

several other sciences are capable of viewing this phenomenon, each from its own angle of vision. The sun is the one source of inspiration to all these view points. As the same rising sun provides scope for being variously viewed, so does the Bhagavad Gita allow itself to be commented on, in varieties of ways. It gives inspiration to innumerable cults and creeds; and at the same time it is supremely above them all. A point may now be stated which goes to proclaim the glory of the Gita in an effective manner. There is a commentary which may be claimed to have been the fore-runner of the Gita itself. We may go a step further in our pronouncement and make bold to say that the life of Krishna is the grand source out of which the Gita has emerged. The life that Sri Krishna lived is the most sublime embodiment of Vedantic principles. The greatest contribution that an Incarnation of God makes to the world is His life and career. He is necessarily a man with a message. His deeds and exploits, even more than His utterances deliver that message in unmistakable terms. Through the force of His character He exerts an abiding influence on those who come in contact with Him. His demeanour under varying circumstances teaches humanity more eloquently than His declamation, if any. But Sri Krishna did speak on quite a few occasions. The best among His discourses is of course the Gita on the battle-field. But the contents of this talk were constantly demonstrated in His career. He preached nothing but what He put into practice all through His life. There-