

This stanza and the following, together constitute the running commentary of Sanjaya the faithful reporter of the Geeta. He says that, after surrendering himself to Krishna, seeking the Lord's guidance, Arjuna, the great CONQUEROR OF SLEEP and the SCORCHER OF HIS FOES, declared to Krishna, the Lord of the senses, that he would not fight, and became silent.

No single individual alive at that period had the authority to call back the armies from the field of Kurukshetra except the blind old uncle of the Pandavas. He had the status and the weight of opinion necessary for ordering a truce even at a time when it looked as though the time had slipped through the fingers. Sanjaya hoped that Dhritarashtra would understand the futility of their fighting against Arjuna, who would certainly conquer the Kaurava forces, since the "Knotted-haired" warrior (*Gudakesha*) had surrendered himself to the Lord of the senses (*Hrishikesha*), the Winner of the World (*Govinda*). But, Dhritarashtra was born-blind, and had grown deaf to the words of warning uttered by the good, due to his infinite attachment to his children.

*10. To him who was despondent in the midst of the two armies, Hrishikesha, as if smiling, O Bharata, spoke these words.*

Thus standing between the two forces, the good and the bad, arrayed for a battle to death, Arjuna (the *jeeva*) surrenders completely, to the Lord (the subtler discriminative intellect), his charioteer, who holds the five