

VICTORY

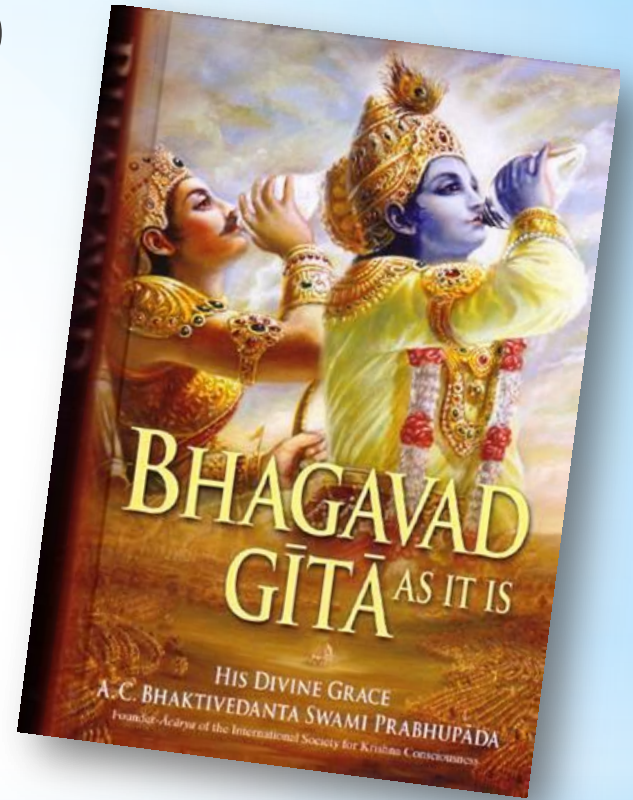
in

DEFEAT



# \* Bhagavad Gita: 2.40

*nehaabhikrama-naso 'sti  
pratyavaayo na vidyate  
sv-alpam apy asya dharmasya  
traayate mahato bhayaat*



## \* Victory in Defeat

\*“In this endeavor there is no loss or diminution, and a little advancement on this path can protect one from the most dangerous type of fear.”



\* **Meaning of Verse**

- \* Activity in spiritual life has a permanent effect, even though unfinished and imperfect.
  - essence of attitude that matters.
- \* Any work begun on material plane of existence has to be completed, otherwise the whole attempt is a failure.
- \* Material activities and results end with this body – but work in spiritual life continues after loss of this body.

## \* The Uniqueness of this Prayer

## \*Srimad Bhagavatam: 1.5.17



tyaktvaa sva-dharmam caranaambujam harer  
bhajann apakvo 'tha patet tato yadi  
yatra kva vaabhadram abhuud amusya kim  
ko vaartha aapto 'bhajataam sva-dharmatah

\*To win a battle and lose the war?

\* “If someone gives up his occupational duties and works in Krsna consciousness and then falls down on account of not completing his work, what loss is there on his part? And what can one gain if one performs his material activities perfectly?”

\* “What profiteth a man if he gains the whole world yet suffers the loss of his eternal soul?”



\* **Meaning of prayer**

- \* Indra – the King of heavens.
- \* Heaven – the height of sense gratification
- \* The constant battle between the demons and demigods to control heavens.
  
- \* Indra offends his spiritual master Brhaspati
- \* Indra hires a new spiritual master Visvarupa
- \* Indra kills Visvarupa for being partial to the demons
- \* Visvarupa’s father, Tvasta performs sacrifice to create Vrtrasura, the terrible demon

## \* The glorious episode of Lord Indra & Vrtrasura, the powerful demon - I

- \* Vrtrasura begins to defeat the demigods in battle
- \* Indra prays to Lord Krsna for victory over the demon in battle for heaven
- \* Lord Krsna advises demigods to build a great powerful weapon Vraja from bones of Sage Dadhici, who complies willing and loses his body but regains his place with the Lord

**\* The glorious episode of Lord Indra & Vrtrasura, the powerful demon - II**



- \* Indra now challenges Vratrasura in combat to defeat him
- \* Indra loses the great weapon Vraja and becomes morose
- \* Vrtrasura stops his combat and speaks words of wisdom to Indra

\* **The glorious episode of Lord Indra & Vrtrasura, the powerful demon - III**



- \* Then he roared like a lion, and all the demigods fainted. Indra stepped up, and threw a club at Vritrasura who easily caught it. Vritrasura then struck Indra's elephant with the same club.

\*“No one is guaranteed of always being victorious but the original enjoyer, the Supreme Lord.”

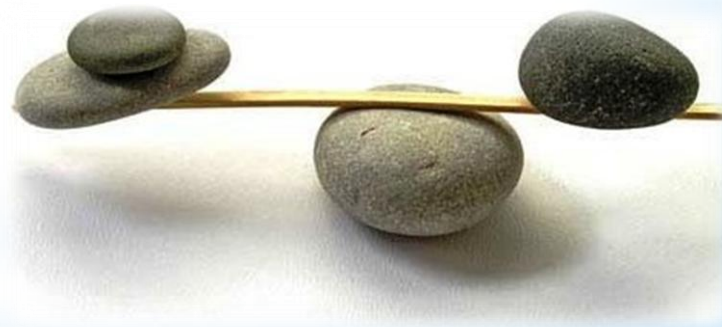
\*“Being dependent and being obliged to accept material bodies, belligerent subordinates are sometimes victorious and sometimes defeated.”

\***What is victory &  
what is defeat? - I**

\* Just as a person not inclined to die must nonetheless give up his longevity, fame and everything else at the time of death, so, at the appointed time of victory, one can gain all these when the Supreme Lord awards them by His mercy.

\* **What is victory &  
what is defeat? - II**

\* Since everything is dependent on the Supreme will of the Lord, one should be equipoised in fame and defamation, victory and defeat, life and death. In their effects, represented as happiness and distress, one should maintain oneself in equilibrium, without anxiety.



\* **What should be our attitude  
in Victory or Defeat?**

\*“O my enemy, just look at me. I have already been defeated, for my weapon and arm have been cut to pieces. You have already overwhelmed me, but nonetheless, I am trying my best to fight. I am not at all morose, even under such adverse conditions. Therefore, you should give up your moroseness and continue fighting...”

\* **True victory in defeat - I**

\*“By the force of your thunderbolt, I shall be freed of material bondage and shall give up this body and this world of material desires. Fixing my mind upon the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord, I shall attain the destination of such great sages as Narada Muni, just as the Lord has said.”

\* **True victory in defeat - II**



- \* After discussing devotional service to the Supreme Lord, the two of them continued to fight as a matter of duty.
- \* Vritrasura assumed a gigantic body and swallowed Indra, but because of Indra's Narayana kavacha shield, he was not killed in this way and he pierced through the demon with his thunderbolt and came out. He then immediately cut off Vritrasura's head.



- \* What happens to the demon and what happens to the demigod?
  - \* The demon loses heaven but goes back to the Supreme Lord and attains liberation forever.
  - \* The demigod regains heaven but must suffer the karma of killing such a noble demon.
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- \* **Victory and Defeat** – At the end of our lives, we are not remembered by the Lord and living entities for our money and acquisitions, but for our devotion to Him, our character and goodwill to all living entities .

\* **Conclusion - I :**

- \* How can a demon be victorious and a demigod defeated?
- \* The victory of devotional service over material service is true victory
- \* In this material world, whatever we win, we must lose, either in the end or even before that
- \* Nothing remains with us

\* **Conclusion - II**

- \* “At the time of death, all the wealth a person collects stays in the safe place where he was preserving it.
- \* The cows and goats that he had remain in their dwelling places. His wife accompanies him only up to the doorway. His friends and relatives come with him only up to the funeral ground. His body accompanies him only up to the funeral pyre.
- \* Only the Supreme Lord as eternal witness, and his stock of devotion, go with him beyond death...”

## \* Conclusion - III



Q & A

Thanks a lot.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa  
Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare |  
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma  
Rāma Rāma Hare Hare ||

