

Supreme God and God

Preface

Since time immemorial, man has been attracted to and has been curious about the Omnipresent Īshwar, our creator.

Since the words 'Paramēshwar (Supreme God)', 'Īshwar (God)', 'Avatār (Incarnation)' and 'Dēvatā (Deity)' are used with different connotations, they may sound confusing to many. To add to the confusion, curious devotees have numerous questions in their minds. For instance, if Paramēshwar is nirguṇ and nirākār (Without form), then how does He impart darshan in saguṇ ? If there is only one Īshwar, why is He described in many forms ? When Īshwar is capable of accomplishing anything with a mere sankalpa (Resolve), why does He incarnate in different forms to protect His devotees ? Why should the Deities, who quarrel among themselves like humans do and lose to demons in wars, be worshipped ? The purpose of this Holy text is to clarify such doubts and eliminate the confusion of the spiritually curious about what do Paramēshwar and Īshwar mean. (Answers to questions pertaining to Avatār and Dēvatā has not been included in this Holy text to limit the number of pages. This information will be published in two separate Holy texts titled 'Deities' and 'Incarnations'.)

Similarly, it will be difficult to worship Paramēshwar and Īshwar if we do not know about their qualities. On the contrary, if we obtain spiritual knowledge about them, it will help us worship them with bhāv. Hence, this Holy text contains information on their characteristics, missions, relationship with man etc. and the spiritual experiences of seekers in their context.

We earnestly pray at the Holy feet of Shrī Guru that upon reading this Holy text, may the devotion of readers unto Īshwar get enhanced. – **Compilers**

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