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BHAGAVAD-GĪTĀ AS IT IS

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Words of Praise for the Gītā

Mohandas K. Gandhi: "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-gītā and find a verse to comfort me; and I immediately begin to smile in the midst of overwhelming sorrow. Those who meditate on the Gītā will derive fresh joy and new meanings from it every day."

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

Ralph Waldo Emerson: "I owed a magnificent day to the Bhagavad-gītā. It was the first of books; it was if an empire spoke to us, nothing small or unworthy, but large, serene, consistent, the voice of an old intelligence which in another age and climate had pondered and thus disposed of the same questions which exercise us."

What Does Bhagavad-gītā Explain?

- ✿ *Nature of Consciousness & The Self* ✿
 - ✿ *Vegetarianism & Non-Violent Living* ✿
 - ✿ *Reincarnation & The Laws of Karma* ✿
 - ✿ *Meditation For Self-Realization* ✿
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The Science of Consciousness

Max Plank: "It is a fact that there is a point, a single point in the immeasurable expanse of mind and matter, where science and therefore every causal method of research is inapplicable, not only on practical grounds, but also on logical grounds, and will always remain inapplicable. This is the point of our individual awareness"

Albert Einstein: "I believe that the present fashion of applying the axioms of science to human life is not only entirely a mistake but has also something reprehensible in it"

George Wald: "The simple reality is that consciousness is not approachable by science. My own thought is that consciousness is going to stay that way"

Reincarnation and Life After Death

Plato: "Gluttons and drunkards may become asses in future lives, violent and unjust people may take birth as wolves and hawks, and blind followers of social convention may become bees or ants. After some time, the soul again attains a human form and another chance to achieve liberation."

Ben Franklin: "Finding myself to exist in the world, I believe I shall, in some shape or other, always exist"

Leo Tolstoy: "As we live through thousands of dreams in our present life, so our present life is only one of many thousands of such lives which we enter from an other more real life, and then return after death. Our life is but one of the dreams of that more real life, and so it is endlessly, until the very last one, the very real life—the life of God"

Vegetarianism and Non-violence

Leonardo Da Vinci: "Truly man is the king of beasts, for his brutality exceeds them. We live by the death of others. We are burial places!"

Pythagoras: "As long as men massacre animals, they will kill each other. Indeed, he who sows the seeds of murder and pain cannot reap joy and love."

Albert Einstein: "It is my view that the vegetarian manner of living, by its purely physical effect on the human temperament, would most beneficially influence the lot of mankind."

George B. Shaw: "When a man wants to murder a tiger, he calls it sport; when a tiger wants to murder him, he calls it ferocity."

Ben Franklin: "Flesh eating is unprovoked murder."

Isaac B. Singer: "When a human being kills an animal for food, he is neglecting his own hunger for justice. Man prays for mercy, but is unwilling to extend it to others. Why then should man expect mercy from God? It's unfair to expect something that you are not willing to give."

J. H. Kellogg (cornflakes): "A dead cow or sheep lying in the pasture is recognized as carrion. The same sort of carcass dressed and hung up in a butcher's stall passes as food!"

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