



## Motivation

***“Ye yatha Maam prapadyante  
tams thathaiva bhajami aham  
Mama vartma anuvartante  
Manusyah partha sarvasah”***

“In whatever way men identify with Me, in the same way I carry out their desires; men pursue My path, O, Partha, in all ways” says Lord Krishna in Bhagvad Geeta (Ch 4 – Verse 11)

There can be no further explanation for the Universality of Religion than the above! Whether you see God as Krishna or Rama or Narasimha or Shiva or for that matter as Jesus or Allah, you still reach God! There is also a learning perspective that the above verse brings to the table: Whenever you want to appreciate a new concept, it is best you visualize the new concept in terms of ways and analogies to what you know already. After all, a good teacher always explains the unknown concepts using already known concepts. Our scriptures are the best teachers – they appear to a reader in the form they understand best. What is more, each reader can look at our scriptures using the subject knowledge he has already got, interpret the scriptures and come to the same conclusion – the supreme power of God.

There is a small story that the great Anatha Rama Dikshithar used to quote to illustrate the glory of Lord Guruvayurappa. There was once a devotee who knew nothing about the procedures of worshipping God. He approached a learned priest in the temple and requested him to instruct the right method of worshipping God. The priest did not respect the humility of the devotee and told him “Don’t disturb me.. worship him as you please ; with a couple of horns on top!” Taking the words to be Gospel truth, the devotee worshipped God imagining Him to be having two horns on His head. When the Utsava Murthy idol of God was brought out on a procession, it could not be brought out of the temple. Everyone heard a noise but none could figure out the reason. This devotee was standing at the entrance and told the priest “Sir, can’t you see the horns are hitting the roof?” Then the priest realized his own arrogance and pleaded guilty to the humble and sincere devotee. He then described God’s beautiful appearance as “santha karam bhujaga sayanam...” and then the idol came out with ease.

For me, I have tried to get closer to God by visualizing Him in terms of two things I have done all my life for a living – software and management. The following articles are my humble attempts to understand and interpret the glory of God by viewing Him with the twin horns of management and software. This gives me a better intimacy to God and I hope it gives a certain rationale to explain to the nay sayers who pooh-pooh the “Atma Gnanam” saying it is not “Vignanam”.

May the God who appeared with horns to the humble devotee appear to me and the readers of this and provide us all with Self Realization, God Realization and Atma Satshatkaram...

***Om Shanthi***