

THE BHAGVAD GITA AND MAHATMA GANDHI A PRESENT SCENARIO

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ABSTRACT

The Bhagavad-Gita or the sacred song is a Hindu poem with spirituality, divinity and deep philosophy embodied in it. Mahatma Gandhi has often acknowledged its profound effect on his life. Gandhiji was captivated throughout his life by Gita's message. Gandhiji interpreted that the essence or quintessence of the entire work of Gita message was action without expectation of fruit (anasaktiyoga). In his own words, the Bhagavad Gita is designed for the common man. In present era Gita's message and Gandhiji's concept of real happiness proves again that mere material gains never bring peace within us. Self realization or liberation may be the goal of Hindu philosophy. Renunciation of all desire of action was ultimate message. In the present paper we will throw light on the importance of prayers, the Bhagavad-Gita and its teachings on Mahatma Gandhi's life and his writings.

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