



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.

in English



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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If you think that Self is killed
Or Self is that who kills
You have not realized the truth
For Self is neither killed nor kills 2:19

Self is never ever born
And never ever dies
Though he appears to manifest
And change into a form 2:20

The truth is that he is unborn, eternal, everlasting
The form will change and be destroyed
But he remains the same

Since Self is neither born nor dies
Then who is killed or kills?
To think that birth and death exist
Is ignorance so never grieve 2:21

Just as a man sheds worn out clothes
And takes new ones again
So Self embodied as a form
Casts off this worn out form
And enters in a new one
That is the Truth of Self 2:22

The Self cannot be cut by weapons
Burnt by fire, wet by water
It is not dried by wind, dear one
Its not destroyed, it is immortal
It also is not hurt by words and their meaning 2:23

I wish to remind you, everyone
About the nature of the Self
It is eternal, forever, omnipresent
It is eternal, forever, omnipresent x2

Realizing your true nature
You should never grieve, dear one
You should never grieve, dear one
You should never grieve, dear one 2:24

And Shyam tells you
You may be high, you may be shy
You may be small, you may be tall
No one on earth wants to die
No one on earth wants to die

Know that your true nature is
Immortal and deathless
Realizing this you'll be free
From the wheel of birth and death 2:25

You will be free by meditating
On the truth of your own Self
Amaram Hum, Madhuram Hum x3

Dear one practise I am immortal
Dear one practise I am blissful x2

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