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Please select any 5 out of the following 8 terms and write a short paragraph for each, identifying its principal elements and its meaning, significance or implications.

atman

Bhagavad-gita (Krishna, Arjuna)

bhakti

Brahman

Dharma

caste system (*varna*): *brahman (brahmin), kshatriyas, vaishyas, shudras*

karma

moksha

Puranas

Purusha-Sukta ("Hymn of Man")

samsara

Sanatana Dharma

sannyasin

Shakti (Kali, Parvati, Lakshmi, Sarasvati)

sruti and smriti

Vedas (Samhitas, Brahmanas, Aranyakas, Upanishads)

yajna (fire sacrifice) (*mantras, Agni*)