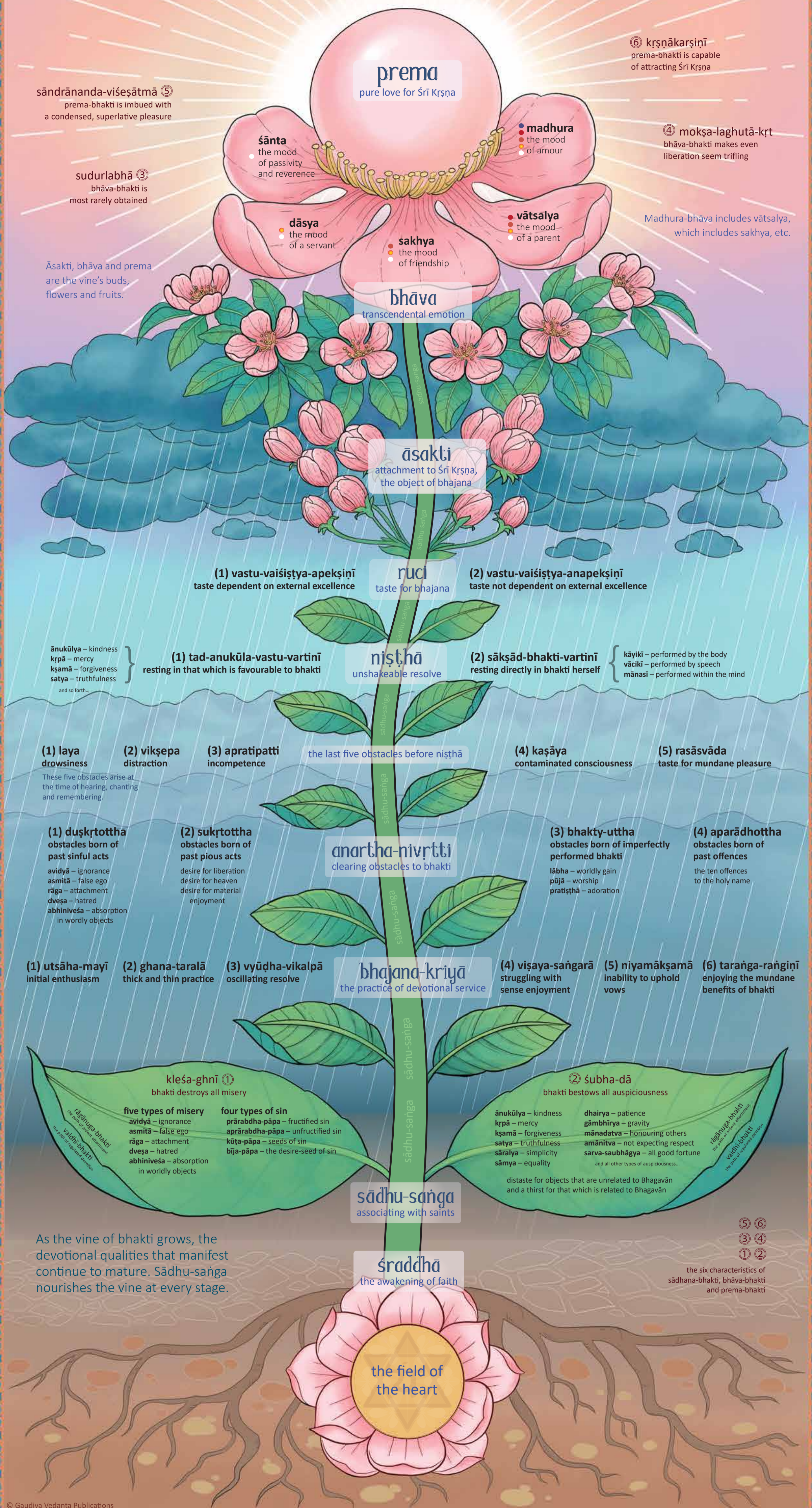


The Blossoming of the Bhakti-lata

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sāndrānanda-viśeṣātmā ⑤
prema-bhakti is imbued with a condensed, superlative pleasure

sudurlabhā ③
bhāva-bhakti is most rarely obtained

Āsakti, bhāva and prema are the vine's buds, flowers and fruits.

⑥ **kṛṣṇākarsīṇī**
prema-bhakti is capable of attracting Śrī Kṛṣṇa

④ **mokṣa-laghutā-kṛt**
bhāva-bhakti makes even liberation seem trifling

Madhura-bhāva includes vātsalya, which includes sakhya, etc.

prema
pure love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa

śānta
the mood of passivity and reverence

madhura
the mood of amour

dāsyā
the mood of a servant

sakhya
the mood of friendship

vātsalya
the mood of a parent

bhāva
transcendental emotion

āsakti
attachment to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the object of bhajana

(1) **vastu-vaiśiṣṭya-apekṣiṇī**
taste dependent on external excellence

ruci
taste for bhajana

(2) **vastu-vaiśiṣṭya-anapekṣiṇī**
taste not dependent on external excellence

ānukūlya – kindness
kṛpā – mercy
kṣamā – forgiveness
satya – truthfulness
and so forth...

(1) **tad-anukūla-vastu-vartini**
resting in that which is favourable to bhakti

niṣṭhā
unshakeable resolve

(2) **sākṣād-bhakti-vartini**
resting directly in bhakti herself

kāyikī – performed by the body
vācīkī – performed by speech
mānasī – performed within the mind

(1) **laya**
drowsiness

(2) **vikṣepa**
distraction

(3) **apratipatti**
incompetence

the last five obstacles before niṣṭhā

(4) **kaṣāya**
contaminated consciousness

(5) **rasāsvāda**
taste for mundane pleasure

(1) **duṣkṛtoṭtha**
obstacles born of past sinful acts
avidyā – ignorance
asmitā – false ego
rāga – attachment
dveṣa – hatred
abhiniveśa – absorption in worldly objects

(2) **sukṛtoṭtha**
obstacles born of past pious acts
desire for liberation
desire for heaven
desire for material enjoyment

anartha-nivṛtti
clearing obstacles to bhakti

(3) **bhakti-uttha**
obstacles born of imperfectly performed bhakti
lābha – worldly gain
pūjā – worship
pratiṣṭhā – adoration

(4) **aparādhotta**
obstacles born of past offences
the ten offences to the holy name

(1) **utsāha-mayī**
initial enthusiasm

(2) **ghana-taralā**
thick and thin practice

(3) **vyūḍha-vikalpā**
oscillating resolve

bhajana-kriyā
the practice of devotional service

(4) **viṣaya-saṅgarā**
struggling with sense enjoyment

(5) **niyamākṣamā**
inability to uphold vows

(6) **taraṅga-raṅgiṇī**
enjoying the mundane benefits of bhakti

kleśa-ghnī ①
bhakti destroys all misery

five types of misery
avidyā – ignorance
asmitā – false ego
rāga – attachment
dveṣa – hatred
abhiniveśa – absorption in worldly objects

four types of sin
prārabdha-pāpa – fructified sin
apṛārabdha-pāpa – unfructified sin
kūṭa-pāpa – seeds of sin
bija-pāpa – the desire-seed of sin

② **śubha-dā**
bhakti bestows all auspiciousness

ānukūlya – kindness
kṛpā – mercy
kṣamā – forgiveness
satya – truthfulness
sāralya – simplicity
sāmya – equality

dhairya – patience
gāmbhīrya – gravity
mānadatva – honouring others
amānitva – not expecting respect
sarva-saubhāgya – all good fortune
and all other types of auspiciousness...

distaste for objects that are unrelated to Bhagavān and a thirst for that which is related to Bhagavān

sādhū-saṅga
associating with saints

śraddhā
the awakening of faith

the field of the heart

As the vine of bhakti grows, the devotional-qualities that manifest continue to mature. Sādhū-saṅga nourishes the vine at every stage.

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the six characteristics of sādhana-bhakti, bhāva-bhakti and prema-bhakti