

## Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 178: Chapter 18, Verses 74-76

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### TRANSLITERATION

सञ्जय उवाच ।

sañjaya uvācha

इत्यहं वासुदेवस्य पार्थस्य च महात्मनः ।

ity ahaṁ vāsudevasya pārthasya cha  
mahātmanaḥ

संवादमिममश्रौषमद्भुतं रोमहर्षणम् ॥ १८-७४ ॥

saṁvādam imam aśhrauṣham adbhutaṁ  
roma-harṣhaṇam

व्यासप्रसादाच्छ्रुतवानेतद्गुह्यमहं परम् ।

vyāsa-prasādāch chhrutavān etad guhyam  
ahaṁ param

योगं योगेश्वरात्कृष्णात्साक्षात्कथयतः स्वयम् ॥ १८-७५ ॥

yogaṁ yogeshvarāt kṛiṣṇāt sākṣhāt  
kathayataḥ svayam

राजन्संस्मृत्य संस्मृत्य संवादमिममद्भुतम् ।

rājan sansmṛitya sansmṛitya saṁvādam imam  
adbhutam

केशवार्जुनयोः पुण्यं हृष्यामि च मुहुर्मुहुः ॥ १८-७६ ॥

keśhavārjunayoḥ puṇyam hṛiṣhyāmi cha  
muhur muhuḥ

## TRANSLATION

**(74) Sanjay said:**

Thus, I have heard this wonderful conversation between Shree Krishna, the son of Vasudev, and Arjun, the noble-hearted son of Pritha. So thrilling is the message that my hair is standing on end.

**(75) By the grace of Veda Vyas, I have heard this supreme and most secret Yoga from the Lord of Yoga, Shree Krishna himself.**

**(76) As I repeatedly recall this astonishing and sacred dialogue between the Supreme Lord Shree Krishna and Arjun, O King, I rejoice again and again.**

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## CHAPTER 18

### Commentary

#### Verse 74

After having narrated the complete discourse of Shrimad Bhagavadgita to King Dhritarashtra, Sanjaya remarks that he found the divine dialogue between Arjuna and Lord Krishna to be *adbhutam* or astonishing and *romaharshanam* or causing the hair on his body to stand on end (horripilation). The word *mahatmanah*, meaning great souls, refers to both Lord Krishna as well as His devotee Arjuna who heeded the advice and instructions of Lord Krishna. One may now ask how it was possible for Sanjaya to hear this dialogue that took place on a far-off battlefield. He reveals this in the next verse.

#### Verse 75

Here, Sanjaya describes how he was able to see and narrate all the events that took place on the battlefield of Kurukshetra many miles away. Maharishi Vedavyasa, the author of Vedanta Sutra, the Puranas, and the Mahabharata, who is considered a descension of God, bestowed him with a grace of the celestial vision and clairaudience to directly see and hear all that transpired on the battlefield and thus he was able to recite verbatim the divine discourse between Arjuna and Lord Krishna known as the Shrimad Bhagavadgita. Thus,

Sanjaya heard Shrimad Bhagavadgita directly from the holy mouth of the Supreme Lord Krishna.

### **Verse 76**

In this verse, Sanjaya elaborates on his extreme blessedness by expressing the joyous and ecstatic emotions he feels and experiences by continuously remembering, reflecting and reminiscing on this astounding divine discourse of *Shrimad Bhagavadgita* by the Supreme Lord Krishna. Reflecting and remembering this most wonderful and divine dialogue between Arjuna and Lord Krishna, Sanjay is feeling the holy bliss and became increasingly ecstatic and thrilled. A spiritual experience gives a happiness that is far more thrilling and satisfying than all the material joys put together. Sanjay is rejoicing in such happiness and sharing his experience with the blind King Dhritarashtra.