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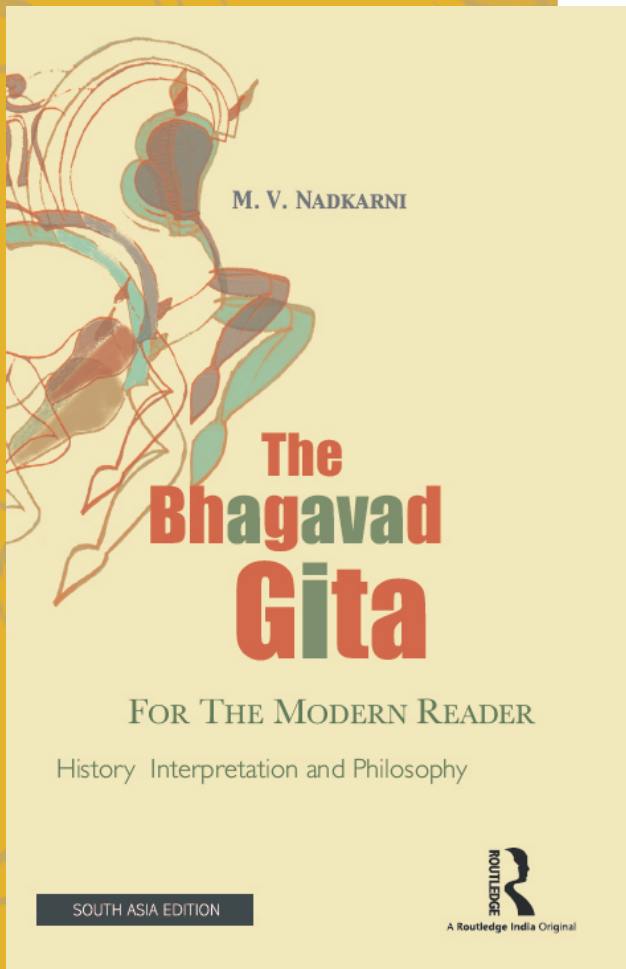
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What is the *Bhagavad-Gita*? Is it just a religious text? When was it composed? How relevant is it to the modern world?

This book answers these foundational questions and goes beyond. It critically examines the *Bhagavad-Gita* in terms of its liberal, humanist and inclusive appeal, bringing out its significance for the present times and novel applications. The author elaborates the philosophy underlying the text as also its ethical, spiritual and moral implications. He also responds to criticisms that have been levelled against the text by Ambedkar, D. D. Kosambi, and more recently, Amartya Sen. The volume proposes unique bearings of the text in diverse fields such as business & management and scientific research.

Eclectic and accessible, this work will be of interest to scholars of philosophy, religion, history, business & management studies as well as the general reader.

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