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*The Essence of Bhagavad Gita* - Suryanarayana Raju 2012-05-15

Bhagavad Gita is a sermon given by Lord Krishna to Arjuna when the latter out of non-understanding wanted to escape from his duty

as a warrior. Arjuna went into despair(Vishada) when he realized that he has to kill his own cousins to win the war and rule the kingdom just to enjoy sensual pleasures. This thought upset Arjuna and he felt that it better to opt out of war

rather than doing such idiotic thing to kill his own relatives for the sake of kingdom. But the cause of war did not happen in a single day. His cousins not only refused to give their rightful share in the kingdom which they are entitled for, but they even refused to give even five villages to each of five Pandava brothers. His cousins Kauravas wanted to throw them away from the kingdom and to see them as beggars. When all diplomatic efforts fail war became imminent. Sri Krishna is on side of Pandavas and he took the role of charioteer of Arjuna in the war. Seeing Arjuna's despair Krishna took that opportunity positively and he turned the focus of attention of Arjuna towards truth. After hearing the sutras in Samkhya yoga Arjuna started longing for truth and war became secondary though he is a warrior. So Krishna is successful to convert despair of Arjuna into longing for truth. By nature coal and diamond are made of same carbon but it is a skill to convert coal into a diamond. Krishna did that in case of Arjuna by

using his alchemy of understanding. There are 18 chapters in Bhagavad Gita but Samkhya yoga, which is the yoga of understanding is the direct approach to truth. Others are meant for those who cannot understand Samkhya yoga. Lord Krishna himself declared this. Just as many rivers enter into the ocean there are innumerable approaches to truth also. But this Yoga of understanding is best says Lord Krishna. So the author selected Samkhya yoga to convey the essence of Bhagavad Gita.

**Yoga** - Daren Callahan 2015-01-28

Millions of people practice some form of yoga, but they often do so without a clear understanding of its history, traditions, and purposes. This comprehensive bibliography, designed to assist researchers, practitioners, and general readers in navigating the extensive yoga literature, lists and comments upon English-language yoga texts published since 1981. It includes entries for more than 2,400 scholarly as well as popular works, manuals,

original Sanskrit source text translations, conference proceedings, doctoral dissertations, and master's theses. Entries are arranged alphabetically by author for easy access, while thorough author, title, and subject indexes will help readers find books of interest.

*The Sage and the Scientist* - Suryanarayana Raju  
2012-10-25

Majority of spiritual seekers feel that Self is something to be achieved. It is a misconception. Self is already the case but we are unable to feel its presence because it is clouded by thick clouds of conditioning born out of identity to the body, family, tradition, beliefs, dogmas, nationality, race, caste, creed, profession, gender, etc. Many feel that living a positive life means is to have more ambition, greed, arrogance, accumulating more knowing, always in a state of "becoming" which involves time. Actually these are all the signs of mental disorder and living with them leads to a life of conflict, contradiction, sorrow, despair and we

are alienated from our own Self with such way of living. So it is a negative way of living and humanity is unfortunately conditioned in that way. Positive way of living involves a life of living in the present moment and act spontaneously. In this way we act from pure conscious without intermediary distortion of the ego. Life is action in relationship. So how we act is very important in determining the way of life. Because of Self ignorance we are acting from the ego, the "me" which is the summation of experiences born out of incomplete action. "Me" is limited and its action is limited leaving the residue of non-understanding in the form of experiences. They are stored in memory cells and thought arises from that center and we are acting from that center. So we face ever changing reality from a fixed, dead past center. When acts like that such action is naturally incomplete and brings us sorrow which is quite obvious if we observe our life. So there is a need to investigate into that urgently otherwise

sorrow goes on accumulating. So in self-inquiry we go into the question why we are identifying with all these degenerating factors. Identity and ego are possible in a state of non-awareness of the activity of ego. In self-inquiry we do it with the light of awareness, and gradually the thick clouds of condition first become thin and finally disappear. When those clouds disappear we perceive Self-effulgent Self. So in self inquiry the veil over Self is removed and our mind is posited in Self and we live a positive life with love, compassion.

**The essence of Bhagavad Gita** - P.V.S.  
SURYANARAYANA RAJU

**Self-Inquiry Is the Art of Unveiling the Self** -  
Suryanarayana Raju 2012-05-27

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**The Essence of Vedanta** - Brian Hodgkinson

2006-06-05

Vedanta is a philosophical system expressed in the Veda, a very important collection of Indian scriptures. Vedanta forms the philosophical basis for Hinduism, but its teaching is more essentially rational and universal, so it offers answers to most, if not all, of the questions found in any philosophical enquiry - be it Eastern or Western. All s...

**Srimad Bhagavad Gita - Essence** - DR. N.K SRINIVASAN 2012-11-15

In this book, the author has chosen 90 verses of the Gita out of the total 700, which are purely subjective in nature. He, however, has included all the important ones for the sake of coherency of presentation. It is hoped that this small book will motivate the modern reader to study the full text with passion and devotion and pursue the spiritual goals towards eternal bliss. This abridged edition will give the complete message, which has inspired generations of students of the Gita all over the world. #v&spublishers

*Words of Grace* - Sri Ramana Maharshi  
2014-08-18

EVERY living being longs always to be happy, untainted by sorrow; and everyone has the greatest love for himself, which is solely due to the fact that happiness is his real nature. Hence, in order to realise that inherent and untainted happiness, which indeed he daily experiences when the mind is subdued in deep sleep, it is essential that he should know himself. For obtaining such knowledge the enquiry, 'Who am I?' in quest of the Self is the best means. 'WHO AM I?' I am not this physical body, nor am I the five organs<sup>1</sup> of sense perception; I am not the five organs of external activity<sup>2</sup>, nor am I the five vital forces,<sup>3</sup> nor am I even the thinking mind. Neither am I that unconscious state of nescience which retains merely the subtle vasanas (latencies of the mind), while being free from the functional activity of the sense-organs and the mind, and being unaware of the existence of the objects of sense-perception.

*Be As You Are* - Sri Ramana Maharshi 1989-02  
The Ultimate Truth Is So Simple. The Simple Message Of Sri Ramana Maharishi, One Of India S Most Revered Spiritual Masters, Whose Teachings, Forty Years After His Death, Are Speaking To Growing Audiences Worldwide. *Be As You Are*, Edited By The Librarian At The Sage S Ashram-Still Flourishing-At The Foot Of The Holy Mountain Of Arunachala, Is A Compendium Of Those Riches As Bequeathed Personally To Pilgrims Hungry To Discover What Is The Ultimate Truth . Nothing More Than Being In The Pristine State. That Is All That Need Be Said, Declared Sri Ramana. Indeed It Is Claimed That His Highest Teachings, To Those Capable Of Receiving Them, Consisted Of Nothing But Silence During Which He Transmitted A Silent Flow Of Power Enabling Individuals To Experience, Directly, What He Meant By Enlightenment. This Book Is For Those Of Us Who Would Remain Perplexed, But Enriched By The Silence.

**Teachings of Ramana Maharshi** - Ramana (Maharshi.) 1990

**The Heart of the Bhagavad-gîtā** - Vidyāṣankara Bhāratī Svāmī 1918

**Sri Ramana Maharshi** - Alan Jacobs 2010-08  
"He is present within, pouring out his grace. In dire need he comes to the rescue whether sought or unsought. He is the most intimate being, our very Self." - V. 58, Sri Ramana Ashtottara Sri Ramana Maharshi, the sage of Arunachala - the holy mountain of Lord Shiva, was one of the world's most influential spiritual teachers of our time. He taught the infallible way to Self-realisation through his unique method of 'Self-Enquiry' and the total devotional surrender of the egotistic mind to the inner Satguru dwelling in each one's spiritual heart. He always spoke from the high authority of direct Self-knowledge. He could, and still does, invoke the real Self of pure Existence-

Consciousness-Awareness-Love through the Silence of his Presence in his devotees. During his lifetime he led many to Self-realisation. His ashram at Tiruvannamalai is an active spiritual centre imparting the grace and knowledge of his Teaching. This brief biography acquaints you with significant details of his divine life and the essence of his Teaching. The author Alan Jacobs is well-known for his several books and anthologies including: Poetic Transcreations of the Bhagavad Gita and The Principal Upanishads. He also contributes to Ramanasramam's spiritual journal, the Mountain Path. He is President of the Ramana Maharshi Foundation, UK.

*Commentary on Akshara Mana Malai of Ramana Maharishi* - P. V. S. Suryanarayana Raju 2014-08-03

Ramana Maharshi is an exponent on Self-enquiry. He has great devotion and gratitude for Arunachala Siva. He said the holy hill of Arunachala is nothing but a solid mass of bliss of

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garland around his neck during marriage and in turn expects a garland of grace from Arunachala Siva. So Akshara Mana Malai means marital garland of letters put together by Ramana.

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tradition to worship and praise Lord Ganesha before starting an auspicious work so that there will be no hurdles during the reseeding of the work. Bhagawan followed the same tradition and asked for the blessings of Ganesha in this verse before starting to write Akshara Mana Malai. The meaning of the verse is as follows: "Gracious Ganesha with your loving hand bless me, that i may make this marital garland of letters worthy of Sri Arunachala Siva the bride groom". Bhagawan himself wrote Akshara Mana Malai in Tamil, Sanskrit and Telugu. As majority of you may not understand the original text in these languages i am providing the meaning the verses only.

**The Ultimate Medicine** - Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj 2011-07-12

The Ultimate Medicine is not for those who like their spirituality watered down, but for serious students searching for awareness. Sri Nisargadatta Maharaj (1897-1981) lived and taught in a small apartment in the slums of

Bombay. A realized master of the Tantric Nath lineage, he supported himself and his family by selling cheap goods in a small booth on the streets outside his tenement for many years. His life exemplified the concept of absolute nonduality of being. In this volume, Maharaj shares the highest truth of nonduality in his own unique way. His teaching style is abrupt, provocative, and immensely profound, cutting to the core and wasting little effort on inessentials. His terse but potent sayings are known for their ability to trigger shifts in consciousness, just by hearing or reading them. "The point is that man freed from his fetters is morality personified. Such a man therefore does not need any moralistic injunctions in order to live righteously. Free a man from his bondage and thereafter everything else will take care of itself. On the other hand, man in his unredeemed state cannot possibly live morally, no matter what moral teaching he is given. It is an intrinsic impossibility, for his very foundation is

immorality. That is, he lives a lie, a basic contradiction: functioning in all his relationships as the separate entity he believes himself to be, whereas in reality no such separation exists. His every action therefore does violence to other 'selves' and other 'creatures,' which are only manifestations of the unitary consciousness. So Society had to invent some restraints in order to protect itself from its own worst excesses and thereby maintain some kind of status quo. The resulting arbitrary rules, which vary with place and time and therefore are purely relative, it calls 'morality,' and by upholding this man-invented 'idea' as the highest good—oftentimes sanctioned by religious 'revelation' and scriptures—society has provided man with one more excuse to disregard the quest for liberation or relegate it to a fairly low priority in his scheme of things."

**Bhaja Govindam** - P.v.s. Suryanarayana Raju  
2014-04-07

Self-knowledge is the foundation of life. Without

it life will be in turmoil. If there is no self-knowledge we are bound to act from a psychological center woven by thought and so limited and results in limited action if we act from that center and so it leaves an impression called which knocks our door for resolution. This limited action results in experience of non-understanding. Such collection of experiences which cause problems is called ego and at present we are functioning from which adds further experiences. Experiences and so ego is dead past. We are facing living present moment wearing glasses of dead past. So we are just perpetuating the past by incomplete action that has roots in past, tradition. This calamity happens because we are using thought to solve both physical and psychological problems. Psychological problems are created by thought and how can you hope resolution of psychological problems by thought? So thought has no place in problems of psychological arena .Man has not solved psychological problems for

the past 40,000 years of existence on earth. Though man is able to technological advance in a surprising for which his efficient thought is the cause but lack of resolving psychological problems is due to use of thought in resolving psychological problems thus complicating existing psychological problem because thought has no role in resolution of psychological problem and thought is the causative factor for producing psychological problem. So if thought subsides when we face a psychological problem we develop insight which sees the whole net work of psychological and keeps away from it if it found as a dangerous precipice. So psychological learning is through "insight" only where as physical learning of through "doing" which involves time. So physical learning involves thought and time. Psychological learning does not require time because here "Perception" is action. So seeing old pundit Adi Sankara out of compassion gave message to him the importance of self knowledge in life.

**Who Am I?** - Sri Ramana Maharshi 2016-09-10  
Who am I? is the title given to a set of questions and answers bearing on Self-enquiry. The questions were put to Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi by Sri M. Sivaprakasam Pillai, about the year 1902. Sri Pillai, a graduate in philosophy, was at the time employed in the Revenue Department of the South Arcot Collectorate. During his visit to Tiruvannamalai in 1902 on official work, he went to Virupaksha Cave on Arunachala Hill and met the Maharshi there. He sought from him spiritual guidance and solicited answers to questions relating to Self-enquiry. As Bhagavan was not talking then, not because of any vow he had taken but because he did not have the inclination to talk, he answered questions put to him by writing. As recollected and recorded by Sri Sivaprakasam Pillai, there were thirteen questions and answers to them given by Bhagavan. This record was first published by Sri Pillai in 1923 (in the original Tamil), along with a couple of poems composed

by himself relating how Bhagavan's grace operated in his case by dispelling his doubts and by saving him from a crisis in life.

**True Happiness** - Arthur Osborne 2015-09-01  
Sri Ramana Maharshi is regarded as one of the most important Indian sages of all time. At the age of sixteen, he experienced a spiritual awakening and travelled to the holy mountain of Arunachala, where a community grew up around him. From there, he touched the lives of influential writers, artists, and seekers such as Carl Jung, Henri Cartier-Bresson, and Somerset Maugham. Today, millions around the world continue to be inspired by his teachings. Edited by his pupil Arthur Osborne, this classic work sets out Sri Ramana Maharshi's thoughts on such subjects as how to live in the here and now, wealth, freedom, knowledge, and the essence of our true nature. Self-inquiry is the key to liberation, Sri Ramana contends, as he invites us to detach ourselves from our illusions and set out on the path that leads toward enlightenment.

**Ramana Maharshi's Essence of Self-Realization** - David Frawley 2018-08-28

Bhagavan Ramana Maharshi (1878-1950) was probably the most honored Self-realized guru and spiritual master of modern India. He taught the Yoga of Knowledge (Jnana Yoga) and the Vedantic path of Advaita or Non-duality, leading us to our true nature as pure consciousness beyond body and mind, death and sorrow. Though Ramana never left the sacred mountain of Arunachala in Tiruvannamalai, South India where he resided, numerous people came from throughout the world to seek his guidance, which he usually gave through silence or through short replies to their questions. Upadesha Saram, which means the "Essence of Instruction", is often regarded as his most important written work - an axiomatic text of a mere thirty verses. It summarizes his teachings on the Essence of Self-realization, guiding the disciple along the path to the highest awareness in a systematic manner, pointing out a variety of

practices, ways of meditation and approaches to Self-inquiry. The current translation and interpretation by Acharya Vamadeva Shastri David Frawley), one of the most highly regarded Vedic teachers in the world today, explains each verse clearly and succinctly to reveal the depth of Ramana's insight for everyone to learn and benefit from.

Bhagavad Gita - Suryanarayana Raju 2012-05-14  
Many feel that Arjuna wanted to be non-violent but Krishna encouraged him to be violent. Having seen relatives on the other side attachment and fear gripped Arjuna and his every fiber started shaking. Arjuna's life is violent oriented. If the other side are not strangers he don't mind hurting them or slaughtering like animals. Arjuna is deeply rooted in violence. In fact Arjuna killed thousands of people in Virat kingdom when war broke between Pandavas and Kauravas and Pandavas won the war because of valor of Arjuna. Non-violence can happen only in a

person who does not see separation between his own people and others. Bhagawan Sri Ramana Maharshi treated even animals on par with humans. Had the war happened between Arjuna and the strangers Arjuna would not have been aware that he is violent and war is evil and immoral. The divine interference of Krishna made him to realize all these. That realization is an outcome of self-inquiry in the setting which existence created for Arjuna. Only in extraordinary situation what is hidden deep within us manifests. When some stranger dies we also don't feel much, but if some one who is looking us lovingly suddenly dies because unconsciously we have great so many expectations still from him.

**Managing by the Bhagavad Gītā** - Satinder Dhiman 2018-11-27

Drawing upon the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad Gītā, a philosophical-spiritual world classic, this professional book highlights the spiritual and moral dimensions of management

using an inside-out leadership development approach. It interprets the Bhagavad Gītā's teachings on the personality types and psychological makeup of managers and employees; self-knowledge and self-mastery; and the leadership concepts of vision, motivation, and empowerment. This book covers topics such as training of the mind, ethical leadership, communication, stress management, and corporate social responsibility (CSR). Collectively, the enclosed contributions provide managers with an enhanced outlook on management functions such as leading, planning, organizing, and controlling in today's organizations, particularly those run by knowledge workers. Management research in the 20th century has mainly focused on the industrial paradigm characterized by a hierarchical structure of authority and responsibility with an individualistic focus on the personality of the manager. However, this traditional paradigm cannot solve many of the

problems that confront leaders and managers today. Recent studies have shown that values traditionally associated with spirituality—such as integrity, honesty, trust, kindness, caring, fairness, and humility—have a demonstrable effect on managerial effectiveness and success. Although traditionally interpreted as a religious-spiritual text, the Bhagavad Gītā teaches these values which can be extrapolated and applied to practical management lessons in today’s corporate boardrooms. Applying the text of the Bhagavad Gītā to the context of management, this book views the manager as an “enlightened sage” who operates from higher stance, guided by self-knowledge and self-mastery. It demonstrates how character is the key ingredient for effective management and leadership. This book is therefore applicable to all managers, from first-line to CEOs, in their management and leadership roles in organizations.

*Tripura Rahasya* - Swami Sri Ramanananda

Saraswathi 2002

A beautifully realized synthesis of the ancient tradition of Advaita Vedanta and Tantra. [Ramana Maharshi and the Path of Self Knowledge](#) - Arthur Osborne 2013-07-08 Introduced to the West by Paul Brunton, Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi (1879-1950) is widely hailed as the greatest Indian saint and sage in modern times, whose teachings continue to influence thousands around the world today. This intimate biography by his disciple Arthur Osborne interweaves the story of Ramana's life with his spiritual journey, from his awakening as a teenager to his later teachings and writings, offering a detailed account of a unique life. Osborne shares many of Ramana's lessons, including his emphasis on the importance of self-enquiry - that self-knowledge cannot be gained externally, but only through becoming aware of our own state of pure being. With his emphasis on the qualities of insight, simplicity and kindness, Ramana has much to offer us today.

Talks with Sri Ramana Maharshi - Ramana (Maharshi.) 2003

Talks covered the period during 1935-1939.

**Insight-Only Way to** - P. V. S. Suryanarayana Raju 2014-03-19

Just be a watcher, a witness. Witness is highest growth of consciousness. If there is no witnessing and we indulge in events we are in dark night of soul. Waking mode of mind looks so real and tangible to us and we never doubt events in waking mode and the entity which sees the events. Doubt is part of dark night, but it is a search for rising Sun, but once you have reached the rising Sun, dark night goes and with it doubt too. Self-inquiry is doubting the seer, the "me," the ego, the self. Once you know doubt, ego commits suicide on its own accord. Doubt that is written in scripture, otherwise you will be confusion. Truth has to be experienced, not believed. So all belief systems are illusions. Organized religions are organized belief systems and so they are illusions. If you seek for reward

you will miss the fact. You are a collection of problems and it is a fact. Enlightenment is way of extinction of of problems which have their origin in Self-ignorance. Practicing everything without sense of attainment is profound transcendent wisdom which cuts of source of cycle of birth and death like a sword. The source is identity with sensations which occur to us. Enlightenment is third eye that looks inwards with awareness which can be recognized only by those who have looked a little inwards. Trying to attain Self creates anxiety and tension. We pay attention to wrong things in objective reality. We don't pay attention to movement of own self and its mechanics of functioning which is right attention. Thoughts belong to nature, so known and they are material in nature and so they are limited. We are using thought to solve every human problem through thought which is intrinsically limited and so divisive. Naturally thought cannot solve all human problems. Thought has a lace in solving physical problems.



Being a response of memory it cannot solve a living problem in psyche but we are using thought for this purpose also making the things much more complicated and the present condition of society is the proof for it. Society is based on sense of separation, ambition, greed, violence, fear, desire, pleasure, fragmentary outlook of life. So we have to take leap from thought which is known to unknowable and for that leap meditation is the jumping board and meditation is state of mind in which there is no thought. There is cessation thought activity in meditation. Meditation is non-discriminative awareness without judgment, evaluation but mind is discriminative awareness with judgment and evaluation because primarily it is meant for physical and dead things. So at psychological level we require witnessing consciousness and at physical level we require discriminative awareness in form of thought. Mind knows only one language-that is of fear, danger, how to survive and make yourself safe against an

antagonistic universe. Up to now mind has been our survival. From now on wards meditation which is beyond mind be our survival.

**Essence of the Bhagavad Gita** - Eknath Easwaran 2011-12-13

In this companion to his best-selling translation of the Bhagavad Gita, Easwaran explores the essential themes of this much-loved Indian scripture. Placing the Gita in a modern context, Easwaran shows how this classic text sheds light on the nature of reality, the illusion of separateness, the search for identity, and the meaning of yoga. The key message of the Gita is how to resolve our conflicts and live in harmony with the deep unity of life, through the principles of yoga and the practice of meditation. Easwaran grew up in the Hindu tradition and learned Sanskrit from an early age. A foremost translator and interpreter of the Gita, he taught classes on it for forty years, while living out the principles of the Gita in the midst of a busy family and community life. In the Gita, Sri Krishna, the

Lord, doesn't tell the warrior prince Arjuna what to do: he shows Arjuna his choices and then leaves it to Arjuna to decide. Easwaran, too, shows us clearly how these teachings still apply to us - and how, like Arjuna, we must take courage and act wisely if we want our world to thrive.

Essence of Inquiry: Vicharasangraham, A Commentary by Nome - Sri Ramana Maharshi  
2019-01-19

"Essence of Inquiry" contains Sri Ramana Maharshi's earliest recorded teaching, Self-Inquiry, and a commentary on this sacred scripture for the spiritual benefit of the seekers. The text, Self-Inquiry, chronicles the profound dialogues from 1900 to 1902 between Sri Ramana Maharshi and an ardent seeker of truth, Gambhiram Seshiar. This text is a sacred scripture, for a scripture represents a direct revelation of the Truth free of mental conceptions. Bhagavan's teaching, when placed in printed words, is certainly scripture, for its

significance is Truth transcending the words or thoughts utilized for its expression. The commentary helps in understanding the true import of Sri Ramana's words and is singularly focused on Self-Knowledge and Self-Inquiry. From the Introduction: "One who approaches this sacred scripture with deep devotion and a sincere desire to realize the Self, and who, blessed by His Grace, practices in accordance with the wisdom herein elucidated, will doubtlessly realize the sole-existent Self, the nondual Brahman, and abide as That, of the nature of undifferentiated Being-Consciousness-Bliss." From the foreword by late Sri A.R. Natarajan, President of Ramana Maharshi Center for Learning: "To write a commentary on the sacred words of Ramana, one has to be constantly perceptive of this ever-flowing grace. It is evident that Master Nome has this perception. The humility with which he has approached this holy work is found in his beginning each commentary with the all

powerful twelve word mantra on Ramana "Om Namo Bhagavate Sri Ramanaya". He closes each commentary with "Ramanarpanamastu - may this be an offering to Ramana". And what worthy offering it is. With his own experience of the natural state, Nome is able to explain the true import of Ramana's word with utmost clarity and depth. .. Nome writes not from book knowledge but from experience. This is so from question one to question forty. There is no false note, no wavering of understanding."

*The LivingWise Project* - Shruti Bakshi

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relevance of the Indian aesthetic in the modern ageBlissful in Bangkok - finding a sanctuary of peace on a Bangkok hill (Wat Saket)Diwali - from darkness to lightRemembering Annapurna - a personal memoir for one who fed the stomach & soul"Om" in Paris - learning yoga with the FrenchAt the Isha Yoga Centre - a spiritual travelogueIn a modern society reeling with stress, depression, uncertainties, doubts and other challenges, LWP's mission is to enable people to transform themselves so that they can lead happier and wiser lives. This cannot be done through feel-good mantras or motivational talks, but only through raising consciousness. LWP shares knowledge about the methods and inner tools for true well-being that every person on the planet needs to know about, now more than ever before.

*Bhagavad Gita Dhyana Yoga - Essence & Sanskrit Grammar* - Ashwini Kumar Aggarwal  
2017-03-08

Sanskrit is the mother lode of Scriptures. It is

the storehouse of all that is benign and worthwhile. Most of us are however not in a position to unlock the power and efficacy of our ancient heritage, being out of touch with this Divine Language. The Srimad Bhagavad Gita is a scripture of enduring and all-encompassing munificence. Anyone in this entire planet has and can benefit from just a few verses from the Bhagavad Gita. This book is an attempt to unlock the Sanskrit in the Gita, using lucid commentary in English and grammatical analysis of verses in Devanagari. The 6th chapter is unique. It is the Yoga of Self-Control. It portrays the Yoga of Meditation i.e. Dhyana. A free-flowing Hindi and English essential meaning of verses makes the book useful for all. Well formatted Dhatu, Word and Pada Indexes make this edition a useful work for scholars and academicians worldwide.

**Despair to Bliss-The Message of Bhagavad Gita** - Suryanarayana Raju 2012-05-18

Bhagavad Gita is a sermon given by Lord Krishna to Arjuna when the latter out of non-

understanding wanted to escape from his duty as a warrior. Arjuna went into despair(Vishada) when he realized that he has to kill his own cousins to win the war and rule the kingdom just to enjoy sensate pleasures. This thought upset Arjuna and he felt that it better to opt out of war rather than doing such idiotic thing to kill his own relatives for the sake of kingdom. But the cause of war did not happen in a single day. His cousins not only refused to give their rightful share in the kingdom which they are entitled for, but they even refused to give even five villages to each of five Pandava brothers. His cousins Kauravas wanted to throw away from the kingdom and to see them as beggars. When all diplomatic efforts fail war became imminent. Sri Krishna is on side of Pandavas and he took the role of charioteer of Arjuna in the war. Seeing Arjuna's despair Krishna took that opportunity positively and he turned the focus of attention of Arjuna towards truth. After hearing the sutras in Arjun Vishada yoga Krishna started transforming

Arjuna's mind and war became secondary to him. So Krishna is successful in converting despair of Arjuna into longing for truth. By nature coal and diamond are made of same carbon but it is a skill to convert coal into a diamond. Krishna did that in case of Arjuna by using his alchemy of understanding. There are 18 chapters in Bhagavad Gita but Arjun Vishada yoga, which is the yoga of despair is the first step towards the realization of truth. Others are meant for those who cannot understand Samkhya yoga. Lord Krishna himself declared this. Just as many rivers enter into the ocean there are innumerable approaches to truth also. But this Yoga of understanding is best says Lord Krishna. So the author selected Arjun Vishada yoga to convey the essence of Bhagavad Gita.

**Essence of the Bhagavad Gita** - Ramana Maharshi 2014-07-28

A prose translation of 42 verses from Bhagavad Gita, selected and set in order, by Ramana Maharshi, for use of those interested in Self

Enquiry. In these verses Bhagavan reveals the seeker, that which is sought and the means by which one seeks.

*Shankara's Crest-jewel of Discrimination* - Swami Shankara 1978

A classic text on the path to God through knowledge. The basic teaching is that God alone is the all-pervading reality; the individual soul is none other than the universal soul. Shankara was under no illusions about this world. For this reason, he is able to describe so powerfully the complete transformation of the universe that takes place before the eyes of the illumined seer, when the world indeed becomes a paradise.

Self-Inquiry in Bhagavad Gita - Suryanarayana Raju 2012-04-22

Self-inquiry is concerned with the scientific inquiry into the source of the subjectivity. Then the periphery will take care of itself. The intelligence that is born out of self-inquiry will manifest itself in the periphery and we learn the art of living without conflict in the periphery.

The Maha Bharat war and other wars in the human history are due lack understanding of source of subjectivity and leading only a sensual life. If a leaf of a big tree is damaged the roots of the tree will not be affected but if the roots are diseased it will affect the entire tree including the leaves. So if the mind is not healthy, in a state of Self-ignorance it affects the whole human life including the health of the body. Bhagawad Gita is a scripture on human psychology and so it is relevant to the whole humanity irrespective of their conditioning Unless you understand the mechanics of workings of your own mind you cannot reach the state of no-mind. This understanding of working of your own mind is self-inquiry. The state of no-mind happens as naturally as it should be. So for people with psychological problems Gita is a better book than spiritual scriptures. The pity of humanity is that they somehow adjust to the Self-ignorant life and go on postponing to jump out of stream that is created by Self-ignorant

activity though they have an opportunity to jump out of it. For them known devil is better than unknown angel. Among all who participated in Maha Bharata war it is only Arjuna who dared to jump out of this conflict creating Self-ignorant activity. Life is only for those who live it intensely like Arjuna and mental transformation is certainty for him. Those who lead a peripheral life and run away from the conflicts presented to them cannot reach the divine. Ramana Maharshi at a very tender age of 16 faced death fear and gone beyond it and settled in the ultimate reality once and forever. Truth is only for such daring people, it is not for cowards leading a casual sensate and vegetative life. We are conscious beings but we never use our consciousness to resolve the life problems but we depend on beliefs, dogma, to face the present life situations. We cannot run away from our own mind, the “false I” will always follow us wherever we go. An individual who is not courageous enough to be in the world cannot

renounce anything at mental level. A sannyasin is one who transcended the world through mental renunciation. This chapter is called Arjuna Vishada yoga (Yoga of despair). Blessed are the people who experience despair for they find a way out of this Self-ignorant life. Despair is the process through which bliss can arise. Despair marks the beginning of journey towards bliss. But Arjuna's despair is not yet ripe because still he wants kingdom and show it to his relatives without killing them. Buddha and Mahavira renounced their kingdom out of understanding that there no happiness to be gained with having a kingdom. But Arjuna's case is different, he still has hopes of being happy winning a kingdom and to enjoy with family members. So through Bhagawad Gita lord Sri Krishna made his mind ripe enough to receive the truth and make him a wise man with Self-knowledge. After tasting Self knowledge Arjuna fought the war without any doer-ship. Action with doer-ship makes our life miserable. With Self

knowledge we will learn the art of action without any doer-ship. Whatever the challenge we respond from awareness spontaneously unlike previously where we used to act with ideation with a goal. Bhagawad Gita is the only scripture which tells us how to act. Action is life in relationship and how we act is very important in life. For that purpose Bhagawad Gita is the best book. In all 18 chapters of the books Lord Krishna points out the importance of having Self knowledge and the direct path to have the Self knowledge is self-inquiry.

### **Essence of Instruction (Upadesa Saram) -**

Ramana Maharshi 2014-12-09

The great Tamil poet Muruganar approached the South Indian sage, Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi, and requested elucidation on the instruction which had been given by Lord Siva to the Rishis of Darukavanam (the Pine Forest). The Rishis had become hooked on action (karma) and every attainment threw up the desire for a further bigger, better attainment.

They approached Siva and asked for help. Things have not changed much since then ... have they? The human condition continues to be enthralled with the shadows all the while oblivious to the all important source of the light. Sri Ramana Maharshi agreed and wrote this instruction in 30 verses. Later, the verses were translated into Telugu, Malayalam and, at the request of the great Sanskritist, Kavyakantha Ganapati Muni, they were also translated into Sanskrit. The Sanskrit work is known as Upadesa Saram (The Essence of Instruction). This is an English translation of that work with commentary by Miles Wright.

**Bitter Pills to Swallow** - MR P. V. S. Suryanarayana Raju Raju 2013-09

At present we are conscious of ourselves as a set of adjuncts like body, mind, intellect with object knowing consciousness, in which our attention seemingly moves away from the self towards the object with seeming separation from the knowing subject and known object. All objects

come into existence only when our attention is directed towards them. The act of directing our attention towards something which appears as other than ourselves is what we call thinking. In self-enquiry we withdraw our attention from thoughts and objects consciousness moves Selfwards because self is the base for appearance and disappearance of "I" thought i.e. mind. This natural positing of our attention in the self conscious being is self-enquiry. Self-Enquiry is holding on to awareness of being that "we already are." When the mind strays you bring it back- that's all. Self-Enquiry is not through thought but paying attention to the source of it. There is no ego apart from the idea of "I" thought. The "I" thought arises from the self and depends upon the self for its existence. It is never apart from the self and in fact the self but forgetful of its true nature. It believes in the lie of its independent existence apart from the self. As enquiry proceeds the lie becomes tenuous until it loses its power to hold us. Each time



when you observe this "I" thought you break your identification with the "I," you disconnect from this "I" as being part of you. As you peel from this false "I," you will find yourself spontaneously abiding in a tranquil centre, just abide in that "I am." At this point there is no feeling of "I" thought as an object presently sensed. Just be there. After sometime mind will take over, that is natural, do not be frustrated. With practice we will find much easier to abide in this state of "I am" and for longer periods. There is no place for effort, expectation, hurry in this. The idea that one is an individual person is generated and sustained by "I" thought and its habit of constantly attaching itself to all thoughts and perceptions that go on in the mind and the body. Self-Enquiry is to reverse this process by depriving the "I" thought of all the thoughts and perceptions that it normally identifies with. If one can break the connection between "I" thought and the thoughts it identifies with, then the "I" thought itself will

subside and finally disappear. This can be done by holding on to "I" thought, excluding all other thoughts. If one can keep the attention on the inner feeling of "I," the power of self pulls the "I" thought back into it and eventually destroys it so completely that it never rises again. This is the moment of self realization. When this happens, the concept of individual self is destroyed, only self remains. All this happens when we perform self-enquiry with the same intensity as that of a drowning man struggles for air.

**Abide As That** - Jason Brett Serle 2019-10-25  
There are some writings that transcend time and tradition and speak to the ever-present heart of the human experience. Simple yet profound, challenging yet compassionate, the Song of Ribhu is one such example of this. In the same tradition as the Bhagavad Gita or the Ashtavakra Gita, the Ribhu Gita, literally the Song of Ribhu represents the highest declaration of Advaita Vedanta, spoken by the enlightened sage Ribhu to his disciple Nidagha on the slopes of Mount

Kedara in the Himalayas. Some 2,500 years later, another awakened master, Sri Ramana Maharshi was touched by these same words, considering them to be one of the most sublime expressions of the awakened state that humanity had ever produced. He spoke of it reverently and would even give copies to his devotees to read. The version that follows is a selection, made by Sri Ramana Maharshi himself, of 45 verses that capture the very essence of the Ribhu Gita - an essence that this fresh and masterful modern translation manages to communicate in simple and elegant English, perfectly adapted to the Western reader. The book also contains the story of Ribhu and Nidagha as told by Sri Ramana Maharshi, as well as excerpts from informal talks with his students to further clarify the themes.

### **Inner Conflict Leads to Outer Disorder -**

Suryanarayana Raju 2012-05-23

Conflict is inner war. Conflict is a product of living in time dimension. We can find a solution

if we live with it but not through escaping from it. In observation of conflict in timeless dimension about the nature of conflict which is a product of time, there is the solution to conflict. Ending of conflict is the ending of sorrow. In the ending of conflict there is the ending of "me" and so there is the ending of sorrow. So first of all we must see the necessity of ending of conflict both inwardly and outwardly. If we identify the disease then we can find a cure to it. So far Arjuna enjoyed the pleasure of being somebody in the fighting, he enjoyed the pleasure of being famous, he conformed to social norms in which there is pleasure, now at this juncture of great war pleasure out of all these may be thwarted and so for the first time in life he is aware of inner conflict and he wants to solve that conflict by not participating in the war. Non-action is not inaction. We have to understand the nature of conflict, not avoiding conflict by indulging in drugs, sex, alcohol, clubs, social and religious activities etc.

Understanding conflict is possible only through self-inquiry in awareness. All others are tricks to avoid it. If there is conflict it distorts mind and decisions consciously or unconsciously. Conflict is awareness of blockage of pleasure, pain, frustration, pursuit of pleasure, pursuit for recognition etc. Until and unless we understand what it means to relate with the other we do not differentiate between “action” and “activity”.

*Bhagavad Gita* - P.V.S. SURYANARAYANA RAJU

The Essence of the Bhagavad Gita - Bernd Helge Fritsch 2015-09-28

This book results from the author's decades of in-depth studies of Eastern spirituality. The Bhagavad Gita combines the most beautiful pearls of Ancient Indian wisdom into a wonderful entity. The “Song of the Sublime” thoroughly explains all the important subjects of the earthly and the divine world. The Gita provides us with one of the most valuable and beautiful revelations mankind has ever received. Its

verses open a gate to spiritual self-recognition and to a discovery of the divine. This edition of the Gita offers today's readers a most practical access to its essence thanks to a careful selection of all important text passages and the use of clear, easily understandable language. Comments added to the translation will facilitate a deep understanding of this ancient and yet timeless eastern teaching.

Ribhu Gita - Dr. H. Ramamoorthy 2017-12-02

This translation is an essential and classic work of Advaita Vedanta. It is a consummate work of the spirit, an astonishing description of direct Nondual experience and understanding. H.H. Sri Chandrasekharendra Sarasvati, a Sankaracharya of the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham, stated in glowing terms that the Ribhu Gita is to the Sivarahasyam what the Bhagavad Gita is to the Mahabharata. First-hand descriptions of the experience of Nonduality are precious and rare. None is more powerful than this classic. Its uncompromising declaration communicates the

uninterrupted direct experience of the Sage known as Ribhu. The language is accessible, forceful -- and points clearly beyond the limits of time and circumstance. The Indian cultural frame, traditional dialog between Guru and disciple, is subsumed into the directly penetrating insight that is absolute, beyond any concept. In this second edition, footnotes have been added presenting alternative meanings to the word or phrase immediately preceding the

footnote number or show the Sanskrit word in transliterated form that has been translated into English. This second edition also contains an enhanced glossary from the original first edition. In addition, The 108 Names of Ribhu, in Sanskrit and English, is included in this new edition. May we all recognize in this text the freedom and happiness of the Absolute, our True Nature, as reflected in the words of the great Sage Ribhu!