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( February 28th 1932. )

"The Hindu" Madras.

I have been interested in reading "Pourings of a Struggling Soul" as giving a modern Poetic Presentation of a characteristic Hindu Position.

Ramna Dacca,  
15th February 1932.

(Sd.) C. H. Langly,  
Vice-chancellor, University of Dacca.

We strongly advise you to enter the book for the lists of the Nobel Prize entrants.

Delhi, 24 February 1932

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.....I need say that we have few works like that particularly in Gujarati, which is more or less barren in imaginative original works of high poetic in English. Only Tagore has produced a Gitanjali which has taken its proper place in the English-reading public as a work of English classic worth, and yours too, happily comes to that standard, in a representative capacity from Gujarat.

(Sd.) Natavarlal D. Parikh,

M. A. LL. B., B COM. (BOM.) F. R. E. S. (LON.).  
District Magistrate, Chhota-Udepur.

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January 1933 Patna (India)

**The Hindustan Review.**

.....The success achieved by Mr. Shah is simply marvellous. ...I hope I shall not be wrong when I express it as my opinion that he is the Browning of the Indian Soul.

(Sd.) Prakash Lal Gupta,

M. A., B. T. (PUN.) M. D. H. (CAL.), Passur.  
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Zurich 8, Dufourstrasse 61, "The Central European Times"  
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It is written in a vigorous style with devotion and poetry. ....The brevity exhibited by the author makes it more welcome and we highly commend it to the reading public.

Dated 16th June 1936.

The Kashmir Times.

.....Mr. Shah's "Message of Shrimad Bhagved Gita" is a book in the way of the spiritual perfection of a future world. The tone throughout the book is of a literary vitality, intense with a life-stir in the making. His mysticism has got the germ of a wholesome quality, .....He deserves our praise for the fineness of the tendency, he has set himself unto.

4th January, 1937. Lahore, Punjab.

"The Khalsa Review."

B. P. Mishra, M. A. L. L. B.

Raigarh, (E. S. A.)

Diwan, Raigarh State.

Honorary Head of the Hindi Department  
& Fellow of the Nagpur University,  
Member C. P. Literary Academy, etc. etc.



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Sunday 21st June 1936. Bombay. **Illustrated Weekly of India.**

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Moryalaya, Royapettah,  
Madras, August 1926.

**"The Bharat Dharma"**

The pretty little book sings the glory of the Gita in rapturous language and is a good introduction to the study of the same.

Palghat, August 1936.

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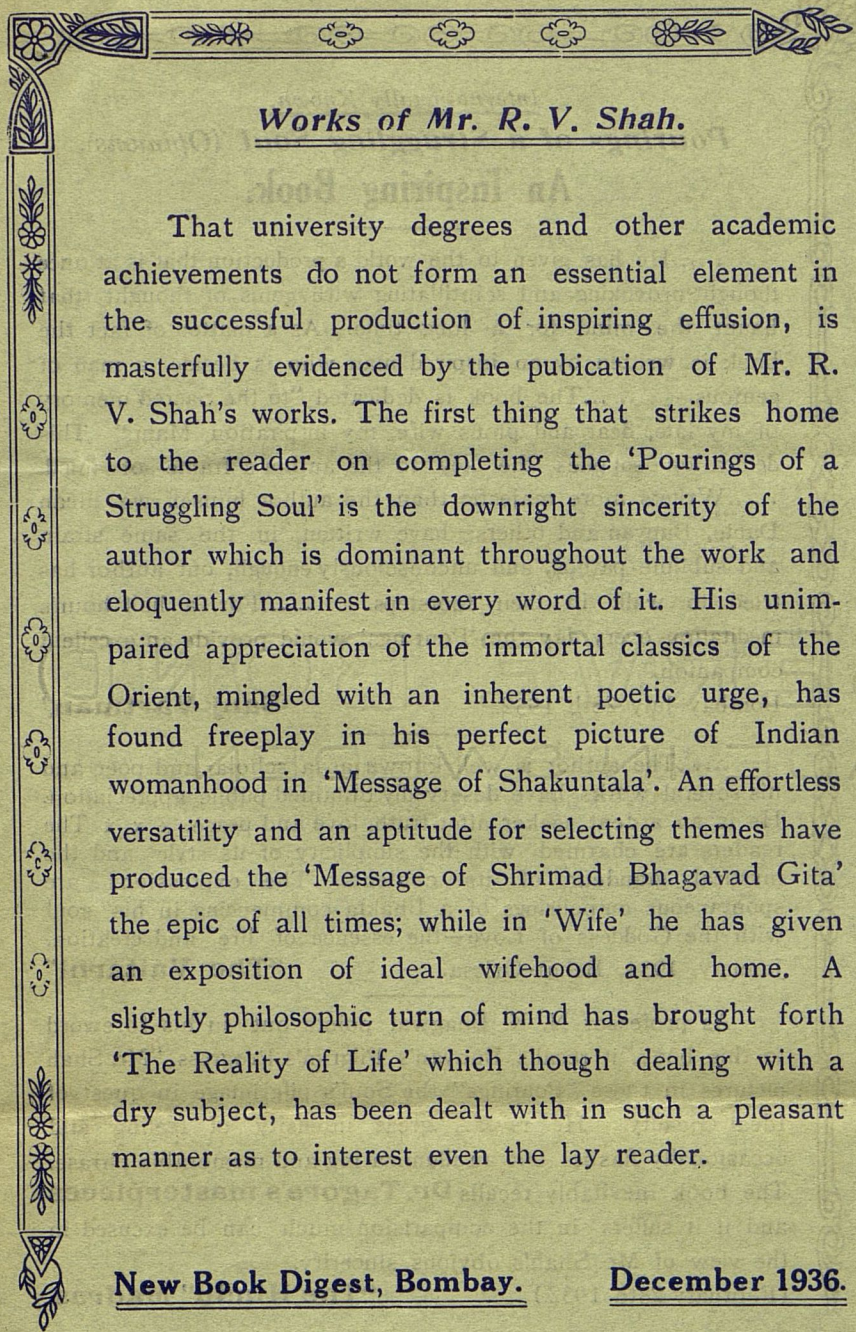
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New Book Digest, Bombay.

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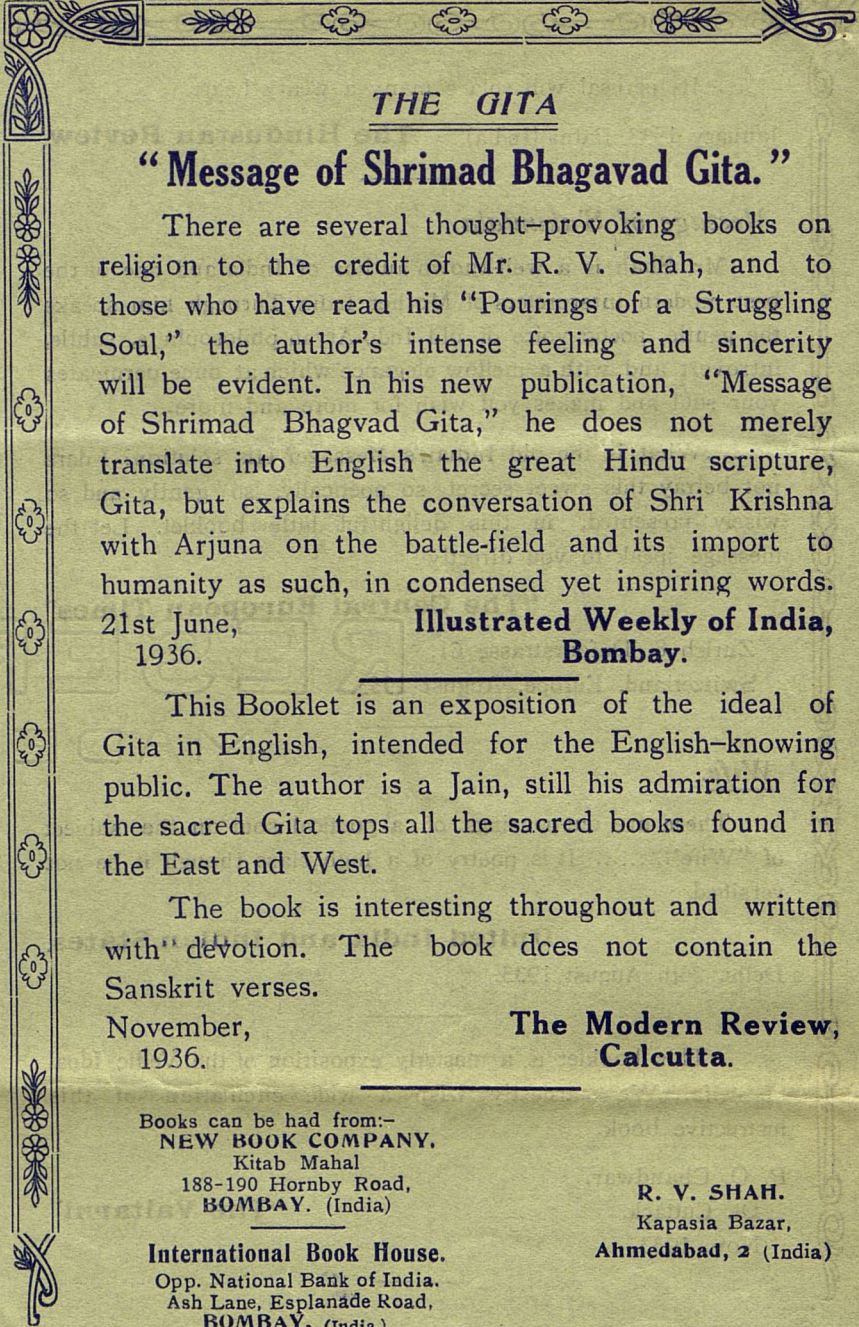
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*Dear Sir/Madam,*

I shall be highly pleased to hear from all educated, cultured and cosmopolitan ladies and gentlemen all over India and abroad interested in the subjects of Literature, Education, Æsthetic science, social problems, Film industry etc. who would like to join the Cosmopolitan Society, that I intend to form in the near future, consisting of educated, cosmopolitan, liberal-minded, influential and sympathetic persons interested in the above subjects. In forming such a society the unstinted help, co-operation, mutual sympathy, goodwill and munificent donations from well-to-do and cultured ladies and gentlemen are expected, since, it requires big sums to meet with the various wants and requirements after the formation of the Society. The task is a big and arduous one. I would like all intellectual and sympathetic persons to join hands with me in the task that I am to undertake.

I appeal to all fair-minded and well-to-do ladies and gentlemen to communicate with me, submitting their valued suggestions and points for my consideration. The help of all educated, well-to-do and cultured ladies and gentlemen is essential for the good of humanity at large.

I request all ladies and gentlemen in India and abroad to send me list of their friends and acquaintances who would ever be pleased to join the Society, which I intend to form in the near future.

With best regards.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Kapasias Bazar,  
AHMEDABAD, 2. (India).

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*Yours fraternally,*  
**R. V. Shah.**

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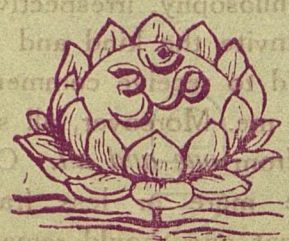
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Dear Sir/Madam,

It would be a matter of extreme felicity, if you would be good enough to devote your precious time to the perusal of the following lines carefully and make the contents of the present letter, known among your learned, sympathetically-inclined, rich and well-to-do friends and others, where you can and whom you deem fit.

You will be pleased to note that, I have an idea to visit the important centres of your flourishing country, as soon as opportunities favour me and my plans have ripened according to the desires of mine. The object of my visiting your country is to express my views on Oriental Literature and Philosophy and kindred subjects before the enlightened and cultured persons, who are more or less sympathetically interested in Oriental Literature and Philosophy. Before I am in a position to give final shape to my laid down plans, I am very anxious to enlist the sympathy and help of those *enlightened and cultured* men and men, who are interested to know something about Oriental Literature and Philosophy and kindred subjects. Furthermore, after coming over to your country, I have a strong idea to form an organization named "Society for the Diffusion of Oriental Literature and Philosophy" in suitable places, provided opportunities are coming forth and times congenial and provided sympathetic and *generous-hearted and noble-minded* ladies and men are found ready and eager to sympathize with me in my mission and efforts.

You will be glad to note that, I am preparing speeches on various subjects in my spare time. Personally, I possess no University Degrees. Even though, I am a businessman, still, I manage to find spare time and prepare my speeches on various subjects, and I think it in my own humble way, that,



it would be a very good thing, when these speeches are being prepared in my spare hours, to deliver them before the enlightened and sympathetic ladies and men, who are lovers of Oriental Learning and Philosophy, irrespective of the results that are to follow my humble efforts. Therefore, I invite the kind and prompt attention of all those concerned, and shall be highly pleased to receive comments from them, in whatever manner they are pleased to send them to me. Moreover, all sorts of suggestions and valuable informations are cordially invited from *one and all*. Of course, all noble actions and activities of altruistic character are more or less fraught with difficulties of peculiar nature, but that does not mean that one should remain actionless. The paths of Glory are strewn with thorns and not with fragrant and sweet roses. One has to be a true and bold *Karma Yogin or Karma Yogini*.

Numerous activities in one form or the other are ever going on in the big and bustling world and they are all more or less meant for the promotion of peace and happiness of human beings, who are suffering and ailing in one way or the other. Be fearless is the clarion call of the sacred and august Upanishadas. One has to follow sincerely the Vedic principles and teachings fearlessly for the glorification and exaltation of Soul, Nature and God. Be good and do good is the glorious and eternally benign dictum of the wise sage Gautam Buddha, of holy Aryavarta. One has to do his or her duty and not care at all for the final results. This is the essence of the nectarine philosophy of the sacred and sublime Bhagawad Gita, sung by the melodious Singer Lord Shri Krishna on the eve of the momentous and memorable war to be fought on the immortal plains of Kurukshetra. Sacrifice is the very key-note of success, and duty involves a certain percentage of selfless and willing sacrifice on the part of the doer at all times without expecting any rewards or material gains in return. Personally, I never believe in religious wranglings. The highest duty lies solely in studying and practicing the Vedas with an open mind, free from all illfeeling, bias, and partiality at all, and accept what is true at all times. Be loving, good and striving and nobly-inclined towards all, and you will indeed, find the whole world to take up your behests.

The pendulum of the clock of Progress is never swayed by unfair and scathing criticisms and vain disputations. Intellectual, literary, spiritual and philosophical discourses serve the purpose of the world, meant wholly for preparing men and women of the world to do their deeds seriously, sincerely, heroically, faithfully, impartially, and bravely, to relieve the sufferings and afflictions of the poor, needy and oppressed people all over the world, following the grand and glorious religion of the Vedas (i. e. Non-killing is the highest duty). It is the privilege of the sacred and noble Aryan Culture to see that, through its benefits and spiritual contentment and evolution, the world is effected through effective and lasting measures in the way of the due establishment and embellishment of the grand and glorious



prosperity and goodwill, the sublime message of Peace of noble Aryan Culture, should be imparted, in a meek and sublimely humble manner, in the far off countries, which are eager to hear what the Holy Bharatvarsha has to say on mundane as well as the deep and mysterious and mystical problems concerning life Here and Hereafter. Let me here say that, superstitions and other kinds of practices do not satisfy the inner needs and cravings of the Being. Each one is on the way from Becoming unto Being.

In the light of above few statements, I have an idea to visit your country and avail myself of the opportunities that may be presented to me in course of time, and to let the aspiring and enlightened ladies and men hear my views, that have been and are being committed to papers by me in my hours of calmness and serenity of heart. I shall be highly pleased to receive letters from persons of all shades of opinion who feel lively interest in the contents of this letter, which would enable me to give final shape to my various plans under consideration since a considerable period.

I enclose herewith a circular of the books written and published by me,

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of this letter and *pass the same among your friends and others.*

In passing, I beg to note that, it would be a matter of extreme joy to me to receive letters from various authors and poets of both the sexes of various countries, to foster friendly bonds of love and sympathy between the East and West.

Waiting you in anticipation and hoping to hear favourably.

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