

APPENDIX 2

Mahabharata Characters and Spiritual Qualities

This is from Yogananda's commentaries on the *Bhagavad Gita*. Also listed from the *Mahabharata* is the circumstance of each person's demise—interesting for seeing which quality killed which. If you can fill any of the "demise" holes, please let Rich know.

Abhimanyu	Self-mastery (killed by six Kaurava warriors)	Jayadratha	Body-bound inclinations, fear of death (killed by Arjuna)
Ambalika	Positive discriminating faculty (retired to forest with Satyawati and Ambika)	Karna	See "Radheya"
Ambika	Doubt (retired to forest with Satyawati and Ambalika)	Kashiraja	Principal enlightening faculty, intelligence
Arjuna	Self-control (died on <i>Mahaprasthana</i> , due to his having insulted other great heroes)	Kripa	Delusion (immortal— <i>sigh</i>)
Aswatthama	Desire born of past habits (immortal)	Kunti	Power of dispassion (retired to forest with Gandhari and Dhritarashtra, and died in a forest fire)
Bhima	Power of vitality (died on <i>Mahaprasthana</i> , due to his boastfulness about his strength—and being a big eater)	Kuntibhoja	Asana: right bodily posture
Bhishma	Ego (killed by Arjuna)	Nakula	Power to practice the <i>nyamas</i> , to obey good rules (died on <i>Mahaprasthana</i> , due to vanity about his beauty)
Bhurishravas	Karma (killed by Satyaki)	Pandu	Pure discriminating intelligence (killed by a brahmin's curse)
Chekಿತana	Memory, divine and human	Purujit	Pratyahara: interiorization of the mind
Dhrishtadyumna	Calm inner light (killed by Aswatthama in the post-war nighttime massacre)	Radheya	Inclination which seeks happiness; attachment; also greed (killed by Arjuna)
Dhrishtaketu	Yama: power to follow proscriptive, negative rules	Sahadeva	Power to practice the <i>yamas</i> , to stay away from evil (died on <i>Mahaprasthana</i> , due to his pride in his wisdom)
Dhritarashtra	Blind mind (retired to forest with Gandhari and Kunti, and died in a forest fire)	Sanjaya	Introspection (retired to Himalayas)
Draupadi	Kundalini power (died on <i>Mahaprasthana</i> , due to her being more fond of Arjuna than of her other husbands)	Satyaki	Devotion (killed in Yadava massacre at Prabhasa)
Dronacharya	Intelligence influenced by habits (killed by Dhrishtadyumna)	Satyavati	Primordial matter (retired to forest with Ambika and Ambalika)
Drupada	Extreme dispassion (killed by Drona)	Shaibya	Niyama: power to follow prescriptive, positive rules
Duryodhana	Material desire (killed by Bhima)	Shakuni	Material attachment (killed by Sahadeva)
Dushashana	Anger (killed by Bhima)	Shalya	Material pride (killed by Yudhishtira)
Gandhari	Power of desire (retired to forest with Dhritarashtra and Kunti, and died in a forest fire)	Shantanu	God the Father (... er ... died of natural causes)
Ganga	Primordial intelligence in Nature (immortal goddess)	Uttamaujas	Vitality or celibacy (killed by Aswatthama in the post-war nighttime massacre)
		Vaishya	Attachment to desires
		Vikarna	Repulsion; also greed (killed by Bhima)
		Virata	Oneness, samadhi (killed by Drona)
		Vyasa	Divine ego (immortal)
		Yudhamanyu	Pranayama: energy control (killed by Aswatthama in the post-war nighttime massacre)
		Yudhishtira	Calmness in psychological battles (ascended bodily to heaven)
		Yuyudhana	See "Satyaki"
		Yuyutsu	Desire to give battle to psychological tendencies