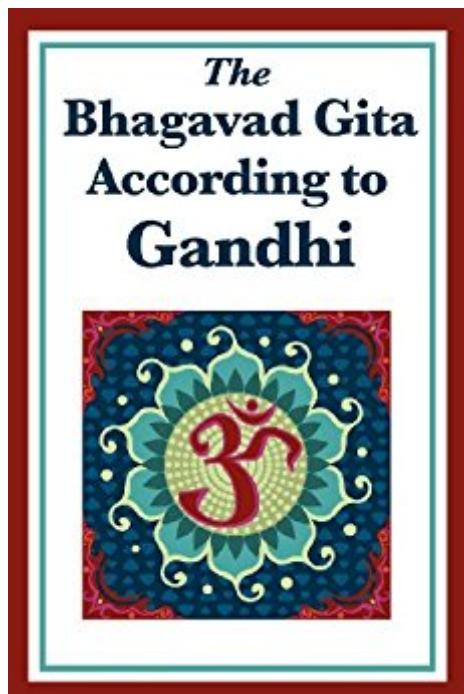


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The Bhagavad Gita According To Gandhi



Synopsis

The Bhagavad Gita presents a synthesis of the Brahmanical concept of Dharma, theistic bhakti, the yogic ideals of liberation through jnana, and Samkhya philosophy. Numerous commentaries have been written on the Bhagavad Gita with widely differing views on the essentials. Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi penned this extensive commentary on the Gita, and called the sacred text "The Gospel of Selfless Action."

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It's important to remember that Gandhi took many different philosophies from many different traditions into his own. He didn't read the Gita until he was obtaining his college education in England and he read it in English; he didn't grow up with this text as a central point for his belief system as many Hindus do. That being said, I believe Gandhi is one of the greatest advocates of peace this world has ever seen, and that his philosophy of life has something that can positively affect each and everyone of our lives. As with everything though, take his interpretation of this amazing text with a grain of salt. Just because this is Gandhi's translation doesn't give it anymore value than other masterful works (I personally prefer Barbra Stoler Miller's).

The Wilder Publications printed edition could greatly benefit from improved formatting. Each page is a single block of text running from one side of the page to the other without spacing between slokas (or groups of slokas) and commentary. The text near the spine is especially hard to read; I have to pull the sides of the book apart and tilt the pages to see the text and this is enough to really throw me off as I try to get back to the start of the next line without the benefit of any spacing to help me keep my place. Some might not be bothered by any this but I did want to share this info. Of more than ten translations and commentaries in my collection I would humbly recommend "The Living Gita" by Sri Swami Satchidananda to any reader seeking an easy-to-read and immensely rich edition of this precious treasure.

It is written, though a long time ago, in current day format which easily facilitates interaction with the material. This is written in a question-answer format in how best to gain from the material and what we want to take home from each segment of the book. It promotes gain from the wisdom interpretation of Gandhi instantaneously because of this format of writing style. It is blatant about society's wrongs relative to the Bhagavad Gita and relative to nonknowledge and erroneous interpretation of religion which also helps bring attention to societal ills and problems. This book however has in-built solutions if one wants to take advantage of the wisdom gained from the book. It makes for fast continuous reading while simultaneously assimilating the information and the essence of the Gita. It also promotes discussion with loved ones because of its question-answer format thereby enganging everyone in the discussion. An outstanding work from a phenomenal person. Additional reading: My Experiments with Truth by M.K.Gandhi.

The Bhagavad Gita According to Gandhi is excellent for a number of reasons. Initially, to me, it will always be excellent to write on the Bhagavad Gita, because it is so useful. Secondly, Gandhi brings his own personal humility to his writing, which invites a similar sense of study to the reader, and without which, I feel, the meaning of the book will not be seen correctly. Certainly a worthy read.

Very worth while reading this. From my perspective not having a background into the sacred scripture The Bhagavad Gita, Gandhi's translation is eloquent and explained many things to me. I always appreciate such intelligence within a text and marvel how the writer, in this case Gandhi, translated the text so that I can understand the text as well as benefit from the text. The Bhagavad Gita has many lessons that apply to everyday life. I read also that Gandhi would read a portion of

the text each day an admiral practice and one that I follow. When you enrich your mind daily with wisdom it has a most profound effect within you.

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Very INACCURATE translations, reflecting more his personal philosophy and his troubled behaviors well documented in Indian History. he doe snot give credit but seems to be copying the popular books based on shankara 9thC [aka shankaracharya].Only worth reading to understand the inner workings of Gandhi, his claims and his disavowals.

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