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FOREWORD

Seekers of the True Wisdom will gratefully welcome the Spiritual review presented in this volume, as being the most illuminating interpretation that has yet been given, in the English language, of the Bhagavad-Gita. It is indeed an important and unique work, and fills a long-felt want among English-speaking people. Its thirty-one short chapters will prove a valuable Companion to the Text of the Bhagavad-Gita, now numerously rendered into English, for all devout Aspirants of the Golden Gates of the Divine Mysteries. It discloses the Depths of the Divine Wisdom-Religion handed down from antiquity in the Sacred Scriptures of the East (the Cradle of All Religion); and its exact Synchronism with the Mystery-Religion taught by Jesus Christ and Primitive Christianity.

Faithfully followed and assimilated by constant Meditation, its profound teaching will surely lead the student to that almost forgotten "Gnosis" of which this Great Epic is an expression. Such a work is potential with the promise of co-ordination between East and West, unifying the dormant yet re-awakening Call to Christ-Consciousness, now showing many signs of activity in the great reactions and restorative agents certain to arise to heal the sore wounds of humanity at the cessation of the present World-Cataclysm.

No longer will this ancient Epic be treated as some obscure or "heathen" philosophy, peculiar to an Eastern Race, a relic of past human superstition, but as setting forth the fundamental Doctrine of all Masters, and especially of Jesus Christ and the Apostles of that Great Master.

This book is of special utility for that it is written in plain English, and the Oriental terms, which are so baffling to those unversed in the Sanscrit tongue, are rendered in simple language, comprehensible to the most unlearned English reader. It is hoped that this book will introduce the Bhagavad-Gita to

multitudes who have no knowledge of its perfection as "literature," and who have never perceived its immortal value and exquisite beauty as "Scripture." How many tens of thousands of Christians only regard "Hindus," "Brahmans," and "Buddhists," as being "benighted heathens" and "idolaters"! This book will at least give them a specimen of the "Scriptures" upon which their Faith (more ancient even than Christianity) is founded. It will help them to discover that the Orient inherits all the highest Traditions and Truths of Christianity and Judaism, and much Truth that Modern Christianity has lost for centuries, and forgotten. And it will show that the Bhagavad-Gita, in its true rendering, is the Key to the right understanding of the Old and New Testament.

We may clearly recognise in this Mystical document the sure hand of a "Master," and are left in no doubt as to the Oneness of this Teaching with the "Unio Mystica" Teaching of all true Mystics.

That greatly misused term "Nirvana," so long held to imply "total extinction," or

absorption of the personality into Cosmic Deity, is herein conclusively shown to us in its true sense, as defined by Krishna, and understood by all Oriental followers of Brahma and Buddha; and we recognise it to be the ultimate fruits of Self-Abnegation, or Self-Annihilation, which Jesus, in harmony with Krishna, insists upon as the preliminary and First Step of the "Path," and is the Principle, developed to Perfection, of the Final Initiation, resulting in "Nirvana," as a State,—the Denial of the Unreal "Self," which must be slain, buried and destroyed, before the True and Real Self—the "Christ in you, the Hope of Glory (Nirvana)"—can grow to Full Stature in us.

We are also lucidly shown the identity between "Sankya-Yoga" and "Faith and Works." Those who have eyes to see will not be slow to perceive the vain and dangerous character of the many cults and religious teachings of to-day, wherein these two indissoluble factors of the Faith are divorced from each other, and treated in separate fashion, and practised according to the one School or the other; thus creating inevitable