Google

20:42:17 RJ-Scribe: Final Comments

20:42:39 RJ-Scribe: I would like everyone to think what it is being like to be on a long journey

20:42:45 RJ-Scribe: and you are in the backseat of the car

20:42:51 RJ-Scribe: and your parents are on a long drive

20:42:59 RJ-Scribe: when are we going to get there, mommy and daddy

20:43:02 RJ-Scribe: are we there yet?

20:43:30 RJ-Scribe: this chapter is so important because we are time disadvantaged

20:43:42 RJ-Scribe: at different parts of the Gita, Bhagavan talks about this

20:43:55 RJ-Scribe: this chapter is trying to get the attention of those who are going are we there yet? are we there yet?

20:44:00 RJ-Scribe: we are playing a long game

20:44:08 RJ-Scribe: if you let any questions derail you from playing the long game

20:44:14 RJ-Scribe: then you are like the child in the backseat

20:44:24 RJ-Scribe: you will never lose this long-game-many-lifetime focus

20:44:28 RJ-Scribe: bahunam janmanam ante

20:44:30 RJ-Scribe: we are in a jagat

20:44:35 RJ-Scribe: this is the name of universe

20:44:39 RJ-Scribe: in Sanskrit

20:44:48 RJ-Scribe: Gat gives us the English word gate

20:44:51 RJ-Scribe: like going through a gate

20:44:56 RJ-Scribe: it's the Sanskrit word gate

20:45:01 RJ-Scribe: gate gate parasam gate
20:45:09 RJ-Scribe: you have to become buddhi on your long journey
20:45:15 RJ-Scribe: this is where the world buddhi comes from
20:45:27 RJ-Scribe: shake your buddhi until all the tamas falls out
20:45:38 RJ-Scribe: this chapter is an invitation to become a yogi
20:45:42 RJ-Scribe: to always remember and never forget
20:46:02 RJ-Scribe: This is Bhagavad Gita talking to us and the individual
20:46:06 RJ-Scribe: there is nowhere else
20:46:12 RJ-Scribe: do what you want and always remember me
20:46:27 RJ-Scribe: always remember and never forget, decide you are in the game and that you are never going to stop
20:46:38 RJ-Scribe: by the age of 18 I had read 10 Gitas, but I wasn't really in the game
20:46:45 RJ-Scribe: once I had a guru who was really making this clear
20:46:52 RJ-Scribe: then I had to decide not to quit
20:47:03 RJ-Scribe: everyday someone would quit
20:47:13 RJ-Scribe: in the krishna conscious movement in the 60's
20:47:23 RJ-Scribe: we were in Brooklyn, not a clean or easy place
20:47:40 RJ-Scribe: a manhole cover pops off of the sewer and a guy comes out with a hamburger
20:48:17 RJ-Scribe: and he's got what is in the pipes on his face covered in New York dirt, he literally crawled out of the sewer, and as he does, I am right there and I hand him a magazine and say you can have this. Have a nice day
20:48:40 RJ-Scribe: He takes the magazine and pops back down in the sewer, and a week later I shave his head and put a tilak on him, and teach him how to put on a dhoti
20:49:15 Sandi: <https://gitacomesalive.com/pages/membership>
20:49:27 RJ-Scribe: I am thinking this is all of us, this is the sewer, there is only one decision, less than a year later he left. I watched the whole process, but he was not quite ready. whatever he did cannot be lost. he had the most important moment in his life, but I know it caused me to make a decision.
20:49:46 RJ-Scribe: I read this chapter around that time. I know what my power is now. I am never going to quit. I don't quote Churchill much
20:49:49 RJ-Scribe: he is an arch colonizer
20:50:04 RJ-Scribe: the world's shortest speech
20:50:24 RJ-Scribe: Churchill coming back to the boys boarding school where he was bullied, pudgy, stuttered,
20:50:44 RJ-Scribe: when he graduated, he was voted most likely to fail. This story takes place when he is in his 80's. Kudos to him
20:51:06 RJ-Scribe: he is invited by his school to come back and give the commencement address. they did not know how difficult school was for him
20:51:14 RJ-Scribe: He comes up to the microphone and says nothing
20:51:16 RJ-Scribe: for 2 minutes
20:51:21 RJ-Scribe: you could hear a pin drop
20:51:31 RJ-Scribe: and then, he leans into the microphone, 9 words:
20:51:39 Sandi - VASA: NEVER NEVER NEVER NEVER never NEVER never GIVE UP
20:51:47 RJ-Scribe: Never give up. Never never never never never never.
20:51:55 RJ-Scribe: and turns around and walks away

20:52:20 RJ-Scribe: This is Chapter 7 - bahunam janmanam ante
 20:52:31 RJ-Scribe: so you've played the whole game in a body just about to quit
 20:52:35 RJ-Scribe: and what did you learn?
 20:52:44 RJ-Scribe: You are the atma. Aham brahmasmi
 20:53:16 RJ-Scribe: tonight are you ever going to forget tonight. at age 23. I had such a moment. and looked at Bhagavan and said I want the strength to never forget you. I am never going to ask for anything but the strength. all i want from you is the strength to never forget you
 20:53:37 RJ-Scribe: Never never never never. That is my power. I can decide that and nothing can divert me
 20:54:00 RJ-Scribe: nothing can take that away. 52 years later. I used to say was the last thing they will pry from my dead hands is the Gita
 20:54:07 RJ-Scribe: now I say it's the Bhagavad Gita Comes Alive
 20:54:21 RJ-Scribe: on this journey, your ultimate power, is what you will never, ever, ever let go
 20:54:34 Sandi - VASA: One year ago today we received the first box of Gita Samples - the rest were delayed another 3 months on the ships
 20:54:36 RJ-Scribe: when your body is just checking out, and you are ready for launch.

[Chanting with Jerry Desvoignes]

20:57:23 Andrea Goldsmith: Jerry's voice sounds lovely even on the zoom!
 20:59:41 Kate Young: Thank you Jerry!!!
 20:59:48 RJ-Scribe: So wonderful to hear and see Jerry, where a chorus of divine beings live and when your mouth is open they come out
 21:00:01 Sandi - VASA: amazing Jerry - please come next week! anytime!!!
 21:00:16 RJ-Scribe: thank you for honoring our satsang with your presence!
 21:01:07 RJ-Scribe: next week is a tough chapter!
 21:01:12 RJ-Scribe: hard to read alone. Chapter 8
 21:02:03 RJ-Scribe: the birds have been on the branches, and I want the birds to fly
 21:02:10 RJ-Scribe: when you put your hands up to become a tree
 21:02:15 RJ-Scribe: this is the essence of Bhakti
 21:02:32 RJ-Scribe: it's come and get me. reaching up from the sewer. this is the part that krishna can't exist
 21:02:39 Andrea Goldsmith: pick me up!
 21:02:48 RJ-Scribe: Bhagavan cannot resist this. anymore than an innocent child says momma, momma, momma,
 21:03:00 RJ-Scribe: we get too grown up and forget, that we give
 21:03:07 RJ-Scribe: "all of me, why not take all of me"
 21:03:10 RJ-Scribe: thanks for listening
 21:03:18 RJ-Scribe: jaya shri krishna, jaya radhe shyam
 21:03:41 RJ-Scribe: to all atmas, may they find their way, and eventually be found, and remember, and smile and dance in ecstasy in all of the moments they have
 21:04:00 RJ-Scribe: this is the very best

HOMEWORK: Memorize Verse #298
 Meditate upon # 304

Memorize achintya

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