

This is never to be spoken by you to one who is devoid of austerities, nor to one who is not devoted, nor to one who does not do service, nor to one who speaks ill of Me. - 67

The Bhagavad Gita is a symposium of all the principles governing the ethical and spiritual life of man. The Lord's supreme motive is to make these teachings available to all the aspirants. The life of man would rise in stature to the extent these principles are imbibed and put into practice. Still, there are flippant people among whom this sacred science should not be made a cheap affair, serving no useful purpose whatsoever. As an album of beautiful pictures and drawings is of no avail to the blind, the teachings of the Gita do no good to those who are devoid of austerity and disciplined life. Again, a thoroughly disciplined life is not an end in itself any more than merely owning a perfectly made musical instrument is. As music ought to be brought out of the instrument, a perfect life of man ought to be directed to the cultivation of devotion to the Lord. It is *Bhakti* that sanctifies the human life and renders austerity purposeful. The nature of *Bhakti* is ever to give unconditionally and never to grab. The devotee expresses his love in the form of service. He delights in serving and not in being served. The best utility to which the human body can be put is a whole-hearted service to others. Finally all these merits must be dominated by the feeling that it is Divinity that is manifesting Itself in all these forms. Any attitude short of it is likely to beget evil and sow