

KEY TERMS

भगवद् गीता

Bhagavad Gītā

Bhagavad Gita

कर्म योग

karma yoga

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ज्ञान योग

jñāna yoga

jnana yoga

राज योग

rāja yoga

raja yoga

भक्ति योग

bhakti yoga

bhakti yoga

अवतार

avatāra

avatara

QUESTIONS

1. What is the setting of the *Bhagavad Gītā* and what is the dilemma faced by Arjuna?
2. In the 2nd chapter of the *Bhagavad Gītā* what is Kṛṣṇa's response to Arjuna's dilemma?
3. What is the key to action, the secret of *karma-yoga*, revealed to Arjuna by Kṛṣṇa in the 3rd chapter of the *Bhagavad Gītā*?
4. Why does Kṛṣṇa maintain that renunciation of the world and abstention from action are not the paths to freedom?
5. What are the essential features of an awakened person? How is such a person to be recognized?
6. What is the highest sacrifice, which, according to Kṛṣṇa, will reduce all karma to ashes?
7. What are the three *yogas* outlined in the *Bhagavad Gītā*? Does Kṛṣṇa indicate which of these is the highest *yoga*? How might the various paths of yoga come together to form a unitive whole?
8. What teachings from the Sāṅkhya philosophy come forth in Kṛṣṇa's response to Arjuna?
9. How is the *Bhagavad Gītā* a response to the challenges brought forth from Jainism and Buddhism?