

Bhagavad-Gita Summary By Chapters

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Summary of Bhagavad-gita by Chapters

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§i Preface

- Authorized, genuine translation by Krishna Consciousness movement, without adulteration.
 - System of original verse, English transliteration, Sanskrit-English word-for-word, translation and purport.
 - Offers a manuscript of great book of knowledge with full parampara to establish Krishna Consciousness soundly and progressively.
 - Krishna Consciousness movement genuine, authorized, natural -- based on Bhagavad-gita.
 - Popular among young generations, older generations express gratitude (as life members).

- Prabhupada gives credit to Bhakti-siddhanta Sarasvati Maharaja, his guru.
- Coming down from Krishna through disciplic succession, presents Krishna's will/mission.
 - Original father of movement is Krishna, who came down to human society a long time ago by disciplic succession.
 - Prabhupada's credit is trying to present Bhagavad-gita without adulteration, Krishna's mission/will, without personal ambition like any mundane speculators.
 - Krishna is Absolute, no difference between His name, form, qualities,...
- Difficult to understand by non-devotees like Mayavadis
 - Difficult so understand for non-devotees (not in parampara) they try to banish Krishna when writing commentary. Lord Caitanya warned about these commentaries -- Mayavada bhashya -- committing great blunder, bewildered on the path of spiritual guidance, by not going back home, back to Godhead.
 - Purpose is to guide conditioned student to the same purpose for which Krishna descends (in a day of Brahma).
 - Already spoken to sun-god millions years ago.
- Accept it as it is, without adulteration -- fulfills the mission of life, otherwise it's offense.
 - We have to accept it as it, without adulteration, on authority of Krishna.
 - Greatest offense to interpret without reference to Krishna's will. To avoid this, must understand as Arjuna did, that Krishna is Supreme Personality of Godhead. Such understanding authorized, profitable for the welfare of human society to fulfill the mission of life.
- Perfection of life explained, mundane wranglers mislead innocent people who think material comforts as happiness
 - Krishna Consciousness offers perfection of life -- fully explained in Bhagavad-gita. Mundane wranglers mislead people regarding simple principles of life (right understanding).
 - Everyone should know God is great, living entities serve Him, otherwise serve illusion in form of three modes of material nature and perpetually in cycle of birth and death (even Mayavadis).
 - This knowledge is great science -- every living being has to hear it for its own interest.
 - People wrongly think that material comforts bring happiness. Krishna's external energy very strong, everybody bound to stringent laws. Living entity is happy as part and parcel of the Lord, as servant of the Lord.

- Central point is to try to satisfy the sense of the Lord, not our personal sense gratification
 - One tries to be happy by personal sense gratification in different forms - failure. Right way to satisfy the senses of the Lord -- highest perfection of life. Central point. Krishna wants and demands it.
 - Krishna Consciousness teaches this by not polluting theme, take help in studying for practical understanding under direct Krishna's guidance and derive the greatest benefit.
 - Success if only one man becomes a pure devotee.

§0 Introduction

- Need for authoritative translation, in the spirit of Bhagavad-gita where Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead.
 - Gitopanisad -- essence of all Vedic knowledge. Why another English edition? No authoritative translation available, no spirit of the Bhagavad-gita in all translations. Spirit of Bhagavad-gita in Bhagavad-gita itself.
 - Analogy of taking medicine -- follow directions on the label or by physician, not by our own whim, or by a friend. Same in Bhagavad-gita, follow the direction of speaker (Krishna), the Bhagavan, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Confirmed by acharyas of all four sampradayas.
 - Lord also establishes Himself as Supreme Personality of Godhead in Bhagavad-gita, and in Brahma Samhita, in all puranas, especially in Srimad Bhagavatam.
- Yoga system comes down by disciplic succession, retold again by Krishna to Arjuna, his intimate friend.
 - This yoga system coming down by disciplic succession (sun-god, Ikshvaku, Manu,...) [Bg4.1-3]. Lost in the course of time, Lord spoke again on the battlefield of Kurukshetra.
 - Lord tells Arjuna supreme secret because he is his friend -- Bhagavad-gita meant for devotees.
 - 3 classes of transcendentalists: impersonalists (jnani), meditators (yogi), devotees (bhakta).
 - Lord wishes to establish another parampara (old broken) in the line of thought as sun-god's through Arjuna, his intimate friend and devotee.
 - Best understood by person who has Arjuna's qualities.

§1 Observing the Armies ...

[Bg4.1-3] <http://vedabase.net/bg/4/>

§2 Contents of Gita Summarized

References

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¹ <http://www.mozilla.com/firefox/>