

# Chapter Questions

These questions are based on the complete text, verse and purports, of the *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*. Reading the chapter summaries in this book is not sufficient.

## Chapter One

1. What is the name of Chapter 1?
2. Who is Dhṛtarāṣṭra?
3. How many sons did he have?
4. What is Dhṛtarāṣṭra's eldest son's name?
5. Who was Duryodhana's teacher?
6. What is the name of Dhṛtarāṣṭra's secretary?
7. Who protected and led the Pāṇḍava army?
8. Who protected and led the Kuru army?
9. What happened when the Kuru's blew their conchshells?
10. What is the name of Kṛṣṇa's conchshell? What are the names of the Pāṇḍavas' conchshells?
11. What happened when Kṛṣṇa and the Pāṇḍavas blew their conchshells?
12. What did Arjuna ask Kṛṣṇa to do?
13. What did Arjuna see on the battlefield and how did he feel?
14. What reasons did Arjuna give Kṛṣṇa for not wanting to fight?

## Chapter Two

1. What is the name of Chapter 2?
2. What is compassion?
3. What is material compassion? What is spiritual compassion?
4. What examples does Śrīla Prabhupāda use to show how foolish material compassion is?
5. What verse shows us how Arjuna accepted Kṛṣṇa as his guru?
6. Why did he surrender to Kṛṣṇa?
7. What did Kṛṣṇa say was Arjuna's problem?
8. How did Lord Kṛṣṇa explain there was no need to lament?
9. What is the only way to solve the problems of life?
10. Why is it foolish to lament for the material body?
11. If Arjuna is a pure devotee, how could he be in illusion?
12. What is happiness and distress compared to and why?
13. What does Kṛṣṇa say one must do when happiness and distress come?
14. How big is the spirit soul and where is it situated?
15. What happens to the material body as soon as the spirit soul is out of it?
16. Name as many differences as possible between the material and the spiritual body.
17. What are the six changes of the body?
18. What is the soul's changing bodies compared to?
19. How is it possible for the spirit soul to go from one body to another?
20. Why does the spirit soul continually change from one body to another?
21. What did Kṛṣṇa say was the best thing for Arjuna to do and why?
22. What are the *Vedas* and who wrote them? What do the *Vedas* really try to teach us?

## Chapter Seven

7. What does Arjuna say about the *yoga* that Kṛṣṇa is telling him to do?
8. What does Kṛṣṇa say when Arjuna says that the *yoga* is too difficult?
9. What is the 2nd question that Arjuna asks Kṛṣṇa in this chapter?
10. What is Kṛṣṇa's answer to Arjuna's question?
11. What are some kinds of *yoga* and which is the best?

### Chapter Seven

1. Of what 8 things is the material energy made?
2. Give at least three examples of how the Lord can be seen through different material and spiritual things.
3. What 4 kinds of men surrender to Kṛṣṇa? Which is the best?
4. What 4 kinds of men don't surrender to Kṛṣṇa?
5. Why do people worship the demigods?
6. Why do the *Vedas* recommend demigod worship?
7. What does Kṛṣṇa say about people who worship the demigods?
8. What other kind of person does Kṛṣṇa consider unintelligent?
9. Why can't foolish, unintelligent people understand Kṛṣṇa?
10. Who are the only people who can understand Kṛṣṇa?

### Chapter Eight

1. What seven things does Arjuna ask about in the beginning of Chapter 8?
2. Which question does Kṛṣṇa spend the most time answering?
3. How can we remember Kṛṣṇa at the time of death?
4. Do you think that you could act sinfully throughout your life and then chant Hare

Kṛṣṇa at the time of death and go back to Godhead? Explain (why or why not?)

5. What happens if we remember Kṛṣṇa at the time of death?
6. Kṛṣṇa tells Arjuna to think of Him as what?
7. What does Kṛṣṇa say about the material world?
8. What does Kṛṣṇa say about the spiritual world?
9. What is an auspicious time for the *yogī* to leave his body?
10. What is an inauspicious time for the *yogī* to leave his body?
11. What are the two ways that *yogīs* can leave this world?
12. What do the devotees do about preparing to leave their bodies at the right time?

### Chapter Nine

1. What is the most secret of all secrets?
2. What are three of the things that Kṛṣṇa says about this secret?
3. What is confidential knowledge?
4. What is the *most* confidential knowledge? How does one get it?
5. What are two things that a person needs if he wants to be successful in Kṛṣṇa consciousness?
6. Tell the story of Nārada Muni's becoming purified.
7. Name seven of the things that Kṛṣṇa says He is.
8. What does Kṛṣṇa say about offering things to Him?
9. What four things does Kṛṣṇa ask us to do?
10. Why should one become a devotee?
11. What qualification must one have to take shelter of Kṛṣṇa?

### Chapter Ten

1. What is the name of Chapter 10?
2. What are Kṛṣṇa's six opulences? Why is He called Bhagavān?

3. What is *jñānam* [knowledge]?
4. What are the twenty-four elements of the field of activities?
5. What is the symptom of the existence of the soul?
6. Why does the Supersoul have hands, legs, eyes, heads, etc. everywhere?
7. What is the cause of suffering and enjoyment in this world?
8. Why did the living entity come into contact with the material nature?
9. How can the living entity become free from the influence of the material nature?
10. How can one understand these things?

### Chapter Fourteen

1. What is the title of Chapter 14?
2. What are the three modes of material nature?
3. Who is the father of all creatures?
4. What are the characteristics of the mode of goodness? What happens to one who dies in the mode of goodness?
5. Give examples of types of persons in each of the modes.
6. What are the characteristics of one in the mode of passion? What happens to one who dies in the mode of passion?
7. What are the characteristics of one in the mode of ignorance? What happens to one who dies in the mode of ignorance?
8. Why should a person not kill animals?
9. Discuss the perspectives of those in goodness, passion and ignorance. Why is it only that in the mode of goodness one can advance in spiritual understanding?
10. How can one transcend the modes of nature?
11. What are the characteristics of one who has transcended the modes?

### Chapter Fifteen

1. What is the title of Chapter 15?
2. Describe the example of the banyan tree. What does the banyan tree represent?
3. What are the branches, twigs, leaves and fruits of the tree?
4. Why is the tree upside down?
5. How can the tree be cut down?
6. How can one surrender to Kṛṣṇa?
7. Why is there no need of light in the spiritual world?
8. There is only one path to the spiritual world. What is it?
9. Explain how consciousness is like water or air. What determines your next birth?
10. How does Kṛṣṇa help us go back to the spiritual world?

### Chapter Sixteen

1. What is the name of Chapter 16?
2. What is *varṇāśrama* and what is its purpose?
3. Who is the spiritual master of all the other orders?
4. What are the qualities of *sannyāsis*?
5. What should the householder do?
6. What seven qualities should everyone cultivate?
7. What are the demoniac qualities?
8. What are the gates to hell?
9. What is the difference between the divine and demoniac natures?
10. What are the four defects?
11. How are the demoniac envious of God?

### Chapter Seventeen

1. What is the title of Chapter 17?
2. What are the three types of worship?
3. What are the characteristics of penance in the mode of ignorance?