

## Devotional Baktha Path

To conclude with the brief explanation about the Hindi tradition and its main paths, we will write now about the Bhakti or devotional path. In the previous articles we explained that for the Hindi tradition, Brahman or God has 3 aspects: Sat- Chid- Ananda. The devotional path falls under the last aspect "Ananda" that means Love/Bliss.

According to the Vedas, their holy books, God has three forms: Brahman, Para Atman and Bhagavan

Brahman refers to the Sat aspect and as we explained before is related to Pure Absolute Formless Consciousness, with all the powers latent, but none manifested. This is the path of the Jnanis.

Para Atman refers to the Supreme Soul or Over Soul to which the Yogis aspired to reach and dissolve their individuality in Oneness.

Bhagavan refers to God with Form with all His power and divine Attributes and with the capacity to establish a personal relationship to the eternal soul. This is the path of the Bhakta or devotee.

The Bhaktas believe in the existence of the soul and God. For them the souls were created by God and are eternal and divine. They believe in one God in whatever form they choose with whom they can relate to. In that devotional tradition the highest form of God is Krishna.

The Bhakta path is very simple as is pure devotional practice. They use chanting of mantras or sacred names depending on the tradition and the visualization of the chosen form of God, to create that connection to God

Their devotional practice purifies their minds and hearts, in that way getting closer to God in the chosen form. For example, in the highest devotional path in that tradition they imagine the detailed form of Krishna and his leelas or stories while they chant his different sacred names. In time the devotee begins to establish that connection of mind/heart to Krishna that is the supreme form of God in that tradition and begin to have profound experiences of bliss and love, together with a variety of visionary experiences related to Krishna.

At the highest point of purification they receive what they have termed; the vision of Krishna in which they permanently enter in oneness with the universal pure

consciousness. The same realization that the yogis and Jnanis have, but they don't lose contact with the divine form of Krishna that keeps manifesting bestowing upon them untold bliss and happiness, something that the other two paths do not convey, because this path is Mono-Dualistic, so the soul keeps his individuality while perceiving his unity with God, in this case Krishna. This philosophy has more variations and experiences that will need a whole book to explain them as the case with the Yogi and Jnanis.

### **What are the limitations of this path?**

This Bhakta or devotional path is one more precise about the reality of God in the Hindu religion, as they know that the soul is divine and that is eternally related to God. The first shortcoming that we have seen in this path is that in the highest bhakta or devotional path that is the one directed towards Krishna, based on our own experience we can affirm that Krishna is not God.

Krishna is a divine being, one of very few true Ascended Masters in existence, but he is not God. Although that path is very clear in many of the aspects of their teaching, they are not being devotional to the one true God that is simple God.

The other limitation is that the liberation that they attain after realizing the divinity of the soul, under the grace of Krishna, is that after death they go to a divine heaven beyond creation where they eternally sing, dance and play with Krishna following their devotion and experiencing unlimited love and bliss. But the soul's evolution is placed on hold once you are free in that eternal communion with Krishna. The divine soul is destined to evolve without limits and be able to reach unimaginable levels of mastery where each passing instant the soul becomes more and more like His Father God who in turn is in an Eternal evolution within his own Being. These are incomprehensible things to the material mind, which can only understand with the divine mind of your soul.

### **If Krishna is not God, then who is God?**

God is God. He is God mentioned in the Bible. Krishna is an Ascended Master at God's service. (See our article about: Who is God?)

Other limitation in this path is that only the divine is conceived as real, but the creation is not divine and named Maya. They said Maya is also a power of God that keeps the souls trapped in the Illusion, like if everything were just a divine play or game for God. The reality is that God is Divine and His Creation is also Divine, but the illusion or Maya that exists in creation was not created by God, but by Satan who seeks to keep all the souls lost and away from God, connected to an

**incredible energetic web of lies sustain by evil. If you don't know the truth it will be almost impossible to escape from Maya, or the Demon's illusion.**

**Nonetheless, of the three Hindi or Barath paths; Jnani, Yogi and Bhakti, this last one (if related to Krishna) is the one the give the greatest possibilities for the soul to be free from Maya or the Web of Lies, being that Krishna is an Ascended Master free from Maya himself. For the Jnani and Yogi is almost impossible to free themselves from Maya.**

**To conclude with this Hindi tradition, is important to finish with these words: God have never ever in history incarnated in this planet. In the Hindi tradition they have many divine incarnations that they call Avatars, and are understood as incarnations of God. That is false and anyone that may present himself as God or as an incarnation of God is a false guru or teacher working to perpetuate Maya.**

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