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Thoughts, desires, mind = ego. After that dies (before physical death), body still functions – enlightenment. (Ego kills ego”) Yes. What is ego? A sense which unites our body mechanism and makes it function. Sattvic ego is the same as creation or God, rajasic ego as action, tamasic ego as negativities. Enlightenment is only a matter of switching the mind. (If ego kills ego, what is God’s grace?) Your faith. (What does one do after enlightenment?) In fact, ego is not totally killed. It changes its nature. If ego totally disappears, the the five elements in the body can’t stay together. Chaitanya and Kabir Dass’s bodies disappeared. Chaitanya was in such a high emotional state that the ego could not stay. The five elements in their purest form are very subtle.

Ether is the space where air stays.

Sattvic ego = God = enlightenment. State of he himself in God, with perfect control over the five elements = avatar. (Can dematerialize and re-materialize body at will.) Babaji knows only one such.

Time is made up by us for measurement of space. Those who don’t know or have clocks, what is their time> Where there is six months of day and six months of night, what is their time? Different levels of understanding. Different theories of what eternity is. One who doesn’t understand our theory, what is eternity for him?

Need higher beings in this world to keep a balance of evil and rightness. So God manifests as people all the time. Those people come and go.

(What is evil”) Negative qualities.

(What is sin?) All negativities collectively.

All positive qualities collectively are called virtues.

(But cultures don’t agree.) A few things are universal. Negativities are universal concept except for a few old tribes that permit killing of others and there it is not sin. If a crazy man wants to kill, that doesn’t make it right. It’s still sin. He is enjoying killing, so he is responsible for it. (Evil is only evil in the eye of the beholder?) Right, but first become a beholder. Taking off clothes in culture that wears them means being nude to be nude, can’t be innocent and not think of self as nude. Except sadhus who don’t think of the body.

We have created our own concept of evil when the creation started.

Good and evil are always in a balance. Only difference is it switches from place to place.

(What is free will?) Within the jurisdiction of your mind you have the freedom to do a thing or not to do it. God's will doesn't start till our own dissolves. Free will is only within the jurisdiction of the mind. So there is very little free will but there is some, thus we are not entirely dependent on fate, destiny, karma. We know we have some thus we use "I" and "am doing."

(Does an enlightened person try to do anything?) By reflex action it happens.

(Is it compatible for an enlightened person to smoke, drink, chase women?) In America. (joke).

Meaning of killing and war in Bhagavad Gita is symbolic, not killing man. 5 brothers = 5 chakras. 100 brothers = negativities and positive qualities in charkas. Battlefield = spine area, which is a field of ignorance. Krishna with his chakra represents the 1000- petaled lotus. Says to Arjuna, "Do your duty. You are only an instrument. I have already killed your enemies." It means there is a cyclic order: the negativity will finish by itself. The scriptures (Bible) don't say to kill. But those who preached non-violence – their followers killed.

Self is the reflection of God. (This is how we're created in God's image.)