

This can be considered as THE CLOSING VERSE of the Geeta discourses on the battle-field of Kurukshetra. The word "thus" (*Iti*) is generally used in Sanskrit to indicate what we mean nowadays, by the phrase "quotation closes." The Lord has ended His discourses here.

A GREATER SECRET THAN ALL SECRETS (*Guhyaat-Guhyataram*) --- A secret can be so called only as long as it is not divulged. The moment we come to know of a thing it is no longer a secret at all. The spiritual truth and the right way-of-living as discussed in the Geeta are termed as "THE SECRET OF ALL SECRETS" in the sense that it is not easy for one to know the Geeta way of dynamic life and the Geeta vision-of-Truth, unless one is initiated into them. Even a subtle intellect, very efficient in knowing the material world, both in its arrangement of things and their mutual interaction, must necessarily fail to feel the Presence of this Subtle, Eternal and Infinite Self.

*Guhyam* --- This is a term that has gone into much misuse and abuse in India in our recent past. The term was misconstrued to mean that the spiritual knowledge, which is the core of our culture, is a great secret to be carefully preserved and jealously guarded by the privileged few against anybody else coming to learn it. This orthodox view has no sanction in the scriptures if we read them with the same large-heartedness of the *Rishis* who gave them to us. No doubt, there are persons who have not the intellectual vision, nor the mental steadiness, nor the physical discipline to understand correctly this great