

**The Human Ecology: An Inverted *Asswattha* Plant
(*Ficus religiosa*), A Symbolic Presentation by Sri Krishna
in The Bhagavad Gita—An Analytical Review**

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ABSTRACT Sri Krishna has presented human ecology (*Manusya Loka*) as an imperishable banyan tree in Bhagavad Gita that has its roots upward and branches down. The leaves of the plant are the Vedic hymns (human knowledge) and the twigs and buds are the objects of senses. The tree has also roots growing down (towards the branches), which are bound to the fruitive actions of human society. The plant is nourished by the three modes (*Gunas*) of material nature. The real form of this tree cannot be perceived in this world. No one can understand its foundation, beginning and end. The workculture of detachment is the weapon to cut down this strongly rooted tree, to make oneself free from the cycle of birth and death.