

# The Leicester Friends of the OCHS presents

## Free will and Destiny in the Bhagavad-gita.

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In this talk Anuradha will explore questions about free will and destiny as she finds them discussed in the Bhagavad-gita. How much choice do we really have in life, and how much is dependent on our birth, gender, status etc. Are we ruled by karma, Krishna, or our own desires. These questions of free will and fate are universal, arising from a need to know how our lives are shaped and the value of our decisions. Krishna and Arjuna's dialogue in the Bhagavad-gita comes to surprising conclusions. In the Hindu Samkhya tradition, the three gunas, or 'threads' of sattva, rajas, and tamas weave together reality around us. They 'colour' our vision of ourselves and others, the choices we make, and how we act in the world. Through visual and interactive exercises this presentation offers a fresh opportunity for self-reflection and challenges us to take responsibility for who we are and what we become in life.

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