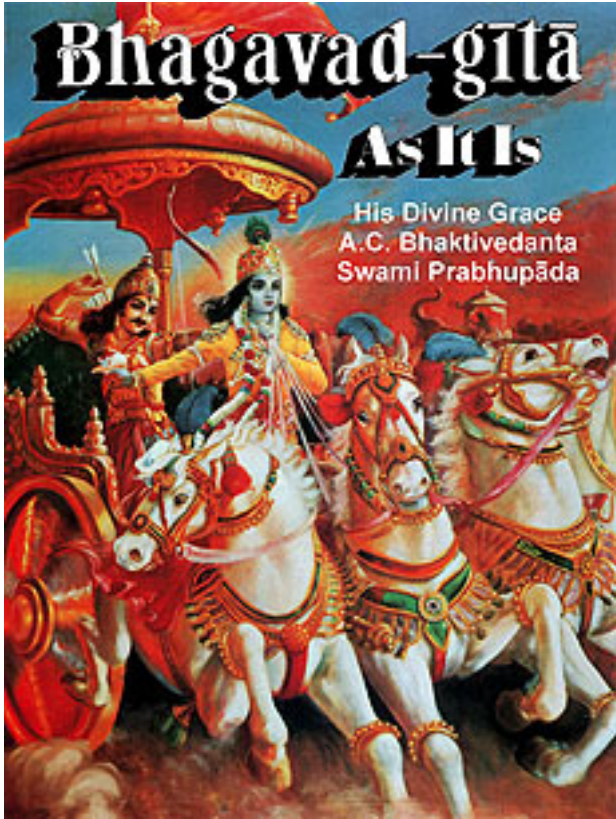

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Description

“The most important, the most influential, and the most luminous of all the Hindu scriptures.”
—R.C. ZAEHNER

Vivid literature, lofty philosophy — the Bhagavad Gita distills the finest in India’s vast and varied culture. • On the morning of battle, facing Armageddon, prince Arjuna loses his nerve and refuses to fight. Krishna knows better: “Your very nature will drive you to fight. Your only choice is what to fight against.” His advice gives an inspiring model of the man or woman of action — the person who aims at goodness in a world of conflict and change. • In this translation, the Gita stands out as a book of choices—direct, practical, universal. The introduction sketches the background of the poem and gives clear, contemporary explanations of the basic ideas of Indian philosophy, karma, reincarnation, yoga, freedom. Separate chapter introductions outline the drama as it unfolds.

“The translation . . . is smooth, eloquent, and reliable . . . (1)would unhesitatingly recommend Easwaran to someone searching for the spirituality of the Gita.” —CHOICE

• Eknath Easwaran, writer, Fulbright scholar, and former professor of English literature, is at home in both English and Sanskrit. He brings to this translation 25 years’ experience of teaching the Gita to an American audience.

Insightful reviews

Fostergrants: As arrogant as it seems to review an ancient text, I gave this book 2 stars because I'm being honest about how much I did or did not enjoy reading it. If I were a religious person and believed in a Man-God, I may have enjoyed it more...but I think my main issue was my awareness that so much of the poetry that must have been there in the original language is 'lost in translation' and my Western brain is wired to be tone-deaf to the ideas that can, at best, only be guessed at or mimicked by modern Western mouths. No matter how hard we try as humans to understand a language, culture or time period we weren't born to, we can only make copies of the original, which fade with each reproduction.

Erik Graff: Being raised an atheist and being prejudiced against Christianity owing to the conservative face it presented in my hometown, I was first drawn to "religion" by the experience of altered states of consciousness and by arguments with friends who pointed me towards Eastern traditions. Being already an admirer of Gandhi and given his recommendation of the Bhagavad Gita, I read it as probably my first primary text in the Hindu tradition.

I was not impressed. The story is basically about a prince being in a quandry on the eve of battle, not relishing the idea of fighting an enemy which will include friends and relations. His charioteer, Lord Krishna in disguise, argues in favor of duty, of karma, before revealing himself to be god incarnate. The protagonist, convinced, goes into battle...

Well, I wasn't convinced, not at all, and tried reading Gandhi's commentary on the Gita to see how this text could be construed as something other than what it appeared to be. Gandhi's

arguments seemed as weak and as culturally blinkered as those of Christians who would have the gospels recommend our on-going war in IndoChina, so I put the commentary down.

Fortunately, other Hindu and Buddhists texts, most notably by Sri Aurobindo and Coomaraswamy, got me beyond the Gita and into some more serious thinking.

TAB: Let me explain, I hate writing in books. I think it sullies the text, I think it mires the next reader's experience and I think it aesthetically just doesn't look good. But never have I written more in a book than in this one. Written notes, underline, bracketed, I went off the rails on this one and why? Because I had to just to keep up? Partially but more than that; I think it was because I wanted to grow along with Arjuna in the book as Krishna dropped his wisdom on the both of us and to distinguish myself from Arjuna's whiny little self at the beginning. I did stop writing toward the end but my enjoyment of the text did not diminish for it.

What I loved about this book, story, parable or what have you is that this is how I want to approach faith and religion. I think there are so many people that as Krishna points out get so caught up in the scripture that they miss the point. I realize at the same time though that accomplishing the goals of action without desire or thought of result is a true journey and a task far beyond me as I am now, but it's definitely worth striving for. It's better to do your duty poorly than someone else's duty exceptionally. I like that idea and I don't think it's individualistic because charity and worship and a part of it, but it's important to think of the Self rather than the self.

This will not be a one-time read nor can it really if I want to really understand the whole thing. Admittedly the gunas are confusing as hell and a few other things but probably with time and further understanding of the world and its beautiful people I'll come to appreciate this book the more and more I read it.

Andrew: The Bhagavad is among the maximum works of literature. right here it truly is tenderly and lovingly mangled from its unique by means of a sectarian and abusive translator who, whereas providing the "original" sanskrit, nonetheless departs wildly from it in his purports. What the ebook profits from is an incredible acceptance due it truly is publishers fervent advertising and marketing of the book, loose copies, etc.

Chandan Sharma: http://youreadireview.blogspot.in/THE_BACKGROUND: there isn't any particular tale of 'The Gita'; the various teachings of Lord Krishna to Arjuna were assembled right into a separate booklet from the Hindu epic 'Mahabharata'. Krishna, who used to be regarded as the eighth incarnation of Lord Vishnu, acted because the charioteer of his ally and cousin 'Arjuna' (who has been addressed as 'Partha'). whereas greatest armies ever stood able to struggle each one other, Arjuna was once haunted by way of the guilt of killing his personal relatives, instructor and friends. He dropped his bow named 'Gandiva' and appeared succumbed to the situation. Krishna, knowing his state of affairs and for the sake of motivating him, narrated very lengthy teachings and instructed him concerning the truth of Yoga, soul, life, demise and reincarnation. THE BELIEFS: sooner than we get into the ideals of 'The Gita', it truly is necessary to recognize few proof in regards to the narrator. except the truth that he used to be the incarnation of Vishnu, he used to be recognized to be very tactful and mischievous

god, anyone like 'Loki' from Norse mythology. notwithstanding not like 'Loki' Krishna used his tact and methods for goodness yet as we know the positive isn't villain simply because he supervises the proof and background being written in his era. Who is aware if 'Loki' can have gained the battles opposed to 'Thor' then he can have projected himself because the reliable one and Thor because the villain. '???????????????????? ?? ????? ??????' is without doubt one of the most famed traces from the book. It says so that you can do your tasks and never fear in regards to the results. This line has been misinterpreted and has been misunderstood through many people. it sort of feels because the uncomplicated precept on which company works. they need us to do our paintings and ignore the incentives. yet in book, Krishna indicates Arjuna so you might no longer affiliate your self with the outcome simply because no matter what which happened, is occurring or will occur is because of me (the perfect power), consequently you shouldn't accuse your self for any of the incidents taking place or that is approximately to take place. there are lots of teachings during this booklet which tells us approximately existence and death. some of the teachings are appropriate and plenty of of them look simply literature and unpractical. THE CONCLUSION: This booklet has been rewritten and translated in lots of languages, and each time it happens, new meanings of the 'Shlokas' and new evidence are unearthed. truly 'The Bhagavad Gita' is sort of a mirror. you spot what you would like to. which will run clear of your day-by-day regimen ceaselessly and be a 'Sanyasi' you can see 'Vairagya' within the book. while you are a warrior then you definitely will see justification of murdering humans in it. whether you're a thief or criminal, you notice your activities as that of god's, you're simply medium. So, it really works like a replicate and everybody who reads it, derives his personal meanings. In complete e-book the narrator talks approximately 'Yoga' and its varied varieties yet although the lessons are clear, possible manage it for his personal benefit. the 3 types of 'Yoga', goodness, ardour and lack of know-how are very complicated simply because nobody except you could pass judgement on your actions. The mind which controls the soul or the soul which supervises the mind will do every little thing which may make the body's scenario higher with out being concerned approximately being solid or undesirable and it'll be regarded as his 'Karma', turns out strange. it truly is complicated for readers as how humans rewriting 'Gita' range from the unique one (including Swami Prabhupada). For me 'Gita' is simply a host of directions given to Arjuna to make him fight. If Krishna talks approximately being 'Yogi' and never being materialistic then what was once 'the slaughtering' of hundreds of thousands of individuals for simply getting a section of land. at any time when I examine 'Duryodhna' i believe undesirable simply because he used to be now not an evil like Ravana, Kansa and plenty of others. He used to be only a spoiled child who finally died due to his mistaken beliefs. To conclude, i'm going to recommend you that while you're going to learn this, simply be impartial and examine no matter what you will want to. using its all teachings in actual existence is nearly impossible. So, try to enhance your personal results with its guidance. It teaches you to be at liberty in no matter what you do, small or colossal and don't fear approximately its goodness and badness as the simply one, who can pass judgement on you, is the soul which has the essence of god. the entire Brahmins, judges, police, politicians, mom and dad and lecturers are the buildings of this society now not a person you'll want to needs to obey to. The ideally suited energy is soul and no matter what he does, is finally correct (At least politicians could consider satisfied in the event that they get such clean-chit).

Roxanne: The Bhagavad Gita is certainly one of India's top recognized scriptures. It tells the

tale of Arjuna, a warrior at the eve of conflict who has misplaced center and turn into doubtful as to his duty. Arjuna turns to his non secular guide, Krishna, for solutions to all of the key questions of life, questions on knowledge and repair and spirituality. The conflict that Arjuna is set to struggle is the best metaphor for all times and the inner conflict all of us struggle to reside a existence that's significant and fulfilling. The Gita, in essence, is a guide for the way to live. For my yoga instructor training, we have been requested to learn a translation of the Bhagavad Gita through Eknath Easwaran. at the again cover, Easwaran's model is defined as "reliable" and "readable", and this is often certainly true. Easwaran opens the publication with an creation to the Gita, atmosphere the scene, after which each one bankruptcy of the Gita opens with a quick advent that explicates the content material of that chapter. This makes the tale effortless to follow, and very is helping in realizing the context of Arjuna's and Krishna's conversation. The endmatter of the booklet encompasses a component of notes (typically, useful insights on problems with translation), in addition to a word list of Sanskrit phrases and an index. Easwaran's model relatively specializes in making the Gita available for the reader, so this model is a smart position to begin in case you are studying the Gita for the 1st time.

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