

hereafter. In the great cosmic plan of action play your part as a hero. Wake up to the reality of this world. Fight the battle of life. Fear nothing. Do not falter in your duty. At the same time be not a slave to duty either. Perform your duty for its own sake. It is by working in freedom that you rise to the realm of worklessness. To a knowing one, duty such as warfare is as sacred as worship in a sanctuary. This being the message of the Gita it has to be accepted as a gospel of carnage as much as a gospel of preservation of social solidarity. In this world of mutual destruction, practise the science of destruction as religiously as the science of mutual help. He alone is able to save the world who has learnt to slay the wicked in a spirit of worship. In unmistakable terms the Gita exhorts man to sanctify slaughter into a holy act. For this reason the Gita may be proudly proclaimed as the gospel of carnage. Virtue consists in wiping out the wicked.

#### Book of dissension and disruption

Positive service is rendered by a wind that brings rain-bearing clouds; but a dust storm has only a nuisance value. There are not wanting people who classify the Gita with the dust-raising whirlwind. Conflicting commentaries, they say, have cropped up round this book. They have led to endless dissension and verbal warfare. Had Sri Krishna been precise in his pronouncement, this oft-recurring pettifoggery could have been avoided. Interpretation of the Gita has resulted in purposeless and endless argumentation.