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*The knowledge that brings one nearer to the
Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa.*

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"O my Lord, Sustainer of all that lives, Your real face is covered by Your dazzling effulgence. Please remove Your transcendental rays so that I can see Your Form of Bliss."

—Śrī Īśopaniṣad
Mantra 16

All the major scriptures of the world indicate that Godhead or the Absolute Truth is not impersonal, but is a Person. Failing to see this Supreme Person due to the impure vision of the conditioned state, many philosophers, scholars, and religionists have fallen into the ungrateful position of discrediting the Absolute Personality.

From the most authoritative sources, the famed 108 *Upaniṣads* of India, *Śrī Īśopaniṣad* supplies revealed evidence that the Personality of Godhead is the creator, maintainer and destroyer of everything that exists. His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda's transparent commentaries of this text reveal that the Supreme Lord is "unembodied" and "formless" since His Form is not material form which is subject to birth, disease, old age and death. His eternal Body is nondifferent from His soul and thus completely spiritual. It is stated in *Śrī Īśopaniṣad* that only a pure devotee can deliver the key to understanding the Absolute Person.

In the present age of discord, when all issues are ultimately referred to the impersonal or void, *Śrī Īśopaniṣad* revives the dormant hope of all living beings—to transcend this conditioned state and gain the eternal, blissful association of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.