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### MESSAGE

The universe is a brilliant expression of consciousness. Everything you see here is nothing but an expression of consciousness in its brilliance. Every object reminds you that the consciousness which has created it is the basis of this existence, is source of brilliance. Bharata means brilliance. –Mahabharata means the great brilliance. The great brilliance has a rhythm, a song to it and that is Gita.

When there is a war, you cannot sing. War simply means disharmony and music is harmony. Wisdom is most essential at the time of war. Bringing wisdom, not in a palace, but amidst war, bringing harmony where it is most needed is the brilliance of the Divinity. See the dichotomy - singing about the Self in the battlefield! It is little short of a miracle. And the one who does so is an expression of Divinity. One who did that in the battlefield, bringing about the wisdom of life, the truth of life, indicates an eternal phenomenon.

Life is a struggle when you don't know the harmony. Everything here appears to be a conflict. The elements are in conflict with each other. Fire does not like water, water does not like fire. Air does not like fire and vice versa. The four elements in the creation –the fifth one is just a witness, are in conflict. In the same way, in your body there is conflict, there is conflict in the world, in the society, in the family. There is conflict between the young and the old, between the wise and the foolish, because the universe is made up of opposites. When it is made up of opposites, conflicts are bound to arise, war is inevitable there. However, the intervention of the Divinity can change this whole scenario. It is the Divinity, which can raise your eyes to the truth that there is harmony, there is beauty in all these beautiful things on the planet.

Today, when our world is caught up in so many conflicts, the message of Gita is as relevant as it has ever been. I am very happy to note that the International Gita Conference is being organized to explore how this wisdom can uplift society today.

Best wishes and blessings to everyone

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