

manifestations and revelations, the Bhagavad Gita occupies a unique position. It explains the working of the universe and the divinity inherent in it. It expounds the laws governing human life. The Substratum which is the Source of the universe and the beings in it, is lucidly presented by it. Knowledge pertaining to the Divine and the mundane is all contained in it. To put it in another way, the ways and the means of attaining Godhood and also of making earthly life prosperous and fruitful, are all convincingly conveyed through it. The follower of the Gita would very soon become a yogi. For all these reasons the carrying of the message of this great book to the prospective *sadhakas* is a benign work. No other service is equal to this spiritual mission. The doer of this soul-emancipating service is indeed dear to the Lord, he being instrumental in this solemn act.

The drain pipes on the roof of the house are fixed with open mouths of tigers and lions. The rain water coming from the sky therefore seems to jet out from the mouths of these beasts. Similar to this, the utterances of the holy men appear to be their own, while actually they all descend from the Most High.

— Sri Ramakrishna

It is not given to all to do the noble service of expounding the Gita. Still they have a duty by this benign book. That duty is explained as follows:—

अध्येष्यते च य इमं धर्म्यं संवादमावयोः ।

ज्ञानयज्ञेन तेनाहमिष्टः स्यामिति मे मतिः ॥ ७०

अधि(इ)ष्ट-(इय)ध्य-ते च य इमम् धर्म्यम् सम्-वादम्-आवयो ।

ज्ञान-यज्ञेन तेन अहम् इष्ट. (यज्ञ-त.) (अध)स-याम् इति मे मतिः ॥