

Isopanisad #1: Invocation, mantras 1, 2, & 3: Relationship between Krishna, jivas, and prakriti

What do you hope to achieve through studying Isopanisad?

Isopanisad:

- unlocks the secret to satisfaction and fulfillment
- Defines good and evil
- Reveals the Lord
- Invokes Krishna's mercy

Overview of Isopanisad

- Introduction: Vedic knowledge,
- Invocation to mantra 3: relationship between the Lord, the living entities and creation
- mantras 4-8: The Lord as known by the maha-bhagavata
- mantras 9-11: knowledge and nescience
- mantras 12-14: relative and Absolute
- mantras 15-18: Prayers for revelation of the Lord's spiritual form

Overview of Invocation-mantra three

Invocation: **principle** of completeness

Mantra one: how to **practice** that completeness

Mantra two: the **positive result** of such practice

Mantra three: the **negative result** of not doing such practice

Invocation

Completeness versus lack

the Absolute Truth is complete:

- **Brahman, Paramatma, Bhagavan** (What happens when we understand only one aspect?)
- **complete facility for our sense gratification** (How can we find real sense satisfaction?)
- **full facilities for everyone to come to Him** (why are there apparent obstacles?)

Relevant verses? _____

Mantra one

How to experience that completeness?

Benefit? _____

Definition of good and evil; of sin: _____

From the purport, "The root of sin is deliberate disobedience to the laws of nature through disregarding the proprietorship of the Lord."

General principle of acting in harmony: _____

Individual application: _____

Collective application: _____

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Mantra two

Benefits? _____

By controlling our will materially we have full freedom to exercise our will spiritually.

How?

- Karma with results offered to Krishna
- Akarma simply to please Krishna
- Vikarma must be avoided

Mantra three

Why not vikarma? Then again become animals or like animals

- Responsibilities
- Human form is rarely achieved,
- We have higher duties to perform.
- We take up self-realization, our material needs will be provided.