

Isopanisad

Knowledge

Vedic Knowledge	Relationship between jivas, Krishna, and nature	Knowledge vs. Nescience
<u>Introduction</u> Definition of the Veda	<u>Invocation</u> All complete • Brahman • Paramatma • Bhagavan <u>Mantra 1</u> Regain completeness by action in relationship with God. <u>Mantra 2</u> Benefit—freedom from karma (akarma, karma, vikarma) <u>Mantra 3</u> Punishment for those who act in vikarmic way • Like animals • Life is facility for self-realization	<u>Mantra 9</u> Ignorance and mundane scholarship • Real knowledge-know Krishna • Misguided knowledge worse than ignorance Pseudo spiritualists worse than materialists <u>Mantra 10</u> Results of false and true knowledge • Take shelter of a dhira to get real knowledge <u>Mantra 11</u> • Know both mundane and spiritual knowledge to transcend death • The material is a sub-principle to assist liberation.

Worship—the Absolute and the Relative

Mantra 12

Neither worship of impersonal or demigods brings desired result

Mantra 13

Worship of Krishna vs. worship of anything else

Mantra 14

Know Krishna ~~and the material creation~~ but worship only the Lord

Who can know the Lord? Only the maha-bhagavatas

Mantra 4

Lord inconceivable and known only when He reveals Himself

- Everywhere through His energies
- Demigods are also part of His energies

Mantra 5

Inconceivable Potencies (near and far; inside and outside)

Mantra 6

Vision of maha-bhagavata—follow acaryas

Kanistha, madhyma, uttama

Mantra 7

Consciousness of maha-bhagavata—oneness of quality and intent

Mantra 8

Qualities of Krishna that maha-bhagavatas know—pure form, purifying, fulfills desires

Prayers for Revelation

Mantra 15

Lord is beyond His effulgence

- 5 rasas
 - Look beyond manifestation to realize Him
- Mantra 16
 Reveal spiritual form—we are of the same quality
- Mantra 17
 When the body is finished let us think of You at death, Lord

- Difference between body and soul
- Go to Krishna by bhakti

Mantra 18

Grant us mercy and release from sin

- Purification internal from paramatma and external through guru, sadhu, and sastra