

accurately reported to him all that he saw and heard from the distant war front. In this manner three blessed souls simultaneously shared the privilege of partaking of the ambrosia of the Bhagavad Gita. While Arjuna was the immediate recipient, Vyasa and Sanjaya got access to it from two different places. Vyasa went on recording it while the other went on relating it to the inquisitive blind monarch. Into Dhrtarashtra's ears, however, these words of wisdom fell as empty words. Strangely enough there was in him a mental blindness to match the physical.

It will not be out of place here to point out the difference between the radio and the intuitive faculty. The function of the former is merely to catch, broadcast and reproduce the sound. Its effect is public. It is shared by all who lend their ears. Intuitive knowledge on the other hand is personal and private. All cannot share it. But it has the power to transform the experiencer into a sage. Even without the medium of language ideas can be caught by enlightened people. Vyasa had this spiritual capacity. By recording the divine message of the Lord, he has conferred a great boon on humanity.

Gospel of slaughter

It is possible to come across people who object to the study of the Bhagavad Gita. They hold that the dialogue was intended to drag Arjuna somehow into the carnage. Arguments had to be invented in order to justify that nefarious act. And Sri Krishna proved himself an adept in the art of making a virtue of needless killing. What ensued was a wholesale