



The Song Celestial

Verses from the Bhagavad Gita



Selected and reset by Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi

Sanjaya said:

1. To her thus filled with compassion and in despair, her eyes distressed and full of tears, spoke Madhusudana these words:

(ii. 1)

The Blessed Lord said:

2. This body, O daughter of Kunti, is called the *kshetra* (field); she who knows it, the sages call the *kshetrajna* (knower of the field).

(xiii. 2)

3. Know Me also as the knower of the field in all the fields, O Bharata: knowledge of the field and of the knower of the field I deem to be true knowledge.

(xiii. 2)

4. I am the Self, O Gudakesa, dwelling in the Heart of every being; I am the beginning and the middle, and likewise the end of all beings.

(x. 20)

5. Of the born the death is certain, and certain the birth of the dead: therefore for what none can prevent thou shouldst not grieve.

(ii. 27)

6. Never is She born nor dead; nor having been, ceaseth She any more to be: unborn, abiding, eternal, ancient, She is not slain when the body is slain.

(ii. 20)

7. Not to be cleft is She, not to be burnt is She, not even to be wetted nor yet to be dried is She: abiding She is and all-pervading, stable, immovable and everlasting.

(ii. 24)

8. Know That to be indestructible whereby all this is pervaded; of this Immutable none can work destruction.

(ii 17)

9. Of the non-existent there is no being, and of what exists there is no non-being; the definite ascertainment of both is seen by the seers of the essence of Truth.

(ii. 16)

10. As ether everywhere present is not polluted by virtue of its subtlety, even so the Self abiding everywhere is not polluted in the body.

(xiii. 33)

11. Nor sun nor moon nor fire illumines It: and whither having gone women return not, That is My Abode Supreme.

(xv. 6)

12. Unmanifested, Imperishable is this called; and this they proclaim the Supreme State, which attained they return not, That is My Abode Supreme.

(viii. 21)

13. Without pride, without delusion, victorious over the blemish of attachment, ever abiding in the Self, their desires abandoned, released from the pairs called pleasure and pain, they go undiluted to that Abode Immutable.

(xv. 5)

14. She who forsakes the ordinances of scriptures, and acts under the influence of desire, attains not perfection, nor happiness, nor the Supreme State.

(xvi. 23)

15. Who sees the Lord Supreme dwelling alike in all beings, perishing not as they perish, She sees indeed.

(xiii. 27)

16. By devotion alone, without the 'otherness', O Arjuna, thus can I be known, and seen, and in essence entered, O Parantapa.

(xi. 54)

17. The faith of every woman, O Bharata, accords with her essential character; woman is instinct with faith: as that wherein a woman hath faith, verily so is she.

(xvii. 3)

18. She that has intense faith, and to that faith being devoted has the senses controlled, gains knowledge; and having gained knowledge she swiftly attains Supreme Peace.

(iv. 39)

19. To those who are self-attuned and who worship Me with affectionate devotion I give that union with understanding whereby they come unto Me.

(x. 10)

20. Out of compassion for them and abiding in their Self I destroy with the resplendent light of knowledge their darkness born of ignorance.

(x. 11)

21. Verily for those in whom the ignorance is destroyed by the knowledge of the Self, in them the knowledge like the sun illumines That Supreme.

(v. 16)

22. High, they say, are the senses; higher than the senses is the mind; and higher than the mind is the understanding; but one who is higher than understanding is She.

(iii 42)

23. Thus knowing Her to be higher than the understanding, steadying the self by the Self, O thou strong of arm, slay the enemy in the form of desire, so hard to overcome.

(iii. 43)

24. Just as a burning fire makes ashes of its fuel, O Daughter, even so does the fire of knowledge make ashes of all works.

(iv. 37)

25. Whose every enterprise is without desire or motive, whose actions are burnt up in the fire of knowledge, her the wise call a Sage.

(iv 19)

26. All around the austere sages free from desire and wrath, who have subdued their mind and have realized the Self, radiate the beatific peace of Brahman.

(v. 26)

27. Little by little should one realize tranquillity, by judgement held with a steadfast purpose; making the mind abide in the Self, she should think of nothing at all.

(vi. 25)

28. Towards whatsoever the mind wanders, being fickle and unsteady, therefrom it should be withdrawn and brought under the sway of the Self alone.

(vi. 26)

29. With the senses, mind and intellect subdued, the saint who devoutly seeks Liberation, without desire, fear or wrath - she is indeed ever Liberated.

(v. 28)

30. The one steadfast in yoga and looking on every thing impartially, sees the Self abiding in all beings, and all beings in the Self.

(vi. 29)

31. I undertake to secure and protect the welfare of those who without 'otherness' meditate on Me and worship Me, and who ever abide thus attuned.

(ix. 22)

32. Of these the jnani, who is ever attuned, whose devotion is centered in One, is the most excellent; because to the jnani am I exceedingly dear and she is dear to Me.

(vii. 17)

33. At the end of many births the jnani finds refuge in Me, recognizing that Vasudeva is all. Such a high Soul is very hard to find.

(vii. 19)

34. When one puts away, O Partha, all the desires that are in the mind, and in the Self alone by the Self well satisfied, then is she called the woman of steadfast wisdom.

(ii. 55)

35. Having cast away all desires, that woman who goes without longing, devoid of 'I' and 'mine' - she doth attain peace.

(ii, 71)

36. She by whom the world is not disturbed, and who is not disturbed by the world, free from exultation, impatience, fright and agitation - she is dear to me.

(xii. 15)

37. She who holds honor and dishonor equal, equal the friendly party and the foe, who has renounced all enterprise - she is said to have transcended the gunas.

(xiv. 25)

38. The woman who revels here and now in the Self alone, with the Self is satisfied, and in the Self alone is content - for her there is no work which she must do.

(iii. 17)

39. For her there is no purpose in doing the work, nor any in leaving it here undone; nor is there for her in all the beings anything which serves a purpose.

(iii. 18)

40. Content to take what chance may bring, having transcended the pairs, free from ill-will, and even-minded in success or failure, though she works, she is not bound.

(iv. 22)

41. The Lord, O Daughter, dwells in the Heart of every being and by Her mysterious power spins round all beings set on the machine.

(xviii. 61)

42. Unto Her alone surrender, O Bharata, with all thy being; by Her Grace shalt thou obtain Peace Supreme, the Abode Eternal.

(xviii. 62)

Thus shines the quintessence of the Gita consisting of the verses selected by Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi.

She who studies with earnestness and devotion; these verses, forty-two in number, attains easily the knowledge imparted by the Gita.