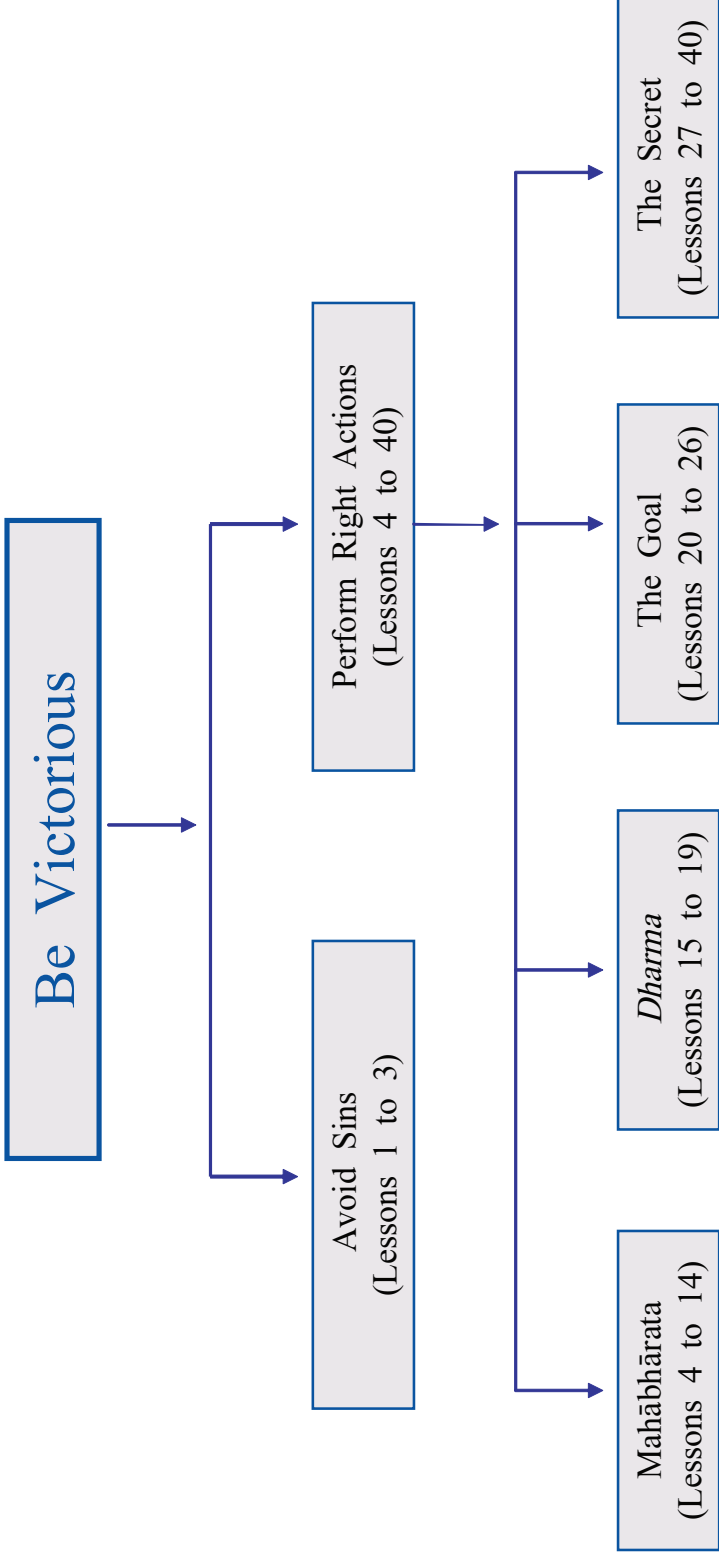
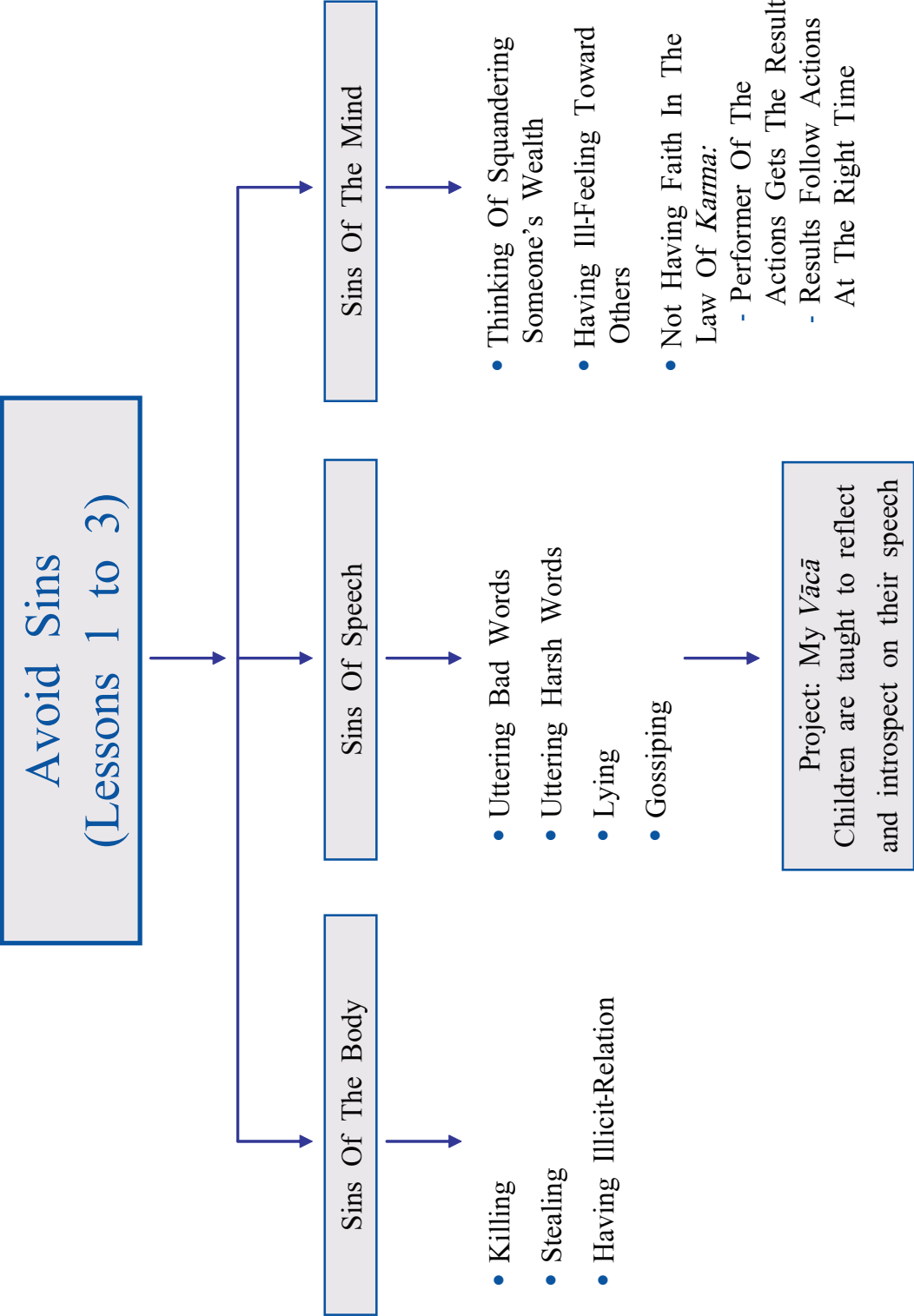


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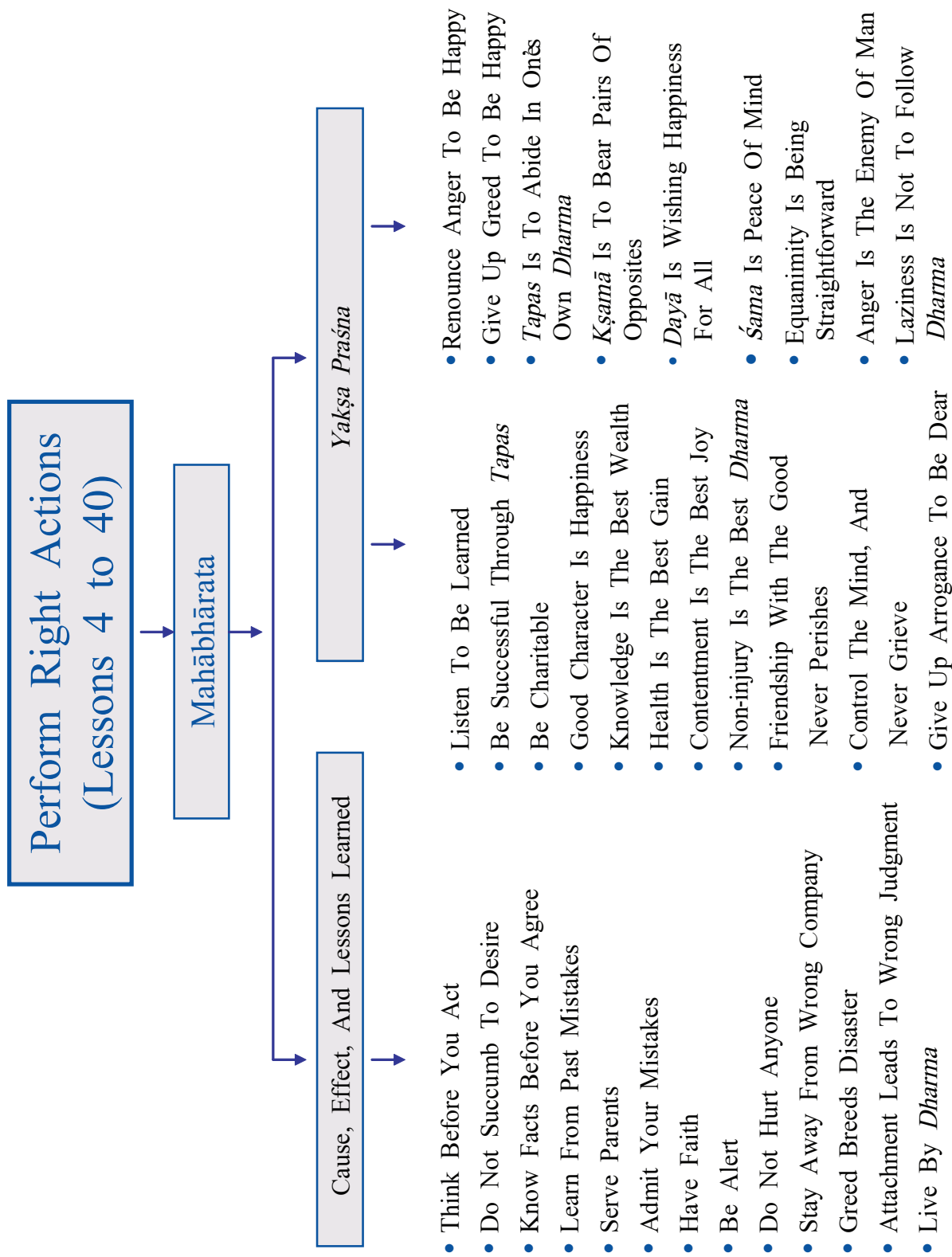
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Where there's *Dharma*, there's Victory



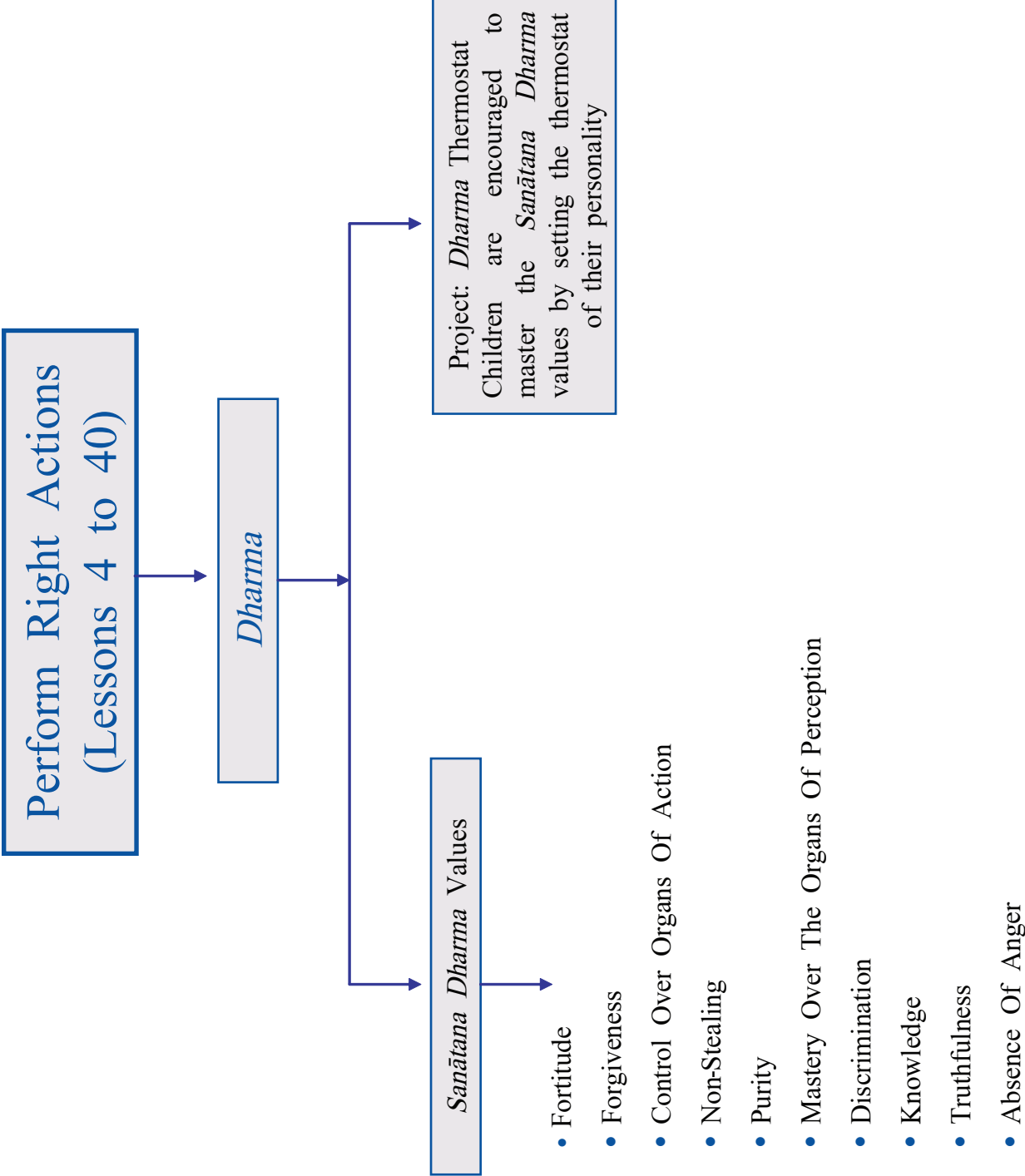
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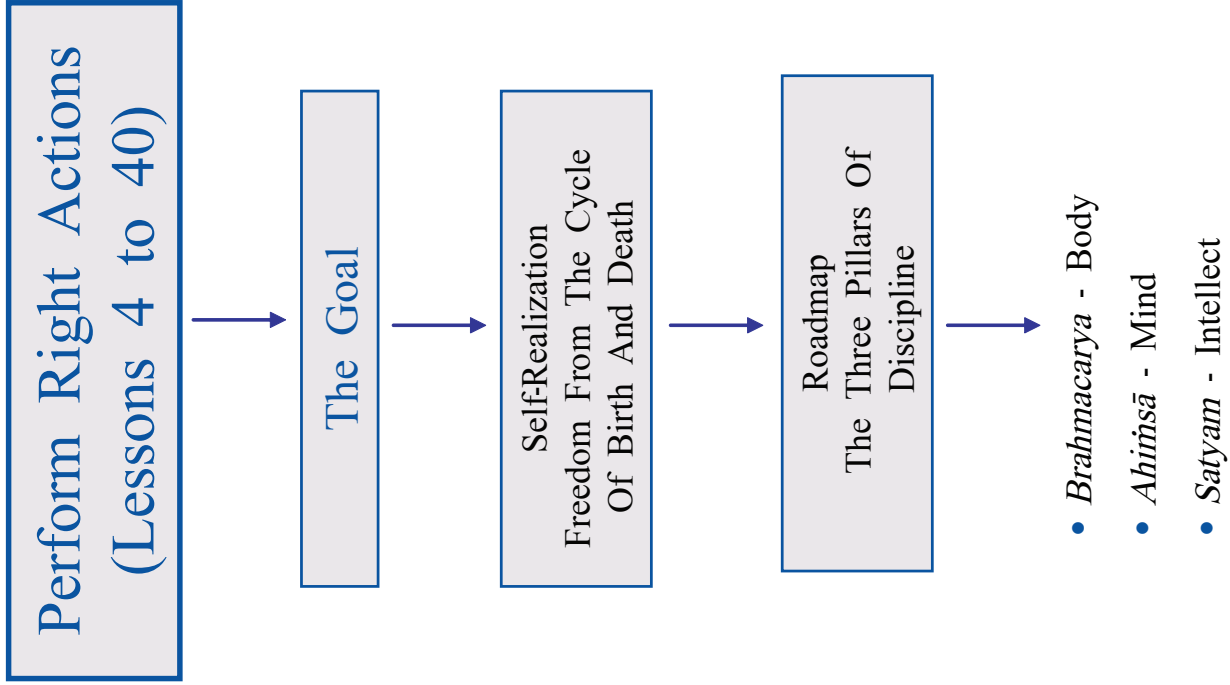
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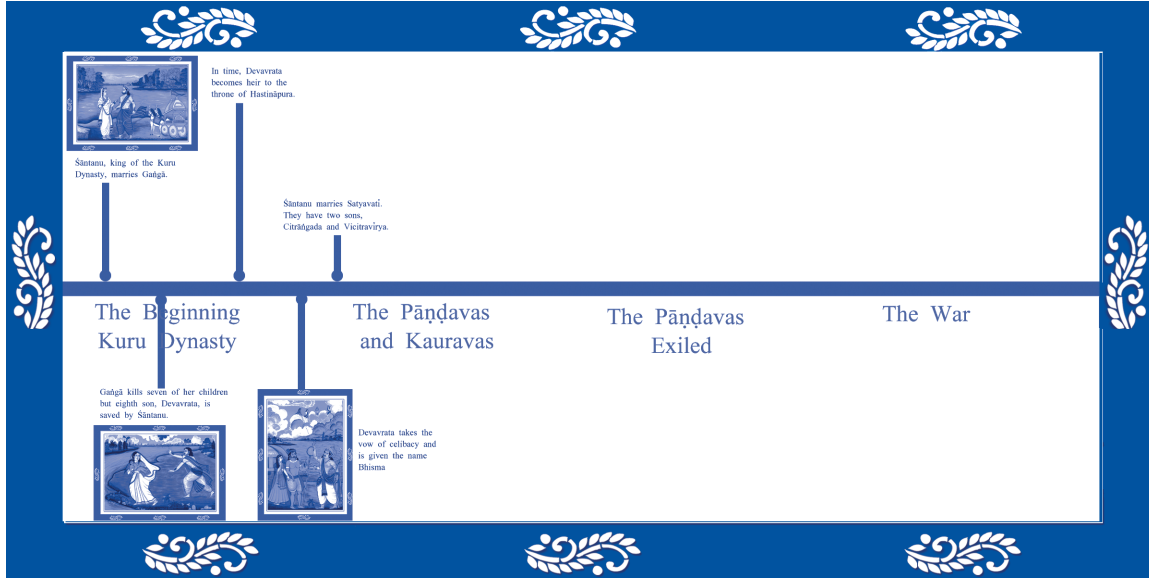
Perform Right Actions (Lessons 4 to 40)

The Secret

Be the Darling of Kṛṣṇa by Adhering to the 35
Values as Prescribed by Kṛṣṇa in the Gītā

- Hate None
- Be Friendly
- Be Compassionate
- Free From Attachment
- Free From Ego
- Equal Minded In Pleasure And Pain
- Forgiveness
- Ever Content
- Steadfast In Meditation
- Self-Controlled
- Firm Conviction
- Mind/Intellect Centered In Lord
- Desires Not
- Free From Good And Evil
- Equal To Friend And Foe
- Same In Honor And Dishonor
- Equanimity In Cold And Heat, In Pleasure And Pain
- Free From Attachment
- Equal In Praise And Censure
- Be Silent
- Be Content
- Homeless
- Steadfastness
- By Whom The World Is Not Agitated
- Whom The World Does Not Agitate
- Free From Joy, Fear, Envy, Anxiety
- Free From Dependence
- Be Pure
- Be Alert
- Unconcerned
- Untroubled
- Renounce All Undertakings
- Neither Rejoices, Nor Hates
- Grieves Not

Below is a list of the main events in the Mahābhārata. Depending upon available time, this list can be shortened by selecting few important events.



- ◆ Śāntanu, the king of Kuru Dynasty, marries Gaṅgā.
- ◆ Gaṅgā kills seven of her children.
- ◆ Śāntanu saves the eighth son, Devavrata.
- ◆ Devavrata becomes heir to the throne of Hastināpura.
- ◆ Devavrata takes the vow of celibacy and earned the name, Bhīṣma.
- ◆ Śāntanu marries Satyawatī.
- ◆ Śāntanu's wife, Satyawatī gives birth two sons, Citrāṅgada and Vicitravīrya.
- ◆ Citrāṅgada dies on the battlefield.
- ◆ Vicitravīrya, the crowned king, marries Ambālikā and Ambikā. Third sister Ambā refuses to marry and is sent back.
- ◆ Vicitravīrya dies.
- ◆ Ambikā and Ambālikā give birth to two sons, Dhṛtarāṣṭra and Pāṇḍu through Sage Vyāsa.
- ◆ Sage Vyāsa's third son, named Vidura, is born to a maid.
- ◆ Dhṛtarāṣṭra marries Gāndhārī, who gives birth to 100 sons. The oldest is Duryodhana.
- ◆ Pāṇḍu marries Kuntī and Mādri.
- ◆ Kuntī before her marriage experiments with the *mantra* given to her by Sage Durvāsā. To her surprise, she is blessed with a baby son named, Karṇa. She places the child in a box and sets it afloat on the river.
- ◆ Pāṇḍu is crowned king of Hastināpura.
- ◆ Pāṇḍu kills a deer who was a ṛṣi in disguise.
- ◆ Pāṇḍu leaves the kingdom to blind Dhṛtarāṣṭra and goes into the forest with Kuntī and Mādri.

- ◆ Kuntī has three sons: Yudhiṣṭhira, Bhīma, and Arjuna. Mādri has two sons: Nakula and Sahadeva.
- ◆ Pāṇḍu dies in the forest. Mādri enters the funeral pyre with him.
- ◆ Kuntī returns to Hastināpura with the five Pāṇḍava brothers.
- ◆ Bhīṣma *Pitāmaha* along with teacher Droṇācārya raise, provide guidance, and teaching to the Pāṇḍavas and Kauravas.
- ◆ Duryodhana tries to kill Bhīma by feeding him poisonous sweets.
- ◆ Duryodhana constructs a *lac* palace and tries to kill the Pāṇḍavas by setting the palace on fire.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas escape through a secret tunnel.
- ◆ Arjuna wins Draupadī as his bride by shooting a target.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas bring the bride home. Mother asks Arjuna to share "the gift" equally with all the brothers. Draupadī becomes the wife of all five Pāṇḍava brothers.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas build Indraprastha on the land given to them by Dhṛtarāṣṭra.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas perform a *yajña* and invite Kauravas.
- ◆ Duryodhana slips and falls; Draupadī laughs, which makes him very angry.
- ◆ Kauravas invite Yudhiṣṭhira to a game of dice.
- ◆ Yudhiṣṭhira loses all his possessions including his wife, Draupadī.
- ◆ Draupadī gets dragged into the hall. Duḥśāsana tries to disrobe her.
- ◆ Draupadī pleads to all members of the court, but no one helps.
- ◆ Draupadī prays to Lord Kṛṣṇa who protects her.
- ◆ Last game of dice is played. Pāṇḍavas get banished to the forest for twelve years and are asked to live incognito for another year.
- ◆ In the thirteenth year, the Pāṇḍavas live incognito in the Kingdom of Virāṭa.
- ◆ Bhīma kills Kīcaka.
- ◆ Kauravas attack Virāṭa.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas help defeat the Kauravas.
- ◆ Pāṇḍavas return to Hastināpura.
- ◆ Duryodhana refuses to return the kingdom to the Pāṇḍavas.
- ◆ Thus, war becomes inevitable.
- ◆ Duryodhana and Arjuna both ask for the help of Lord Kṛṣṇa.
- ◆ Duryodhana gets Kṛṣṇa's army and Kṛṣṇa becomes Arjuna's charioteer.
- ◆ Arjuna is overwhelmed with emotions at seeing his friends and relatives, and refuses to fight.
- ◆ Lord Kṛṣṇa gives the wisdom of the *Bhagavad Gītā* to Arjuna.
- ◆ Arjuna understands his duty and fights the battle.
- ◆ Bhīṣma reveals to the Pāṇḍavas the secret of placing Śikhaṇḍī on the forefront of their forces.
- ◆ On the tenth day of the battle Bhīṣma *Pitāmaha* falls.
- ◆ Abhimanyu, Arjuna's son, is unfairly killed.
- ◆ Battle ends on the eighteenth day, Pāṇḍavas return victorious to Hastināpura.
- ◆ Yudhiṣṭhira is crowned the king.

Lesson 26

Questions:

1. You go to a friend's place and accidentally break something without anyone seeing you and no one knows about it. What will you do?
 - a. Tell your friend what happened, apologize, and offer to replace the object.
 - b. Walk away and pretend nothing happened.
 - c. Sneak out the broken item, throw it away, and do not tell anyone.
 - d. Replace the item and don't tell anyone.
 - e. None of the above.
2. Teacher gives your test results back and you realize that he/she did not add the score properly, and in fact has given you more marks than you deserve. What will you do?
 - a. Keep quiet and accept the grades.
 - b. Tell the teacher about the mistake and get the grades corrected.
3. Your mother goes shopping and asks you to clean your room by the time she is back. You do a sloppy job of cleaning your room and spend most of the time watching TV or talking on the phone. You hear mom's car in the driveway. What would you do?
 - a. Keep watching TV or anything that you have been doing.
 - b. Go to your room and act very busy cleaning your room.
 - c. Tell your mom how tired you are from the work you have been doing.
 - d. Start doing your homework and hope that mom does not ask about your room.
4. You were shopping in a mall and you come across a wallet. The wallet contains owner's photo ID, credit cards, and \$100 cash. You remember seeing the person get into the car earlier. What would you do?
 - a. Take the money and leave the wallet where you found it.
 - b. Take the money and turn in the empty wallet to the cashier.
 - c. Leave the wallet and contents where you found it.
 - d. Pick up the wallet and hand over to the cashier.
5. A friend of yours is stealing small items from various places. What will you do. Why? Explain your answer.
6. Your friends are making fun of a "gig" in school. You know of a prank they have been planning to play on him. You happen to walk along with him on that day. What would you do ?

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- a. Ignore the situation and just have simple conversation with him.
 - b. Avoid talking to him.
 - c. Warn him about the plan and save him from embarrassment.
 - d. Stop your friends from harassing him.
 - e. Just hope that someone else will stop this prank.
 - f. Join in on the ridicule.
7. You are invited to a party by a group of students after school. You know your parents do not approve of this group of students. What would you do?
- a. Politely decline the invitation and go home after school.
 - b. Call your mom and say you will be working on a project after school and go to the party.
 - c. Call your mom, tell her that you are invited to a party after school and ask for her permission to go to the party (hiding the fact about who is organizing the party).
 - d. Refuse the invitation saying you do not care about going to their party.
8. Let's say you rented a movie from Blockbuster and when you took it out of your VCR it broke. Now you know that if you tell the truth you might end up paying about \$15 or 20 dollars. So now depending upon how strong your conviction is about "telling the truth," you would do one of the three things:
- a. You would go to Blockbuster and quietly sneak the movie in the return box outside and hope that they will never find out or they would be so busy that they will not notice the broken video tape, or
 - b. You would go and instead of sneaking the movie in the box outside you would go inside and wait in the line and would explain everything truthfully to the store clerk, or
 - c. Try to prove that the movie that they rented to you was defective. You would go and talk to the store clerk and before he can say anything to you, you would start jumping up and down!
9. You got higher grade because the teacher had made a mistake.
- a. Would you report?
 - b. Not tell anyone?