

Overcoming the stigma of being a “religious person”

What is this stigma (How do we experience being stigmatized?)and why do we care?

Why does it exist?

Solutions and possible results

Toxic “closure”:

Toxic “porosity”:

Possible ways of behaving, thinking, and feeling when interacting with people who might stigmatize us and the probable results:

Motives

It is natural for the soul to want to “fit in” with a group. Our desire should be to please Krishna and the Vaisnavas.

Pleasing Krishna includes the type of example we set and how we represent Him. We need to make sure that our actions and attitudes are shaped by a desire to please Krishna, rather than wanting for the outside society to accept us.