

man with a material outlook drags down even a sacred act to the vulgar plane. Because of his earth-bound outlook, the uninitiated one fouls sacred acts into secular, whereas the message of the Gita is to metamorphose all actions into liberating sacred ones. This distinctive feature makes the Gita a book of universal application.

Will, emotion and cognition are the three aspects of the phenomenon of the mind. Nought exists in psyche beyond the realm of these three functions. A healthy and wholesome mind has a universal value. Nothing on earth or in heaven can compare with a fully evolved mind. He owns everything who owns a fully developed mind. A harmonious development of the will, emotion and cognition goes to constitute a perfect mind. The slightest inequality among these three functions will, to that extent, result in imperfection in the formation of character. The Bhagavad Gita has laid emphasis on this all-important factor. In order to stress the equal importance of the three phases of the mind, the eighteen chapters in the Gita get themselves equally divided and are devoted to the development of the will, the emotion and the cognition. Because of its masterly exposition of this all-absorbing issue of human life, to the Bhagavad Gita may be assigned the unique status of the Scripture Universal.

The plan and purpose of the Gita is to evolve out of man, a personality that is perfect from all points of view. A strong body and a virile mind form the material of which such a personality is