

ॐ हरिः ॐ	om hariḥ om
श्री गुरुभ्यो नमः	śrī gu-ru-bhyo na-mah
हरिः ॐ	hariḥ om
ॐ श्री कृष्णपरमात्मने नमः	om śrī kṛṣ-ṇa-pa-ra-māt-ma-ne namaḥ
श्रीमद् भगवद् गीता	śrīmad bha-ga-vad gī-tā
अथ तृतीयोऽध्यायः ।	a-tha tṛ-tī-yo'dhyā-yah ।
कर्मयोगः ।	kar-ma-yo-gah ।

अर्जुन उवाच ।

arjuna u-vā-ca ।

ज्यायसी चेत्कर्मणस्ते

jyā-ya-sī cet-kar-ma-nas-te

मता बुद्धिर्जनार्दनं ।

ma-tā bud-dhir-ja-nār-da-na ।

तत्किं कर्मणि घोरे मां

tat-kim kar-ma-ṇi gho-re māṁ

नियोजयसि केशव ॥ ३-१ ॥

ni-yo-ja-ya-si ke-śa-va || 3-1||

Arjuna said:

If it be thought by you that ‘knowledge’ is superior to ‘action’, O Janardana, why then, do you, O Keshava, engage me in this terrible action?

व्यामिश्रेणोव वाक्येन

vyā-mi-śre-ṇe-va vāk-ye-na

बुद्धिं मोहयसीव मे ।

bud-dhim mo-ha-ya-sī-va me |

तदेकं वद निश्चित्य

ta-de-kam va-da niś-cit-ya

येन श्रेयोऽहमाप्नुयाम् ॥ ३-२ ॥

ye-na śre-yo'ham-āp-nu-yām || 3-2||

With this apparently perplexing speech you confuse, as it were, my understanding; therefore, tell me that ONE way by which, I, for certain, may attain the Highest.

श्रीभगवानुवाच ।

śrī bha-ga-vān-u-vā-ca |

लोकेऽस्मिन् द्विविधा निष्ठा

lo-ke's-min dvi-vi-dhā nis-thā

पुरा प्रोक्ता मयानघ ।

pu-rā prok-tā ma-yā-na-gha |

ज्ञानयोगेन साङ्ख्यानां

jñā-na-yo-ge-na sāṅ-khyā-nām

कर्मयोगेन योगिनाम् ॥ ३-३ ॥

kar-ma-yo-ge-na yo-gi-nām || 3-3||

The Blessed Lord said:

In this world there is a two-fold path, as I said before, O sinless one; the ‘Path-of-Knowledge’ of the SANKYANS and the ‘Path-of-Action’ of the YOGINS.

न कर्मणामनारम्भात्

na kar-ma-ṇām-anā-ram-bhāt

नैष्कर्म्यं पुरुषोऽश्रुते ।

nais-karm-yam̄ pu-ru-ṣo'ś-nu-te ।

न च संन्यसनादेव

na ca san-nya-sa-nā-de-va

सिद्धिं समधिगच्छति ॥ ३-४ ॥

sid-dhim̄ sa-ma-dhi-gac-cha-ti || 3-4||

Not by non-performance of actions does man reach ‘actionlessness’; nor by mere renunciation does he attain ‘Perfection’.

न हि कश्चित्क्षणमपि

na hi kaś-cit-kṣa-ṇam-api

जातु तिष्ठत्यकर्मकृत् ।

jā-tu tiṣ-ṭhat-ya-kar-ma-kṛt ।

कायते ह्यवशः कर्म

kār-ya-te hya-va-śah̄ kar-ma

सर्वः प्रकृतिजैगुणैः ॥ ३-५ ॥

sar-vah̄ pra-kṛ-ti-jair-gu-ṇaiḥ || 3-5||

Verily, none can ever remain, even for a moment, without performing action; for everyone is made to act helplessly, indeed, by the qualities born of PRAKRITI.

कर्मेन्द्रियाणि संयम्य

kar-men-dri-yā-ṇi sam-yam-ya

य आस्ते मनसा स्मरन् ।

ya ā-ste ma-na-sā sma-ran |

इन्द्रियार्थान्विमूढात्मा

in-dri-yār-thān-vi-mū-dhāt-mā

मिथ्याचारस्स उच्यते ॥ ३-६ ॥

mith-yā-cā-ras-sa uc-ya-te || 3-6||

He who, restraining the organs-of-action, sits thinking in his mind of the sense-objects, he, of deluded understanding, is called a hypocrite.

यस्त्वन्द्रियाणि मनसा

yas-tvin-dri-yā-ṇi ma-na-sā

नियम्यारभतेऽर्जुन ।

ni-yam-yā-ra-bha-te'r-ju-na |

कर्मेन्द्रियैः कर्मयोगम्

kar-men-dri-yaiḥ kar-ma-yo-gam

असक्तस्स विशिष्यते ॥ ३-७ ॥

a-sak-tas-sa vi-śiṣ-ya-te || 3-7||

But, whosoever, controlling the senses by the mind, O Arjuna, engages his organs-of-action in KARMA YOGA, without attachment, he excels.

नियतं कुरु कर्म त्वं

ni-ya-tam̄ ku-ru kar-ma tvam̄

कर्म ज्यायो ह्यकर्मणः ।

kar-ma jyā-yo hya-kar-ma-ṇah ।

शरीरयात्रापि च ते

śa-rī-ra-yā-trā-pi ca te

न प्रसिद्धेदकर्मणः ॥ ३-८ ॥

na pra-sid-dhye-da-kar-ma-ṇah ॥ 3-8॥

You perform (your) bounden duty; for, action is superior to inaction. Even the maintenance of the body would not be possible for you by inaction.

यज्ञार्थात्कर्मणोऽन्यत्र

ya-jñār-thāt-kar-ma-ṇo'n-yat-ra

लोकोऽयं कर्मबन्धनः ।

lo-ko-'yam̄ kar-ma-ban-dha-naḥ ।

तदर्थं कर्म कौन्तेय

ta-dar-tham̄ kar-ma kaun-te-ya

मुक्तसञ्ज्ञस्समाचर ॥ ३-९ ॥

muk-ta-saṅ-gas-sa-mā-ca-ra ॥ 3-9॥

The world is bound by actions other than those performed ‘for the sake of sacrifice’; do thou, therefore, O son of Kunti, perform action for that sake (for YAJNA) alone, free from all attachments.

सहयज्ञाः प्रजास्सृष्टवा

sa-ha-ya-jñāḥ pra-jās-sṛṣṭ-vā

पुरोवाच प्रजापतिः ।

pu-ro-vā-ca pra-jā-pa-tih |

अनेन प्रसविष्यध्वम्

a-ne-na pra-sa-viṣ-yadh-vam

एष वोऽस्त्विष्टकामधुक् ॥ ३-१० ॥ esa vo's-tviṣ-ṭa-kā-ma-dhuk || 3-10||

The PRAJAPATI (the Creator), having in the beginning (of creation) created mankind together with sacrifices, said, “by this shall you prosper; let this be the milch cow of your desire-KAMADHUK” (the mythological cow which yields all desired objects).

देवान्भावयतानेन

de-vān-bhā-va-ya-tā-ne-na

ते देवा भावयन्तु वः ।

te de-vā bhā-va-yan-tu vaḥ |

परस्परं भावयन्तः

pa-ras-pa-ram bhā-va-yan-tah

श्रेयः परमवाप्स्यथ ॥ ३-११ ॥

śre-yah pa-ra-ma-vāps-ya-tha || 3-11||

With this, you do nourish the gods, and may those DEVAS nourish you, thus nourishing one another, you shall, attain the Highest Good.

इष्टान्भोगान्हि वो देवाः	is-ṭān-bho-gān-hi vo de-vāḥ
दास्यन्ते यज्ञभाविताः ।	dās-yan-te ya-jñā-bhā-vi-tāḥ ।
तैर्दत्तानप्रदायैभ्यः	tair-dat-tā-na-pra-dā-yai-bhyāḥ
यो भुङ्के स्तेन एव सः ॥ ३-१२ ॥	yo bhuṅk-te ste-na e-va saḥ ॥ 3-12॥

The DEVAS, nourished by the sacrifice, will give you the desired objects. Indeed, he who enjoys objects given by the DEVAS, without offering (in return) to them, is verily a thief.

यज्ञशिष्टाशिनस्सन्तः	ya-jñā-śiṣṭā-śi-nas-san-tah
मुच्यन्ते सर्वकिल्बिषैः ।	muc-yan-te sar-va-kil-bi-ṣaiḥ ।
भुञ्जते ते त्वघं पापाः	bhuñ-ja-te te tva-gham pā-pāḥ
ये पचन्त्यात्मकारणात् ॥ ३-१३ ॥	ye pa-can-tyāt-ma-kā-ra-ṇāt ॥ 3-13॥

The righteous, who eat the ‘remnants of the sacrifices’ are freed from all sins; but those sinful ones who cook food (only) for their own sake, verily eat but sin.

अन्नाद्भवन्ति भूतानि

an-nād-bha-van-ti bhū-tā-ni

पर्जन्यादन्नसम्भवः ।

par-jan-yād-an-na-sam-bha-vah ।

यज्ञाद्भवति पर्जन्यः

ya-jñād-bha-va-ti par-jan-yah

यज्ञः कर्मसमुद्भवः ॥ ३-१४ ॥

ya-jñah kar-ma-sa-mud-bha-vah || 3-14||

From food come forth beings; from rain food is produced; from sacrifice arises rain, and sacrifice is born of action.

कर्म ब्रह्मोद्भवं विद्धि

kar-ma brah-mod-bha-vam viddhi

ब्रह्माक्षरसमुद्भवम् ।

brah-māk-ṣa-ra-sa-mud-bha-vam ।

तस्मात्सर्वगतं ब्रह्म

tas-māt-sar-va-ga-tam brah-ma

नित्यं यज्ञे प्रतिष्ठितम् ॥ ३-१५ ॥

nit-yam ya-jñe pra-tiṣṭhi-tam || 3-15||

Know you that action comes from BRAHMAJI (the Creator) and BRAHMAJI come from the Imperishable. Therefore, the all-pervading BRAHMAN (God-principle) ever rests in sacrifice.

एवं प्रवर्तितं चक्रं

e-vam̄ pra-var-ti-tam̄ cak-ram̄

नानुवर्तयतीह यः ।

nā-nu-var-ta-ya-tī-ha yah̄ ।

अघायुरिन्द्रियारामः

a-ghā-yu-rin-dri-yā-rā-mah̄

मोघं पार्थ स जीवति ॥ ३-१६ ॥

mo-gham̄ pār-tha sa jī-va-ti || 3-16||

He who does not follow here the wheel thus set revolving, is of a sinful life, rejoicing in the senses. He lives in vain, O Son of Pritha.

यस्त्वात्मरतिरेव स्यात्

yas-tvāt-ma-ra-ti-re-va syāt

आत्मतृपश्च मानवः ।

ātma-tṛp-taś-ca mā-na-vah̄ ।

आत्मन्येव च सन्तुष्टः

ātman-ye-va ca san-tuṣ-ṭah̄

तस्य कार्यं न विद्यते ॥ ३-१७ ॥

tas-ya kār-yam̄ na vid-ya-te || 3-17||

But the man who rejoices only in the Self, who is satisfied with the Self, who is content in the Self alone, for Him verily there is nothing (more) to be done.

नैव तस्य कृतेनार्थः

nai-va tas-ya kr̄-te-nār-thah

नाकृतेनेह कश्चन ।

nā-kr̄-te-ne-ha kaś-ca-na |

न चास्य सर्वभूतेषु

na cās-ya sar-va-bhū-te-ṣu

कश्चिदर्थव्यपाश्रयः ॥ ३-१८ ॥

kaś-cid-ar-tha-vya-pā-śra-yah || 3-18||

For him there is here no interest whatever in what is done, or what is not done; nor does he depend upon any being for any object.

तस्मादसक्तस्सततं

tas-mād-a-sak-tas-sa-ta-tam

कार्यं कर्म समाचर ।

kār-yam kar-ma sa-mā-ca-ra |

असक्तो ह्याचरन्कर्म

a-sak-to hyā-ca-ran-kar-ma

परमाप्रोति पूरुषः ॥ ३-१९ ॥

pa-ra-māp-no-ti pū-ru-ṣah || 3-19||

Therefore, always perform actions which should be done, without attachment; for, by performing action without attachment, man attains the Supreme.

कर्मणैव हि संसिद्धिम्

kar-ma-ñai-va hi sam-sid-dhim

आस्थिता जनकादयः ।

ās-thi-tā ja-na-kā-da-yah ।

लोकसंग्रहमेवापि

lo-ka-saṁ-gra-ham-e-vā-pi

सम्पश्यन्कर्तुर्मर्हसि ॥ ३-२० ॥

sam-paś-yan-kar-tum-ar-ha-si || 3-20||

Janaka and others attained Perfection verily through action alone; even with a view to protecting the masses you should perform action.

*Sri Gurudev, Swami Chinmayananda, guidance was that this verse be recited three times*

यद्यदाच्चरति श्रेष्ठः

yad-ya-dā-ca-ra-ti śres-ṭhah

तत्तदेवेतरो जनः ।

tat-tad-e-ve-ta-ro ja-nah ।

स यत्प्रमाणं कुरुते

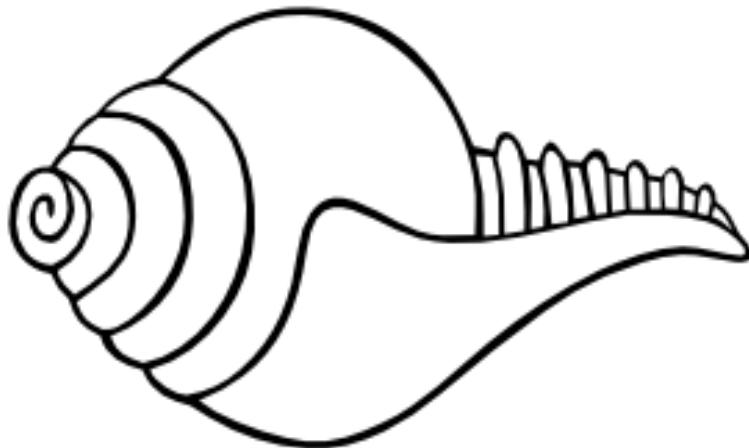
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लोकस्तदनुवर्तते ॥ ३-२१ ॥

lo-kas-ta-da-nu-var-ta-te || 3-21 ||

Whatever a great man does, that other men also do (imitate); whatever he sets up as the standard, that the world (people) follows.

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ॐ तत्सत्

इति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासु

उपनिषत्सु

ब्रह्मविद्यायां

योगशास्त्रे

श्रीकृष्णार्जुनसंवादे

कर्म योगो नाम

तृतीयोऽध्यायः ।

ॐ हरिः ॐ

श्री गुरुभ्यो नमः

हरिः ॐ

om tat-sat

iti śrīmad-bhaga-vad-gī-tā-su

upa-ni-ṣat-su

brahma-vid-yā-yāṁ

yoga-śās-tre

śrī-kṛṣṇār-juna-sam-vā-de

karma yo-go nā-ma

tṛ-tī-yo'dhyā-yah ।

om hariḥ om

śrī guru-bhyo namaḥ

hariḥ om

सर्वधर्मान्परित्यज्य  
मामेकं शरणं ब्रज ।  
अहं त्वा सर्वपापेभ्यः  
मोक्षयिष्यामि मा शुचः ॥ १८-६६ ॥

sar-va-dhar-mān-pari-tyaj-ya  
mām-ekam̄ śara-ṇam̄ vra-ja ।  
aham̄ tvā sar-va-pā-pebh-yah  
mokṣa-yiṣ-yā-mi mā śu-caḥ ॥ 18-66॥

Abandoning all DHARMAS, (of the body, mind, and intellect), take refuge in Me alone; I will liberate thee from all sins; grieve not.

