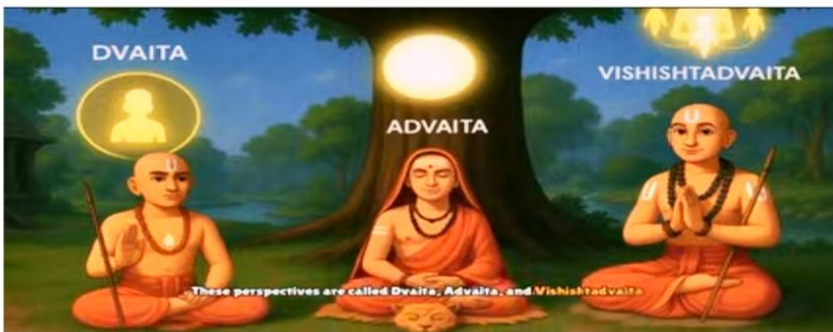
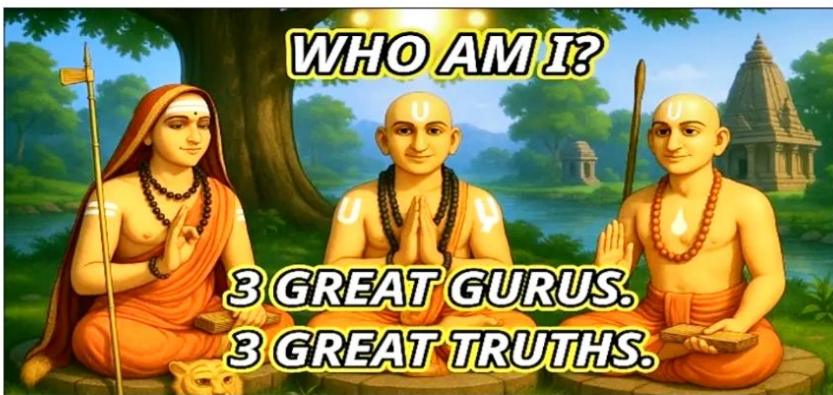




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✨ Adi Shankaracharya: The world is Maya. You are not different from Brahman. This is Advaita – Non-Dualism.

🔱 Madhvacharya: God and soul are eternally distinct. This is Dvaita – Dualism.

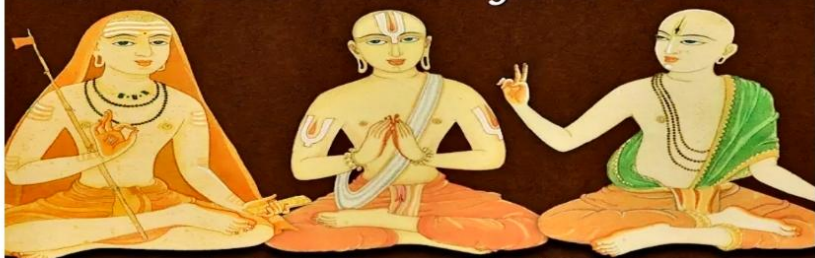
🌊 Ramanujacharya: The soul is connected yet distinct from Brahman. This is Vishishtadvaita – Qualified Non-Dualism.

In this video, we break down these three profound philosophies in simple terms, using storytelling and relatable examples. Whether you're just beginning your spiritual journey or exploring deep Vedantic wisdom, this video will offer clarity, inspiration, and direction.

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For centuries, followers of Shankara, Ramanuja, and Madhva have argued stridently about the nature of absolute, universal reality - brahman. This divisiveness might possibly be harmful to sincere spiritual seekers. What can be done to resolve these differences?

Vedanta is based on the teachings of the ancient rishis, teachings found in the last section of the ancient Vedic scriptures, Upanishads. It's also based on the Bhagavad Gita and the highly analytical text, Brahma sutras. Shankara strictly interpreted each of those scriptures according to the principle of advaita, non-duality. Ramanuja interpreted each of them according to the principles of visishtadvaita, qualified nondualism. And Madhva interpreted each of them according to the principles of dvaita, duality. Other interpretations of those scriptures include:
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In commentaries and in scholarly texts like Advaita Siddhi of Madhusudana Sarasvati, the followers of all these great Vedantic traditions have always disagreed and argued about the nature of brahman - being with or without qualities or characteristics - nirguna, saguna, nirvishesha, or savishesha. They also argued about the nature of the material world: satyam, mithya, real, false, separate, or non-separate. And they argued about the nature of the individual person, jiva. In their arguments, they often used a powerful scholarly technique called purva-paksha siddhanta, in which an opposing point of view is deliberately introduced and developed for the sake of discussion. Then, it is thoroughly refuted by showing its defects according to traditional logic, nyaya, and new logic, navya nyaya.

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Dvaita Vedanta fosters world peace by promoting humility, divine dependency, and deep respect for the objective reality of all living beings. Founded by Sri

Madhvacharya, this dualistic philosophy teaches that individual souls and the world are real, distinct, and completely dependent on a supreme, compassionate God.  Quora +1

Core Principles for Harmony

- **Objective Reality:** Acknowledging the world and others as real rather than illusion prevents exploitation and encourages fair treatment.
- **Divine Surrender:** Recognizing God as the sole independent controller curbs human ego, greed, and the desire to dominate others.
- **Humility and Equality:** Viewing all souls as equal servants under one supreme Lord inspires compassion and peaceful coexistence.  Philosophy Institute

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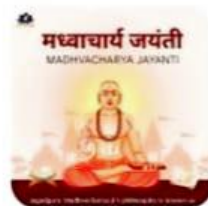
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Metaphysical View of Nature

- **Realism (*Satya*):** Unlike schools that view the physical world as a temporary illusion (*Maya*), [Dvaita Vedanta](#) teaches that nature is permanently real and distinct from both God and souls. 📖 99Notes
- **Divine Ownership:** God (*Vishnu*) is the supreme controller of *Prakriti*, meaning every element of the natural world has objective value and purpose ordained by the Divine. 📖

Environmental Ethics

- **Duty of Stewardship:** Because humans do not own the earth, they act as caretakers accountable to God for how they treat dependent creation.
- **Reverence for Creation:** Valuing the physical world as God's real workshop and dwelling place encourages non-harm, ethical restraint, and sustainable living.

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In **Dvaita Vedanta**, **moksham** (liberation) is the eternal realization that the individual soul (*jiva*) is completely distinct from the Supreme Lord (*Vishnu*), remaining an independent entity that experiences pure, unending bliss in **Vaikunta**.



Nature of Liberation

- **No Merger:** The soul never dissolves or merges into God; individual identity and personality are kept forever.
- **Post-Mortem Only:** Liberation happens strictly after physical death; the school does not accept liberation while alive (*jivanmukti*).
- **Removal of Ignorance:** True bliss (*ananda*) is intrinsic to the soul, but gets covered by past ignorance (*ajnana*) until God's grace uncovers it. Wikipedia +2

Four Stages of Moksha

As the soul ascends to Vishnu's abode, it experiences four progressive levels: Siddhesh Nandurkar

- **Salokya:** Living in the same spiritual realm or world as Vishnu.
- **Samipya:** Attaining extreme closeness and proximity to Vishnu.
- **Sarupya:** Gaining a divine, glorious form similar to Vishnu.
- **Sayujya:** Experiencing ultimate, rapturous closeness while retaining distinct separate existence. Siddhesh Nandurkar

Eligibility of Souls

- **Tripartite Split:** Founder Madhvacharya taught that souls have inherent inner natures (*svarupa-yogyata*) divided into three groups:
 - *Mukti-yogyas:* Souls fit for liberation through devotion and grace.
 - *Nitya-samsarins:* Souls caught in an endless cycle of regular rebirths.
 - *Tamo-yogyas:* Souls destined for deep spiritual darkness (*Andhatamisra*). Philosophy Institute +1
- **Bhakti Path:** Deep, loving devotion (*Bhakti Yoga*) coupled with Lord Vishnu's grace is the sole vehicle to cross worldly bondage. Philosophy Institute +1

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In Dvaita Vedanta, peace, health, and happiness flow from realizing the eternal difference between the individual soul and Supreme Lord Vishnu, achieved through devotion (*bhakti*) and divine grace. Wikipedia +1

Core Principles of Well-Being in Dvaita

- **Devotion and Surrender:** True peace (*shanti*) comes from surrendering to Lord Vishnu, recognizing Him as the independent controller and the soul as dependent. Wikipedia
- **Removal of Ignorance:** Happiness (*ananda*) is an innate quality of the soul that gets uncovered when the obscuring veil of *maya* is lifted through grace and righteous living (*karma*). Wikipedia
- **Grades of Liberation:** Ultimate fulfillment culminates in eternal bliss post-mortem through distinct states of closeness to the Divine (*salokya*, *samipya*, *sarupya*, and *sayujya*). Philosophy Institute

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Advaita (non-duality) teaches that true peace, health, and happiness come from realizing your oneness with the universe, where your inner self (*Atman*) is identical to ultimate reality (*Brahman*). [CCE Finland +1](#)

Core Principles

- **Oneness:** Seeing all creation as one removes division, hate, and stress.
- **Inner Bliss (*Ananda*):** Realizing your true nature brings a steady joy that does not depend on outer things.
- **Stillness of Mind:** Letting go of ego brings calm and balance to both body and mind. [selfimprovementsuperc... +3](#)

Ways to Practice

- **Self-Inquiry:** Look deep inside to find the silent witness behind your thoughts.
- **Meditation:** Quiet the constant rush of desires to let natural peace shine through.
- **Balanced Living:** Treat all beings with care, accept what comes, and let go of needless worry. [YouTube · ArshaBodha - ... +3](#)



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Advaita means non-duality, while Mukti or Moksha means freedom from the cycle of birth and death. In Advaita Vedanta, Moksha is not a place you go after death, but the direct realization that your true self (*Atman*) and the ultimate reality (*Brahman*) are one and the same. Wikipedia +3



Core Ideas of Advaita

- Brahman Only:** The non-dual truth that only one universal consciousness exists, and the physical world is an illusion (*Maya*).
- Self-Knowledge:** Ignorance (*Avidya*) makes us think we are separate bodies and minds; true wisdom removes this false view. PubMed Central (PMC) (+1)

States of Liberation

- Jivanmukti:** Freedom achieved right here while living in the physical body, as a wise person (*Jnani*) who sees unity everywhere.
- Videhamukti:** Total final release of the individual form when the physical body drops at death. PubMed Central (PMC) (+1)

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Advaita, the non-dual philosophy of oneness, fosters world peace by eradicating the illusion of separation, revealing shared consciousness, and inspiring universal compassion. gitauniversity.in +2

The Root of Conflict

- **Illusion of Division:** Advaita Vedanta teaches that hatred and wars stem from seeing others as completely separate from oneself.
- **Shared Identity:** When a person realizes that the same inner consciousness (Atman) exists in everyone, hurting another is understood as hurting oneself. gitauniversity.in

Transforming Society

- **Natural Compassion:** Recognizing all of creation as an unbroken unity leads to effortless love, kindness, and service to others.
- **Inner Stillness:** True global harmony begins with individual peace; a calm mind free from inner agitation stops projecting hostility onto the outer world. YouTube · Advaita Acade... +2



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Advaita Vedanta links to nature conservation through the principle of non-duality (1), the unity of all life (3), and the sacredness of ecosystems (0.6.1). This philosophy views the universe not as a resource to exploit, but as an extension of the single ultimate reality (0.6.7). 🔒

Core Philosophical Links

- **Oneness (0.6.1):** The core belief that the individual soul (*atman*) and the universal reality (*brahman*) are one means every living thing shares the same divine essence (0.6.3, 0.6.7). 🔒
- **Interdependence:** Harming nature or animals is viewed as harming oneself because division between humanity and the environment is an illusion (0.6.3, 0.6.7). 🔒
- **Compassion (0.6.3):** Recognizing the same consciousness in all creatures inspires ethical responsibility, non-violence, and care for ecosystems (0.6.1, 0.6.3).

Practical Conservation Views

- **Eco-Spirituality:** Treats forests, rivers, and mountains as sacred entities deserving protection rather than passive objects for commercial gain.
- **Sustainable Living:** Promotes simple living with minimal consumption, aligning human needs with the natural capacity of the earth.

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Path to Peace

- Surrender completely to the will of God, known as *prapatti*, to clear out worry.
- View all living things and nature as real parts of the Divine, which stops anger and hate.
- Quiet the mind by accepting daily duties without stressing over results, known as *nishkama karma*.  Instagram · thehindugrand...

Path to Health

- Treat the physical body with care as the living temple of the soul.
- Eat pure, wholesome food offered with gratitude to keep the body and mind balanced.
- Let go of toxic feelings like greed and fear that make the inner spirit sick.  Instagram · sangamtalks

Path to Happiness

- See joy as a reflection of God's playful energy (*leela*) in the world.
- Find deep contentment by serving others with love and kindness.
- Experience ultimate freedom (*moksha*) through joyful connection and devotion to the Supreme.  Encyclopedia Britannica +1

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Vishishtadvaita views nature conservation as a sacred duty because the physical world is real, permanent, and forms the literal body of God. The philosophy relies on three core realities: *Ishvara* (the Supreme God), *Cit* (conscious souls), and *Acit* (insentient matter/nature).

The Body of God

- Real nature:** Unlike systems that view the material world as an illusion (*maya*), Vishishtadvaita teaches that *acit* (nature) is fully real and eternal.
- Divine connection:** Matter and souls are the body (*shareera*) of *Ishvara*, meaning God intimately pervades and sustains every part of the physical environment.
- Absolute respect:** Harming rivers, forests, or animals is viewed as harming the living form of the Supreme Lord.

Practical Stewardship

- Sacred ecology:** Traditional temple groves (*sthalavrikshas*) and protected natural water bodies reflect the belief that ecosystems possess divine worth.
- Selfless service:** Caring for the earth aligns with *kainkarya* (devoted service), turning ecological preservation into a spiritual practice of honoring the Creator through His creation.

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Visistadvaita promotes world peace through unity, shared divinity, and universal compassion. Its core principles foster harmony by viewing all existence as interconnected within a single Supreme Reality.  Philosophy Institute +2

Core Philosophical Links to Peace

- **The Body of God:** All living beings and matter (*cit* and *acit*) form the literal body of the Supreme Lord (*Brahman / Narayana*). Hurting another is harming a part of the divine.  Philosophy Institute
- **Real and Equal Souls:** Every individual soul is real, conscious, and precious, removing the illusion of "others" and supporting mutual respect.  Philosophy Institute +2
- **Inclusivity (*Prapatti*):** [Ramanuja's teachings](#) made spiritual liberation accessible to all humans regardless of birth or status, breaking down social barriers.  Philosophy Institute

Practical Steps for Harmony

- **Compassion (*Kainkarya*):** Active, selfless service to humanity is treated as direct service to the divine.
- **Surrender (*Prapatti*):** Letting go of ego and hostility through total trust in divine grace fosters internal calm.
- **Universal Brotherhood:** Recognizing a common spiritual source unifies diverse groups under a shared cosmic family.  Philosophy Institute +2

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Visishtadvaita, propounded by Sri Ramanujacharya, is a school of Vedanta defined by three core realities: Ishvara (Supreme God/Vishnu), Jiva (individual souls), and Jagat (the material world). In this qualified non-dualism, moksha (mukti) is the soul's eternal liberation from worldly bondage to live in blissful communion with Vishnu in Vaikuntha.



Core Principles of Visishtadvaita

- Tattva:** The trio of real entities—Ishvara (the controller), Chit (sentient souls), and Achit (insentient matter). God is the soul, and souls/matter form His divine body.
- Hita:** The path to liberation, primarily through *Bhakti* (profound devotion) or *Prapatti* (complete self-surrender to God).
- Purushartha:** The ultimate goal of human life, which is attaining *Moksha*.

Nature of Mukti (Moksha)

- After Death Only:** Unlike Advaita's concept of *Jivanmukti* (liberation while alive), Visishtadvaita states that moksha occurs only after the soul leaves the physical body (*Videhamukti*).
- Distinct Identity:** The individual soul does not merge into a blank absolute or lose its identity; it retains its distinct self-awareness while joining with Brahman.
- Divine Experience:** Attaining *Paramapada* (the supreme abode or Vaikuntha) to experience eternal joy, peace, and loving service to Lord Vishnu.

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Visistadvaita, or qualified non-dualism propounded by [Ramanujacharya](#), teaches that God (Brahman), Nature (Acit), and Man (Cit) form a single, real, interconnected organic whole. God is the supreme soul, while man and nature constitute His real, eternal body.  Philosophy Institute +4



God (Brahman / Ishvara)

- Supreme reality identified as [Vishnu-Narayana](#), possessing infinite auspicious attributes.
- Independent and controlling reality (*Adhara* and *Niyanta*) that supports all existence.
- Exists as a unity, but qualified by and containing the multiplicity of souls and matter within Himself.  Philosophy Institute +4

Nature (Acit)

- Insentient, unconscious physical matter (*Jagat*).
- Completely real and eternal, not an illusion (*Maya*).
- Serves as the physical component of God’s cosmic body, changing forms under His command.  Philosophy Institute +3

Man (Cit / Jiva)

- Individual, conscious, and eternal living soul.
- Fundamentally distinct from God, yet completely dependent on Him for existence and guidance.
- Bound by karma in the material world, but achieves ultimate liberation (*Moksha*) through loving devotion (*Bhakti*) and surrender (*Prapatti*) to God.  Philosophy Institute +2

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