Holy Geeta by Swami Chinmayananda

the life of Drona, the master-archer and military genius, will be ended, is a delusory concept of an uninitiated intellect. By this statement Krishna has indicated to Arjuna a greater Self than the ego in every embodiment.

At every level of our personality, we view Life and come to our own conclusions about things. Thus, we have a PHYSICAL ESTIMATE of the world from the body level, quite distinct from the EMOTIONAL PICTURE of life from the mental level, and also an INTELLECTUAL CONCEPT of life from the level of the intellect.

Physically, what I see as a woman, is mentally my mother and intellectually, the same sacred feminine form is a bundle of cells, each having in its protoplasmic content, a nucleus that presides over all its functions. The imperfections that I see in a physical object will fail to give me misery, if I successfully gild it with my emotional appreciation. Similarly, an object which is physically abhorrent and mentally shameful will still fail to provide me with any sorrow, if I can appreciate it from my intellectual level.

So, that which gives me despondency and dejection at the physical, mental and intellectual levels can yield a thrilling inspiration if I re-view it from the spiritual level. Krishna is advising Arjuna to renounce his physical, emotional and intellectual estimates of his teacher and his grandsire, and those of the whole battle-field problem,