

Ancient Maps for Modern Minds: Understanding Behavioral Control Through the Bhagavad Gita and Modern Psychology

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Abstract:

This paper explores how old wisdom from the Bhagavad Gita and modern science both explain how our minds work. Today, we are often distracted by phones and the internet. The Gita describes a "ladder of fall" which shows how a single thought can lead us to lose self-control. This is very similar to what doctors today call an "amygdala hijack," where our emotions take over our thinking brain. The paper explains how we can move from being

restless and stressed to being calm and in control. It looks at tools like the "Tortoise Technique," which helps us pull away from distractions. These old ideas match well with modern therapies like Mindfulness and DBT. In the end, the paper shows that true "Skill in Action" is not about running away from the world. Instead, it is about mastering our own minds so we can live with clarity and focus. This mix of old and new ideas gives us a helpful guide for staying balanced in a busy world.

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Introduction

In today's world of phones and the internet, our minds are always busy. We are constantly distracted by things designed to grab our attention. This has created a big problem: many people find it hard to focus, keep bad habits, and feel stressed all the time. Modern psychology has tools to help, but the **Bhagavad Gita** offered a smart way to understand the mind thousands of years ago.

This paper treats the *Bhagavad Gita* as a practical manual for changing how we act. A main part of this is the "**ladder of fall**" (Verses 2.62–2.63). This shows how a single thought can grow into a chain of events that ends in *Buddhi-nāśa*—the total loss of our ability to judge right from wrong. This ancient idea is very similar to what modern doctors call an "Amygdala Hijack," which is when our emotions take over the thinking part of our brain.

The *Gita* does not tell us to hide from the world. Instead, it gives us a plan to stay in control:

- **Controlling Distractions:** Using the "**Tortoise Technique**" to pull our senses away from bad influences.
- **Changing Our Thinking:** Learning to see situations in a new way.
- **Staying Balanced (Samatva):** Keeping a calm mind even when things are difficult.

By combining these old lessons with modern therapies like **DBT** and **Mindfulness**, we can learn to rule our own lives again. In the end, the *Gita* teaches us that "**Skill in Action**" (*Yogaḥ karmasu kauśalam*) is not about escaping our modern world, but about mastering our own minds while we live in it.

The Anatomy of Behavioral Failure: A Mental Chain Reaction

The **Bhagavad Gita** teaches that failing to control our behavior does not happen by accident. Instead, it is a slow breaking down of our self-control. In **Verses 2.62 and 2.63**, Krishna describes a "**ladder of fall.**" This ancient map is very similar to how modern science explains how bad habits and addictions form. It shows how a simple thought can lead to a total loss of self.

1. The Stimulus-Response Loop (Verse 2.62)

The *Gita* suggests that making bad choices starts in the mind long before we actually do something. This "fall" begins with *Dhyayana* (thinking about something). Verse 2.62 explains the first four steps of this mental trap:

dhyāyato viṣayān puṁsaḥ saṅgas teṣūpajāyate saṅgāt sañjāyate kāmaḥ kāmāt krodho 'bhijāyate

In this verse, Krishna identifies the four "tipping points" that lead to a loss of control:

- **Thinking/Contemplation (*Viṣayān dhyāyataḥ*):** This is when we keep thinking about a certain object or pleasure. In modern medicine, this is called "attentional bias" (APA, 2022). Our brain becomes hyper-focused on a reward. This is the "silent" start of the problem where the mind gets ready to get hooked.
- **Attachment (*Saṅga*):** If we keep thinking about it, we form a mental bond. The object is no longer just something outside of us; it becomes part of our inner world. We start to feel that we "need" it to be happy.
- **Compulsive Desire (*Kāma*):** This is the dangerous turning point where a simple "like" turns into an obsessive "need." Scientists call this "incentive salience," where the brain's dopamine system takes over (Volkow et al., 2016). At this stage, the urge to have the object becomes stronger than our ability to think about long-term consequences.
- **Frustration/Anger (*Krodha*):** Since we cannot always get what we want, our intense desire eventually hits a wall. When *Kāma* is blocked, it turns into *Krodha* (anger). This shows that the person has lost their inner freedom. Their happiness now depends entirely on things they cannot control.

2. The Cognitive Breakdown (Verse 2.63)

While the previous verse explains how feelings like desire and anger build up, **Verse 2.63** shows how the "Thinking Brain" (*Buddhi*) eventually breaks down. This verse describes a step-by-step collapse of the mind, moving from emotional confusion to a total loss of self-control.

krodhād bhavati sammohaḥ sammohāt smṛti-vibhramahḥ smṛti-bhraṁśād buddhi-nāśo buddhi-nāśāt praṇaśyati

This process happens in four clear stages of mental breakdown:

- **Delusion (*Sammoha*):** When *Krodha* (anger) arrives, it leads to *Sammoha*, a state where the mind feels cloudy. In this stage, a person cannot think clearly. Their judgment is hidden by an "emotional fog," making it impossible to see the future consequences of their actions.
- **Loss of Memory (*Smṛti-vibhramahḥ*):** In this context, *Smṛti* is not about forgetting names or dates. It is the loss of "moral memory." This means the person forgets their values and the life lessons they have learned. They experience a temporary "identity amnesia," where they forget who they really want to be.
- **Destruction of Discrimination (*Buddhi-nāśa*):** This is the final stage of failure. The *Buddhi*—the part of the mind that tells right from wrong—stops working. Modern science calls this an "amygdala hijack" (Goleman, 2005). The primitive part of the brain takes over, and the person can no longer choose what is truly good (*Shreya*) over what just feels good in the moment (*Preya*).
- **Final Ruin (*Praṇaśyati*):** Without the *Buddhi* to guide them, the person is said to "perish." This does not mean they die physically, but they lose their "agency" or their power to choose. They are no longer in charge of their own lives and are simply driven by their urges. This leads to a loss of peace and the inability to grow as a person.

Understanding the "Hijack"

In modern science, the final steps of the Gita's "ladder of fall"—where we lose our memory and judgment—describe a literal breakdown in how the brain works. To understand why we

lose control, we have to look at the struggle between two parts of the brain: the **Prefrontal Cortex (PFC)** and the **Limbic System**.

The PFC acts like the brain's "boss" or the Gita's concept of **Buddhi**. It is the part of the brain that helps us stop bad impulses, think about the future, and act according to our values. Usually, this part of the brain stays in charge of our emotions. However, when feelings like intense anger (*Krodha*) or obsession (*Kāma*) become too strong, a small part of the brain called the **Amygdala** takes over.

This sudden emotional surge effectively "shuts down" our ability to think clearly. In psychology, this is called an "**Amygdala Hijack**" (Goleman, 2005). When this happens, the brain's "brakes" are cut. We lose access to our **Smṛti**, or "moral memory," which means we forget our lessons and values in that moment. This is why people often feel like they aren't themselves when they lose their temper or give in to a bad habit; their thinking brain has been temporarily bypassed by their emotions.

The Path to Recovery: Taking Back Control

In Chapter 3 of the **Bhagavad Gita**, Arjuna asks a question that many people still ask today: why do we do things we know are bad for us? This section looks at the "invisible force" that takes away our power to choose. Modern psychology calls this the conflict between our conscious values and our hidden, forceful urges.

1. The Paradox of Choice (Verse 3.36)

Arjuna's question perfectly describes the feeling of losing control over one's own actions. He asks:

atha kena prayukto 'yam pāpaṁ carati pūruṣaḥ anicchann api vārṣṇeya balād iva niyojitaḥ
(**Bhagavad Gita 3.36**)

Arjuna is asking why a person does something "wrong" (*pāpaṁ*)—which in health terms means harmful or self-destructive behavior—even when they don't want to. He says it feels as if the person is being "**driven by force**" (*balād iva*). It is like being a slave to your own impulses.

In a medical setting, this is known as being **ego-dystonic**. This describes thoughts or actions that a person dislikes or feels are opposite to their true values (APA, 2022).

This "force" is a main sign of addiction and the loss of self-control. When the brain's reward system becomes too sensitive, doing a certain behavior is no longer a "choice." Instead, it becomes a command from the body that feels separate from what the person really wants to do.

Modern science shows that this happens when control moves from the part of the brain that makes good decisions (the **prefrontal cortex**) to the part that handles habits and urges (the **striatum**). This creates a "compulsive urge" that skips over quiet, clear thinking (**Volkow et al., 2016**).

In the *Gita*, this is explained as the intellect (**Buddhi**) losing its power over the senses. When the "habit" brain takes over, the person feels driven by an outside force, even if they know the action is harmful. This match between ancient verses and modern brain science helps us understand why breaking bad habits is so difficult.

2. The Internal Enemies: Kāma and Krodha (Verse 3.37)

Krishna explains that the "invisible force" making us act against our own good is not something outside of us. Instead, it comes from our own internal drives and imbalances. He identifies the root of the problem as a biological and mental shift:

kāma eṣa krodha eṣa rajo-guṇa-samudbhavaḥ mahāśano mahā-pāpmā viddhy enam iha vairiṇam (**Bhagavad Gita 3.37**)

In this verse, Krishna says the main enemies are **Kāma** (desire that is never satisfied) and **Krodha** (anger). Both come from **Rajo-guṇa**—a state of mind filled with passion, restlessness, and too much activity. This gives us a clear way to understand why we lose control:

- **Insatiable Hunger (Mahāśano):** Krishna describes these forces as "all-consuming." This is very similar to how the dopamine reward system works in the brain. When the mind is too active (**Rajas**), the brain's reward pathways can become overworked. Over time, the brain becomes less sensitive to pleasure. Because of this, a person needs more and more of a "hit" to feel the same way. This creates a cycle of craving that "eats up" a person's peace and focus (**Saran, 2014**).
- **The Clinical View:** From a health perspective, **Kāma** is not just a simple "want." It is a biological command that takes over the thinking brain. Experts note that the *Gita*

calling these forces "enemies" (*vairinam*) matches how we today see addiction "taking over" the brain's decision-making areas (**Saran, 2014**).

By calling these urges "enemies" rather than part of who we are, the *Gita* uses a method similar to modern **Narrative Therapy**. This helps a person see their bad habits as a "biological glitch" in the *Rajo-guṇa* system rather than a personal failure. This change in thinking is vital for getting better. It helps a person stop hating themselves (which only leads to more *Krodha*) and start observing their mind calmly. This eventually allows the "charioteer" (the intellect) to take back the reins from the "wild horses" (the senses).

The Role of Rajo-Guna in Behavioral Failure

Adding *Rajo-guṇa* to the study of the mind is very important for understanding why we lose control. In the *Gita*, life is made of three qualities, and *Rajas* is the energy of movement, passion, and attachment. While we need a little bit of *Rajas* to be active and get things done, having too much of it creates a problem. It makes a person focus only on getting what they want right now, instead of looking for long-term peace.

The Neuro-Physiological Connection

In modern health terms, being in a high state of *Rajas* is like having a "hyper-active" nervous system. When the body is too excited, it stays in "fight or flight" mode. This causes the heart to beat faster and stress hormones like cortisol to rise. In this over-excited state, the part of the brain that helps us "pause and plan" stops working well (**Baumeister & Tierney, 2011**).

Impact on Executive Function

When a person has too much *Rajasic* energy, their thinking becomes narrow. They focus only on the immediate reward or on getting rid of stress. This creates the perfect setting for the "compulsive urge" that Krishna warns about in **Verse 3.36**. Because *Rajas* creates a restless hunger for objects (*Viṣayān*), it skips over the part of the brain that makes wise choices (*Buddhi*).

Research shows that this high-energy state is the same as being impulsive (**Saran, 2014**). The person "knows" what the right thing to do is, but their body is too restless to actually do it. As a result, they easily get stuck in bad habits or get angry quickly. They become a prisoner to their own body's energy, which demands to be satisfied immediately (**Saran, 2014**).

The Framework for Behavioral Mastery and Emotional Stability

The **Bhagavad Gita** describes a person of "**steady wisdom**" (*Sthitaprajña*) as the best example of mental health. Instead of just telling us to push down our urges—which often makes them come back stronger—this guide shows us how to move from being easily upset to being in total control. By relying less on the outside world, a person builds a mental "immune system" that stops the chain reaction leading to bad choices.

1. The Definition of Self-Regulation (Verse 2.55)

The first step in changing our behavior for good is moving our focus from outside rewards to internal happiness. Krishna explains the foundation of this control in **Verse 2.55**:

prajahāti yadā kāmān sarvān pārtha mano-gatān ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ sthita-prajñas tadocyate

Krishna says that mastery begins when a person "**completely casts off all desires of the mind**" (*prajahāti yadā kāmān sarvān*). In modern psychology, this is the difference between **Intrinsic Motivation** (doing something for yourself) and **Extrinsic Validation** (doing something for a reward or praise).

When a person finds joy within themselves (*ātmany evātmanā tuṣṭaḥ*), they become mentally self-sufficient. This internal strength makes them much less likely to be "triggered" by their environment or by the dopamine loops that cause impulsive behavior (**Saran, 2014**). By stopping their happiness from depending on things they buy or get from the outside, they turn off the brain's "wanting" system.

Modern **Self-Determination Theory (SDT)** also says that this kind of internal independence is necessary for long-term mental health. This shift isn't about having no goals; it is about changing where your reward comes from—moving from the unpredictable outside world to a stable sense of purpose inside yourself.

2. Emotional Neutrality and Resilience (Verses 2.56–2.57)

In **Verses 2.56 and 2.57**, the *Bhagavad Gita* describes a state called **Equanimity (Samatva)**. This is a key part of having high emotional intelligence and mental flexibility. This state does not mean you stop caring; instead, it is a smart way to manage your feelings so that the "ups and downs" of life do not knock you off balance.

duḥkheṣv anudvigna-manāḥ sukheṣu vigata-sprhaḥ

vīta-rāga-bhaya-krodhaḥ sthita-dhīr munir ucyate (Verse 2.56)

A "steady-minded" person (*sthita-dhīr*) is someone who has cleared away three main forces that cause bad behavior:

- **Freedom from Attachment (*Vīta-rāga*):** This means stopping the habit of "clinging" or being obsessed with results. In modern terms, this makes a person less dependent on rewards. They can do their work without needing constant praise or a "high" from the outside world.
- **Freedom from Fear (*Bhaya*):** This means lowering the power of constant anxiety and the "fight-or-flight" response. By calming fear, a person stops the emotional part of the brain from taking over the logical part.
- **Freedom from Anger (*Krodha*):** This means getting rid of sudden bursts of anger. In science, this is vital for staying within the "Window of Tolerance" (Linehan, 2014). This ensures the person stays calm enough to keep their self-control.

The *Gita* goes deeper into this balance in Verse 2.57, which looks at how we react to the world:

yaḥ sarvatrānabhisnehas tat tat prāpya śubhāśubham

nābhinandati na dveṣṭi tasya prajñā pratiṣṭhitā

Krishna explains that a strong person does "not rejoice in good luck or hate the bad" (*nābhinandati na dveṣṭi*). This idea is very similar to **Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT)**, especially the concept of **Radical Acceptance**.

Expert **Linehan (2014)** suggests that suffering comes from pain mixed with not accepting the situation:

$$\text{Suffering} = \text{Pain} \times \text{Non-acceptance}$$

By accepting reality as it is—whether it is pleasant (*śubham*) or unpleasant (*aśubham*)—without judging it harshly, a person stops "secondary suffering." This kind of suffering happens when we react to our first pain with anger, shame, or denial. By staying neutral, we

prevent an emotional loop that would otherwise cause our thinking brain (*Buddhi*) to break down.

3. Sensory Withdrawal: The "Tortoise" Technique (Verse 2.58)

To keep our behavior stable over time, the *Bhagavad Gita* says we must manage our "input" channels—our senses—which feed the mind's desires. This step is not about hiding from the world forever. Instead, it is about being smart with our surroundings to prevent our minds from getting overwhelmed.

yadā samharate cāyaṁ kūrmo 'ṅgānīva sarvaśaḥ indriyāṇīndriyārthebhyas tasya prajñā pratiṣṭhitā (Bhagavad Gita 2.58)

The *Gita* uses the famous image of a tortoise pulling its legs into its shell to explain *Pratyahara* (sensory withdrawal). In modern therapy, this method is known as **Stimulus Control**.

Think of your focus like a tortoise. When a tortoise gets startled, it pulls its head and legs into its shell to stay safe. In the same way, people with calm minds learn to pull their attention away from distractions before they get overwhelmed. Instead of letting every phone alert or advertisement steal your focus, you can "pull back" into your own quiet headspace.

While many people believe that staying on track is just about having "willpower," research shows there is a smarter way to handle it. Scientists have found that it is much easier to change your environment than it is to constantly fight temptation. For example, you will find it much simpler to stay focused if your phone is in another room instead of sitting right on your desk (Baumeister & Tierney, 2011).

By practicing this "Tortoise Technique," we stop the first step of the "ladder of fall." We prevent the mental rehearsal of desires (*Dhyayana*) from happening in the first place, ensuring our intellect (*Buddhi*) stays strong and clear.

Balance as a Tool for Success

Instead of focusing only on the final result or "winning," this approach emphasizes the **quality of your thoughts** while you work. When your mind is balanced, you aren't easily shaken by stress or pressure.

- **Stability is Not Avoidance:** Being "stable" doesn't mean hiding away from challenges or being lazy.
- **A Solid Foundation:** True mental balance acts as a platform that allows you to work more effectively and make better decisions in the middle of a busy life..

1. The Definition of Yoga as Balance (Verse 2.48)

Krishna gives a basic definition of **Yoga** that is the key to staying steady and doing good work:

yoga-sthaḥ kuru karmāṇi saṅgam tyaktvā dhanañjaya siddhy-asiddhyoḥ samo bhūtvā samatvaṁ yoga ucyate (**Bhagavad Gita, 1994, 2.48**)

In this verse, **Yoga** is described as **Samatva**—being "equal" or balanced whether we succeed or fail. By telling Arjuna to do his duty without being "stuck" to the result (*saṅgam tyaktvā*), the *Gita* solves a major cause of performance anxiety.

The Mental Cost of Being "Attached"

When our minds are busy worrying about failing or desperately wanting to win, we lose the mental energy needed for our work. This worry triggers the amygdala, which can cause us to "choke under pressure." This happens because our emotional centers interfere with the parts of the brain used for thinking and solving problems (**Goleman, 2005**).

Yoga and the "Flow" State

Modern research on "**Flow**" shows that we perform best when our ego—and our focus on the result—disappears. Experts describe this as "effortless attention," where a person is totally lost in what they are doing (**Csikszentmihalyi, 2008**).

By practicing **Samatva**, a person stays in the "sweet spot" of performance. They avoid the anxiety that comes from wanting success (**Siddhi**) too much and the sadness that comes from fearing failure (**Asiddhi**).

2. Skill in Action (Verse 2.50)

Using the foundation of balance, **Verse 2.50** offers one of the most famous and useful lessons in the text. It shows how being stable on the inside leads to being productive on the outside:

buddhi-yukto jahātīha ubhe sukrta-duṣkrte tasmād yogāya yujyasva yogaḥ karmasu kauśalam
(Bhagavad Gita, 1994, 2.50)

The phrase *Yogaḥ karmasu kauśalam* ("Yoga is skill in action") teaches us that controlling our behavior and staying calm are the best ways to work better. This definition changes how we see **Yoga**. It is not about leaving the world behind; it is about doing our best and reaching excellence in whatever work we choose to do.

In a professional setting, this "skill" means being able to work without being distracted by the ego or the fear of what might happen. When we are balanced, we do not waste energy on stress. Instead, all our focus goes into the work itself. This makes **Yoga** a practical tool for anyone who wants to improve their focus and get better results in their daily life.

The Mechanics of "Surgical Precision"

A person with a steady *Buddhi* (intellect) can stay calm and avoid the emotional "highs and lows" of success and failure. In psychology, this means removing "mental noise." When someone is filled with the fear of failing or the greed for a specific win, their memory and attention do not work as well. By clearing away these distractions, a person can complete tasks with "surgical precision"—meaning they are sharp, focused, and exact.

Modern Applications in Leadership and Resilience

In today's workplaces, this balance is seen as a key part of **Resilience** and **Agile Leadership**. Experts like **Goleman (2005)** point out that staying calm under pressure allows the "thinking part" of the brain (the prefrontal cortex) to stay in charge. This leads to better decision-making and faster problem-solving.

When the *Buddhi* is working correctly, a person does not just "react" to stress with a "fight-or-flight" response. Instead, they respond with **cognitive flexibility**—the ability to adapt and think of new solutions. This "Skill in Action" allows a professional to change plans when things go wrong without feeling hurt or upset by the situation.

Ultimately, the *Gita* argues that the most "skilled" worker is the one whose mind is the most still. Only a still mind can use its full power and focus to reach a goal (**Saran, 2014**).

3. The Balanced Approach: Regulated Engagement (Verse 2.64)

The **Bhagavad Gita** suggests a lasting way to live: engaging with the world in a balanced and mindful way. In modern health terms, this is the move from "avoiding" triggers to "living with" them safely. This shift is explained in **Verse 2.64**, which says a person can move among the things they see and feel (*viṣayān*) as long as they stay free from "liking and hating" (*rāga-dveṣa-vimuktaiḥ*).

rāga-dveṣa-vimuktaiḥ tu viṣayān indriyaiś caran ātma-vaśyair vidheyātmā prasādam adigacchati (**Bhagavad Gita, 1994, 2.64**)

Unlike the total sensory withdrawal mentioned in Verse 2.58, **Verse 2.64** says that a person can interact with objects and the world (*viṣayān*) as long as they are "**free from attachment and hatred**" (*rāga-dveṣa-vimuktaiḥ*). This is a very important point in behavioral health: the goal is not to live in a bubble, but to master your own internal reaction to the world outside.

Achieving Internal Peace

When a person controls their senses through a disciplined mind (*vidheyātmā*), they reach a state of *Prasādam* (peace or clarity).

- **Moving beyond Like and Dislike:** Usually, we are slaves to what we like (*Rāga*) and what we hate (*Dveṣa*). These two forces drive impulsive behavior and stress.
- **The Power of Choice:** By becoming free from these two, we gain "internal sovereignty." This means we can be around distractions or difficult situations without being forced to react to them.

This balanced approach is the final step in behavioral mastery. It allows a person to be productive and active in the modern world while keeping a calm and steady mind (**Saran, 2014**).

The Neuro-Psychological Shift: From Reactivity to Observance

This way of thinking is the ancient foundation for **Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (MBCT)**. In MBCT, the goal is not to stop all thoughts or cravings—because trying to stop them often makes them come back stronger. Instead, the goal is to change how we relate to them (**Segal et al., 2018**).

- **Freedom from Hating Discomfort (*Dveṣa-vimuktaiḥ*):** Many times, we make bad choices just to escape a bad feeling. By removing this deep dislike (*Dveṣa*), a person no longer feels they must use bad habits to "numb" their pain.
- **Self-Governance (*Vidheyātmā*):** When the mind is *vidheyātmā* (self-controlled), it reaches a state of *prasādam* (calmness or clarity). In a health sense, this is **Equanimity**. It means a person can feel a temptation without starting the "ladder of fall." They watch a spike of dopamine or a flash of anger as just a mental event, not a command to act.

Achieving *Prasādam* (Cognitive Clarity)

The result of this balanced living is *prasādam*. While this word often means "grace," here it refers to a "clear" or "undisturbed" mind. When a person is no longer controlled by their environment, they keep their **Agency** (their power to choose).

They can walk through a world full of distractions while staying anchored in their ***Buddhi*** (intellect). This level of control ensures the person is not just someone who fears the world, but a high-performing person who can act with total clarity and purpose (**Saran, 2014**).

Conclusion

The Bhagavad Gita offers a smart way to understand the mind that still works well today. By looking at how people either lose control or gain mastery, we see a strong link between ancient teachings and modern brain science. We learn that making bad choices is usually a slow process rather than a sudden accident. If we notice the early signs—like getting too obsessed with a reward—we can stop ourselves before our emotions take over and cloud our judgment (APA, 2022).

A major lesson here is that true strength comes from balance, or *Samatva*. This old idea of staying calm is very similar to modern therapies like DBT, which teach "Radical Acceptance" of both winning and losing. By staying steady, we can make wise choices instead of just reacting because we are scared or greedy (Linehan, 2014). The Gita also shows us that willpower works best when we fix our surroundings. Just like a tortoise pulls into its shell for safety, we can protect our focus by moving distractions away, which makes it easier to do our best work (Baumeister & Tierney, 2011).

In the end, these habits help us take back control of our own lives. When we stop letting our basic likes and dislikes drive us, we gain the power to choose actions based on what we truly value (Segal et al., 2018). By mixing the Gita's wisdom with modern science, we get a helpful guide for the modern world. It shows us that we don't have to run away from life to find peace; instead, we can find total clarity by mastering our minds while staying active in the world.

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