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# Satyagraha

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THE KURU FIELD OF JUSTICE  
I see them here assembled,  
I see them here assembled,  
ready to fight,  
seeking to please...  
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ready to fight,  
seeking to please  
the kings sinful son,  
the kings sinful son,  
by waging war.  
And thus addressed by Arjuna,  
Krishna brought...  
Krishna brought  
that splendid chariot to a halt,  
to a halt  
between the two armies.  
Seeing them, all his kinsmen,  
thus arrayed,  
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thus arrayed,  
Arjuna was filled  
with deep compassion  
and turned to Krishna.  
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with deep compassion  
and turned to Krishna:  
"My very being is oppressed...  
with compassions harmful taint..."  
"My very being is oppressed..."  
"With mind perplexed  
concerning right and wrong..."  
"With mind perplexed  
concerning right and wrong,  
I ask you,  
which is the better course?"  
"With mind perplexed..."  
"Tell me  
and let your words  
be definite and clear."  
"Tell me..."  
"I am your pupil  
and put all my trust in you."

"You teach me."  
"I am your pupil..."  
Seeing them, all his kinsmen,  
thus arrayed...  
...Arjuna was filled  
with deep compassion  
and turned to Krishna.  
Seeing them, all his kinsmen,  
thus arrayed...  
But if you,  
if you will not,  
will not wage this war,  
this war  
prescribed by your duty...  
...then, by casting off  
both duty and honor,  
you will bring evil on yourself.  
If you are slain,  
paradise is yours,  
and if you gain the victory,  
yours is the earth to enjoy.  
If you are slain...  
Stand up then,  
son of Kunti,  
resolute for the fight.  
Stand up then...  
Hold pleasure and pain,  
pleasure and pain,  
profit and loss,  
victory and defeat to be the same.  
Then brace yourself for the fight.  
So will you bring no evil  
on yourself.  
Then brace yourself...  
To him thus in compassion plunged,  
his eyes distraught  
and filled with tears,  
to him desponding,  
Krishna spoke these words,  
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"Whence comes  
this faintness on you,  
this faintness on you,  
now at this crisis hour...?"

"This ill beseems a nobleman,  
wins none a heavenly state..."  
"This ill beseems a nobleman,  
wins none a heavenly state,  
but brings dishonor, Arjuna..."  
Hold pleasure...  
Hold pleasure and pain,  
pleasure and pain,  
profit and loss,  
profit and loss...  
...victory and defeat  
to be the same.  
Then brace yourself  
for the fight.  
Uo will you bring  
no evil on yourself...

**TOLUTOY PARM:**

When the motives and the fruits  
of a mans actions  
are freed from desire,  
his works are burned clean  
by wisdoms fire,  
the white fire of truth.  
Do the allotted task  
for which one is fit,  
for work is more excellent  
than idleness  
and the bodys life  
proceeds not without work.  
Between theory and practice,  
some speak as if they were two,  
making a separation  
and difference between them.  
Yet wise men know  
that both can be gained  
in applying oneself  
whole-heartedly to one.  
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some speak as if they were two,  
making a separation  
and difference between them.  
Yet wise men know...  
- Do the allotted task...  
Freed from desire...  
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When he casts off attachment  
to his deeds,  
a man embarks on his work  
ever content, on none dependent.  
When he casts off attachment...  
With thought and self controlled  
giving up all possessions,  
he cares for his  
bodily maintenance without excess.  
With thought and self controlled...  
- Do the allotted task...  
Between theory and practice...  
- Taking what chance may bring,  
surmounting all dualities,  
knowing no envy,  
the same in success and failure.  
Yet wise men know...  
- Do the allotted task...  
When he casts off  
attachment to his deeds  
a man embarks on his work  
ever content, on none dependent.

**THE VOW:**

Whoever gives up a deed  
because it causes pain,  
or because he shrinks  
from bodily pain,  
follows the way of darkness,  
knowing nothing of self-surrender.  
Whoever gives up a deed  
because it causes pain...  
But if work is done  
because it should be done  
and is enjoined by Scripture,  
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because it should be done  
and is enjoined by Scripture  
and without thought  
for great benefits,  
then that is  
surrender in goodness...  
You sustain the gods  
and the gods sustain you in return.  
You sustain the gods  
and the gods sustain you.  
The gods sustain you in return,  
attaining the highest good.  
You sustain the gods  
and the gods sustain you.  
With this you sustain the gods  
and the gods sustain you in return.  
Sustain one another,  
you shall attain the highest good.  
You sustain the gods...  
With this you sustain the gods...  
From food  
do all contingent beings derive  
and food derives from rain.  
From food  
do all contingent beings derive...  
Rain derives from sacrifice  
and sacrifice from work...  
With doubt cut away,  
suffused with goodness,  
the self-surrendered man  
hates neither uncongenial work  
nor looks only for pleasant work...  
So was the wheel set in motion,  
and who here  
fails to match his turning,  
living an evil life...  
He who only indulges  
in sensual pleasure  
lives his life in vain...  
CONFRONTATION AND REUCUE  
""This I have gained today...""  
""This whim I'll satisfy...""  
""This wealth is mine...""  
""And much more too

will be mine as time goes on..."  
"This I have gained today..."  
"He was an enemy of mine..."  
"Ive killed him..."  
"And many another I"II kill.  
Im the master here..."  
"I take my pleasure as I will.  
Im strong and happy  
and successful..."  
"He was an enemy of mine..."  
And thinking this,  
ail those dark minded ones  
of little wit...  
And thinking this,  
ail those dark minded ones  
of little wit,  
embark on cruel and violent deeds,  
the curses of their kind.  
And thinking this...  
"Im rich and of good family.  
Who ease can match himself  
with me?  
I"II make sacrifices and give alms.  
I"II have a marvelous time."  
So speak fools.  
"Im rich and of good family..."  
Insatiate desire  
is their starting point,  
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is their starting point,  
maddened are they  
by hypocrisy and pride,  
clutching at false conceptions,  
deluded as they are.  
Impure are their resolves...  
Insatiate desire  
is their starting point...

**INDIAN OPINION:**

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perform their work,  
attached to the work they do,  
so with senses freed,  
the wise man should act,

longing to bring about the welfare  
and coherence of the world...

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Therefore detached,  
perform unceasingly the work  
that must be done...

For the man detached  
who labors on to the highest  
must win through...

This is how the saints  
attained success.

Moreover,  
you should embrace action  
for the upholding,  
the welfare of your own kind.

Therefore detached...

Whatever the noblest does,  
that too will others do.

The standard that he sets  
all the world will follow.

"In the three worlds  
there is nothing I need do...  
nor anything unattained  
that I need to gain,  
yet action is the element  
in which I move..."

"If I were not  
tirelessly to busy myself,  
to busy myself with work,  
then would men everywhere  
follow in my footsteps,  
sinking back..."

"In the three worlds  
there is nothing I need do..."

"As witless fools  
perform their work..."

"If I were not to do my work,  
these worlds would fail to ruin..."



and I would create confusion..."

PROTEU The Lord said,

**the Lord said:**

"Let a man feel hatred  
for no being,  
let him be friendly,  
compassionate,  
done with thoughts  
of "I" and "mine",  
the same in pleasure  
as in pain and long suffering.  
His self restrained,  
his purpose firm,  
Let his mind and soul  
be steeped in me,  
let him worship me with love.  
Then will I love him in return.  
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The Lord said...  
Hold pleasure and pain,  
profit and loss,  
victory and defeat to be the same...  
Then brace yourself for the fight.  
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no evil on yourself.  
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resolute for the fight.  
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paradise is yours...  
Hold pleasure and pain,  
profit and loss...  
Happy are the warriors indeed  
who become involved  
in such a war as this...  
...a war presented by pure chance  
and opening the doors of paradise.

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paradise is yours,  
and if you gain the victory,  
yours is the earth to enjoy...  
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**NEWCAUTLE MARCH:**

With self content in wisdom  
learned from holy books  
and wisdom learned from life...  
With sense subdued, sublime, aloof,  
this athlete of the spirit stands...  
"Integrated",  
so is he called...  
The same to him  
are clods of earth, stones, gold...  
Outstanding is he,  
outstanding is he whose soul,  
whose soul  
views in the self-same way,  
views in the self-same way  
friends, comrades, enemies,  
those indifferent, neutrals,  
views in the self-same way  
men who are hateful  
and those who are his kin,  
views in the self-same way  
the good and the evil, too...  
This is the fixed,  
the fixed, still state  
which sustains,  
which sustains,  
even at the time of death,  
the athletes of the spirit,  
which sustains,  
even at the time of death,  
the athletes of the spirit,  
who even then set forth,  
who even then set forth,  
some to return,  
some to return,  
some never to return...

Pire, light, day,  
the waxing of the moon,  
the six months  
of the suns northern course,  
dying in these,  
to Brahman do they go,  
the men who Brahman know...  
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which sustains...  
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even at the time of death,  
the athletes of the spirit  
who even then set forth,  
some to return,  
some never to return...  
I have passed  
through many a birth  
and many have you...  
I know them ail,  
but you do not.  
Unborn am I,  
changeless is my Self,

of all contingent beings  
I am the Lord!  
Yet by my creative energy,  
I consort with Nature...  
...I consort with Nature  
and come to be in time.  
For whenever  
the law of righteousness  
withers away  
and lawlessness rises...  
...then do I generate  
myself on earth.  
I come into being  
age after age  
and take a visible shape  
and move man with men  
for the protection of good,  
thrusting evil back...  
...and setting virtue  
on her throne again...