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The Original Gita: Striving for Oneness (with Comments and Related Verses of the Bhagavad Gita)

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Motilal Banarsidass, New Delhi, 2012. Hardcover. Book Condition: New. The Original Gita, which predates the Bhagavad Gita, focuses on the basic philosophical and practical essentials of life and living. Here dualism is addressed and shown to be illusory, since every pair of opposites implies a third element: the notion of a different implied by both opposites. The discussion of what is an ever-present 'difference' in such a triunity and how it impacts everything we perceive is pivotal to awakening to a new dimension of observation. It is in the unseen difference that we become aware of opposites, such as long-short, day-night, true-false. In the first part of the book, the questions-What is thought? What is space-time? What is life-death? - are examined in concise form to give a foundation for the understanding of the philosophy of the Gita. Using this basis of Eastern wisdom, the author comments on the 209 verses of The Original Gita, and a Sanskrit-to-English translation is given of the related 319 verses in the classic Bhagavad Gita that correspond to these verses; these 319 verses can therefore be considered as the core of the Bhagavad Gita. There is no reference in The Original Gita to the...



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