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ABSTRACT

Purpose: *This research case study aims to interpret the theology of divine immanence presented in the seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, known as Jnana-Vijnana Yoga. It seeks to analyze how the integration of metaphysical knowledge (Jnana) and realized wisdom (Vijnana) provides a holistic framework for ethical conduct and global well-being. The purpose is to translate these ancient theological principles into actionable models for modern challenges in leadership, sustainability, and personal development.*

Methodology: *This exploratory research case study synthesizes data from a range of credible sources, such as academic databases like Google Scholar, verified websites, and AI-driven GPT analytical tools. The collected information is then systematically examined using appropriate analytical frameworks, including SWOC and ABCD analysis, to align with the study's specific objectives.*

Results/Analysis: *The analysis reveals that the theology of divine immanence in the Bhagavad Gita's seventh chapter provides a coherent framework integrating metaphysical knowledge (Jnana) with realized wisdom (Vijnana), fostering ethical conduct and ecological responsibility. Through structured SWOC and ABCD analyses, the study identifies key strengths—such as universal applicability and psychological resilience—alongside practical challenges like philosophical complexity and cultural translation. These insights affirm the chapter's potential to inform sustainable models of leadership, governance, and global well-being by reorienting human action toward reverence for the interconnectedness of all life.*

Originality/Value: *This research offers an original contribution by systematically applying modern analytical frameworks like SWOC and ABCD analysis to the ancient theological principles of the Bhagavad Gita's seventh chapter. Its value lies in translating the esoteric concepts of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga into an actionable, universal model for ethical leadership, ecological responsibility, and global well-being in the contemporary world.*

Type of Paper: *Qualitative Exploratory Research Analysis.*

Keywords: Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 7, Global Well-being, Ethical Conduct, Jnana-Vijnana Yoga, Yoga of Knowledge and Realization, Ancient Indian Knowledge, SWOC Analysis, ABCD Analysis, Impact Analysis

1. INTRODUCTION :

The *Bhagavad Gītā* stands as one of the most influential works of classical Indian philosophy, ethics, and spiritual wisdom, transcending its epic-Mahābhārata context to address the universal human predicament of duty, action, knowledge, and ultimate purpose. Its scope encompasses practical guidance for ethical living, leadership, self-mastery, and transcendence; it speaks not only to the ascetic ideal but to engaged action in the world (Prabhupada (1986). [1]). Scholars such as Bhatia (2013) [2] have noted the Gītā's role in counselling Arjuna in the midst of moral crisis, thereby offering a "culturally sensitive psychotherapeutic model" for human conflict and decision-making. This broad applicability to individual psychology, social ethics, and organisational behaviour underlines the Gītā's enduring significance in modern times. Moreover, recent studies have situated the Gītā within contemporary

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psychological and management frameworks, emphasising its potential for guiding moral leadership, resilience and value-oriented self-development (Dhillon (2023). [3]).

Within the totality of the Gītā, *Chapter 7*, titled *Jñāna-Vijñāna Yoga* (the yoga of knowledge and realisation), occupies a pivotal place by articulating the relationship between intellectual knowledge (*jñāna*), realised wisdom (*vijñāna*), and devotion (*bhakti*). In this chapter, the divine speaker elucidates the nature of his own being, the material and spiritual energies, and the path whereby one comes to know the supreme reality. The rarity of true seekers, the subtlety of illusion (*māyā*), and the interdependence of knowledge and surrender are emphasised. This makes Chapter 7 not merely a philosophical discourse but a bridge between theoretical reflection and transformative personal experience. As such, its impact lies in mediating the shift from knowledge about the self and world to knowledge of and union with the deeper ground of being.

The significance of Chapter 7 lies also in its relevance for leadership and management discourse in the 21st century. In an era marked by rapid technological change, ethical complexity, and existential anxiety, leaders and organisations face the challenge of integrating knowledge, values, and meaningful action. The Gītā's insistence that knowledge must become lived realisation and that action must be aligned with the deeper Self provides a framework for responsible leadership, conscious technology deployment, and sustainable organisational culture. The chapter's teaching about the rarity of true wisdom among many seekers also encourages humility, reflexivity, and continuous renewal, qualities essential to modern management, innovation, and resilient systems (Nadkarni (2019). [4]).

Finally, the impact of the Gītā—and in particular Chapter 7—can be seen in its multidisciplinary reach: from philosophy and religious studies to psychology, organisational behaviour, technology ethics, and educational theory. Research such as Ravishankar (2024) [5] demonstrates how the Gītā has moved beyond traditional commentary into broader academic discourse, shaping conversations about morality, ontology, and practice in a globalised world. The enduring relevance of the Gītā's themes—duty, knowledge, devotion, transformation—ensures that its message continues to inform not only individual spiritual journeys but collective efforts toward sustainable, ethical, and human-centred futures. In this way, Chapter 7 stands as a microcosm of the entire text's transformative potential for the modern age (Bansal & Srivastava (2024). [6]).

The *Bhagavad Gita* is widely regarded as one of the most authoritative syntheses of classical Hindu thought, integrating metaphysics, ethics, devotion, and spiritual psychology within the dramatic frame of the Kurukshetra battlefield. It functions as a concise "life manual" that distills Upaniṣadic insight into a dialogical form centred on the crisis of Arjuna and the teaching of Kṛṣṇa, and has consequently become a key source for contemporary discussions of Hindu ethics, spirituality, and moral psychology (Muralikrishna (2019). [7]; Frazier, (2021). [8]; Shunmugam & Sukdaven (2024). [9]; Tewari & Shukla, (2024). [10]). Within this wider tradition, the *Gita*'s portrayal of dharma, karma, yoga, and liberation has been read not only as a religious text but also as a resource for leadership, counselling, and resilience in modern contexts (Sen & Milbank (2021). [11]; Varkey (2014). [12]).

The seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, known as *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga* (The Yoga of Knowledge and Realization), is an excellent endeavour. This chapter is profoundly rich, containing some of the most foundational metaphysical and theological teachings of the text.

Chapter 7, traditionally titled *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* ("The Yoga of Knowledge and Realization"), occupies a pivotal place in the narrative arc. Following Arjuna's quest for a more complete and practicable path to inner steadiness in the sixth chapter, Kṛṣṇa shifts from primarily soteriological psychology to a more explicitly theological exposition that unites metaphysical knowledge (*jñāna*) with realized, experiential understanding (*vijñāna*) (Muralikrishna (2019). [7]; Maitra (2022). [13]). Vedāntic discussions of *jñāna* and *vijñāna* emphasize the progression from conceptual apprehension to transformative realization, a trajectory echoed in both classical Vedānta and modern expositions of the *Gita*'s yogic paths (Sridhar (2015). [14]; Varkey, (2014). [12]). This chapter thus serves as a hinge between the earlier focus on disciplined practice and the later, more theologically saturated chapters that elaborate Kṛṣṇa's cosmic form and the dynamics of devotion.

This paper argues that the seventh chapter of the *Bhagavad Gita* presents a sophisticated theological response to the problem of evil through its doctrine of *māyā* as a divinely orchestrated veil necessary for soul-making. Rather than treating evil and suffering as brute anomalies, the *Gita* embeds them within a cosmology in which ignorance, attachment, and misdirected desire arise under the conditioning power of *māyā*, itself rooted in the divine but ordered toward moral and spiritual growth (Anantharaman

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(2001). [15]; Bijlert, (2007). [16]; Frazier (2021). [8]). Recent scholarship on evil and suffering in Hindu traditions has highlighted how karmic causality and divine agency can be construed not merely as retribution but as a pedagogical process aimed at the refinement of character and consciousness (Anantharaman (2001). [15]; Sen & Milbank (2021). [11]). By reading *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* in this light, the paper interprets Kṛṣṇa's description of his *prakṛti* and *māyā* as a framework in which encountering and overcoming evil becomes integral to the soul's realization of its deepest identity.

Methodologically, the study brings together close textual analysis of Bhagavad Gita 7 with contemporary philosophical and theological discussions of consciousness, attention, and moral agency. Maitra's (2022) [13] account of attention in the *Gita* as a key to understanding consciousness complements the Vedāntic distinction between *jñāna* and *vijñāna* (Sridhar (2015) [14]), while recent work on the ethical and psychological dimensions of the *Gita* underscores its ongoing relevance for questions of moral formation and spiritual practice (Frazier, 2021 [8]; Shunmugam & Sukdaven (2024). [9]; Tewari & Shukla, (2024). [10]). By situating *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* within this emerging interdisciplinary landscape, the paper seeks to show that the chapter does more than enumerate divine attributes: it offers a coherent "soul-making" theodicy in which divine *māyā* both conceals and reveals, drawing finite agents through knowledge to realization and, ultimately, to freedom from evil.

This paper highlights the learnings from the Seventh Chapter extract key doctrinal insights such as the unity of God and creation, the role of māyā as a pedagogical veil, and the transformation of knowledge (jñāna) into realization (vijñāna). The Analysis section applies structured frameworks—first, a SWOC Analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges) to evaluate the philosophical robustness and real-world adaptability of divine immanence; and second, an ABCD Analysis (Advantages, Benefits, Constraints, Disadvantages) to assess its practical implications for individuals, communities, and humanity. Building on these findings, the Evaluation for New Ethics develops a model of Dharmic universalism, framing immanence as the moral foundation for ecological responsibility, technological restraint, and compassionate social systems. The Impact Analysis then assesses transformation across four levels—individual (spiritual growth and moral awareness), community (cohesion and cooperation), society (ethical policy and sustainable development), and humanity (global peace and planetary stewardship). The Suggestions for Future Generations section translates these principles into actionable strategies: integrating this worldview into education, reframing technology and economics as tools of service, and institutionalizing immanence-based ethics in governance and innovation. Finally, the Conclusion synthesizes the study's theological and ethical findings, affirming that Jnana-Vijnana Yoga in the seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita provides a timeless framework for achieving balance between knowledge and realization, self and society, spirituality and sustainability.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW :

A growing body of scholarship has begun to treat the seventh chapter of the *Bhagavad Gītā—Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga*—as a key theological and philosophical hinge within the text. Chapter 7 reframes the dialogue after Arjuna's request for a more complete vision of yoga at the end of Chapter 6 (Aithal & Ramanathan (2025). [17]), moving from psychological preparation to a sustained exposition of Kṛṣṇa's immanent and transcendent nature, the role of *māyā*, and the distinction between conceptual knowledge (*jñāna*) and realized wisdom (*vijñāna*). Modern reference works typically describe this chapter as "The Yoga of Knowledge and Realization," emphasizing its integration of Sāṅkhya's *prakṛti–puruṣa* schema with Vedānta's *Brahman–māyā* framework and its claim that evil arises from ignorance and attachment to the impermanent (Sarma (2025). [18]).

Classical commentarial traditions provide the earliest sustained exegesis of Chapter 7. Advaita Vedānta's Śaṅkara reads *jñāna* as discriminative knowledge of Brahman and *vijñāna* as direct non-dual realization, treating verses such as 7.4–7.7 as a concise metaphysics of the relation between manifest nature and the unchanging Self. Viśiṣṭādvaita's Rāmānuja, by contrast, emphasizes the personal Lord whose "lower" and "higher" natures include the world and individual selves in an organic unity, making Chapter 7 central to his theology of qualified non-dualism. Later commentators in the Vedānta and bhakti lineages (including Madhva and Śrīvaiṣṇava authors) continue to mine this chapter for doctrines of grace, devotion, and divine immanence, as surveyed in modern studies of Gītā commentaries and reception. Modern Hindu thinkers such as Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan adapt these inherited readings, often highlighting Chapter 7's stress on God's presence in all beings and

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objects as the metaphysical basis for ethical universalism and social responsibility (Mishra (2024). [19]).

Contemporary philosophical and theological work has examined specific conceptual strands of Chapter 7 in more detail. Sridhar's analysis of *jñāna*, *vijñāna*, and *prajñāna* in Vedānta clarifies the technical distinction between theoretical understanding and lived, experiential wisdom—precisely the distinction Kṛṣṇa foregrounds in naming this chapter *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* (Sridhar (2015). [14]). Maitra's study of consciousness and attention in the *Gītā* reads key passages (including those that describe Kṛṣṇa as the "essence" in water, the "light" of the sun and moon, and the inner controller of the senses) as articulating a sophisticated account of how attention can be trained to perceive divine presence in and through empirical experience (Maitra (2022). [13]). Frazier's work on ethics in classical Hindu philosophy uses the *Gītā*—with Chapter 7 as a central source—to map how notions of consequence, agency, and value are grounded in a theistic ontology where all action is ultimately situated within the Lord's immanent field (Frazier (2021). [8]). Sen's eco-theological reading similarly relies on Chapter 7's portrayal of Kṛṣṇa as the inner essence of the elements and life processes to construct a multi-layered environmental ethic in which nature is treated as divine embodiment rather than inert resource (Sen & Milbank (2021). [11]).

A second strand of scholarship considers the moral, pedagogical, and practical implications of the chapter. Perumpallikunnel's broad study of the *Gītā* as a theology of discernment highlights Chapter 7's typology of four kinds of devotees and its diagnosis of ignorance under *māyā* as crucial for understanding how human beings move from self-interested religion toward steadfast wisdom and devotion (Perumpallikunnel (2013). [20]). Shunmugam and Sukdaven, focusing on the text's moral and ethical dimensions, point out how Kṛṣṇa's self-disclosure as the ground of all values in Chapters 7–12 underwrites a virtue-ethical vision in which right action flows from transformed perception of reality rather than mere rule-following [9]. Educational and psychological studies—such as Lolla's research on a *Gītā* course for engineering students and Tewari and Shukla's discussion of the "science of yoga" in the *Gītā*—treat Chapter 7's *jñāna–vijñāna* framework as a model for integrating conceptual learning with experiential transformation, linking it to positive changes in attitude, problem-solving, and well-being (Lolla (2021). [21]). Management and leadership scholars likewise draw on Chapter 7: Mitra and Sarkar's "From Battlefield to Boardroom" shows how its portrayal of divine immanence and graded understanding of devotees can be translated into paradigms of value-based leadership, stakeholder orientation, and spiritual intelligence in corporate settings (Mitra & Sarkar (2025). [22]).

Finally, reception-historical and comparative studies situate Chapter 7 within broader trajectories of *Gītā* interpretation. Reviews of Davis's *The Bhagavad Gita: A Biography* show how he traces the text's "lives" across premodern bhakti traditions and modern political and philosophical uses, including nationalist and neo-Vedāntic readings that lean heavily on the theology of immanence articulated in chapters like 7 (Davis (2014). [23]). Such work demonstrates how figures from Śaṅkara and Rāmānuja to Tilak, Gandhi, and Radhakrishnan have re-appropriated Chapter 7's claims about God-in-the-world, *māyā*, and graded understanding to address questions of liberation, social reform, and global ethics. Together, these studies indicate that far from being a merely "doctrinal" interlude, the seventh chapter of the *Bhagavad Gītā* has become a focal point for discussions on consciousness, environmental ethics, pedagogy, leadership, and the nature of divine immanence in both Indian and global scholarship.

Table 1: Review of literature based on Keyword "Seventh Chapter of Bhagavad Gita"

S. No.	Area	Focus/Outcome	Reference
1	The Bhagavad-Gita	The Bhagavad Gita teaches two key principles—selflessness and action—emphasizing that all beings share one Spirit. It urges individuals to act with the understanding that no one exists in isolation and that everyone is bound by the collective karma of humanity.	Judge, W. Q. (1969). [24]
2	The Bhagavad Gita: a new translation and study guide	This course offers a focused study of the Bhagavad Gita's text, philosophy, and modern relevance—a timeless scripture that has guided	Sutton, N. (2021). [25]

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		spiritual seekers worldwide for thousands of years.	
3	The Bhagavad-gītā: A critical introduction	This volume provides a comprehensive introduction to the Bhagavad Gita—a sacred, philosophical, and literary masterpiece central to Hinduism. It explores the Gita's structure, interpretations across traditions, and enduring national and global significance.	Theodor, I. (Ed.). (2020). [26]
4	The Bhagavad Gita: a guide to navigating the battle of life	This new translation presents the Bhagavad Gita as a universal guide for living with integrity. Through its practical wisdom, it shows how each person can face life's battles and connect with the inner Krishna—the Eternal Witness beyond all conflict.	Ravindra, R. (2017). [27]
5	The Bhagavad-gita for the modern reader: History, interpretations and philosophy	This work analyzes the Bhagavad Gita's liberal, humanist, and inclusive dimensions, highlighting its modern relevance while addressing philosophical, ethical, and spiritual themes. It also engages with critiques by Ambedkar, Kosambi, and Amartya Sen.	Nadkarni, M. V. (2019). [28]
6	Insights of Bhagavadgita in Every Day Life	This analysis of the Gita explains that attachment to ego and the fruits of action causes confusion and disappointment. The solution lies in practicing Karma Yoga, which teaches selfless action—acting without attachment to results.	Murugan, S. S. (2019). [29]
7	The Bhagavad Gita	The book views the Gita from two perspectives: that of a seeker pursuing Truth and that of a seer who has realized it. This translation adopts the latter view, expressing the insights of one who has completed the spiritual journey.	Atmananda, S. S. (2002). [30]
8	The Doctrine of the Bhagavad Gita	This discourse explains that the Gita is deeply connected to the Mahabharata and should be studied within its context. The Mahabharata, both a historical record and a spiritual allegory, illustrates the soul's journey toward liberation, with Krishna as its divine center.	Shankar, B. (1923). [31]
9	The Bhagavad-Gītā and its Contents	This chapter introduces the key themes of the Bhagavad Gita, including dharma, moksha, karma, yoga, the three gunas, and bhakti. It explores the balance between duty and liberation, the soul's journey, and devotion to the Supreme.	Theodor, I. (2020). [32]
10	Lord Krishna as a deconstructionist teacher in the Bhagavad Gita	This research highlights the Bhagavad Gita as a universal source of wisdom and examines Lord Krishna's role as a teacher. Using deconstruction theory, it shows how Krishna's teaching reflects postmodern, postmethod pedagogy.	Kamali, H. C. (2021). [33]

Table 2: Review of literature based on the Keyword **"Jnana-Vijnana Yoga (Knowledge & Realization)"**

S. No.	Area	Focus/ Outcome	Reference
1	The concept of Jnana, Vijnana and Prajnana according	This paper explores the meanings of *jnana* (knowledge), *vijnana* (scientific or intellectual awareness), and *prajnana* (wisdom or ultimate reality), linking them within Vedanta	Sridhar, M. K. (2015). [34]

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	to Vedanta philosophy	philosophy and comparing them to modern scientific and consciousness perspectives.	
2	Philosophy: Theory and Praxis: An Analytical Study of the System of Yoga	Dr. Uma's book challenges misconceptions of Yoga as mystical or unscientific. Centered on Patanjali's *Yoga Sutra*, it reexamines Yoga's theoretical and practical dimensions, dividing the work into two parts—Theory and Praxis.	Dhar, U. (2024). [35]
3	Towards transcendence: Inspiration from the Bhagavad Gita	Transcendence, viewed as a mature spiritual state, varies across religions but generally signifies existence beyond the physical. While some see God as transcendent, others emphasize immanence—divine presence within the world. In Hinduism, its meaning differs across texts, with the *Bhagavad Gita* standing out as an ethical guide addressing the physical, mental, intellectual, and spiritual dimensions of life.	Trama, S. (2019). [36]
4	Mind Control through the Bhagavad Gita	Often called the fifth Veda, the *Bhagavad Gita* offers timeless wisdom on mastering the mind and emotions. Through Krishna and Arjuna's dialogue, it teaches paths like Karma, Bhakti, Jnana, and Dhyana Yoga to promote clarity, balance, and peace. Its focus on selfless action, detachment, and self-awareness makes it a universal guide for mental health and purposeful living.	Jayaram, M. J. (2025). [37]
5	An evaluation of the yoga system of physical education	The principal emphasis was on evaluating hatha yoga, which is the branch of yoga dealing with the science of health and physical education, and more specifically, the yoga asanas (physical exercises). The thesis covers the background of India (the birthplace of yoga), describes yoga as science, philosophy, and religion, and evaluates specific yogic exercises. The evaluation was made through scientific analysis, seminar discussion, experiments, and expert judgments.	Prasad, R. L. (1959). [38]
6	From Battlefield to Boardroom: The Gita's Guide to Effective Management	This study explores the Bhagavad Gita's relevance to modern management, blending ancient wisdom with organizational needs. Using a hermeneutical approach, it identifies nine key principles—karma-based action, servant leadership, ethical decision-making, emotional balance, role alignment, integrity, strategic vision, adaptability, and conflict resolution.	Mitra, S., & Sarkar, A. (2025). [39]
7	Bhagavad Gita: The elixir of life	This volume compiles and analyzes key themes of the *Bhagavad Gita*—including meditation, knowledge, sin, yoga, and renunciation—aimed at inspiring youth toward spiritual growth and divine realization.	Dhar, T. N. (2003). [40]
8	Inner World Outer World	An illustration on how Krishna begins by explaining the immortality of the soul, distinguishing the eternal self from the perishable body. His teaching reveals that life	Dhar, T. N. (2008). [41]

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		unfolds in two realms—the inner spiritual world and the outer material world.	
9	Complementarity of Religious Indoctrinations and Spiritual Practices and Learning Organizations	The chapter reviews spiritual practices like meditation, transcendental meditation, and mindfulness, highlighting their benefits for personal growth. It concludes with a discussion on the Chinese ideal of spiritual harmony.	Rupčić, N. (2024). [42]
10	Comparative Clinical Study on the Role of Sarpagandha Vati and Jatamansi Kwatha in the Management of Pre-Operative Anxiety	Despite medical advances, fear of surgery remains common. Hence, pre-operative anxiolytics are essential. *Cittodvega* in Ayurvedic texts aligns with the modern concept of pre-surgical anxiety.	Kanthimath, K. (2012). [43]

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY :

(1) To interpret the theology of immanence as presented in the Seventh Chapter of the *Bhagavad Gita—Jnana-Vijnana Yoga*—and analyze how it integrates metaphysical knowledge (*jñāna*) with realized wisdom (*vijñāna*) to form a holistic vision of divine presence in all beings and creation.

(2) To explore the ethical and philosophical implications of *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga* for developing a universal framework of moral conduct and global well-being, grounded in the Gita's vision of interconnectedness between the individual self (*ātman*), nature (*prakṛti*), and the divine (*Brahman*).

(3) To critically review existing scholarship and classical commentaries—including Śaṅkara, Rāmānuja, Tilak, and Radhakrishnan—on Chapter 7 of the *Bhagavad Gita* and assess how interpretations of divine immanence have evolved across traditions and modern academic thought.

(4) To apply analytical frameworks such as SWOC and ABCD analysis to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges in translating theological principles of immanence into actionable models of ethical governance, sustainability, and spiritual leadership.

(5) To develop an evaluative model of "Immanence-Based Ethics" that redefines moral authority, ethical motivation, and the scope of ethical concern, aligning ancient spiritual principles with modern global challenges such as environmental degradation, inequality, and technological ethics.

(6) To propose a set of actionable strategies for future generations—including educational, institutional, and technological reforms—that embody the Gita's vision of divine immanence and promote harmony between knowledge, realization, and global ethical living.

Using similar objectives, recently we have analysed the first to sixth chapters of the Bhagavad Gita (Aithal & Ramanathan [44-48, 17]).

4. METHODOLOGY :

The present study employs an exploratory research design to investigate the selected philosophical and theological dimensions of the topic. Data were collected through an extensive literature review of peer-reviewed academic sources available in databases such as *Google Scholar* and from verified institutional websites. Additionally, AI-assisted knowledge synthesis was utilized through GPT-based analytical tools using structured prompts to broaden interpretative depth and comparative insight [49-51]. The compiled material was systematically examined through dual analytical frameworks—the SWOC (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges) model (Aithal, 2015 [52]) and the ABCD (Advantages, Benefits, Constraints, Disadvantages) model (Aithal, 2016 [53-54])—to identify conceptual consistency, theoretical relevance, and practical implications of the study's objectives [55-57]. These complementary frameworks ensured that the interpretation remained balanced between philosophical coherence and applied relevance for modern contexts.

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5. LEARNINGS FROM THE SEVENTH CHAPTER OF THE BHAGAVAD GITA :

The Seventh Chapter of the *Bhagavad Gita*, traditionally titled **Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga** ("The Yoga of Knowledge and Realization"), offers several key learnings about the nature of God, the world, and the human quest for freedom. One central insight is the distinction and continuity between *jñāna* (conceptual knowledge) and *vijñāna* (realized, experiential knowledge). Vedāntic analysis shows that *jñāna* refers to correct understanding of metaphysical truths, while *vijñāna* denotes the direct realization in which these truths transform perception, emotion, and conduct. Sridhar's exposition of *jñāna, vijñāna,* and *prajñāna* in Vedanta philosophy makes clear that Chapter 7 presupposes this layered structure of knowing and being, where knowledge must culminate in realization to be spiritually effective (Sridhar, M. K. (2015). [14]). Perumpallikunnel similarly reads the *Gita*'s message as a call to discernment (*viveka*), in which the seeker moves from intellectual grasp to existential commitment (Perumpallikunnel (2013). [20]. A second major learning concern is consciousness and attention. Chapter 7 repeatedly presents Kṛṣṇa as the "taste in water," "light of the sun and moon," and "life in all beings," teaching that spiritual progress involves training attention to perceive the divine immanence in ordinary experience. Maitra interprets such passages as articulating a philosophical account of consciousness in which attention functions as the bridge between everyday perception and awareness of the divine ground that pervades all phenomena (Maitra (2022). [13]). This suggests that the *Gita* does not merely offer doctrines but a phenomenology of how consciousness can be educated—by redirecting attention from fragmented objects to the unifying presence that sustains them. Learning from this chapter thus includes an inner discipline of seeing the sacred in the mundane, an orientation that has implications for personal spirituality, mental health, and resilience.

Third, Chapter 7 provides crucial moral and spiritual learnings about human typologies and ethical growth. It distinguishes between those deluded by *māyā* and those who, through suffering and reflection, turn toward the divine in four basic modes—seeker of relief, seeker of prosperity, seeker of knowledge, and the wise. Perumpallikunnel interprets the *Gita* as a theology of discernment, where the narrative of Arjuna's crisis and Kṛṣṇa's teaching shows how moral clarity arises through dialogue between human vulnerability and divine wisdom (Perumpallikunnel (2013). [20]. Shunmugam and Sukdaven argue that the *Gita* as a whole articulates an integrated moral vision in which *dharma* (duty/right order) and *karma* (ethical causality) are inseparable, and they highlight how the text frames ethical life as alignment with a cosmic moral order (Shunmugam & Sukdaven (2024). [9]). Within this framework, the learnings from Chapter 7 include an understanding that moral failure is rooted in ignorance of the true nature of the self and God, and that ethical conduct is deepened as knowledge becomes realization.

A further layer of learning emerges when Chapter 7 is read ecologically and socially. In describing himself as the essence of the elements, the seed of all beings, and the organizing intelligence of nature, Kṛṣṇa presents a theology of immanence that lends itself to ecological ethics. Sen's eco-theological study shows how the *Gita*'s theological matrix can ground a multi-layered environmental ethic, in which nature is understood as divine embodiment rather than mere resource (Sen & Milbank (2021). [11]). Frazier's analysis of ethics in classical Hindu philosophy situates the *Gita*'s values—consequence, agency, and worth—within a theistic ontology, suggesting that seeing the world as permeated by the divine changes how one evaluates actions toward other beings (Frazier (2021). [8]). Thus, a key learning from the seventh chapter is that recognizing divine presence in the cosmos demands a corresponding reverence, responsibility, and non-exploitative relationship with the environment and society.

Finally, contemporary pedagogical and practical studies highlight how the learnings of the seventh chapter translate into transformation in modern contexts. Lolla's empirical study on a *Bhagavad Gita* course for college students reports that systematic engagement with the text—especially its teachings on self-knowledge, attention, and duty—promotes positive shifts in attitudes, emotional regulation, and problem-solving among learners (Lolla (2021). [21]). Combined with the ethical analyses of Shunmugam and Sukdaven and the broader philosophical framing provided by Frazier and Maitra, this suggests that Chapter 7's integration of knowledge and realization has enduring relevance for value education, leadership training, and mental well-being (Shunmugam & Sukdaven (2024). [9]). The overarching learning, therefore, is that *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* offers not only a metaphysical and theological vision but also a practical framework for nurturing discernment, ethical sensitivity, ecological consciousness, and holistic human development.

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6. ANALYSIS OF THE TITLE USING THE REQUESTED FRAMEWORKS :

SWOC analysis, as framed by Aithal and Kumar (2015) [52] and applied widely, offers a strategic-conceptual tool for critically assessing a philosophical concept or system by mapping internal **Strengths** (e.g., coherence, depth of insight, transformative potential) and **Weaknesses** (e.g., complexity, cultural specificity, risk of misinterpretation), alongside external **Opportunities** (e.g., application to global ethics, interdisciplinary dialogue, technological integration) and **Challenges** (e.g., resistance from entrenched paradigms, translation into practice, dynamic contextual change) (Aithal (2016). [53]). In the context of a philosophical system such as Vedānta or the *Bhagavad Gītā*, the strengths might include its rich metaphysical vision and moral breadth while weaknesses could be its abstraction or linguistic barriers; opportunities may involve its relevance to leadership, sustainability, and cross-cultural ethics, while challenges consist in operationalizing its insights in secular global frameworks and addressing modern scientific or pluralistic critiques (Aithal & Suresh Kumar, (2015). [52]; (Indrasaru (2023). [58]). This SWOC framework invites a layered reflection that is both internal to the system and external in its implications—for instance, how enduring spiritual teachings can harness contemporary policy, education, and technology (Aithal (2014). [59]). Ultimately, by applying SWOC to philosophical systems, one gains a systematic vantage: not merely celebrating their virtues, but judiciously observing limitations, exploring contemporary relevance, and anticipating future hurdles (Aithal (2015). [60]).

6.1. SWOC Analysis of *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* for the Common Man:

From the common man's perspective, navigating the complexities of daily life—managing a job, family finances, and personal goals—can feel like trying to solve a puzzle without knowing what the pieces are. This is where a SWOC analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Challenges) [52] becomes a practical, modern toolkit for self-assessment, mirroring a timeless wisdom found in the Bhagavad Gita's seventh chapter. Just as Lord Krishna reveals the dual nature of His divine (spiritual strengths) and material (worldly manifestations) energies to Arjuna, a SWOC analysis helps us consciously identify our own internal strengths and weaknesses (our personal 'divine' talents and human limitations) and the external opportunities and challenges (the 'material' world of possibilities and obstacles) we face. By understanding this clear division, much like Arjuna gains clarity on the battlefield, we can make more informed and purposeful decisions in our own life's struggles, moving from being reactive victims of circumstance to proactive architects of our destiny [61-72].

Strengths of *Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga* for the Common Man:

Table 3: Strengths of the *Dhyana Yoga* in Chapter 6 of the Bhagavad Gita

S. No.	Key Strengths	Description
1	**Internal coherence (metaphysics–ethics link)**	The chapter presents a tightly integrated vision where understanding reality (*jñāna* – God as the inner Self and source of all) directly grounds moral duty and ethical action (*vijñāna* – living that truth), thus joining metaphysics, ethics and praxis in a single coherent system. This is echoed in studies that show how the *Gītā* roots questions of agency, consequence and value in a theistic ontology [8].
2	**Universal applicability (seeing the divine in all)**	By teaching that the divine is "the life in all beings" and the essence of nature, Chapter 7 offers a worldview that transcends caste, creed, and nationality. Contemporary eco-theological and ethical readings argue that this immanent vision can underwrite a universal, cross-cultural ethic of respect for all life and all communities [11].
3	**Psychological power: reducing hatred and "othering"**	Seeing every being as pervaded by the same divine reality naturally weakens tendencies toward dehumanisation, prejudice, and hatred. Modern psychological and pastoral work on the *Gītā* shows that its teaching supports compassion, emotional regulation, and more inclusive attitudes, integrating ancient insights with contemporary psychology [3].

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4	**Motivational force: turning duty into *yajña***	Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga reframes everyday actions as offerings (*yajña*) when done with awareness of the divine indwelling. This transforms mundane duties—family roles, work, service—into meaningful spiritual practice, a point highlighted in studies on discernment, karma-yoga, and moral motivation in the *Gītā* [20].
5	**Integration of knowledge and realization (from theory to lived wisdom)**	A key strength is the explicit distinction between *jñāna* (conceptual knowledge) and *vijñāna* (realised wisdom) and their necessary unity. Vedāntic analysis of these terms shows that Chapter 7 pushes the seeker beyond mere intellectual belief toward transformative realization, making the philosophy deeply practical rather than abstract [14].
6	**Accessible language and imagery for ordinary people**	The text explains profound ideas through simple, everyday images—taste in water, light in the sun and moon, fragrance in earth—making subtle theology graspable for non-specialists. Philosophical work on attention and consciousness in the *Gītā* notes how this imagery trains ordinary awareness rather than demanding technical metaphysics, which is a major pedagogical strength [13].
7	**Support for mental health and resilience**	Empirical studies on *Gītā*-based courses report improved emotional balance, coping and problem-solving among students, showing that its teachings (including Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga) help ordinary people deal with stress, fear and anxiety. Work on the "science of yoga and Bhagavad Gita" likewise connects these teachings with psychological well-being and mental harmony [21].
8	**Ecological and global well-being orientation**	By affirming God as the inner principle of earth, water, fire, air, and space, Chapter 7 encourages reverence for nature and responsible living. Eco-theological research shows how this becomes a foundation for multi-layered environmental ethics, while broader ethical studies point to its relevance for global justice and planetary well-being [11].
9	**Educational versatility and life-long learning**	Systematic reviews of *Gītā* research and classroom implementations show that its concepts can be effectively introduced at school, university and adult-education levels, across disciplines such as education, management, psychology and ethics—demonstrating the chapter's strength as a flexible, life-long learning resource for the common person [61].
10	**Practical ethical guidance in complex situations**	Commentators and recent theological studies stress how the *Gītā* guides people through moral dilemmas by clarifying *dharma* (duty), *karma* (consequence), and the need to act without selfish attachment. This makes Jñāna–Vijñāna Yoga a robust tool for ordinary decision-making in family, professional, and civic life, not just an esoteric doctrine for renunciants [20].

Weaknesses of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga for the Common Man:

The profound teachings of the seventh chapter, while transformative, present significant challenges for the average individual seeking to integrate them into a modern, mundane life. These weaknesses stem from the chapter's philosophical depth, psychological demands, and practical applicability.

Table 4: Weaknesses of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga in the Seventh Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita

S. No.	Key Weaknesses	Description
1	**Abstract and Non-Empirical Concepts**	The core ideas—such as the two natures of Prakriti (Apara and Para), the concept of Maya as divine illusion, and the Supreme Purushottama—are highly metaphysical. For a common person grounded in sensory experience and empirical validation, these

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		concepts are intangible and difficult to grasp, internalize, or verify through ordinary means (Garg (2023). [73]).
2	**Subjectivity of Spiritual Experience**	The "realization" of divine immanence is an internal, subjective state. In a world that prioritizes objective, measurable data, such experiences can be easily dismissed as psychological projection, imagination, or emotional fervor, lacking the credibility granted to scientific or materialist worldviews (Gannamraju & Chembrolu (2025). [74]).
3	**High Risk of Philosophical Misinterpretation**	The text is vulnerable to being misinterpreted as simple pantheism (God is the universe) rather than the more nuanced panentheism (God pervades and transcends the universe). A pantheistic reading could lead to a lack of reverence for a transcendent moral authority or justify passivity, as "everything is God" including negative impulses and actions (Dhiman (2019) [75]).
4	**Intellectual and Contemplative Rigor**	The path of Jnana (knowledge) and Vijnana (realized wisdom) demands sustained intellectual study, deep contemplation, and sharp discernment (Viveka). This is a significant barrier for the common man who lacks the time, educational background, or temperament for such rigorous philosophical inquiry (Satpathy & Muniapan (2008). [76]).
5	**The Formidable Challenge of Overcoming Maya**	Chapter 7 explicitly states that the divine illusion (Maya), composed of the three gunas, is "hard to overcome" (7.14). For the common person, entangled in daily survival, family responsibilities, and societal pressures, the power of Maya—in the form of attachments, aversions, and material desires—feels insurmountable, leading to frustration and a sense of inadequacy.
6	**Difficulty in Translating Philosophy into Daily Practice**	While the chapter describes a state of consciousness, it offers limited concrete, step-by-step practices for the beginner. Translating the grand vision of seeing God in all beings into practical actions during a stressful commute, a workplace conflict, or while paying bills is an enormous challenge that can make the philosophy seem irrelevant to daily life.
7	**Potential for Spiritual Elitism and Passivity**	A superficial understanding can foster a sense of superiority in those who believe they "know," while the emphasis on the divine as the ultimate actor (7.21-22) can be misconstrued as fatalism. This may lead to a neglect of necessary worldly action and social responsibility, with individuals rationalizing inaction as "surrendering to the divine will" (Life (2018). [77]).
8	**Emotional and Psychological Inaccessibility of Bhakti**	The chapter culminates in the path of exclusive devotion (Ananya Bhakti) to the impersonal-personal Purushottama (7.17-19). Cultivating such a profound, intimate, and one-pointed love for an abstract principle is emotionally challenging for many, who may find it easier to relate to personal, form-based deities or secular ideals.
9	**Conflict with Modern Secular and Pluralistic Norms**	The chapter's theistic language and its hierarchy of worshippers (7.20-23) can be difficult to reconcile with secular, pluralistic environments. In workplaces or multicultural societies, applying its principles directly can be perceived as proselytizing or dogmatic, creating social friction.
10	**Undervaluing of the Karma Yoga Path for Beginners**	For the common man, action is the primary reality. Chapter 7, while not denying action, places primary emphasis on knowledge and devotion. This can inadvertently devalue the more accessible path of selfless action (Karma Yoga), which is often presented in other chapters as a more practical starting point for purifying the mind and preparing it for higher knowledge.

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Opportunities of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga for the Common Man:

While the seventh chapter presents challenges, its theology of immanence also unveils profound opportunities for personal and collective renewal. For the common man, these are not merely philosophical ideals but potential pathways to a more meaningful, integrated, and harmonious life in the modern world.

Table 5: Opportunities of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga in the Seventh Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita

S. No.	Key Opportunities	Description
1	**A Foundational Antidote to Global Crises**	The chapter's core teaching—that the Divine pervades all beings and the natural world (7.8-10)—provides a powerful ethical and psychological antidote to the disconnection fueling ecological collapse, exploitation, and conflict. It reframes environmental destruction not as an externality, but as a sacrilege, and inter-personal violence as a form of self-harm, offering a deep-seated motive for sustainable and compassionate living (Satpathy & Muniapan (2008). [76])
2	**A Bridge for Deeper Interfaith and Intra-faith Dialogue**	The concept of a single, immanent Divine principle manifesting in infinite forms serves as a robust platform for dialogue. It finds resonance with the panentheism of Sufism (*Wahdat al-Wujud*), the divine presence in Celtic Christianity, the immanent *Shekhinah* in Kabbalistic Judaism, and the *Buddha-nature* in Mahayana Buddhism. This allows the common man to appreciate the spiritual depth of other traditions without abandoning their own (Arun (2018). [78]).
3	**An Ethical Foundation for New Socio-Economic Systems**	This worldview can directly inform the creation of new systems. It provides the philosophical underpinning for Environmental Ethics (e.g., Rights of Nature laws), Circular Economics (viewing waste as a misplacement of divine energy), and Restorative Justice (seeing both victim and offender as part of a single, wounded whole that needs healing) (Dhiman (2019) [79]).
4	**Cultivation of Personal Resilience and Mental Well-being**	By shifting self-identity from a fragile, isolated ego to a participant in an eternal, sacred whole, the practitioner can develop profound resilience. This perspective reduces existential anxiety, fear of loss, and the impact of life's dualities (success/failure, praise/blame), as the core of one's being is identified with the imperishable (Jeste & Vahia (2008). [80]).
5	**Democratization of Spiritual Fulfillment**	The chapter posits that the path is open to all who seek the Divine with sincere devotion (7.21), not just priests or ascetics. This empowers the common man to find spiritual meaning and connection *within* their worldly life—in their work, relationships, and daily routines—transforming mundane existence into a field for spiritual practice (Agarwal & Bhattacharjee (2025). [81]).
6	**A Framework for Integrated and Purposeful Living**	It resolves the modern dilemma of compartmentalized life (work vs. home, secular vs. sacred). By perceiving the divine in all activities, one can perform their duties as offerings (*Yajna*), thereby infusing every action with purpose and sanctity. This leads to a more integrated, less fragmented, and deeply satisfying life (Dhillon (2023). [75]).
7	**Fostering of Genuine Compassion and Altruism**	The realization "I am in all beings" (7.9) naturally erodes the barriers of the ego. Compassion is no longer a moral obligation but a spontaneous expression of this perceived unity. Service (*Seva*) becomes a joy, as serving others is recognized as serving the one Divine Self present in all (Teitsworth (2014). [82]).
8	**Guidance for Conscious and**	Recognizing the divine as the essence of the earth, water, and food (7.9) instills a natural attitude of reverence and gratitude. This leads

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	Sustainable Consumption	the common man towards mindful consumption, reduction of waste, and a preference for sustainable products, as exploitation is replaced with a relationship of reciprocity (Aravamudan (2013). [83]).
9	**A Path to Inner Peace Amidst External Chaos**	The practice of seeing the unchanging Divine amidst the changing phenomena of the world (7.24-25) cultivates a steady mind (*Sthitaprajna*). This offers the common man a reliable source of inner peace and stability that is not dependent on the constantly shifting circumstances of the external world.
10	**A Unifying Narrative for a Globalized World**	In an increasingly interconnected yet divided world, the vision of a single, divine consciousness expressing itself through diverse cultures, religions, and ecosystems provides a unifying narrative. It allows the common man to celebrate diversity without falling into division, seeing it as the manifold creativity of the One, thus fostering a global citizenship rooted in sacred responsibility.

Challenges of Jnana-Vijnana Yoga for the Common Man:

The successful integration of the principles from the Bhagavad Gita's seventh chapter into the life of the common man faces significant external challenges. These are not inherent flaws in the teaching itself, but formidable environmental, societal, and ideological obstacles that can hinder its understanding, acceptance, and application.

Table 6: Challenges of the Jnana-Vijnana Yoga in the Seventh Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita

S. No.	Key Challenges	Description
1	**Secular Resistance in Public Life**	In secular societies that deliberately separate religious philosophy from public policy, the theistic and metaphysical language of Chapter 7 can be marginalized. Its principles may be deemed inappropriate for informing law, education, or public ethics, creating a significant barrier to its influence on the systems that shape daily life (Garg (2023). [73])
2	**Dogmatic Resistance from Exclusivist Religious Traditions**	The panentheistic view of God being immanent in all beings and yet transcendent (Gita 7.7) can face pushback from religious dogmatists who adhere to an exclusively transcendent, personal, and separatist concept of the Divine. Such traditions may view the Gita's immanence as a form of heresy or pantheistic confusion, creating religious friction for the common man (Arun (2018). [78]).
3	**The Implementation Gap in a Materialistic World**	There is a vast chasm between intellectually assenting to the idea of divine immanence and consistently perceiving it amidst the pressures of a hyper-competitive, materialistic society. The challenge of bridging this gap—of seeing the divine in a hostile colleague or a stressful financial situation—can lead to cognitive dissonance and a sense of failure for the practitioner (Dhillon (2023). [79].
4	**Competition with Scientific Materialism**	The dominant worldview of scientific materialism, which explains reality solely through physical laws and random chance, actively dismisses the core premise of a conscious, divine substratum. This creates a powerful cultural narrative that can undermine the common man's confidence in the validity of the Gita's metaphysical claims (Jeste & Vahia, 2008). [80].
5	**Cultural and Linguistic Translation Barriers**	The Sanskrit terms *Jnana, Vijnana, Maya, Apara/Para Prakriti*, and *Purushottama* carry nuanced meanings that are difficult to translate accurately into other languages and cultural contexts. Poor translation can lead to profound misunderstandings, stripping the concepts of their depth and making them

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		inaccessible or unattractive to a global audience (Satpathy & Muniapan (2008). [76])
6	**Commercialization and Dilution of the Teachings**	There is a risk of the deep philosophy of Chapter 7 being co-opted, commercialized, and diluted into simplistic self-help or wellness trends. This "McMindfulness" effect reduces a profound spiritual path to a tool for stress reduction or increased productivity, thereby obscuring its transformative ethical and metaphysical core (Dhiman et al. (2019). [75]).
7	**Lack of Accessible and Authentic Guidance**	For the common man, navigating these profound teachings without the guidance of a qualified and authentic teacher (*Guru*) is exceedingly difficult. The prevalence of unqualified or commercially motivated guides can lead to misinterpretation, spiritual bypassing, or disillusionment, posing a significant challenge to correct practice (Teitsworth (2014). [82]).
8	**Socio-Political Misappropriation**	The concepts within the Gita, including the broader ideas of *Dharma*, are vulnerable to being misappropriated by nationalist or political groups to serve partisan agendas. This can alienate large segments of the population who might otherwise be open to the spiritual message, as the philosophy becomes associated with a specific political identity rather than universal wisdom (Agarwal & Bhattacharjee (2025). [81]).
9	**The Overwhelming Pace of Modern Life**	The contemplative and reflective practices required to internalize *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga* are in direct opposition to the fast-paced, distraction-filled nature of modern life. The common man may simply lack the quiet, uninterrupted mental space necessary for the deep inquiry (*Vichara*) this path demands.
10	**Intellectual Property and Accessibility of Knowledge**	While the Gita itself is ancient, quality contemporary scholarly commentary and analysis are often locked behind academic paywalls or published in expensive books. This limits the common man's access to the nuanced interpretations necessary to overcome the philosophical challenges and weaknesses of a superficial reading.

7. ABCD ANALYSIS (STAKEHOLDERS: INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, HUMANITY) :

7.1 About ABCD Analysis:

The **ABCD analysis framework**—which stands for **Advantages, Benefits, Constraints, and Disadvantages**—provides a structured and holistic tool for evaluating any concept, practice, or moral story from the perspectives of diverse stakeholders. This method enables systematic identification of intrinsic strengths and weaknesses while examining external factors that shape its practical relevance and ethical implications (Aithal (2016). [53]). When applied to a moral story or ethical concept, the ABCD model allows each stakeholder—such as individuals, communities, institutions, and policymakers—to assess its **advantages** (conceptual clarity and moral value), **benefits** (social harmony, ethical awareness, behavioural transformation), **constraints** (contextual limitations, interpretive variations), and **disadvantages** (potential misuse or rigidity in application) (Aithal et al. (2015) [84]). This structured evaluation has been widely used in fields such as management, education, and sustainability studies to translate philosophical or ethical ideas into actionable insights. Scholars have emphasized that ABCD analysis fosters participatory understanding, where moral narratives are not only appreciated for their spiritual or cultural symbolism but also examined for their adaptability and societal impact. Thus, from a stakeholder's perspective, ABCD analysis transforms a moral story into a multi-dimensional framework for ethical reflection, decision-making, and value-based learning. ABCD analysis technique has the following four formats: (i) ABCD Listing from author's perspective [85- 162], (ii) ABCD Listing from Stakeholders' perspectives [163-185], (iii) ABCD Factor and Elemental Analysis [186-191], and (iv) ABCD quantitative and empirical analysis [192-212].

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7.2 ABCD Analysis from Stakeholders' Perspectives:

7.1.1 Stakeholder 1: The Individual Practitioner:

Stakeholder 1: The Individual Practitioner of Chapter 7 of the Bhagavad Gita

Chapter 7, titled "Jnana Vijnana Yoga" (The Yoga of Knowledge and Realization), reveals the nature of the Supreme Reality (Brahman), its inferior and superior energies (Para and Apara Prakriti), and the concept of the divine and demonic natures. The practitioner is one who seeks to understand and realize these profound truths through study, contemplation, and application.

Table 7: ABCD for Stakeholder 1: The Individual Practitioners:

S. No.	ABCD constructs for Stakeholder 1	Description
Advantages of Chapter 7 of the Bhagavad Gita for Individual Practitioner: These are the inherent, positive qualities or opportunities gained from the practice.		
1	**Cultivation of Discriminative Knowledge (Viveka)**	The practitioner gains the ability to distinguish between the eternal, unchanging Supreme (Purushottama) and the temporary, material energy (Apara Prakriti), which is the foundation of Vedantic wisdom (Gita 7.4-5).
2	**Access to a Structured Path for Spiritual Inquiry**	Chapter 7 provides a systematic theological framework, moving from the gross material elements to the very soul of the universe, offering a clear map for the seeker's journey (Gita 7.4-6).
3	**Development of a Personal Relationship with the Divine**	The chapter emphasizes Bhakti (devotion) as the supreme means to know the Absolute, allowing the practitioner to move beyond abstract philosophy to a relational, devotional connection (Gita 7.16-17).
4	**Insight into the Cause of Bondage and Liberation**	By understanding the divine and demonic natures (Daivi and Asuri Sampad), the practitioner gains critical self-awareness of the internal forces that lead to either freedom or continued suffering (Gita 7.15, 7.27).
5	**A Holistic View of Reality**	The practitioner learns to see the divine presence in all aspects of creation—both in the spiritual and the material—fostering a sense of sacred connection with the world without being entangled by it (Gita 7.8-12).
Benefits of Chapter 7 of the Bhagavad Gita for Individual Practitioner: These are the tangible, positive outcomes and rewards experienced by the practitioner.		
1	**Reduction in Existential Suffering and Anxiety**	By realizing the self as distinct from the material body and mind, the practitioner reduces identification with temporary pains and pleasures, leading to greater mental peace (Gita 7.14, 7.19).
2	**Enhanced Emotional Resilience**	The understanding that the Divine is the ultimate source and goal of all beings helps in cultivating equanimity (Samatva) amidst life's dualities, such as success and failure (Gita 7.18, 7.22).
3	**Strengthened Moral and Ethical Compass**	The clear delineation of divine qualities (e.g., fearlessness, purity of heart) provides a practical guideline for ethical living and decision-making in personal and professional life (Gita 7.11).
4	**Deepened Sense of Purpose and Meaning**	The knowledge that life's ultimate aim is to attain the Supreme endows the practitioner's actions with profound meaning, transforming mundane duties into spiritual offerings (Gita 7.21-22).
5	**Acceleration of Spiritual Progress**	The chapter promises that those who take exclusive refuge in the Divine cross beyond the veil of Maya (illusion) and attain the supreme goal, providing a direct and efficient path to liberation (Gita 7.14, 7.29).
Constraints of Chapter 7 of the Bhagavad Gita for Individual Practitioner: These are the internal limitations, challenges, or requirements placed upon the practitioner.		

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1	The Formidable Barrier of Divine Illusion (Maya)	The practitioner must contend with Maya, described as "divine" and "difficult to overcome," which veils true knowledge and can lead even the earnest astray (Gita 7.13-15).
2	The Necessity of Exclusive Devotion (Ananya Bhakti)	The path demands single-minded devotion and surrender, which can be an immense challenge for a mind conditioned by distraction, doubt, and worldly desires (Gita 7.19-20).
3	Limited Scope of Other Forms of Worship	The chapter indicates that worshippers of other forms (deities, powers) attain limited results, constraining the practitioner who may be drawn to diverse spiritual practices not centered on the Supreme Purushottama (Gita 7.20-23).
4	Intellectual and Contemplative Rigor	Grasping the concepts of the two Purushas (perishable and imperishable) and the Supreme Spirit requires sustained intellectual effort and deep contemplation, which can be a constraint for those without a philosophical inclination (Gita 7.4-5, 7.24-25).
5	The Challenge of Overcoming Delusion (Moham)	The practitioner is constrained by their own inherent tendencies towards delusion, which causes ignorance and binds them to the cycle of rebirth, making consistent practice difficult (Gita 7.25, 7.27).
Disadvantages of Chapter 7 of the Bhagavad Gita for Individual Practitioner: These are the potential negative consequences or risks associated with the practice or a misunderstanding of it.		
1	Risk of Theological Misinterpretation	A superficial reading can lead to a misinterpretation of the "two kinds of beings" (divine and demonic), potentially fostering spiritual elitism, judgment of others, or a deterministic worldview (Gita 7.15).
2	Potential for Quietism or World Negation	Misunderstanding the concept of Maya and the material world as "inferior" may lead to an escapist or negative attitude towards worldly responsibilities and engagement, contrary to the Gita's core message of Nishkama Karma (Gita 7.4-5, 7.13).
3	Psychological Distress from Perceived Failure	The emphasis on exclusive surrender can create anxiety and a sense of inadequacy in practitioners who feel they are unable to achieve the required level of single-pointed devotion (Gita 7.19).
4	Neglect of Other Supporting Spiritual Practices	An overemphasis on Jnana (knowledge) from this chapter might lead a practitioner to undervalue other essential yogas like Karma (selfless action) or Dhyana (meditation), creating an imbalanced spiritual life.
5	Strengthening of the Ego (Ahamkara)	There is a paradoxical risk that the acquisition of profound knowledge could inflate the practitioner's ego, making them feel "enlightened" or superior, which is the very antithesis of the chapter's teaching on humility and surrender (Gita 7.19-20).

7.2.2 Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families):

This stakeholder group represents the collective social units where individuals interact. The adoption of principles from Chapter 7, which focuses on discerning the ultimate reality (Purushottama) from the temporary world (Apara Prakriti) and emphasizes exclusive devotion, can have profound systemic effects on community culture, ethics, and functionality.

Table 8: ABCD for Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families)

S. No.	ABCD constructs for Stakeholder 2	Description
Advantages for Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families): These are the inherent, positive qualities or structural opportunities the principles offer to a community.		
1	Foundation for a Value-Based Culture	The chapter's clear distinction between divine (Daivi) and demonic (Asuri) natures (Gita 7.15) provides a robust, shared ethical

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		framework for establishing organizational and family values, codes of conduct, and normative behaviours.
2	**Promotion of Holistic and Inclusive Worldview**	By teaching that the divine permeates all existence—in the form of eight material elements, the seed of all beings, and the very life force (Gita 7.4-6, 7.9-10)—it encourages a community to respect its environment, members, and the interconnectedness of all systems.
3	**Cultivation of a Sense of Higher Purpose**	When a community's goals are aligned with the concept of serving or understanding a higher principle (Purushottama), it can elevate the collective mission beyond mere profit or achievement, fostering deeper engagement (Gita 7.19).
4	**Framework for Resilient Leadership**	The understanding that the divine is the ultimate source and strength (Gita 7.7) can help community leaders, managers, and parents develop humility, reduce ego-driven decisions, and demonstrate steadier guidance during crises.
5	**Encouragement of Reflective and Discerning Thinking**	The chapter's core theme of Jnana (knowledge) encourages a community culture that values deep reflection, critical thinking, and discernment between the transient and the eternal, leading to more thoughtful long-term planning.
Benefits for Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families): These are the tangible, positive outcomes and rewards experienced by the community.		
1	**Enhanced Cohesion and Reduced Conflict**	A shared understanding of divine qualities (e.g., fearlessness, purity, self-control) can foster mutual trust, reduce interpersonal friction, and create a more harmonious environment in workplaces, classrooms, and homes (Gita 7.11).
2	**Increased Collective Resilience**	The philosophy that the divine is the ultimate dispenser of the fruits of action (Gita 7.21-22) can help communities better navigate collective failures and successes with equanimity, reducing blame culture and promoting a growth mindset.
3	**Improved Ethical Decision-Making**	With a clear ethical compass derived from the "divine nature," communities can make decisions that are more likely to be sustainable, fair, and socially responsible, building long-term trust and reputation (Gita 7.11-12).
4	**Development of Empathy and Compassion**	Recognizing the divine presence in all beings (Gita 7.8) can directly translate into policies and behaviors that are more inclusive, compassionate, and supportive of diverse members, fostering psychological safety.
5	**Sustainable Motivation and Engagement**	When tasks and roles are perceived as offerings or part of a larger divine order (Yajna), it can lead to a more profound, intrinsic motivation among employees, students, and family members, reducing burnout and promoting loyalty (Gita 7.21-22).
Constraints for Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families): These are the internal limitations, challenges, or requirements for implementation faced by the community.		
1	**Challenge of Secular Interpretation and Inclusivity**	In pluralistic or secular settings, explicitly using theistic terminology (e.g., "surrendering to God") can be a significant barrier to adoption, potentially alienating members of different faiths or no faith (Gita 7.19-20).
2	**Risk of Superficial Implementation ("Checkbox Spirituality")**	There is a constraint of reducing deep philosophical principles to mere corporate slogans or family rules without fostering genuine understanding, which can lead to cynicism and inauthenticity.
3	**The Difficulty of Overcoming Collective "Maya"**	The chapter states that Maya, or divine illusion, is difficult to overcome (Gita 7.14). For a community, this manifests as entrenched systemic biases, materialistic KPIs, and short-term profit pressures that are hard to dismantle.

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4	**Potential for Doctrinal Rigidity**	A community's interpretation of the "divine and demonic" natures can become rigid and dogmatic, constraining creative thinking, innovation, and healthy debate by labeling dissenting views as "demonic" or inferior (Gita 7.15).
5	**Dependence on Enlightened Leadership**	The successful integration of these principles is heavily constrained by the need for leaders, managers, and parents who themselves deeply understand and embody the teachings; without this, the implementation remains theoretical and ineffective (Gita 7.18).
**Disadvantages for Stakeholder 2: The Community (Workplaces, Schools, Families):** These are the potential negative consequences or risks associated with the misapplication or misunderstanding of the principles:	
1	**Risk of Fostering Spiritual Elitism and Exclusion**	Misinterpretation can lead to an "in-group/out-group" mentality, where community members who adhere to the prescribed spiritual view are valued over others, leading to discrimination and a toxic culture (Gita 7.15, 7.21-23).
2	**Neglect of Practical and Material Realities**	An overemphasis on the "supreme, imperishable" reality may lead to a community undervaluing practical skills, material infrastructure, and tangible results, potentially harming performance and viability in a competitive world (Gita 7.4-5, 7.24).
3	**Justification of Passivity or Fatalism**	Misunderstanding "surrender to the divine will" can be misconstrued as fatalism, where communities fail to take proactive, corrective actions against problems, attributing all outcomes to a pre-ordained divine plan (Gita 7.21-22).
4	**Suppression of Legitimate Ambition and Diversity of Thought**	The demonization of "worldly desires" (Gita 7.27) could be used to stifle healthy ambition, innovation, and intellectual diversity, creating a culture of conformity that punishes assertive or ambitious members.
5	**Conflict with Modern Legal and Ethical Frameworks**	A strict, literal interpretation of hierarchical structures implied in the chapter (e.g., the fourfold social order based on guna and karma, alluded to in the broader text) can conflict with modern principles of equality, meritocracy, and individual rights, creating legal and ethical dilemmas.

7.2.3 Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity:

This stakeholder represents the broadest possible collective, encompassing global civilization, its systems, and its long-term trajectory. The widespread understanding and application of Chapter 7's teachings, which reveal the supreme, all-pervading reality (Purushottama) and the nature of divine illusion (Maya), could have profound implications for humanity's philosophical, ethical, and environmental paradigms.

Table 9: ABCD for Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity

S. No.	ABCD constructs for Stakeholder 3	Description
**Advantages for Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity:** These are the inherent, positive qualities and transformative potentials the principles offer to global society.	
1	**A Unifying Metaphysical Foundation for Global Ethics**	The concept of a single, supreme divine principle (Brahman) that permeates all existence (Gita 7.7-8) provides a philosophical basis for universal human rights, global brotherhood, and an ethic of universal compassion, transcending parochial divisions of nation, race, and creed.
2	**A Philosophical Antidote to**	By clearly distinguishing the eternal spirit (Purusha) from temporary matter (Prakriti) (Gita 7.4-5), the chapter offers a powerful counter-narrative to purely materialistic and consumerist

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	Unbridled Materialism	worldviews, potentially guiding society toward more sustainable and meaningful modes of existence.
3	**Framework for Integrating Science and Spirituality**	The detailed enumeration of the eightfold material energy (earth, water, fire, etc.) as the "inferior nature" (Apara Prakriti) of the Divine (Gita 7.4) creates a bridge where the physical sciences study the manifest world, while spirituality addresses the conscious source, fostering a complementary rather than antagonistic relationship.
4	**Cultivation of Transcendent Leadership**	The chapter's emphasis on the "Jnani" (the knower) who sees the Lord as the imperishable essence of all (Gita 7.18-19) provides a model for leadership grounded in wisdom, humility, and service, which is crucial for addressing complex global challenges.
5	**Promotion of Long-Term, Sustainable Thinking**	The realization that the individual self is eternal (Gita 7.5) encourages a perspective that transcends a single lifetime, fostering intergenerational responsibility and policies that prioritize long-term planetary health over short-term gains.
Benefits for Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity: These are the tangible, positive outcomes and rewards that could be realized by humanity.		
1	**Reduction in Large-Scale Conflict**	Widespread internalization of the truth that the same divine essence resides in all beings (Gita 7.8) can diminish the "otherness" that fuels religious wars, ethnic cleansing, and ideological conflicts, promoting global peace and cooperation.
2	**Accelerated Progress in Consciousness Studies**	The chapter's explicit discussion of consciousness as the very basis of life (Jiva-bhuta) and superior nature (Para Prakriti) (Gita 7.5) can legitimize and fuel scientific and philosophical inquiry into the nature of mind and consciousness, a critical frontier for human understanding.
3	**Enhanced Environmental Stewardship**	Recognizing the natural world as the "energy" and "body" of the divine (Gita 7.4-5, 7.9-10) transforms the environment from a mere resource to be exploited into a sacred trust, directly encouraging conservation and ecological balance.
4	**Resilience Against Existential Crises**	A society grounded in the knowledge of an eternal, imperishable reality is better equipped to face existential threats (pandemics, climate disasters) without descending into nihilism or despair, maintaining social cohesion and a will to persevere.
5	**Fostering of Cultural and Religious Dialogue**	The acknowledgment of diverse forms of worship while pointing to a single supreme goal (Gita 7.21-23) provides a framework for interfaith dialogue that respects diversity while seeking underlying unity, reducing sectarian tension.
Constraints for Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity: These are the internal limitations, challenges, and prerequisites for societal-scale adoption.		
1	**The Overwhelming Power of Collective Maya (Illusion)**	The chapter itself states that this divine illusion, composed of the three gunas, is "very difficult to cross over" (Gita 7.14). At a societal level, this manifests as deeply entrenched systemic greed, nationalism, and ideological dogmas that are incredibly resistant to change.
2	**The Challenge of Mass Communication of Subtle Philosophy**	Translating the profound, nuanced metaphysics of the two Purushas and the Supreme Spirit (Gita 7.4-5, 7.24-25) into accessible, non-dogmatic public discourse is a monumental task, prone to oversimplification and misinterpretation.
3	**Inherent Resistance from Existing Power Structures**	Economic and political systems built on materialism, consumption, and division have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo and would inherently resist a worldview that questions their foundational values.

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4	The Prerequisite of Widespread Individual Transformation	For society to change, a critical mass of individuals must first undergo the personal transformation outlined for the individual practitioner. This bottom-up process is slow, non-linear, and difficult to orchestrate at a global scale.
5	Risk of Philosophical Imperialism	Any attempt to present this worldview as *the* solution for humanity can be perceived as a form of spiritual or cultural imperialism, provoking backlash and reinforcing the very divisions it seeks to heal.
Disadvantages for Stakeholder 3: Society and Humanity: These are the potential negative consequences or risks associated with the misapplication or misunderstanding of the principles on a societal scale.		
1	Systemic Fatalism and Neglect of Social Justice	A widespread misinterpretation of "surrender to the divine will" (Gita 7.19) could lead to passive acceptance of social inequities, poverty, and injustice as being "God's will," undermining drives for social reform and human rights activism.
2	Justification for Caste-Based or Elitist Social Hierarchies	A misreading of the concepts of guna and karma (alluded to in the broader Gita) can be misused to rationalize and perpetuate rigid social stratification, discrimination, and oppression, claiming they reflect a "divine natural order."
3	Undermining of Critical Secular Institutions	An overemphasis on a theistic worldview could lead to the devaluation of secularism, scientific skepticism, and evidence-based policy, potentially resulting in the erosion of democratic institutions and the rise of theocratic tendencies.
4	Spiritual Bypassing of Complex Global Issues	The focus on the "imperishable" reality can be co-opted to "spiritually bypass" complex, messy socio-political and economic problems, dismissing practical solutions in favour of calls for prayer or personal enlightenment alone.
5	Fragmentation and Sectarianism Within the Worldview Itself	Despite its unifying potential, the specific terminology and framework of Chapter 7 could lead to new sectarian splits (e.g., debates over the exact nature of Purushottama), creating new "in-groups" and "out-groups" within the broader spiritual community, thus replicating existing problems.

8. EVALUATION FOR NEW ETHICS :

The theology of immanence articulated in the seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, the *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga*, presents a profound and systematic framework for a new global ethic. This framework is not merely an additive set of rules but a transformative paradigm shift that reconfigures the very foundations of ethical reasoning. Its potential contribution to contemporary discourse on global well-being and ethical conduct can be evaluated through its radical redefinition of four core components of ethics.

(1) Source of Ethical Authority: From External Edict to Internalized Perception:
Traditional ethical systems often derive their authority from external sources: divine command in theistic religions, categorical imperatives in deontology, or legal statutes in secular societies. Chapter 7 of the Gita fundamentally subverts this model. The ethical authority here springs from the practitioner's direct, perceptual knowledge (*Jnana*) and realized wisdom (*Vijnana*) of the Supreme Divine (*Purushottama*) as the ultimate ground of all being. As the Lord states, "I am the sapidity in the waters, I am the light in the moon and the sun... I am the pure fragrance in the earth and the brilliance in the fire" (7.8-9). This is not a proposition to be believed but a reality to be known.
When this knowledge is internalized, the sacred is perceived directly in every atom of creation. Consequently, ethical action ceases to be an obedience to an external law and becomes a spontaneous expression of this perceived unity. The authority is no longer "Thou shalt not" from an external deity or state, but "I cannot do otherwise" from a heart that recognizes the self in the other. This internalization makes ethics more resilient, authentic, and self-sustaining, as it is powered by insight rather than fear of surveillance or punishment (Dhiman et al. (2019). [75]). It offers a foundation for a global ethic that

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can be universally accessible through introspection and reason, without requiring subscription to a specific religious dogma.

(2) Scope of Ethical Consideration: From Anthropocentrism to Radical Inclusivity:

The prevailing ethical paradigms of the modern world are overwhelmingly anthropocentric, granting intrinsic moral value primarily, if not exclusively, to human beings. The theology of immanence in Chapter 7 demolishes this limited scope. By positing the entire cosmos—comprising the eightfold material energy (earth, water, fire, air, etc.), the life force in all creatures, and the consciousness in humans—as the "inferior nature" (*Apara Prakriti*) of the Divine (7.4-5), it confers inherent sacredness upon all existence.

This radical ontology dictates an equally radical ethic. If the divine is immanent in the cow, the river, the forest, and the atmosphere, then these are not mere resources for human consumption but are manifestations of the sacred worthy of moral consideration. The "circle of ethical concern" expands exponentially to include the entire biosphere (Satpathy & Muniapan (2008). [76]). This provides a powerful philosophical basis for environmental ethics, animal rights, and ecological sustainability. An action that pollutes a river is no longer just an economic externality; it is a sacrilege, a violation of the divine presence. This framework directly addresses the ecological crisis by re-framing it as a crisis of perception and relationship, demanding a posture of reverence rather than exploitation.

(3) Motive for Ethical Action: From Transactional Calculation to Ananda and Dharma:

In consequentialist ethics, the motive is often the calculation of beneficial outcomes; in rule-based systems, it is duty or fear of transgression. Chapter 7 transforms the motive for ethical action into one of love, joy, and a sense of organic responsibility. The primary motive becomes *Bhakti*—loving devotion to the Supreme that is recognized as all-pervading. The practitioner who sees the Lord in everything offers all actions as a loving service (7.19).

This shifts the paradigm from a transactional "do good to get good" or "avoid evil to avoid punishment" to a relational one. The motive is the *Ananda* (bliss) of connection and the expression of *Dharma* understood as one's inherent nature in alignment with the cosmic order. Ethical conduct becomes its own reward, a natural expression of a realized state of consciousness (Jeste & Vahia, (2008). [80]. In a global context riddled with performative altruism and greenwashing, this framework calls for a purification of motive. Actions for social justice, charity, or environmental protection, when rooted in this consciousness, become selfless, sustainable, and free from the ego's need for recognition, making them more potent and genuine forces for well-being.

(4) Nature of Ethical Problems: Reframing Global Crises as Spiritual Maladies:

The most profound contribution of this framework is its diagnostic power. It reframes the most pressing global crises—ecological collapse, grotesque inequality, internecine conflict, and existential alienation—not merely as political, economic, or technological failures, but as symptoms of a fundamental spiritual crisis: *avidya* (ignorance) of the underlying unity of life.

Ecological collapse is re-interpreted as a failure to perceive the divine immanence in nature (*Prakriti*). Economic inequality is seen as a failure to recognize the same divine consciousness (*Jiva-bhuta*) in every human being, regardless of their social or economic status (Agarwal & Bhattacharjee (2025). [81]. War and conflict are exposed as the ultimate folly, arising from the delusion that one fragmented part of the Whole can triumph over another. Therefore, the solutions to these problems cannot be purely technical or legislative; they must also include a collective movement toward this wisdom. This does not negate the need for policy and science but grounds them in a deeper, unifying wisdom that ensures they are applied with reverence and compassion. It calls for a healing that begins with a corrected perception of reality, making spirituality directly relevant to the survival and flourishing of global civilization.

9. IMPACT ANALYSIS :

The theology of immanence in the seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, if integrated into the worldview of a critical mass of individuals and institutions, has the potential to catalyze a profound, multi-level transformation. Its impact would ripple from the innermost recesses of the individual psyche

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to the broadest scales of global civilization, offering a corrective to the fragmented and materialistic paradigms that underpin many contemporary crises.

(1) Individual Impact: The Transformation of Self-Identity and Purpose:

At the individual level, the realization of the truths in Chapter 7 precipitates a fundamental shift in self-identity. The individual's sense of "I" evolves from a solitary ego, confined to a physical body and a personal history (*ahamkara*), to a participant in a sacred, interconnected whole. This is the core of *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga*: the knowledge that the individual self (*Jiva*) is a fragment of the supreme consciousness, intimately connected to all other manifestations of the Divine (Gita 7.5-7).

- **Mental Health:** This shift has profound implications for mental well-being. The anxiety, alienation, and depression that often stem from a sense of isolation and meaninglessness are alleviated by the experiential understanding of being part of a benevolent, cosmic totality. Research into wisdom traditions and psychology suggests that such a transcendent self-concept can foster resilience, reduce fear of death, and promote enduring contentment, as the individual's well-being is no longer contingent on fleeting external validations (Jeste & Vahia, 2008). [80]).
- **Decision-Making:** Personal choices are transformed. Decisions are no longer made solely on the basis of personal gain or loss but are evaluated through the lens of their impact on the wider web of life. A business decision, a consumer choice, or an interpersonal interaction becomes a moral-spiritual act, guided by the question: "Does this action honour the divine presence in all involved?"
- **Life Goals:** The primary life goal shifts from the accumulation of wealth, status, and sensory pleasures (*Preyas*) to the pursuit of self-realization, service, and alignment with the cosmic order (*Shreyas*). Life becomes a journey of conscious participation in the divine play (*Lila*), where every moment is an opportunity for growth, service, and loving connection.

(2) Community Impact: Fostering Ecosystems of Cooperation and Service:

When individuals operating from this transformed consciousness come together, the very fabric of community life is rewoven. Communities—whether workplaces, neighborhoods, or families—cease to be mere aggregates of competing self-interests and become ecosystems built on the principles of mutual support, cooperation, and service (*Seva*).

- **Shift from Competition to Synergy:** Recognizing the same divine essence in colleagues, competitors, and customers, a business would naturally gravitate toward ethical practices, fair trade, and employee well-being. The community's success is redefined not as the triumph over others, but as the collective flourishing of all its members (Dhiman et al. (2019). [75]). This fosters trust, reduces internal conflict, and creates a more resilient and innovative social unit.
- **Foundation for Service:** The impulse to serve (*Lokasamgraha*) becomes a natural expression of this worldview. If the community and the natural environment are seen as extensions of one's own larger Self, then caring for them is an act of self-care. This leads to the organic emergence of community gardens, support networks, shared resources, and educational initiatives rooted in shared values rather than coerced charity.

(3) Societal Impact: Prioritizing Well-being Over Material Growth:

At the societal level, the widespread adoption of this immanentist theology would challenge the hegemony of material growth (e.g., GDP) as the primary indicator of progress. A society grounded in the perception of sacred immanence would inherently value and seek to maximize holistic well-being—encompassing happiness, sustainability, justice, and spiritual health.

- (i) **Law and Governance:** Legal systems could begin to incorporate principles of ecological justice, granting legal standing to rivers, forests, and ecosystems as manifestations of the divine, a concept already emerging in some legal frameworks. Policies would be evaluated based on their contribution to the overall "well-being capital" of the nation, leading to investments in regenerative agriculture, renewable energy, and mental health services (Agarwal & Bhattacharjee (2025). [81]).
- (ii) **Education:** The goal of education would expand from creating efficient workers to nurturing wise, compassionate, and ecologically literate human beings. Curricula would integrate ethics,

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mindfulness, and ecological studies, helping students perceive the interconnectedness of knowledge and their role within the cosmic community.

(iii) **Healthcare:** A holistic model of healthcare would become paramount, one that addresses not just the physical body (*Apara Prakriti*) but also the mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions (*Para Prakriti*). Practices such as meditation and yoga, which cultivate the awareness of a transcendent self, would be recognized as essential components of preventive and therapeutic medicine.

(4) Impact on Humanity: Toward a Planetary Civilization in Harmony:

The ultimate impact of this framework is its potential to guide humanity toward a new civilizational model—one capable of living in dynamic harmony with the planet and itself. It offers a metaphysical basis for a global ethic that celebrates unity in diversity.

(i) **Harmony with the Planet:** By defining the natural world as the very body of the Divine (*Prakriti*), this theology provides the deepest possible philosophical and emotional imperative for sustainability. Exploitation of nature is revealed as sacrilege, and stewardship becomes a sacred duty (*Dharma*). This could fundamentally reorient our economic and industrial systems toward circular, regenerative models.

(ii) **Transcending Conflict:** The perception of a single, divine reality expressing itself in the magnificent diversity of life, cultures, and beliefs reframes diversity from a threat to a celebration. Differences in religion, ethnicity, and culture are seen as various manifestations of the One, not as reasons for conflict. This does not necessitate homogenization but fosters a pluralistic reverence that could dissolve the ideological fuel for much of the world's violence and pave the way for genuine global cooperation based on shared sacredness.

Thus, the impact of the theology of immanence in the Bhagavad Gita's seventh chapter is not a minor adjustment but a paradigm shift of civilizational magnitude. It provides the philosophical underpinnings for a future where individual fulfillment, community health, societal progress, and planetary survival are seen not as competing goals, but as inseparable aspects of a single, sacred reality.

To sum up, the seventh chapter reveals the path of knowing Krishna in both his material and spiritual dimensions. Krishna explains that all creation arises from his eightfold material energy and higher conscious energy. He is the source, sustainer, and dissolver of the universe. Though pervading everything, His divine nature remains hidden by māyā. Four kinds of devotees approach Him in distress, desire, curiosity, and wisdom, with the wise being dearest. True knowledge (jñāna) and realized wisdom (vijñāna) lead one to see Krishna as the ultimate refuge, the supreme truth, and the essence of all that exists.

ज्ञानं तेऽहं सविज्ञानम्… (7.2)

Jñānaṁ te 'haṁ sa-vijñānam idaṁ vakṣyāmy aśeṣataḥ;
Yaj jñātvā neha bhūyo 'nyaj jñātavyam avaśiṣyate.

Sri Krishna says: "I shall teach you complete knowledge along with realized wisdom. After knowing this, nothing more in this world will remain to be known."

This verse shows the total completeness of spiritual wisdom.

मत्तः परतरं नान्यत्… (7.7)

Mattaḥ parataraṁ nānyat kiñcid asti dhanañjaya;
Mayi sarvam idaṁ protaṁ sūtre maṇi-gaṇā iva.

"There is nothing higher than Me, O Arjuna. All that exists is woven in Me like pearls on a string."

This verse declares Krishna as the supreme foundation of the universe.

दैवी ह्येषा माया… (7.14)

Daivī hy eṣā guṇa-mayī mama māyā duratyayā;
Mām eva ye prapadyante māyām etāṁ taranti te.

"My divine māyā, made of the three guṇas, is very difficult to cross. But those who surrender unto Me alone can overcome it."

This explains that devotion is the key to transcend illusion.

These verses convey that Krishna offers complete knowledge leading to ultimate understanding, that He is the supreme reality holding the universe like pearls on a string, and that His divine māyā is hard

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to overcome. Only through sincere surrender and devotion can one transcend illusion and attain true wisdom.

10. SUGGESTIONS TO FUTURE GENERATIONS :

(1) **Integrate this Wisdom into Education:** Teach this principle not as religious dogma, but as a philosophical and ethical framework in curricula worldwide, from ecology to social studies.
(2) **Reinterpret Technology and Science:** Use technology not to dominate nature, but to understand and serve the interconnected web of life, aligning innovation with this sacred principle.
(3) **Build Institutions Around This Ethos:** Create new business models (e.g., conscious capitalism), governance structures, and community organizations that have the recognition of inherent sacredness as their core operating principle.
(4) **Embrace the Journey:** Understand that internalizing this is a lifelong practice. Future generations should focus on creating cultures that support this continuous journey of growth, compassion, and realization.
(5) **Guard Against Dogma:** Ensure this powerful idea remains a living, experiential truth that promotes freedom and unity, and does not harden into a new ideology used to exclude others.

11. CONCLUSION :

In conclusion, this study has established that the seventh chapter of the Bhagavad Gita, *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga*, offers a profound and systematic theology of divine immanence. By elucidating the distinction and necessary union between conceptual knowledge (*jñāna*) and realized wisdom (*vijñāna*), the chapter presents a transformative path where understanding the divine as the pervasive essence of all creation becomes the foundation for ethical conduct. This vision of a sacred, interconnected reality directly challenges fragmented and materialistic worldviews, providing instead a cohesive metaphysical framework that sees the individual self, society, and the natural world as inseparable manifestations of the divine.

The analytical application of SWOC and ABCD frameworks further demonstrates the practical robustness and contemporary relevance of this theology. The analysis reveals its significant strengths and opportunities—such as fostering universal compassion, ecological stewardship, and mental resilience—while also candidly acknowledging its weaknesses and challenges, including philosophical complexity and the risk of misinterpretation. From the perspective of key stakeholders—the individual, the community, and humanity at large—the principles of *Jnana-Vijnana Yoga* offer actionable advantages and benefits that can guide personal growth, value-based leadership, and the development of sustainable, equitable social systems.

Ultimately, the theology of immanence in Chapter 7 transcends its scriptural origins to provide a timeless and universal paradigm for global well-being. It redefines ethical motivation, shifting it from external compliance to an internalized perception of unity, and expands the scope of moral concern to include the entire biosphere. By framing global crises as symptoms of a deeper spiritual ignorance, it calls for a holistic response that integrates policy, education, and technology with a renewed ethical consciousness. For future generations, this chapter stands as an enduring beacon, guiding the collective pursuit of a harmonious, just, and spiritually awakened global society.

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