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### Discussion with Dr. Satyanarayana Dasa Babaji on Sanskrit Non-Translatables

#### Saguna/Nirguna ≠ Qualified/Qualityless



In this video Satyanarayana Dasa Babaji and Rajiv Malhotra provide a clarification on the ideas of *saguna* and *nirguna* and on the inaccurate nature of their English translations. The terms are very commonly employed in Hindu philosophy when the nature of the Absolute Reality *Brahman* is being described, the word *nirguna* being usually translated as 'without qualities' and *saguna* as 'qualified'. However, this is not the true import of nirguna Brahman and saguna Brahman. [Video](#).

#### Atma ≠ Soul



*Atma* is the most foundational principle of Hindu philosophy and is considered as that eternal, infinitely conscious principle

within the inert psycho-physical body/structure, whether moveable or immovable, whether perceptible or imperceptible, and present throughout the universe. It is very common, for scholars and laymen alike, to translate *atma* as 'soul'. In this video Dr Dasa and Rajiv discuss the concept of *atma* and its mistranslation as soul. [Video](#).

#### Jiva ≠ Soul



Many people assume that there is no difference between a *jiva* and an *atma*. Both the words are very commonly translated into English as soul. In this video Dr Dasa and Rajiv discuss the concept of *jiva* and its distinction from soul. In fact, *jiva* denotes an *atma* conditioned by *avidya* or *karma*, and falsely identifying itself as *prakriti* or primordial matter. In other words, *atma* due to its false association with limiting adjuncts like *manas*, *buddhi*, physical body etc. attains the state of a *jiva*. [Video](#).

#### Maya ≠ Illusion

In this video, Dr Dasa and Rajiv throw light on how *maya* is different from illusion.



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*Maya* is an important word in the vocabulary of Hindu philosophy and has even gathered recognition in the English vocabulary. Unfortunately, the word *maya* is often mistranslated as 'illusion' by not only western scholars but also Indian gurus and pundits. Rajiv and Dr Dasa discuss how mistranslation of *maya* as illusion has created a general misconception among people that Hindu philosophy is world-negating, pessimistic and unproductive [Video](#).

**Why Kaivalya is not Salvation?**



The Sanskrit term *kaivalya* is very often translated as 'salvation'. Salvation is a term from Christian soteriology and it means deliverance of a human being from the original sin and its consequences, and has nothing to do with the Hindu idea of *kaivalya*. In this video Dr Dasa and Rajiv discuss how *kaivalya* is part of a different philosophical framework that has the eternal, sinless *atma* at its core. [Video](#).

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Artificial intelligence will bring many cutting-edge disruptive technologies, such as brain-machine implants and space tourism. India looks like it has missed the boat right now, since its leaders, think tanks and entrepreneurs have been aiming for quick gains with very limited planning for the long-term. However, our traditional wisdom contains many ideas that we may be able to use for India's benefit.

Current mind science research for example relies on Western neuroscience models, and there is reason to believe that Indian systems may be better. Infinity Foundation has been nurturing creative, innovative people who are ready to take initiatives and push for change. [Video](#).

**Is Big Pharma lobby blocking treatments?**



In this interview, Dr. Pierre Kory, founder of the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care



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(FLCCC) Alliance for Prevention & Treatment Protocols for COVID-19 talks about his experiences with using the drug Ivermectin to treat patients diagnosed with the coronavirus. The conversation brings to light several facts regarding the efficacy of using this 40-year-old drug in places like Mexico, Argentina and India's Uttar Pradesh.

It also brings to light the big pharma lobby, the role of the press and social media in suppressing discourse on medical matters, the role of organizations like the WHO and government regulatory bodies like the FDA and NIH, and much more. The speakers keep an open mind on vaccines and talk about using this drug as another tool to fight the pandemic. [Video](#).

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