Bhagavad Gita

A Loving Gift From Krishna
One will find in the Bhagavad-gītā all that is contained in other scriptures, but the reader will also find things which are not to be found elsewhere. That is the specific standard of the Gītā.

-BG 1.1p
soul
Subtle body
Gross body
Material world

Material world
Gross body
Subtle body
soul
Because you are My very dear friend, I am speaking to you My supreme instruction (again), the most confidential knowledge of all. Hear this from Me, for it is for your benefit.

BG 18.64

sarva-guhyatamam bhūyaḥ śṛṇu me paramam vacaḥ īṣṭo 'si me dṛḍham iti tato vakṣyāmi te hitam
Krishna establishing His Supremacy
As the Supreme Personality of Godhead
- Krishna is the basis of Brahman [BG 14.27]
- Krishna is the basis for Paramatma [BG 15.15]
- No truth superior to Krishna [BG 7.7]
- The source of everything [BG 10.8]
- The Supreme Enjoyer [BG 5.29]
Krishna invoking confidence in the hearts of His devotees

In a personal way
☐ Arjuna, declare it boldly my devotee never perishes [BG 9.31]

☐ I carry what they lack and I preserve what they have [BG 9.22]

☐ I shall deliver you from all sinful reactions. Do not fear [BG 18.66]

☐ You will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are very dear to Me. [BG 18.65]

☐ You will attain Me without doubt.[BG 8.5, BG 8.7]
Krishna demanding **exclusive** worship

Ananya bhakti

Unique offerings of the Gita
- For one who remembers Me without deviation, I am easy to obtain. [BG 8.14]
- I is attainable by unalloyed devotion. [BG 8.22]
- Worship Me with exclusive devotion. [BG 9.22]
- I can be understood only by undivided devotional service. [BG 11.54]
- Engagement in full devotional service, unfailing in all circumstances. BG 14.26]
Complete delineation of the **Yoga system**

Establishing bhakti yoga as the highest
Yoga system

- Karma yoga: first six chapters
- Jnana yoga: last six chapters
- Bhakti yoga: middle six chapters
- Bhakti yoga – the highest form of yoga [BG 6.47]
- Bhakti yoga detailed in chapters 9 and 12
A thorough **condemnation of impersonalism**

Establishing the path of impersonalism to be troublesome
Impersonalism is foolish

We are living entities and Krishna is God eternally [BG 2.12, BG 15.7].

Only unintelligent think that Krishna was impersonal before [BG 7.24].

The path of impersonalism is very troublesome [BG 12.5].

There are two knowers of the body [BG 13.3]

Krishna is beyond the fallible and the infallible [BG 15.17-18].
A clear presentation of *Karma* and *Dharma* principles

The intricacies of action
Karma and dharma

- 5 factors of action [BG 18.14]
- Intricacies of action and karma yoga [Chapters 3 and 5]
- The highest dharma is transcendental karma [BG 18.66]
A detailed presentation of the *modes of material nature*

Psychophysical analysis
☐ Thorough presentation of qualities associated with the modes of material nature [Chapters 14-18]

☐ How to go beyond the modes of nature? [BG 14.26]
Because you are My very dear friend, I am speaking to you My supreme instruction (again), the most confidential knowledge of all. Hear this from Me, for it is for your benefit.
Always think of Me, become My devotee, worship Me and offer your homage unto Me. Thus you will come to Me without fail. I promise you this because you are My very dear friend.

BG 18.65

man-manā bhava mad-bhakto
mad-yājī mām namaskuru
mām evaiśyasi satyam te
pratijāne priyo 'si me
hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa
kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare
hare rāma hare rāma rāma hare hare
How should we chant?
How should we chant?
How should we chant?
☐ What are the unique offerings of Gita?
☐ What is the highest gift?
☐ How is the gift delivered by Krishna?
☐ How can we take advantage of the gift?

Thank you very much!