



We Shall Shape the Time Taking Gita as Base

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ABSTRACT

Today, murder, theft, corruption is high. Cases of HIV risen to the sky. Rape, dowry everyone is cry. People commit suicide and die. This is the effect of modern culture high. Today first class doctor, first class engineer, first officer can be third class father, third class husband and third class son. Then who will give solution for this, who will shape this time. And answer is Shreemad Bhagvat Gita. The Geeta is the cream of Vedas. One of the greatest contribution of India to the world is the Holy Bhagvat Gita. While the Bhagvat Gita is considered by some to be the Bible of Hinduism. The Bhagvat Gita is essence of the Vedas and Upanishads. It is a universal scripture applicable to people of all temperaments, for all times. It is a book with sublime thoughts and practical instruction on yoga, devotion, Vedanta and action. This is the study of Gita that teaches how one's aim in life can be achieved; however it may be difficult, by doing his duty with devotion and meditation, integrating many different threads of Indian philosophy.

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INTRODUCTION

The modern man in this present decade of the 20th century is greatly in need of an effective guide to light. He is groping. He sees only problems everywhere and no solutions are to be found anywhere. He does not know which way to turn, what course to adopt and how to move towards a better state of things. Therefore, his life is filled with restlessness, unhappiness and complication. Right and wrong, moral and immoral, proper and improper all these terms have lost their meanings and the acquisition of limitless selfish gains and benefits has become the only aim in life for most of the people especially for those so called leaders who have illegally and immorally earned money, name and prestige in the society. Who will give solution? And... Solution should be... Reason based, Withstand challenges, universally applicable, most important Easy to implement And the solution is the bhagvat gita... The bhagvat gita gives its readers an assurance that they can go deals with the problem of karma, illusion and bondage to the cycle of life and death positively with faith in god. Mahatma Gandhi regarded it as the "mother", to whom the children (humanity) turned when in distress.

The Gita gives answers for any problem in any relationship. "The teachings of the Gita are broad, sublime and universal. They do not belong to any particular cult, sect, creed, age, place or country. They are meant for all. They are within the reach of all. The Gita has a message for the solace, peace, freedom, salvation and perfection of all human beings.

This Holy Scripture is not just an "old scripture", nor is it just a book of "religious teachings", nor even a Hindu holy book. It transcends the bounds of any particular religion or race, and is actually divine wisdom addressed to mankind for all times, in order to help human beings face and solve the ever-present problems of birth and death, of pain, suffering, fear, bondage, love and hate. It enables man to liberate himself from all limiting factors and reach a state of perfect balance, inner stability and mental peace, complete freedom from grief, fear and anxiety.

The Gita Jayanti (birth date of the Gita) is celebrated throughout India by the admirers and lovers of this unique book on the 11th day (Ekadashi) of the bright half of the month of Mar-

gasirsha according to the Hindu almanac. It was the day on which the scripture was revealed to the world by Sanjaya.

WHAT IS BHAGVAT GITA?

"Bhagavat Gita" means the divine song, song of the Spirit, or song of the Lord.

Arjuna got mentally depressed when he saw his relatives with whom he has to fight. To motivate him, the Holy Bhagavad Gita was preached in the battlefield Kurukshetra by Lord Krishna to Arjuna as counseling to do his duty while multitudes of armed men stood by waiting.

We may say that Arjuna to whom the teaching is addressed is a representative man, and the problem that he faced arose at a certain height of ethical concern in the midst of an actual and symbolic battlefield (Kurukshetra, which is also Dharmakshetra). Sri Krishna teaching the essence of human being that he is not the body but the immortal soul. The Gita was delivered by Sri Krishna to boost Arjuna's declining morale, motivation, confidence and to increase his effectiveness.

The Bhagavad-Gita is composed of 700 Sanskrit verses contained within 18 chapters, divided into three sections each consisting of six chapters. They are Karma Yoga the yoga of actions, Bhakti Yoga the yoga of devotion and Jnana Yoga the yoga of knowledge.

What do great men say about Gita?

When I read the Bhagavad-Gita and reflect about how God created this universe everything else seems so superfluous." ~ Albert Einstein

"The Bhagavad-Gita has a profound influence on the spirit of mankind by its devotion to God which is manifested by actions." ~ Dr. Albert Schweitzer

"The Bhagavad-Gita is the most systematic statement of spiritual evolution of endowing value to mankind. It is one of the most clear and comprehensive summaries of perennial philosophy ever revealed; hence its enduring value is subject not only to India but to all of humanity." ~ Aldous Huxley

"The Bhagavad-Gita is a true scripture of the human race a living creation rather than a book, with a new message for every age and a new meaning for every civilization." ~ Rishi Aurobindo

"The idea that man is like unto an inverted tree seems to have been current in by gone ages. The link with Vedic conceptions is provided by Plato in his Times in which it states..." be hold we are not an earthly but a heavenly plant." ~ Carl Jung

Why should I fear when mother gita is here...?

"In the morning I bathe my intellect in the stupendous and cosmogonical philosophy of the Bhagavad-Gita, in comparison with which our modern world and its literature seems puny and trivial." ~ Henry David Thoreau

"The marvel of the Bhagavad-Gita is its truly beautiful revelation of life's wisdom which enables philosophy to blossom into religion." ~ Herman Hesse

"When doubts haunt me, when disappointments stare me in the face, and I see not one ray of hope on the horizon, I turn to Bhagavad-Gita and find a verse to comfort me; and I immediately begin to smile in the midst of overwhelming sorrow. Those who meditate on the Gita will derive fresh joy and new meanings from it every day." ~ Mahatma Gandhi

"The Bhagavad-Gita deals essentially with the spiritual foundation of human existence. It is a call of action to meet the obligations and duties of life; yet keeping in view the spiritual nature and grander purpose of the universe." ~ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

"The Bhagavad-Gita is an empire of thought and in its philosophical teachings Krishna has all the attributes of the full-fledged monotheistic deity and at the same time the attributes of the Upanisadic absolute." ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

"In order to approach a creation as sublime as the Bhagavad-Gita with full understanding it is necessary to attune our soul to it." ~ Rudolph Steiner

"From a clear knowledge of the Bhagavad-Gita all the goals of human existence become fulfilled. Bhagavad-Gita is the manifest quintessence of all the teachings of the Vedic scriptures." ~ Adi Sankara

"The secret of karma yoga which is to perform actions without any fruitive desires is taught by Lord Krishna in the Bhagavad-Gita." ~ Vivekananda

Questions of today's Arjuna, answers by the Gita

Arjun's dilemma is, in reality, the universal dilemma. Every human being faces dilemmas, big or small, in their everyday life in course of performing their duties.

1. Who am I - Raajavidyaa raajaguhyam pavitramidamutamam. 9-2 You are prince, I am residing in you, you are not here for cry, you are here for fight. ek idea jo badal de apki duniya that is indwelling god.
2. Who is human being - Mama vartmaanuvartante manushyaah paartha sarvashah. 4-10 Freed from attachment, fear and anger, absorbed in Me, taking refuge in Me, purified by the fire of knowledge, many have attained to My Being.

3. I have fear of death - "nainam chindanti shastrani.2-23, Vaasaamsi jeernaani yathaa vihaaya.2-22 Just as a man casts off worn-out clothes and puts on new ones, so also the embodied Self casts off worn-out bodies and enters others that are new.
4. I am working hard but not getting fruits- "karmāny evadhikaras te ma phalesu kadachana . 2-47 Sri Krishna said: You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty."
5. I am not good man I have done so many bad things- Apichetsu duraachaaro bhajate maamananyabhaak.9-30 Even if the most sinful worships me, with devotion to none else, he too should indeed be regarded as righteous, for he has rightly resolved.
6. Who will defense me, who will help me - Yadaa yadaa hi dharmasya glaanir bhavati bhaarata. 4-7 For the protection of the good, for the destruction of evil-doers, for the setting up of the law of Righteousness I come into being age after age.
7. Where is god - Sarvasya chaaham hridi sannivishito.15-15 And, I am seated in the hearts of all; from Me are memory, knowledge, as well as their absence. I am verily that which has to be known by all the Vedas; I am indeed the author of the Vedanta, and the knower of the Vedas am I.
8. How do I approach the God - Ye yathaa maam prapadyante.4-11 In whatsoever way men approach Me, in that same way do I return their love. Wherever they may be, men follow in my footsteps.
9. Who will run my life - Ananyaashchintayanto maam ye janaah paryupaasate.9-22 IF YOU FOLLOW ME, those men who worship me alone, thinking of no other, of those ever united, I secure what is not already possessed and preserve what they already possess.

CONCLUSION

Gandhiji once visited one of the biggest libraries in London and asked the librarian which book was issued most frequently. The librarian said that it was the Gita. It is very popular throughout the world.

Just as a student is coached in a university, Arjuna is coached by Krishna for the attainment of knowledge of the Self in the spiritual university. Arjuna had various kinds of doubts; Lord Krishna cleared them one by one. He pushed Arjuna up the ladder of Yoga from one rung to the next. Eventually, Arjuna placed his foot on the highest rung, attained the supreme knowledge of the Self and exclaimed in joy:

Nashto mohah smritirlabdhaa twatprasaadaanmayaaachyuta; Sthito'smi gata sandehah karishye vachanam tava.18-72

"O my Lord! my delusion has been destroyed. I have attained knowledge through Thy Grace. I am firm. All my doubts have now vanished in toto. I will act according to Thy word".

Study of the Gita must be made compulsory in all schools and colleges of India. It must become a textbook for students of schools and colleges. It should find a very important place in every scheme of education. Because today education is providing only brad oriented education rather than life oriented education. at last, Yatra yogeshwarah krishno yatra paartha dhanurdharah; Tatra shreervijayo bhootirdhruvaa neetirmatirmama. 18-77 Wherever there is Krishna, the Lord of Yoga, wherever there is Arjuna, the archer, there are prosperity, happiness, victory and firm policy; such is my conviction.

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