The upside down plant
Once there was a famous impersonalist.....
Like most impersonalists, he was a great worshiper of demigods
Like most impersonalists, he was an excellent logician and had thousands of followers.
Once a devotee who participated in his classes took mercy on him.

He is simply a dry logician. He is immersed too much into logic and has lost touch with truth.
He went in front of his ashram and started to plant a tree upside down.
After planting upside down, he started to pour water on the roots.
The impersonalist was walking on the balcony....
... he looked out and saw this man watering the roots of the upside tree.
He laughed & told his servant...

Go and tell this fellow that he is stupid! Where is he pouring water?
So the servant came and told the man...

Sir, Swamiji is reprimanding you. Where are you pouring water?
Go and tell Swamiji that I am doing exactly according to logic given in scriptures - “one should wear the root..”.
He says he is following the logic that water should be poured on the root.
What? Logic? Stupid fellow, what logic is he giving?
Well, his logic is that all the scriptures say 'pour water on the root'. That is why...
Go and tell him, that scriptures say “pour water on the root”, but he should know that the root should be in the earth. Don't take just one verse from the scripture. You should have some common sense. Does he really think that this plant will grow?
I told your argument to the Swamiji, but he is very upset. He is saying that you are not using your common sense. You are speaking about the root, but this root is not inside the earth. So you are taking things out of context. And now he is asking this question: do you think this plant will grow?
You go and ask your Swamiji if he thinks that the path he is following will give him liberation. If he will get liberation by his impersonal philosophy, then my plant will also grow!
So then the brahmacari went back to the guru and said

I am sorry to repeat this. He is saying that if you will get liberation then his plant will grow
What?
How dare he says that to me.
Call him here!
Then the devotee came and they had an argument and finally the devotee defeats the impersonalist.

**Moral:** Do not quote selectively out of context from scriptures to drive your own ideology. Just repeat the whole truth.