

Global Study Groups

For Studying Srila Prabhupada's Books

Categories

- **Physical Study Groups**
 - Live interactions using printed books for discussion
 - The traditional method of studying
- **E Study Groups – FB, WhatsApp, Skype**
 - Participants gather online via social media
 - They may use printed or e-books for their study and discussion

Study Models

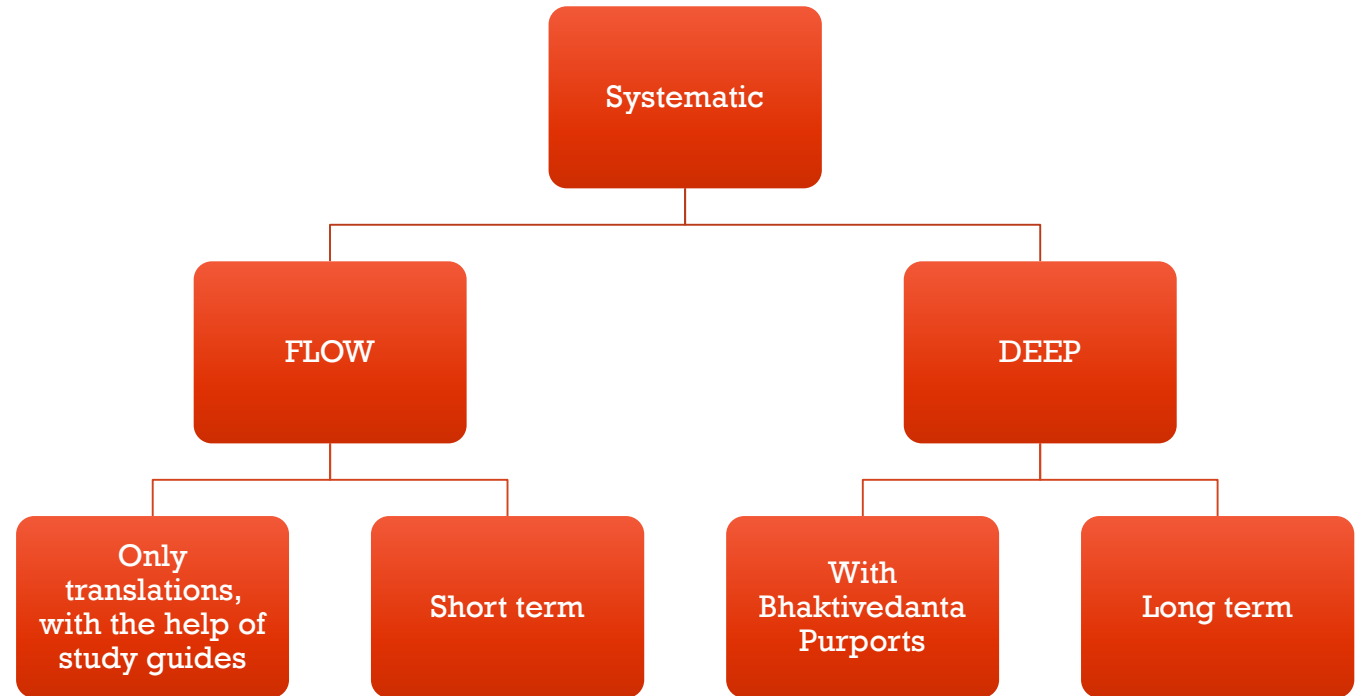
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for all categories
- for any book

Systematic

Thematic

Systematic Study Model



Systematic Study

Option	What To Cover	Group Members	Session Duration
Verse by Verse	Sanskrit slokas, word-by-word, and translations only	30 - 50 people	2 hours
Verse with purport	Sanskrit slokas, word-by-word, translations and purports	10 - 20 people	2.5 hours
Deep Study	Slokas, translations, purports, etc. Also, links between verses, sections and chapters (using a study guide book)	2 - 10 people	3 hours

Thematic Study

Prayers

Pastimes

Characters

Cosmology /
Creation

Leadership /
Administration
Principles

Varnashrama

Vaishnava
Qualities

Historical
Lineage

Analogies

Thematic Study

Ex: Prayers

	Personality	Situation/ Section	Purpose	Theme	Result
1	Suta Gosvami	Being questioned by Saunaka Rsi(1.2.2-4)	Seeking blessings before beginning to speak Bhagavatam	Obeisances to Sukadev, Vyasadev, Saraswati, Nara- Narayana	Discourse on Srimad Bhagavatam
2	Arjuna	Unknown, intolerable effulgence [1.7.22-26]	Solution to predicament	Merciful remover of Burdens	Lord informs that it is Asvatthama's Bramhastra
3	Uttara	Brahmastra released by Asvatthama [1.8.8-10]	Protection of the last heir of Kuru dynasty	Only Lord is the true savior	Lord protects with His personal energy
4	Queen Kunti	Lord departing for Dvaraka [1.8.17-43]	Persuade Lord to stay longer	Gratitude and Remembrance	Lord Smiled

Thematic Study

Ex: Characters

Vidura

- **Biography**
 - Born: of yamaraja and a maidservant (3.5.19-20)
 - Formerly: Yamaraja, but was cursed by Mandavya Muni to be born as a sudra(3.5.20-21)
 - Name: Indicates an expert advisor, politically renowned and instructions exactly to the point (3.1.10)
 - He is a pure devotee of the Lord (3.1.4)
- **Activities**
 - Pilgrimage: After Duryodhana evicted him, Vidura went for a pilgrimage and completely cleansed himself of all contaminations (3.1.17-24, 3.20.4)
 - Learning: As suggested by Uddhava, he approached Maitreya for receiving transcendental knowledge. (3.4.26, 3.4.36)
- **Qualities**
 - Bold: Instructed Dhrtarastra to return the kingdom of the Pandavas(3.1.11-13)
 - Humble: accepted spiritual knowledge from a younger person
- **Interaction**
 - Uddhava: Affectionately embraces and eagerly asks of the Yadu's welfare (3.1.25)
 - Krsna: They were great friends. Krsna would sometimes place His feet on his lap. (3.13.5)

Other Elements in Both Models

Other
Elements

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Sloka
Recitation

Sloka
Memorization

Group Dynamics

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Convinction
to continue
study group

Commitment
to the pace
of the group

Cooperation
with the
members

Group Dynamics

- **Study Groups Frequency: Once a week**
- **Number of participants: Depending on the model and depth of study**
- **Participants should be proactive and involved in reading/discussing**
- **Study group is not a substitute to self-study**
- **Study group helps to enhance one's own study by means of discussion with others who have read the same content**
- **Groups should have an advanced planning of their study schedule and remain committed to it**

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Hare Krishna

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