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Morals and Teaching of Values for Human Being in Shrimad Bhagavad Gita Ramesh Kumar Awasthi¹

Abstract

"The Bhagavad Gita is an important Indian ancient scripture, along with the Upanishads, Vedas, and Puranas, and. It leads us by displaying various spiritual paths that lead to self-awareness and inner peace. The philosophy of the 'Bhagavad Gita' influenced many of our legendary leaders, including Lokmanya Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Radhakrishnan, and many others. The Bhagavad Gita can inspire academics to look behind the curtain of history in search of valuable knowledge. It can also serve as a starting point for a comparative study of educational philosophy in the East and the West. This paper is the result of an arts-based hermeneutical interpretation of a historical scripture, which has established intriguing links to the author's cultural practice, personal experiences, and feelings. The Bhagavad Gita is one of the most widely read Hindu scriptures, and it is widely regarded as one of India's greatest contributions to the world.

Keywords

Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Hindu, Upanishads, Vedas, Puranas, Karma Yoga.

Introduction

One of the most important scriptures of the (Sanatan Dharam) Hindus is the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita. India, the Hindu homeland, is a vast subcontinent with a diverse range of geographical regions inhabited by a diverse population. Alongside the Hindus, there have always been adherents of other faiths and immigrants from other <u>countries. Hinduism</u>, on the other hand, has formed a unique bond

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with India, whose very physical features hold religious significance for Hindus. After the Saraswati dried up and the Yamunä changed its course, the Saptasindhava, the area around the seven great rivers of north-western India, became the Panjäb, the Five-River-Country.

With the spread of the Vedic way of life, much of South Asia became the sacred ground for Hindus. All of India's great rivers – the Gangä, the Yamuna, the Indus, the Brahmaputra, the Närbadä, the Krishna, the Kaveri, and many others – were worshipped as divinities over time, and the thousands of tirthas on their banks became pilgrimage destinations for millions of people.

There is no known founder, no known historical beginnings, no central authority, and no shared creed in Hinduism. It has numerous founders of various schools and sects, numerous spiritual leaders, numerous scriptures, and numerous expressions. In today's India, Hinduism is an overwhelming reality: it can be seen in thousands of temple cities, heard in exuberant festivals, and felt by hundreds of millions of people. Apart from Hinduism, India is the birthplace of many other religions, and it has hosted many others from around the world throughout its long history. India is the birthplace of Buddhism, Jainism, and Sikhism, to name a few. During the last two thousand years, Jews, Christians, Zoroastrians, Muslims, and many others have found homes in India.

The Bhagavad-Gita philosophy is based on an ancient Vedic (Hindu) civilisation that is the foundation of South Asian (mostly Indian) and, to a lesser extent, South-East Asian cultures. The Vedic, Confucianism (North-East Asian countries and some South-East Asian countries), and Islamic civilisations are the most prominent non-Western civilisations. Islam, like Judaism and Christianity, has a long history and is more well-known in the West than Vedic and Confucianism. Many scholars have studied the Confucian (also Buddhist) aspects of governance and leadership in recent years, owing to their economic development.

However, Vedic civilisation has received little attention, particularly in terms of its relevance to good governance (Saigal, 2000; Muniapan, 2009). In terms of the Bhagavad-Gita, it has piqued the interest of academics not only in theology, philosophy, and spirituality but also in management and leadership, particularly in the Indian context, in recent years.

Many great thinkers throughout history, including Albert Einstein, Mahatma Gandhi, and Albert Schweizer, as well as Madhvacarya, Sankara, and Ramanuja have all pondered and debated the Bhagavadtimeless Gita's message. The Bhagavad-inherent Gita's beauty is that its knowledge is universal and transcends all sectarian ideologies. It is also accessible from the holy lands of all religions, and it is revered as the pinnacle of all spiritual teachings. The Bhagavad-Gita mastery reveals the eternal principles that are fundamental and essential for spiritual life from all angles, as well as the esoteric truths hidden within all religious scriptures (Muniapan, 2010).

In the Hindu scriptures, Gita's goal is to enlighten humanity by revealing the true nature of divinity; achieving the highest spiritual conception; and attuning to God's love.

The Bhagavad-Gita is divided into 18 chapters, the first six of which explain Karma Yoga (selfless action), specifically the actions of self-doubt, the spirituality of Being, selfless action, wisdom in action, work sanctification, and meditation for full consciousness. The second set of chapters (7–12) is devoted to Jnana Yoga (self-knowledge). This second series is the key to detachment actions because it teaches supreme truth, unity with truth, devotion, alignment, universal form, and divine qualities. The final six chapters, 13–18, teach the "how-to" of unwavering devotion. These are actions for detachment, transcendental wisdom, and supreme knowledge (Chow, 2007).

Bhagavad Gita and Education

Gita claims that the true meaning of education is the acquisition of virtual knowledge, but the question remains, "What is virtual knowledge?" Whenever we see or feel the diversity of the universe, God exists everywhere. "True knowledge teaches us to see God in each soul." The Lord declares that the supreme and purest knowledge and its essence were derived from a thorough study of the Vedas and various types of Upanishads. The importance of the soul is emphasised in the Bhagavad Gita. According to the Lord, the body is perishable but the soul is not. That is a secret part of knowledge; simply knowing that the pure soul is distinct from the body that will be destroyed, the soul remains unchanged and becomes immortal.

Metaphysics of Gita

Being is an important metaphysical point of teaching in the Gita. Gita believes that there is no being in the unreal and no non-being in the real. The soul is eternal, unborn, indestructible, limitless, all-encompassing, unthinkable, and immutable, un-manifest. The soul cannot be killed by a sword, nor can it be diminished or destroyed by fire, air, or rain. The soul is neither born nor dies; it is completely immortal and everlasting. He sees clearly who finds the ultimate reality seated equally in all beings and un-perishing with the perishing bodies.

Devotion is defined as an unselfish service to God. As a result, it is a form of Karma. The Lord himself raises his devotees from the "ocean of birth and death." God's love becomes divine and supreme love.

> नैनं छिद्रन्ति शस्ताणि नैनं दहति पावक: । न चैनं क्लेदयन्त्यापो न शोषयति मारुत ॥ (II. 23) यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत: । अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम् ॥(IV. 7) परिताणाय साधूनाम् विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम् । धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय सम्भवामि युगे-युगे ॥(IV. 8) श्रद्धावान्ल्लभते ज्ञानं तत्पर: संयतेन्द्रिय: । ज्ञानं लब्ध्वा परां शान्तिमचिरेणाधिगच्छति ॥(IV.39) कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन । मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूमां ते सङ्गोऽस्त्वकर्मणि ॥(II. 47) ध्यायतो विषयान्पुंसः सङ्गस्तेषूपजायते । सङ्गात्संजायते कामः कामात्क्रोधोऽभिजायते ॥(II. 62)

The state of attainment of knowledge and wisdom, according to Gita's philosophy, is when a human is free from the three wraths (lust, anger, and fear) (Bhagavad Gita). The Bhagavad Gita contains very useful and practical 'contents' for education that can address issues of action, salvation, and wisdom. According to the Bhagavad Gita, the state of steady wisdom is one in which achievement and failure, profit and loss, joy and sorrow can be perceived in equal terms (Bhagavad Gita), which is a state of complete satisfaction or the end state of desires.

One who is unaffected by whatever good or evil he obtains, neither praising nor despising it, is firmly fixed in perfect knowledge in the material world. According to Bhawuk (2011), the purpose of work is defined by the Bhagavad Gita; work is to be performed for its own sake, not for its outcomes (p. 148).

Relevance of 'Bhagavad Gita' in Today's Scenario:

In an era when spirituality is frequently on the rise on a global scale and pragmatism reigns supreme, most people are perplexed about the efficacy of teachings like the Bhagavad Gita. The most common misunderstanding among the general public is whether it is truly applicable to modern life or if it is only intended for chanting. People today do not remember that the 'Bhagavad Gita' means the "Song of God," so it is regarded as a rebellious statement for all eternity.

The Divine, Bhagavad Gita, literally pulsates with our divinely gifted human life and energy; and it is enormously alive for all who care to seek inspiration and support from the divine Gita. Some people swear that when they open the recital to read it after having faced a particular problem in their personal life, they always find that they have turned to a page of the divine Bhagavad Gita that holds an answer or solution to that particular question or problem they are facing in their life. Such is the Bhagavad Gita's divine power.

Bhagavad Gita for Present Generation:

Today's youth are a valuable asset to our country. Shaping and moulding them properly, as well as assisting them in enhancing their personalities, will allow their hearts to feel completely pure, putting them one step ahead by making them better citizens of the universe who will go on to create a better world tomorrow. The modern youth of the universe is currently under a great deal of stress, tension, and worry. They tend to age faster and are more susceptible to various illnesses and diseases.

The Bhagavad Gita's teachings can be applied by providing them with a positive vision of their own lives, cultivating them spiritually, and telling them how to live a quality and peaceful life. The fascinating aspect of the Bhagavad Gita is that it does not defend the adherent's willingness to make material sacrifices. It only purifies the mind and soul, which completely distresses the individual and aids in the realization of the inner-self and the supreme one. Furthermore, it encourages values and ethics in the youth, shaping them into better global citizens for India and the rest of the universe's new Golden Era. Reading the Bhagavad Gita regularly and understanding the teachings and slokas, as well as living a life free of day-to-day tensions and worries, helps you stay young for life and add years to your years with a peaceful life ahead of you.

Conclusion

Reading the Bhagavad Gita can help us improve our philosophical, sociological, anthropological, and psychological understanding. Much effort has been made in the Bhagavad Gita to equate Karma Yoga, Gyan Yoga, and Bhakti Yoga, in which the meaning of education has been infused. The Bhagavad Gita transmits the ideal philosophy of "Karma Yoga," a foundation for human action, or karma. Each individual in the universe has infinite potential. The ideal vision of infinity demonstrates that every individual in the universe has infinite potential. It is a question of demonstrating the divine potential that everyone possesses in their inner consciousness.

It is the responsibility of all humans on the planet to recognise this and strive for ultimate excellence in their respective professions to meet socially desired targeted goals. Only when we apply all of our knowledge will we achieve success. The Gita introduces us to our inner self. The intellect, which is the centre of emotions and impulses, is the centre of reasoning and discrimination in the mind. After reading the Bhagavad Gita, one can see that it is a valuable historical asset that requires careful study and interpretation. Moral teaching, particularly the ethical actions that run throughout the Bhagavad Gita, is not only an emerging need in our country but also in the global community.

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