

Answers to Points to Ponder

Chapter - 3

Videos 10(b)-15(a)

- 1) Main topics in chapter 3
- 2) Bija shlokas: The Bija Shlokas are 2.49 and 2.72 where Krishna tells the glory of Jnana (knowledge) and also tells that mere action (motivated by fruits of the action) is inferior to action done with right understanding (i.e. Karma Yoga or Buddhi Yoga).
- 3) Point #1 in this slide
- 4) No. Both are needed for Moksha. One graduates from school through high school but one cannot say that elementary school is more important than high school.
Graduation is like Moksha.
Karma Yoga is like elementary school
Jnana Yoga is like High school
- 5) Shloka 3.3 : Sanyasa (renunciant) and Grihastha (householder) lifestyles
- 6) Summary of shlokas 1-7
- 7) Because Sanyasa is only meant for those who have achieved the mental stability to pursue and assimilate the knowledge of the scriptures. Krishna knew that Arjuna did not have that mental stability. Therefore Krishna wanted Arjuna to do more Karma Yoga to purify the mind at first.

- 8) [Do it as an Yajna](#)
- 9) An action done as worship to either fulfill one's desires or just purify the mind, but always aimed at the welfare of the world and not just oneself. (Yaj= to worship)
- 10) Answer in [this slide](#)
- 11) The [gunas of Prakriti do the actions](#). This is illustrated in [3.27](#) and [3.28](#)
- 12) [Two shlokas on Swadharma](#)
- 13) [Answer in shloka 3.37](#)
- 14) Answer [here](#)