

PRATIJNA GITA

The Song of Assurance

Gita has a message for the solace, peace, freedom and perfection of all human beings. In this book alone, the Lord gives His definite word of assurance or promise and exhortation at every step to the aspirant. He says:-

नेहाभिक्रमनाशोऽस्ति प्रत्यवायो न विद्यते |
स्वल्पमप्यस्य धर्मस्य त्रायते महतो भयात् || Ch.2-40||

Neha-abhikrama-naaso'sti pratyavaayo na vidyate;
Svalpam apy asya dharmasya traayate mahato bhayaat. Ch. 2-40.

In this, there is no loss of effort, nor is there transgression. Even a little of this knowledge protects from great fear.

पार्थ नैवेह नामुत्र विनाशस्तस्य विद्यते |
न हि कल्याणकृत्कश्चिद्दुर्गतिं तात गच्छति || Ch.4-40||

Paartha naiveha na-amutra vinasas tasya vidyate;
Nahi kalyaana-krit kaschid durgatim taata gacchati. Ch. 4-40.

O Son of Pritha! Neither in this world, nor in the next life is there destruction for him; none, verily, who does good, comes to grief.

क्षिप्रं भवति धर्मात्मा शश्वच्छान्तिं निगच्छति |
कौन्तेय प्रतिजानीहि न मे भक्तः प्रणश्यति || Ch.9-31||

Kshipram bhavati dharmaatmaa sasvacchaantim nigacchati;
Kaunteya pratijaaneehi na me bhaktah pranasyati. Ch. 9-31.

Soon he becomes righteous and attains to eternal peace, O Kaunteya; know thou for certain that My devotee is never destroyed.

अनन्याश्चिन्तयन्तो मां ये जनाः पर्युपासते |
तेषां नित्याभियुक्तानां योगक्षेमं वहाम्यहम् || Ch.9-22||

Ananyaas chintayanto maam ye janaah paryupaasate;
Tesham nitya-abhiyuktaanaam yoga-kshemam vahaamy aham. Ch. 9-22.

To those men who worship Me alone, thinking of no other, ever harmonious, I bring full security.

अपि चेदसि पापेभ्यः सर्वेभ्यः पापकृत्तमः ।
सर्वं ज्ञानप्लवेनैव वृजिनं सन्तरिष्यसि ॥ Ch.4-36॥

Api ched asi paapebhyah sarvebhyah paapa-krit-tamah;
Sarvam jnaana-plavenaiva vrijinam santarishyasi. Ch. 4-36.

Even if thou art the most sinful of all sinners, yet thou shalt verily cross over all sin by the raft of knowledge.

मन्मना भव मद्भक्तो मद्याजी मां नमस्कुरु ।
मामेवैष्यसि सत्यं ते प्रतिजाने प्रियोऽसि मे ॥ Ch.18-65॥

Man-manaa bhava mad-bhakto mad-yaajee maam namaskuru;
Maam evaishyasi satyam te pratijaane priyo'si me. Ch. 18-65.

Fix thy mind on Me, be devoted to Me, sacrifice to Me, bow down to Me, thou shalt come ever to Me, truly do I promise unto thee.

तेषामहं समुद्धर्ता मृत्युसंसारसागरात् ।
भवामि नचिरात्पार्थ मय्यावेशितचेतसाम् ॥ Ch.12-7॥

Teshaam aham samuddhartaa mrityu-samsaara-saagaraat;
Bhavaami nachiraat partha mayyaavesita-chetasaam. Ch. 12-7.

For them, whose mind is set on Me, verily I become, ere long, the Saviour out of the ocean of the mortal Samsara.

सर्वधर्मान्परित्यज्य मामेकं शरणं व्रज ।
अहं त्वां सर्वपापेभ्यो मोक्षयिष्यामि मा शुचः ॥ 66॥

Sarva-dharmaan parityajya maam ekam saranam vraja;
Aham tvaa sarva-paapebhyo mokshayishyaami maa suchah. Ch. 18-66.

Abandoning all duties, take refuge in Me alone; I will liberate thee from all sins; grieve not.

It is lamentable, indeed, that even after reading these assurances of Lord Krishna Himself, people do not take seriously to Yoga Sadhana.

May the blessings of Lord Krishna be upon you all!