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Quote 1

"You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action."

The Bhagavad Gita advises that individuals have three types of duties: routine, emergency, and desired activities. Performing these duties without attachment to results leads to spiritual growth. Arjuna is urged to fulfill his duty in the battlefield without attachment, as both inaction and attachment hinder the path to salvation.



"For the soul there is neither birth nor death at any time."

In this quote from Bhagavad Gita, it is explained that the soul, a fragmental part of the Supreme Spirit, undergoes no changes like the body. The body has six transformations, while the soul remains eternal, unaffected by birth or death. The verse emphasizes the soul's eternal nature and its fullness of knowledge, distinguishing it from the changing material body.



"The mind is the friend of the conditioned soul, and his enemy as well."

This quote from Bhagavad Gita emphasizes that the mind can either be a friend or an enemy to the individual. The mind, when absorbed in material desires, becomes the cause of bondage, while a mind engaged in Kṛṣṇa consciousness becomes the path to supreme liberation. This highlights the pivotal role of the mind in shaping one's spiritual journey.

Quote 4

"Perform your duty equipoised, O Arjuna, abandoning all attachment to success or failure."

We must performing duties with a balanced mind, free from attachment to success or failure. The mind must be trained to resist material allurements, enabling the soul to break free from worldly entanglements. By engaging the mind in Krishna consciousness, one achieves liberation, as a focused mind is the key to both bondage and ultimate freedom.



"I envy no one, nor am I partial to anyone. I am equal to all."

In the quote, Lord Krishna declares equality to all but emphasizes a special connection with devotees. The purport explains that while Krishna impartially provides for all, His devotees, engaged in transcendent service, hold a unique place in His heart. This relationship is not governed by karma but is a manifestation of the Lord's special mercy in the spiritual realm.

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