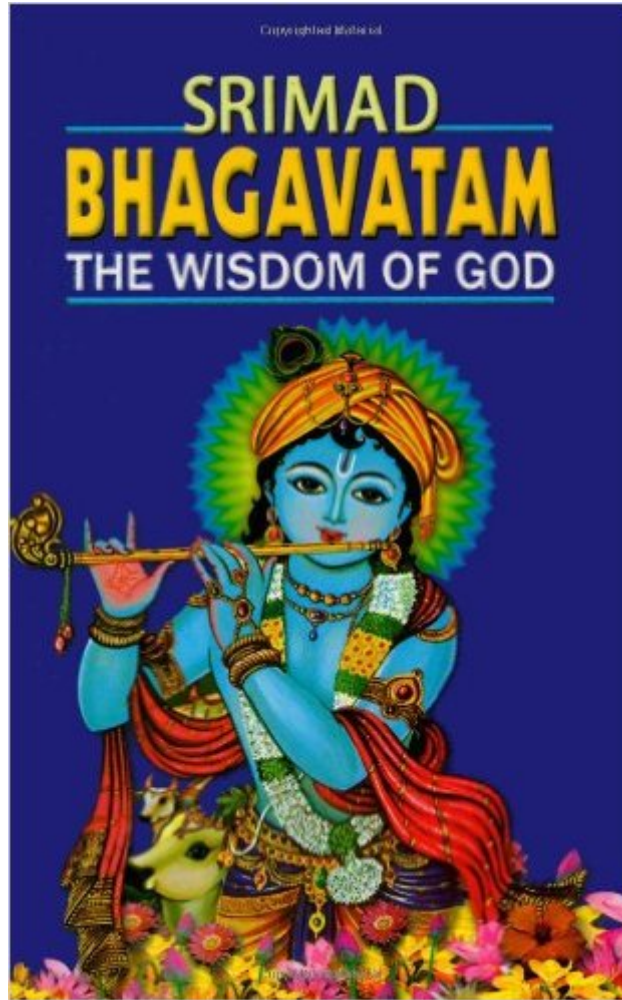


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Synopsis

The Srimad Bhagavatam is one of the most popular scriptures in India, and one of the most important, next to the Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita. This version focuses primarily on the teachings of Krishna, and the generally more interesting portions of the book. The translation's aim is to be true to the spirit of the original Sanskrit and be easily readable.

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Customer Reviews

If you are familiar with reading Hindu scriptures, like the Bhagavad Gita, and or the Upanishads, and you enjoyed that, I think that you would enjoy this. The Srimad Bhagavatam reads like a series of essays on proper living. A guide book to spiritual discipline, the over all message of the book is to love and serve the lord. Many of books with in this book are short stories of noble men and there spiritual journeys. The Srimad Bhagavatam is pleasant, uplifting, and inspiring.

This rendering of the Srimad Bhagavatam touched me to the core when I first read it. It is so simply put yet somehow imbued with a sweet love of God that I couldn't help but yearn for the Divine. I have read other versions of the Srimad Bhagavatam, but somehow Swami Prabhavananda does what other translators couldn't do for me - he gave me a direct taste of bhakti as I read the book. This book is not the full version of the Srimad Bhagavatam, it is a summation of it. But it is the kind of summation that a mother would give a child as she shares her love of God and wants to pass that on to her child. This book captures devotion in its essence, in a very simple way. It is not overly burdened with trying to be an accurate and full rendering of the Srimad Bhagavatam. Instead it goes

for the inner truth of it. Also, this version is a great place for western seekers to start with if they are interested in Indian spirituality and the devotional path to God. It is very user friendly as a translation.

For those with an understanding of Hindu concepts and a desire to investigate further the path to Bhraman, reading this book is a worthwhile step. Whether the journey is accomplished via jnana, karma, bhakti yoga, or a combination of the three, one can realize some value by the stories and lessons provided here. The edition I read from the library included a glossary of terms in the back for convenient reference. I found it easier to read and comprehend than the Upanishads, yet encountered numerous references, concepts, and passages common to both. I feel that one read is not enough. This book should be studied like the Gita, and practiced in earnest.

Spiritual Growth brings us to the greatest truth, that we are one with God. Learning is based on meditation, introspection and the teachings of a true Guru, and this learning process engages every aspect of our inner and outer lives. The Srimad Bhagavatam, an ancient teaching of a true Guru, has been translated in modern times by more than one author. I first read the Srimad Bhagavatam translated by Kamala Subramanian. The translation by Swami Prabhavananda is on my Kindle because Subramanian's translation is not available on Kindle. I would recommend any translation of the Srimad Bhagavatam to all truth seekers. Meditators will find inspiration for spiritual growth in this ancient scripture.

This devotional classic has been edited down to the essential philosophical principals while maintaining the devotional quality of the original. Swami Prabhavananda writes with authority and takes the liberty to remove some of the more esoteric stories and references, making it a concise introduction to one of India's most holy scriptures. The Bhagavatam merges the path of knowledge and the path of devotion opening heart and mind to the highest spiritual truths.

Wonderful stories presented in simple language, this translation of Bhagavatam is a treat for people who like to read stories about Hindu Gods and rishis (saints). Perfect for those who are spiritual minded, but prefer something lighter compared to intellectually demanding treatises. In short, it appeals more to the heart than the head. Another nice thing about Bhagavatam is that the stories appeal to young and old alike, so it can also serve as a rich source of stories for our children.

I bought this book and am using it in my Yoga Shastra study group. Srimat Bhagavatam is a little daunting of an undertaking in it's original form if you are not a scholar or a well seasoned Bhakta. This book gives you a glimpse of the stories in the order of the Bhagavatam. My students convinced me that they liked it and we use it as an outline to guide us. For those who want more than the abbreviated story we then use vedabase.com.. and other more in depth commentaries. Light reading!

This book is awesome!! It is a very compact version of the Srimad Bhagavatam. Good for those who are younger or need some insight before buying/searching for the entire book. For those who want this valuable knowledge.. may be not too much at once...good starter.

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