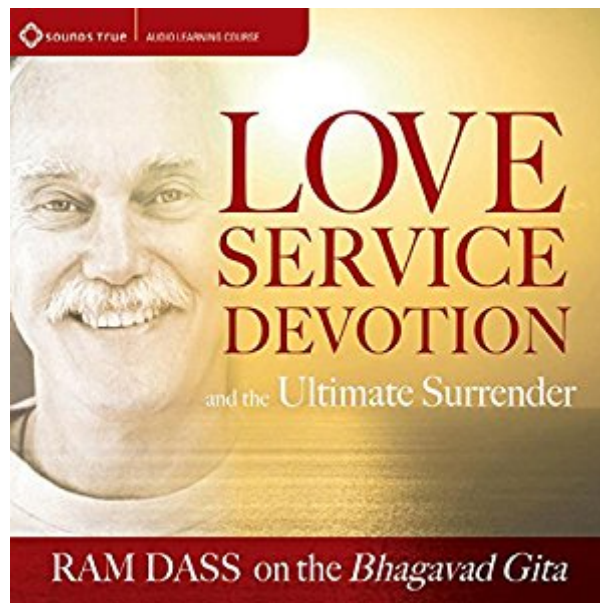




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Love, Service, Devotion, And The Ultimate Surrender: Ram Dass On The Bhagavad Gita



Synopsis

The Bhagavad Gita is a gem so precious in India's spiritual treasury that many regard it not as a volume of sacred verse, but as a living manifestation of the Divine. In the summer of 1974, inside a balmy Boulder, Colorado, warehouse that served as a main hall of a fledgling Naropa Institute, some say a minor miracle occurred: The reawakening of the Gita's living presence, as it unfolded in a series of wisdom teachings led by Ram Dass. With Love, Service, Devotion, and the Ultimate Surrender, you are invited to experience these legendary gatherings.

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Customer Reviews

I own the original cassette tape version, and was very disappointed to discover that so much of the footage - both from Ram Dass's lectures and from the kirtans, the latter of which were the heart of the recording - had been cut out. It has been over-edited.

Terrific in every way! Great listening in the car...

So much wonderful wisdom, I keep listening to it over and over!

Yoga's of the Bhagavad Gita was recorded in the 1970's, Ram Dass peaked at this time. He was a man on fire, a man who saw God! Listening to these audio's, you are there in India, there in space, there on the battlefield of Spirit. Ram Dass' voice was a divine transmitter at this time. Ram Dass

doesn't stick rigidly to the Bhagavad Gita, instead, he waxes lyrical all things Yoga, without notes, like he's a master who travelled through time. Richard Alpert, or Ram Dass, gave a talk, Yogas of the Bhagavad Gita, and the brilliance is carved forever. Where Alan Watts was far too JapChinese, hence no metaphysics, no God, no reincarnation and no love, Ram Dass is pure Hinduism, with the Gods, the shakti, reincarnation, avatars and Pure Love! These days the spiritual charlatans in America, you can find most on Buddha at the Gas Pump podcast, sell their readers consumer spirituality and positive thinking cancer cures, Ram Dass is from a different caste. I believe that these recordings Alpert did in the early 70's are the best recordings you will find in English on spirituality and I don't mean that lightly. Sure Ram Dass had many faults and like all the other white guys from those times, he suffered from guilt and so he believed Trumpa's whacking you over your bare knuckles was spiritual. Huston Smith also believed this, as did Alan Watts!

Ram Dass is a great and very engaging speaker/teacher. You can listen to him regardless what is the topic he talks of, or how controversial it may be. In that way this is a great and very engaging talk, recorded in the 70s at Naropa. The point is just that it is not a whole lot about the Gita. He refers to the Gita now and then, but it is largely about his own adventures in spirituality - which of course includes considerable adventures with psychedelic drugs and a lot of stories about his guru Neem Karoli Baba. It is interesting, and there are things you can learn from him that you probably would not learn from anyone else. Such as the conflict between ahimsa and eating meat. And of the serious differences between Buddhist and Hindu traditions. Along with it you will hear a lot of stuff which is to me a little disgusting, such as how many acid trips he took and why he thinks such dangerous experiments are 'sometimes ok'. All said and done, worth hearing if you are up for it. And definitely not the Bhagavad Gita.

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