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The Bhagavad Gita is an ancient Sanskrit text comprising 700 verses of the Mahabharata (Bhishma Parva chapters 23 – 40). The verses, using the range and style of Sanskrit meter (chandas) with similes and metaphors, are very poetic; hence the title, which translates to "the Song of the Divine One", of Bhagavan in the form of Krishna. It is revered as sacred by the majority of Hindu traditions, and especially so by followers of Krishna. In general speech it is commonly referred to as The Gita. The content of the Bhagavad Gita is a conversation between Krishna and Arjuna taking place on the battlefield of Kurukshetra just prior to the start of a climactic war. Responding to Arjuna's confusion and moral dilemma, Krishna explains to Arjuna his duties as a famous warrior and Prince and elaborates on number of different Yogic and Vedantic philosophies, with examples and analogies. This has led to the Gita often being described as a concise guide to Hindu philosophy. During the discourse, Krishna reveals his identity as the Supreme Being Himself (Bhagavan), blessing Arjuna with an awe-inspiring glimpse of His divine absolute form.

Neither in this world nor elsewhere is there any happiness in store for him who always doubts.

- Bhagavad Gita

On this path effort never goes to waste, and there is no failure. Even a little effort toward

spiritual awareness will protect you from the greatest fear.

- Bhagavad Gita

When the senses contact sense objects, a person experiences cold or heat, pleasure or pain. These experiences are fleeting they come and go. Bear them patiently.

- Bhagavad Gita

Governing sense, mind and intellect, intent on liberation, free from desire, fear and anger, the sage is forever free.

- Bhagavad Gita

Whatever I am offered in devotion with a pure heart -- a leaf, a flower, fruit, or water -- I accept with joy.

- Bhagavad Gita

That one I love who is incapable of ill will, and returns love for hatred. Living beyond the reach of I and mind, and of pain and pleasure, full of mercy, contented, self-controlled, with all his heart and all his mind given to Me -- with such a one I am in love.

- Bhagavad Gita

For one who has been honored, dishonor is worse than death.

- Bhagavad Gita

The sage awakes to light in the night of all creatures. That which the world calls day is the night of ignorance to the wise.

- Bhagavad Gita

Offer unto me that which is very dear to thee -- which thou holdest most covetable. Infinite are the results of such an offering.

- Bhagavad Gita

Better indeed is knowledge than mechanical practice. Better than knowledge is meditation. But better still is surrender of attachment to results, because there follows immediate peace.

- Bhagavad Gita

The non permanent appearance of happiness and distress, and their disappearance in due course, are like the appearance and disappearance of summer and winter seasons.

- Bhagavad Gita

Whatever you do, make it an offering to me -- the food you eat, the sacrifices you make, the help you give, even your suffering.

- Bhagavad Gita

Valor, glory, firmness, skill, generosity, steadiness in battle and ability to rule -- these constitute the duty of a soldier. They flow from his own nature.

- Bhagavad Gita

When meditation is mastered, the mind is unwavering like the flame of a lamp in a windless place.

- Bhagavad Gita

Those who eat too much or eat too little, who sleep too much or sleep too little, will not succeed in meditation. But those who are temperate in eating and sleeping, work and recreation, will come to the end of sorrow through meditation.

- Bhagavad Gita

Still your mind in me, still yourself in me, and without a doubt you shall be united with me, Lord of Love, dwelling in your heart.

- Bhagavad Gita

The disunited mind is far from wise; how can it meditate? How be at peace? When you know no peace, how can you know joy?

- Bhagavad Gita

He is not elevated by good fortune or depressed by bad. His mind is established in God, and he is free from delusion.

- Bhagavad Gita

I look upon all creatures equally; none are less dear to me and none more dear. But those

who worship me with love live in me, and I come to life in them.

- Bhagavad Gita

The senses have been conditioned by attraction to the pleasant and aversion to the unpleasant: a man should not be ruled by them; they are obstacles in his path.

- Bhagavad Gita

Little by little, through patience and repeated effort, the mind will become stilled in the Self.

- Bhagavad Gita

For those who wish to climb the mountain of spiritual awareness, the path is selfless work. For those who have attained the summit of union with the Lord, the path is stillness and peace.

- Bhagavad Gita

Those whose consciousness is unified abandon all attachment to the results of action and attain supreme peace. But those whose desires are fragmented, who are selfishly attached to the results of their work, are bound in everything they do.

- Bhagavad Gita

To the illumined man or woman, a clod of dirt, a stone, and gold are the same.

- Bhagavad Gita

Fear not what is not real, never was and never will be. What is real, always was and cannot be destroyed.

- Bhagavad Gita

As person abandons worn-out clothes and acquires new ones, so when the body is worn out a new one is acquired by the Self, who lives within.

- Bhagavad Gita

Just as a fire is covered by smoke and a mirror is obscured by dust, just as the embryo rests deep within the womb, wisdom is hidden by selfish desire.

- Bhagavad Gita

Living creatures are nourished by food, and food is nourished by rain; rain itself is the water of life, which comes from selfless worship and service.

- Bhagavad Gita

Sages speak of the immutable Tree of Life, with its tape root above and its branches below.

- Bhagavad Gita

O Krishna, the stillness of divine union which you describe is beyond my comprehension.

How can the mind, which is so restless, attain lasting peace? Krishna, the mind is

restless, turbulent, powerful, violent; trying to control it is like trying to tame the wind.

- Bhagavad Gita

Action is the product of the qualities inherent in nature.

- Bhagavad Gita

The body is mortal, but the person dwelling in the body is immortal and immeasurable.

- Bhagavad Gita

There has never been a time when you and I have not existed, nor will there be a time when we will cease to exist. As the same person inhabits the body through childhood, youth, and old age, so too at the time of death he attains another body. The wise are not deluded by these changes.

- Bhagavad Gita

Action should culminate in wisdom.

- Bhagavad Gita

When you move amidst the world of sense, free from attachment and aversion alike, there comes the peace in which all sorrows end, and you live in the wisdom of the Self.

- Bhagavad Gita

The live in wisdom who see themselves in all and all in them, who have renounced every

selfish desire and sense craving tormenting the heart.

- Bhagavad Gita

What is work and what is not work are questions that perplex the wisest of men.

- Bhagavad Gita

Even as a tortoise draws in its limbs, the wise can draw in their senses at will.

- Bhagavad Gita

Out of compassion I destroy the darkness of their ignorance. From within them I light the lamp of wisdom and dispel all darkness from their lives.

- Bhagavad Gita

A man's own self is his friend. A man's own self is his foe.

- Bhagavad Gita

But they for whom I am the supreme goal, who do all work renouncing self for me and meditate on me with single-hearted devotion, these I will swiftly rescue from death's vast sea, for their consciousness has entered into me.

- Bhagavad Gita

It is better to do thine own duty, however lacking in merit, than to do that of another, even though efficiently. It is better to die doing one's own duty, for to do the duty of another is

fraught with danger.

- Bhagavad Gita

Death is as sure for that which is born, as birth is for that which is dead. Therefore grieve not for what is inevitable.

- Bhagavad Gita

Never the spirit was born; the spirit shall cease to be never; Never was time it was not;
End and Beginning are dreams! Birthless and deathless and changeless remaineth the
spirit for ever; Death hath not touched it at all, dead though the house of it seems! Who
knoweth it exhaustless, self-sustained, Immortal, indestructible, shall such
Say, I have killed a man, or caused to kill? Nay, but as when one layeth
His worn-out robes away, And, taking
new ones, sayeth, These will I wear to-day! So putteth by the spirit
Lightly its garb of
flesh, And passeth to inherit
A residence afresh.

- Bhagavad Gita

If the radiance of a thousand suns were to burst forth at once in the sky, that would be like
the splendour of the Mighty One. I am mighty, world-destroying Time

- Bhagavad Gita



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