

BHAGAVAD- GITA

LECTURE & DISCUSSION GROUP



**Tuesday evenings, alternate
weeks starting April 5th
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Sixth Street Gallery
105 W. Sixth Street,
Vancouver**

(1 block from downtown bus transit
center)

Please join us for a free lecture on Bhagavad-Gita, and open discussion on the nature of God, the eternal soul, the living entity's relationship with God, the effects of time and karma, and the practice of Bhakti, the yoga of devotional service.

We'll be reading from "Bhagavad-Gita As It Is" by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Discussions will be led by Rocana dasa, who has lectured on Bhagavad-Gita for over 35 years.

Books will be made freely available, along with various audio and digital materials. Examples of transcendental art will be incorporated into the discussion.

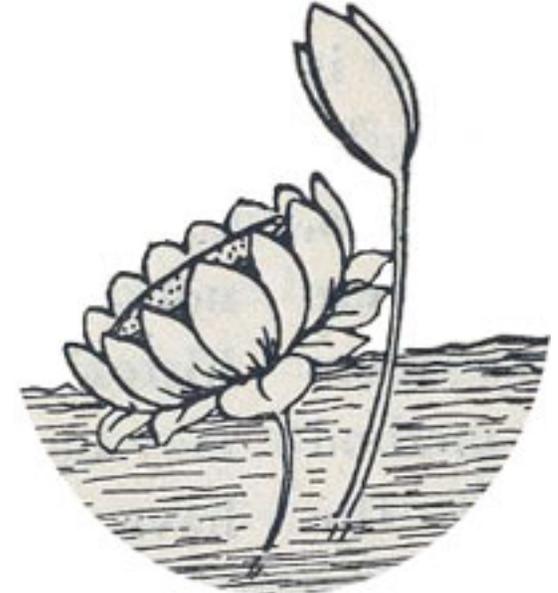
The session will open with a brief kirtan (devotional chanting). At the break, we'll enjoy an Indian vegetarian snack. Time will be given for questions and open group discussion.

Please call Jahnava at (360) 993-0022 to reserve a seat.

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What is the Bhagavad-gita?



The purpose of Bhagavad-gita is to deliver mankind from the nescience of material existence. Every one of us is full of anxieties because of this material existence. Out of so many human beings who are suffering, there are a few who are actually inquiring as to why they are put into this awkward position. Humanity begins when this sort of inquiry is awakened in one's mind.

Lord Krsna descends specifically to reestablish the real purpose of life when man forgets that purpose. Even then, out of many, many human beings who awaken, there may be one who actually enters the spirit of understanding his position, and for him this Bhagavad-gita is spoken.

“Bhagavad-gita As It Is”

by

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila
Prabhupada



With many millions of hardbound copies in print in over two dozen languages, *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, is the best-selling and most authoritative edition of this classic of world literature.

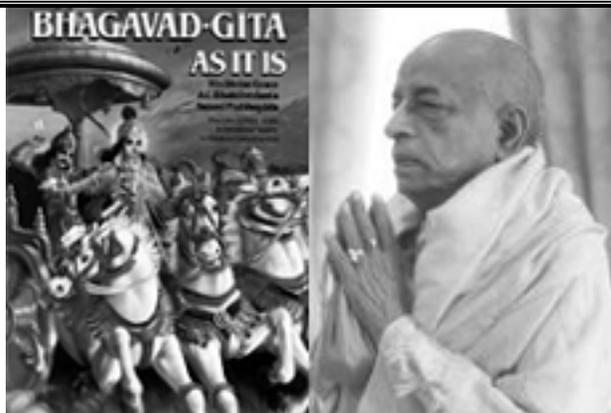
Scholars comment on “Bhagavad-gita As It Is”:

“The *Gita* can be seen as the main literary support for the great religious civilization of India, the oldest surviving culture in the world... “The present translation and commentary is another manifestation of the permanent living importance of the *Gita*. Swami Bhaktivedanta brings to the West a salutary reminder that our highly activist and one-sided culture is faced with a crisis that may end in self-destruction because it lacks the inner depth of an authentic metaphysical consciousness. Without such depth, our moral and political protestations are just so much verbiage.”

~ Thomas Merton, late Catholic theologian, monk

“There is little question that this edition is one of the best books available on the *Gita* and on devotion. Prabhupada’s translation is an ideal blend of literal accuracy and religious insight.”

~ Dr. Thomas I. Hopkins, Chair of Religious



In 1896, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada made his appearance in Calcutta, Bengal. He was given the name Abhay Carana by his Vaisnava father, whose principle desire for his son's spiritual future was for him to become a pure devotee of Lord Sri Krsna, the ultimate goal of Vaisnavism.

In 1922, Srila Prabhupada's spiritual master directed him to distribute the transcendental message of Lord Sri Krsna Caitanya to the western world. Srila Prabhupada spent several years in the holy city of Vrndavana engaged in deep study and writing. It was there that he began work on his life's masterpiece - a multi-volume commentated translation of the eighteen-thousand-verse Srimad-Bhagavatam (Bhagavata Purana). In September 1965, after publishing three volumes of the Bhagavatam, Srila Prabhupada journeyed to the United States. Subsequently, His Divine Grace wrote more than fifty volumes of authoritative commentated translations and summary studies of the philosophical and religious classics of India.

In July of 1966, he established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Over the course of the next eleven years, until Srila Prabhupada's departure in November 1977, millions of his Books were distributed throughout the world, translated into many different languages. Today, his teachings are increasingly distributed around the world by his disciples and followers.



Bhagavad-gita teaches us who God is, what the living entities are, what prakrti (material nature) is, what the cosmic manifestation is, how it is controlled by time, and what the activities (karma) of the living entities are. Out of these five basic subject matters in Bhagavad-gita it is established that the Supreme Godhead, or Krsna, or Brahman, or the supreme controller, or Paramatma -- use whatever name you like -- is the greatest of all.



Rocana dasa joined Srila Prabhupada's preaching mission in 1969 and was initiated in 1971. He served as Temple President and Regional Secretary in Hare Krsna temples around the world.

Over the last 35 years, Rocana dasa has lectured on Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and other Vaisnava literatures at educational institutions around the world: Oxford, Cambridge, and universities across England; Univ. of Nairobi and Mombassa Polytech; Univ. of Washington, and Seattle Univ., colleges and universities all across Canada, and various centres in India. Rocana and his wife Jahnava live in Vancouver, WA. He is available to speak to local classes and student groups upon request.