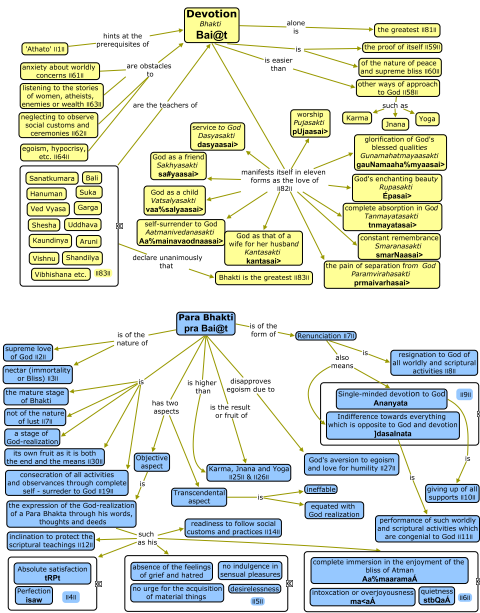
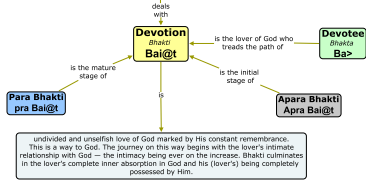


Devotion



The Narada Bhakti Sutra



The Narada Bhakti Sutra is a collection of 64 aphorisms dealing with Bhakti (the love for God). The aphorisms have been authored by sage Narada of great strength who is one of the six principal sages of Bhakti. He is a great devotee, widely acclaimed in singing the glories of God, a versatile genius, has access to all places during all periods of time and whose bhakti is the prototype Bhakti. These aphorisms were originally narrated by the sage, in one of his births, to Sri Veda Vyasa, the author of several scriptures including Puranas. These aphorisms are non-transactional in nature and have been acclaimed as a complete guide to those who want to tread the path of Bhakti.

A logical sequence underlying the aphorisms of the scripture is as follows:

Sutra no. Topic

1-24 hints at the prerequisites of Bhakti — 'Ahaor'

2-24 deal with the characteristics and the Objective aspect of Para Bhakti.

25-33 reveal Para Bhakti as superior to all spiritual disciplines.

34-50 deal with the discipline and rules of Gauṇī Bhakti.

51-57 point out the distinction between Gauṇī and Mukhya Bhakti.

58-66 describe the importance of and accessories and obstacles to Bhakti in general.

67-69 repeat instructions to and glorify Bhakti in general.

81-84 stress the greatness of Bhakti by way of conclusion.

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