



Seven Verses *from the* Bhagavad Gita *by* Swami Shyam

Swami Shyam has translated the Bhagavad Gita from the original Sanskrit into English and Hindi. He selected these seven essential verses to be sung and studied daily as a part of *saadhana*. Since then, his English rendition has been translated into twenty-two languages so that people all over the world can sing, study and unfold their own true nature, forever free and pure.

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The Purpose of Verses of the Bhagavad Gita

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The main purpose of the verses in the Bhagavad Gita is to strengthen the style of living of the one who reads them and imbibes their essential meaning. They are meant to be read and their meaning assimilated by all human beings who have the tradition of thinking, from time immemorial, that each person and each form is born; that forms will end in nothingness, so a human being will not have their joy; that because a person will also end or die, he will be eliminated completely as a body; and, that without his body, he cannot enjoy anything.

All people on earth are trying to live their life for the sake of experiencing joy, delight, or happiness. But even when they are alive and young and have everything around them, they do not succeed in deriving satisfaction by experiencing the joy contained in things or within their bodies. When they reach the end of their lives, they become very hopeless, because their senses, which had been enjoying things and the tastes contained in them, are so weak that they are unable to derive any joy from the tastes found in the objects and in themselves as bodies.

Therefore, every human being entertains the fear of the elimination of things, and even of his or her own elimination. Those who are conscious human beings entertain fear at every step and cannot live their human body life free from the idea that they should live forever and never die, because if they never die, many things will be available to them.

In these verses, the truth is spoken: please develop your ability and gain the knowledge that enables you to know that you are never born, thus, you will never die. You are eternal, pure, and forever. You are free from any adverse effect created by the power of things and human beings. You, as your true nature, are therefore the freedom that is never caught by any person, any thing, any relation, or any relative situation. Imbibe this fact and know it!

This is the meaning of these verses. Since human beings have no ability to know this, they have to read these verses again and again if they do not sing them. If they do sing, they have to sing them again and again until the truth of the real YOU, as the Self, is assimilated perfectly.

The one who does this will see that he is able to live his human life every day in freedom, without the effect of pain, suffering, and disease or the idea of destruction and death. He will always keep the thought and knowledge alive of this YOU, who is undying. Then, never will a thought come to him to kill or cut anybody, or that he will be cut or killed by any person, weapon, or situation. This knowledge will eliminate one's fear while living on Earth. And that will mean very nice living throughout!

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Degene die denkt dat Zelf kan doden
of gedood kan worden,
kent de waarheid niet want Zelf doodt niet
en wordt nimmer gedood. 2:19

Zelf, God, wordt niet geboren en sterft evenmin.
Ofschoon God verschijnt als vorm,
geboren wordt of zal veranderen,
Zelf is altijd durend.
Zelf is de werkelijkheid.
Als een lichaam wordt gedood of omkomt,
is het slechts de vorm
die verandert of verloren gaat.
Zelf verandert niet. 2:20

Arjun, Zelf is onvergankelijk,
ongeboren en sterft nooit.
Denken dat moord en de dood bestaat
is onwetendheid, dus treur niet.
Zelf is onveranderlijk,
Dus treur nimmer om de dood. 2:21

Zelf laat 't oude lichaam achter
om een nieuw te nemen,
zoals men oude kleren wegdoet,
zich in nieuwe kleding steekt. 2:22

Zelf is onsterfelijk, vuur noch wapens,
water noch wind vernielen het.
Woorden kunnen Zelf niet raken,
onverwoestbaar is het Zelf.
Woorden raken Zelf niet,
Is de waarheid van het Zelf. 2:23

Wees hiervan doordrongen, Arjun,
ik herinner je eraan:
Zelf is eeuwig, onveranderlijk ,
overal aanwezig. 2:24

Ben niet verdrietig, denk nooit
dat Zelf vernietigd wordt.
Zelf is onpeilbaar, onvoorstelbaar,
onzichtbaar en voort durend.
Zelf is vooraltijd een
Zelf is alles dat er is 2:25

En Shyam zegt:
Al ben je sterk of zwak, luid of mak,
niemand wil sterven.
Breek het rad van geboorte en van dood
door meditatie.
Zelf is Amaram onsterfelijk
Zelf is Madhuram gelukzalig.
Zelf is Amaram, Zelf is Madhuram
Zelf is Amaram, Zelf is Madhuram
Zelf is Amaram, mijn vriend,
Zelf is Madhuram, mijn vriend
Zelf is Amaram, mijn vriend,
Zelf is Madhuram, mijn vriend