

**Document 1** Mahabhrata is an Ancient Indian Poem from 400 BC  
Source: from the Mahabharata

Enjoy the pleasure **bestowed** on you, and **bear** the pain bestowed on you, wait patiently for what time brings, as does the farmer with the fruit. Let us defeat the angry man with gentleness, the evil man, with goodness the **miser**, with generosity the liar, with truth.

**Glossary**                      Bear (v.) - accept  
Bestow – give                      Miser – ungenerous or selfish person

**Document 2** Bhagavad Gita means “The Song of the Blessed One.”  
Most of the poem is a conversation between Arjuna, a Kshatriya and Krishna, an avatar of Vishnu.  
Source: Chapter 2 Verse 23-24

Krishna:  
The Self cannot be pierced by weapons or burned by fire; water cannot wet it, nor can the wind try it. The Self cannot be pierced, or burned, made wet or dry. It is everlasting and infinite, standing on the motionless foundations of eternity.

**Document 3** From the Bhagavad Gita.  
Source: Chapter 17 Verse 3

Krishna:  
Our faith conforms to our nature, Arjuna. Human nature is made of faith. A person is what his **shraddha** is.

**Glossary**                      Shraddha – faith (*from Sanskrit*)

**Document 4** From the Bhagavad Gita.  
Source: Chapter 16 Verses 1-3

Krishna:  
Be fearless and pure; never waver in your determination or your dedication to the spiritual life. Give freely. Be self-controlled, sincere, truthful, loving and full of the desire to serve. Realize the truth of the scriptures; learn to be detached and to take joy in renunciation. DO not get angry or harm any living creature but be compassionate and gentle; show good will to all. Cultivate vigor, patience, will, purity; avoid malice and pride. Then, Arjuna, you will archive your divine destiny.

**Glossary**                      Scripture – holy books of a religion  
Tranquil – calm                      Purity – cleanliness  
Demonic – like a demon or evil spirit

**Document 5** From the Bhagavad Gita.  
Source: Chapter 2 Verses 31

Krishna:  
Considering your dharma, you should not vacillate. For a warrior, nothing is higher than a war against evil. The warrior confronted with such a war should be pleased, Arjuna, for it comes as an open gate to heaven. But if you do not participate in this battle against evil, you will incur sin, violating your dharma and your honor.

**Glossary**                      Vacillate – sway, waver  
Incur – get as a result                      Violate – break, not follow rules  
honor – high respect