The Sambodh Society, Inc.

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Dr. Sunder Hattangadi

Offers a Discourse on

"Dharma in the Bhagavad Gita"

DESCRIPTION: Bhagavad-Gita [The Lord's Song], is a work of 700 verses (couplets) and forms a part of the epic Mahabharata. When the word Gita is mentioned it almost always refers to this work, though there are many other works which are also honored with the same title. The epic was composed by Vyasa Rishi, an elder in the family of the Kuru lineage, approximately 3500 B.C. It occurs in the middle of the epic, and is considered the heart of the whole work. It is a dialogue between Krishna, the King of Dwaraka, who agrees to work as a charioteer for Arjuna, in the fratricidal war between the rival armies of King Dhritarashtra's sons (Kaurava-s) and the deceased King Pandu's sons (Pandava-s). The latter have been cheated of their fair share of the kingdom by the former. Arjuna is caught in a dilemma of fighting against his own relatives, and wishes to renounce the world rather than incur the sin of killing them even though it was righteous to do so. Krishna,

thereupon advises him on the meaning of life and death, performance of righteous duty as an act of sacrifice to the Divine Spirit (in upholding righteousness), the Ultimate Reality being unaffected by the egoistic actions of the individual, and the supreme goal of human life in uniting with that Spirit as the final freedom from the misery of recurring births and deaths. Shankaracharya described this work as the epitome of all the Vedic teachings. Its impact on the Indian mind has been incalculably profound, and commentaries continue to be written on it to divine its true meaning that is applicable to everyday life.

Additional Sessions are planned with Sunder Hattangadi on the following dates:

Sundays: September 30, 2007 and

(last Sunday of the month)

November 18 and December 16, 2007

(third Sunday of the month)

More sessions are planned in 2008 based upon the *Bhagavad Gita*:

1) Sadhana: Spiritual Practice; 2) Bhakti: Devotion; 3) Re-Incarnation; and 4)

The Gita as Universal Religion or Perennial Philosophy

followed by a vegetarian potluck lunch

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~ Bi-Weekly **Sunday Services** ~ 1st and 3rd Sundays 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

NOTE: A vegetarian potluck immediately follows these Programs

~ Bi-Weekly **Study Group** ~ 2nd & 4th Sundays 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2nd Sundays, Momthly: Vedanta and Spirituality: East and West Ruth Harring, Ph.D., Trustee, The Sambodh Society, Inc., and CE, Sambodh Society Headquarters, Kalamazoo, MI

4th Sundays, Monthly: Spiritual Film and Discussion Nancy Hayes, LLP, M.A., Practicing Psychologist and Board Member of Sambodh Society, Kalamazoo

NOTE: A light vegetarian potluck immediately follows the Study Group