

## “Pearls of Wisdom from Bhagavad Gita” - Book Release Function

On 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Sri Ranganatha Charities organized a book release function at Bhavan auditorium Coimbatore. The function started with prayer by Smt. Rohini Parthasarathy. Sri C.R.Suryanarayanan welcomed the gathering.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi released the book titled “Pearls of Wisdom from Bhagavad Gita” compiled by Dr. V.V.Parthasarathy. Sri B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar received the first copy. This book contains 108 selected verses from Bhagavad Gita. The verses are given in Sankrit, English and Tamil. The meaning is given in English and Tamil.

After the book release, Pujya Swamiji gave a lecture on the topic “Vision of Bhagavad Gita”. Lord Krishna as a representative of



the Pandavas negotiated with Duryodana for a settlement of the rightful dues to the Pandavas. Duryodana refused even for a token settlement. Pandavas to establish dharma had to fight this war. It was not for power or kingdom.

When Arjuna had to choose between a non fighting Lord Krishna and the Yadava army, he chose Lord Krishna. Arjuna knew for success in war, men and materials were not adequate. To take care of the hidden variables, Ishwara’s grace was required.

To earn punya or grace, one should do purta karma. Purta karma is reaching out action for the welfare of the society.

On the battlefield, Arjuna had a doubt, after destroying dharmis like Bhisma and Drona, how to uphold dharma. The topical





problem of fighting a war was converted into a fundamental problem. Arjuna asked for the knowledge. Lord Krishna taught A to Z of what had to be taught.

Gita has the vision or the whole view. There is a regular tradition of teaching. Lord Krishna became jagadguru. Parthasarathy became Gita Acharya.

The whole view is that I am the atma. I am the body, mind or senses is only a point of view. When this point of view becomes the view, there is a problem. Self inadequacy, self judgment and self disapproval are due to non recognition of the whole view. I, the atma is totally free from limitations.

Bhagavad Gita tells how one should live his life to recognize that, I am the whole. To see that I am the whole and own it, one should lead a dharmic life. It is gained by living in such a way that every experience makes one richer, wiser and at home with oneself. Gita gets unfolded. Gita gives the vision and the way to life to gain that vision.

Pujya Swamiji congratulated Dr. V.V. Parthasarathy for the compilation and Bhavan for organizing the function.

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