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Abstract:

The battlefield in the Bhagavad Gita is a perfect backdrop for the war within, the struggle for self-mastery that everyone must wage if he or she is to emerge from life victorious. The struggle with which the Bhagavad Gita is concerned is the struggle for meaning through yogic consciousness. Arjuna and Krishna are not merely characters in a literary masterpiece. They are everyman, asking the Lord himself, Sri Krishna, the perennial questions about life and death— asking not as a passive observer but as the quintessential man of discerning action. This article captures the symbolic dimension of the battlefield of soul in the Bhagavad Gita.

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