

**Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 108: Chapter 11, Verses 44-46**

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**TRANSLITERATION**

तस्मात्प्रणम्य प्रणिधाय कायं

प्रसादये त्वामहमीशमीड्यम् ।

पितेव पुत्रस्य सखेव सख्युः

प्रियः प्रियायार्हासि देव सोढुम् ॥ ११-४४ ॥

अदृष्टपूर्वं हृषितोऽस्मि दृष्ट्वा

भयेन च प्रव्यथितं मनो मे ।

तदेव मे दर्शय देव रूपं

प्रसीद देवेश जगन्निवास ॥ ११-४५ ॥

किरीटिनं गदिनं चक्रहस्तं

इच्छामि त्वां द्रष्टुमहं तथैव ।

तेनैव रूपेण चतुर्भुजेन

सहस्रबाहो भव विश्वमूर्ते ॥ ११-४६ ॥

*tasmāt praṇamya praṇidhāya kāyaṁ  
prasādāye tvām aham īśham īḍyam*

*piteva putrasya sakheva sakhyuḥ  
priyaḥ priyāyārhasi deva soḍhum*

*adṛiṣṭa-pūrvam hṛiṣhito 'smi dṛiṣṭvā  
bhayena cha pravryathitaṁ mano me*

*tad eva me darśhaya deva rūpaṁ  
prasīda deveśha jagan-nivāsa*

*kirīṭinaṁ gadināṁ chakra-hastam  
ichchhāmi tvāṁ draṣṭum ahaṁ tathaiva*

*tenaiva rūpeṇa chatur-bhujena  
sahasra-bāho bhava viśhva-mūrte*

## TRANSLATION

- (44) Therefore, O adorable Lord, bowing deeply and prostrating before you, I implore you for your grace. As a father tolerates his son, a friend forgives his friend, and a lover pardons the beloved, please forgive me for my offences.
- (45) Having seen your universal form that I had never seen before, I feel great joy. And yet, my mind trembles with fear. Please have mercy on me and again show me your former pleasing form, O God of gods, O abode of the universe.
- (46) O thousand-armed one, though you are the embodiment of all creation, I wish to see you in your four-armed form, carrying the mace and disc, and wearing the crown.

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## Chapter 11

### Verse 44:

In this verse, Lord Krishna is addressed as *iisham iidyam*, meaning the most adorable Lord and is humbly entreated to be merciful and compassionate. How is He being entreated? The phrase *pranidhaaya kaayam*, which means falling flat like a stick when prostrating oneself answers this question. **By Arjuna supplicating himself in total surrender warrants Lord Krishna to forgive him for all his offenses. In what way should Lord Krishna forgive the offenses? As a father forgives the offenses made by a son, or as a friend tolerates the mistakes of another friend or as a lover excuses the fault of a beloved. In all these ways Lord Krishna is being earnestly beseeched to forgive as well.**

### Verses 45:

Having humbly beseeched Lord Krishna for full forgiveness, Arjuna now reveals his heart in this verse (and the next) explaining that **by seeing the *vishvarupa* or divine universal form, which had never been seen before and which possesses unlimited grandeur and power, he was overjoyed and thrilled but at the same time his mind was agitated and disturbed by the terrifying aspect of it. Feeling trepidation, Arjuna requests Lord Krishna to please revert back to the previous human looking form of his friend that he is always accustomed to seeing.**

### **Verses 46:**

This verse further explains the form of Lord Krishna which Arjuna is accustomed to seeing. Arjuna was accustomed to seeing Lord Krishna in His *chatur-bhuja* or four-armed form with *gadinam* or mace and *chakra-hastam* or holding discus in His hand, while bedecked with *kiritinam* or jewel-studded golden crown or diadem. Now he is requesting Lord Krishna to withdraw the most wondrous but terrifying *vishvarupa* or divine universal form of 1000 arms and unlimited faces and revert back to His human-looking, four-armed form which he is familiar with. Here, the question arises as to when did Arjuna previously see Lord Krishna's four-armed form instead of His usual two-armed form? It was when Arjuna tied Ashwatthama, the killer of the five sons of Draupadi, and brought him before her, at which time Shree Krishna revealed Himself in His four-armed form. However, The four-armed form of the Lord is believed to be non-different from His two-armed form.