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**The Dhammapada (Large Print 16pt)** Eknath Easwaran 2010-06 The Dhammapada: one of three new editions of the books in Eknath Easwaran's Classics of Indian Spirituality series "As irrigators guide water to their fields, as archers aim arrows, as carpenters carve wood, the wise shape their lives." - Dhammapada (145)... Dhammapada means "the path of dharma," the path of truth, harmony, and righteousness. Capturing the living words of the Buddha, this much-loved scripture consists of verses organized by theme: thought, joy, anger, pleasure, and others. The Dhammapada is permeated with the power and practicality of one of the world's most appealing spiritual teachers. Rejecting superstition on the one hand and philosophical speculation on the other, the Buddha taught the path to the end of suffering and showed how we can achieve lasting joy. He spells out our choices with a refreshing realism and frankness. And he insists that we be spiritually self-reliant: "All the effort must be made by you. Buddhas only point the way." Easwaran believed that we need nothing more than the Dhammapada to follow the way of the Buddha. His main qualification for interpreting the Dhammapada, he said, was that he knew from his own experience that these verses can transform our lives.

**God Makes the Rivers to Flow** Eknath Easwaran 2010-07-16 Eknath Easwaran taught spiritual living for nearly 40 years and drew deep, ongoing inspiration from the sacred literature of all traditions - the great river of wisdom that is always flowing throughout the world. The 149 short extracts in this anthology come from the much-loved saints, sages, and scriptures of the Christian, Hindu, Sufi, Jewish, Native American, Buddhist, and Taoist traditions. These passages can be read for daily inspiration, for their insights into other spiritual traditions, for the light they throw on how to live, for the sustenance they offer when we feel sad or tired, and for the deep transformation they can bring in Easwaran's method of passage meditation. Rich supporting material includes stories from India, detailed background notes, suggestions for memorization and for studying the texts in practices such as lectio divina from the Christian tradition, and instruction in using these texts in passage meditation.

**Passage Meditation - A Complete Spiritual Practice** Eknath Easwaran 2016-08-31 Easwaran's classic manual on meditation and spiritual living is a unique source of practical spiritual support for new and experienced meditators. Easwaran taught passage meditation for over forty years, and his class at the University of California, Berkeley was the first accredited course on meditation at any Western university. He is the author of the best-selling translation in English of the Bhagavad Gita,

India's best-known scripture. In passage meditation, you focus attention on passages or texts from the world's wisdom traditions that are positive, practical, and uplifting, and that fit with your own religious or non-religious beliefs. This universal method of meditation stays fresh and inspiring, prompting you to live out your highest ideals, and the mantram and six other spiritual tools help you to stay calm, kind, and focused throughout the day. This book shows how, with regular practice, you gain wisdom and vitality, and find a life that fulfills. This fourth edition of Passage Meditation has been extended by over thirty percent to include Easwaran's answers to more than 100 questions posed by his students in question and answer sessions. It gives all the instruction needed to establish a vibrant meditation practice and keep it going.

**The Vedas** Jon William Fergus 2017-01-10 The present volume is an unabridged compilation of all four Vedas (Rig, White and Black Yajur, Sama and Atharva). Four of the translations are from Ralph Griffith, with the remaining (black yajur) from Arthur Keith. The texts have been proofed and all Sanskrit terms updated and synced between versions. An Index-Dictionary of Sanskrit terms has been published as a second volume: ISBN: 978-1541304079. From the foreword: The Vedas (from the root vid, "to know," or "divine knowledge") are the most ancient of all the Hindu scriptures. There were originally three Vedas—the Laws of Manu always speaks of the three, as do the oldest (Mukhya) Upanishads—but a later work called the Atharvaveda has been added to these, to now constitute the fourth. The name Rigveda signifies "Veda of verses," from rig, a spoken stanza; Samaveda, the "Veda of chants," from saman, a song or chant; Yajurveda, the "Veda of sacrificial formulas," from yajus, a sacrificial text. The Atharvaveda derives its name from the sage Atharvan, who is represented as a Prajapati, the eldest son of Brahma, and who is said to have been the first to institute the fire-sacrifices. The complex nature of the Vedas and the array of texts associated with them may be briefly outlined as follows: "The Rig-Veda is the original work, the Yajur-Veda and Sama-Veda in their mantric portions are different arrangements of its hymns for special purposes. The Vedas are divided into two parts, the Mantra and Brahmana. The Mantra part is composed of suktas (hymns in verse); the Brahmana part consists of liturgical, ritualistic, exegetical, and mystic treatises in prose. The Mantra or verse portion is considered more ancient than the prose works; and the books in which the hymns are collected are called samhitas (collections). More or less closely connected with the Brahmanans (and in a few exceptional cases with the Mantra part) are two classes of treatises in prose and verse called Aranyaka and Upanishad. The Vedic writings are again divided into two great divisions, exoteric and esoteric, the former called the karma-kanda (the section of works) and the latter the jnana-kanda (section of wisdom)." (Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary) The great antiquity of the Vedas is sufficiently proven by the fact that they are written in such an ancient form of Sanskrit, so different from the Sanskrit now used, that there is no other work like them in the literature of this "eldest sister" of all the known languages, as Prof. Max Muller calls it. Only the most learned of the Brahman Pundits can read the Vedas in their original. Furthermore, the Vedas cannot be viewed as singular works by singular authors, but rather as compilations, assembled over a great and unknown period of time. "Almost every hymn or division of a Veda is ascribed to various authors. It is generally believed that these subdivisions were revealed orally to the rishis or sages whose respective names they bear; hence the body of the Veda is known as sruti (what was heard) or divine revelation. The very names of these Vedic sages, such as Vasishtha, Visvamitra, and Narada, all of which belong to men born in far distant ages, shows that millennia must have elapsed between the different dates of their composition." (Encyclopedic Theosophical Glossary) It is generally agreed that the Vedas were finally arranged and compiled around fourteen centuries before our era; but this interferes in no way with their great antiquity, as they are acknowledged to have been long taught and passed down orally, perhaps for thousands of years, perhaps for far longer, before being finally compiled and recorded (the latter is traditionally said to have occurred on the shores of Lake Manasarovara, beyond the Himalayas).

*Conquest of Mind* Eknath Easwaran 2010 Combines meditation practice with day-to-day mindfulness to help readers conquer unwanted thoughts and choose more wisely. By the author of *Meditation and Timeless Wisdom*. Original.

**The Upanishads** Eknath Easwaran 2009-01-01 In the ancient wisdom texts called the Upanishads, illumined sages share flashes of insight, the results of their investigation into consciousness itself. In extraordinary visions, they experience directly a transcendent Reality which is the essence, or Self, of each created being. They teach that each of us, each Self, is eternal, deathless, one with the power that created the universe. Easwaran's translation is reliable and readable, consistently the bestseller in its field. It includes an overview of the cultural and historical setting, with chapter introductions, notes, and a Sanskrit glossary. But it is Easwaran's understanding of the wisdom of the Upanishads, and their relevance to the modern reader, that makes this edition truly outstanding. Each sage, each Upanishad, appeals in different ways to the reader's head and heart. In the end, Easwaran writes, The Upanishads belong not just to Hinduism. They are India's precious legacy to humanity, and in that spirit they are offered here.

**The Spiritual Heritage of India** Swami Prabhavananda 2019-04-09 This book, first published in 1962, is an analysis of the history of the philosophy of a country that has never distinguished philosophy from religion. Indian philosophy is not merely metaphysical speculation, but has its foundation in immediate perception. This insistence upon immediate perception rather than abstract reasoning is what distinguishes the Indian philosophy of religion from philosophy as Western nations know it.

*The Essential Vedanta* Eliot Deutsch 2006

**The Vedas and Upanishads for Children** Roopa Pai 2019-01-10 Three thousand years ago, deep inside the forests of India, a great 'thought revolution' was brewing. In those forest labs, the brightest thinker-philosophers contemplated the universe, reflected on ancient texts called the Vedas and came up with startling insights into questions we still don't have final answers to, like: • What is the universe made of? • How do I know I'm looking at a tree when I see one? • Who am I? My body, my mind, my intelligence, my emotions, or none of the above? And where did they put those explosive findings? In a sprawling body of goosebumpy and fascinating oral literature called the Upanishads! Intimidated? Don't be! For this joyful, fun guide to some of India's longest-lasting secular wisdoms, reinterpreted for first-time explorers by Roopa Pai, is guaranteed to keep you turning the pages. Why haven't you read it yet?

**Patience** Eknath Easwaran 2010-03-09 "Patience is the ornament of the brave," Eknath Easwaran's wise grandmother used to say. In all relationships, Easwaran says, patience is the mark of love. An experienced spiritual teacher, he gives powerful insights and advice for developing patience at home and at work, with his unique blend of humor and practicality. Stories offer quiet interludes throughout this little book. Anecdotes about animals, sports stars, and happy family outings make these short, varied readings as entertaining as they are instructive. Gentle reminiscences of India, tales from Easwaran's Hindu heritage, and inspiration from the world's saints lift the reader's spirits and give courage. Just keep trying, Easwaran says, and you'll find there's no end to your patience -- no end to the wisdom, love, and compassion in your heart. This book makes a thoughtful gift for anyone seeking a life that is kinder, more stable, and serene.

**Essence of the Upanishads** Eknath Easwaran 2009-08-25 The Katha Upanishad embraces the key ideas of Indian mysticism in a mythic story we can all relate to - the quest of a young hero, Nachiketa,

who ventures into the land of death in search of immortality. But the insights of the Katha are scattered, hard to understand. Easwaran presents them systematically, and practically, as a way to explore deeper and deeper levels of personality, and to answer the age-old question, "Who am I?" Easwaran grew up in India, learned Sanskrit from a young age, and became a professor of English literature before coming to the West. His translation of The Upanishads is the best-selling edition in English. For students of philosophy and of Indian spirituality, and readers of wisdom literature everywhere, Easwaran's interpretation of this classic helps us in our own quest into the meaning of our lives. (Previously published as: Dialogue With Death)

*How to Understand Death* Eknath Easwaran Take your fate into your own hands by facing death, not fleeing from it. Easwaran is one of the twentieth century's great spiritual teachers and an authentic guide to timeless wisdom. Understand death, Easwaran writes, and you'll live more wisely - you'll learn more, love more, and contribute more to all around you. By facing death, not fleeing from it, you take your fate into your own hands. With stories from East and West, and quotes from the world's mystics, Easwaran explains the meaning of death, the process of dying, and how to use simple spiritual practices to find the source of abiding joy and security within us all. This essay has been excerpted from Easwaran's book "The Undiscovered Country".

**Patience** Eknath Easwaran 2010-07 "Patience is the ornament of the brave," Easwaran's wise grandmother used to say. In relationships, patience is the mark of love. An experienced spiritual teacher who combines humor with practicality, Easwaran gives powerful insights and sometimes surprising advice for developing patience at home and at work. Stories offer quiet interludes throughout this little book. Anecdotes about animals, sports stars, and happy family outings make these short, varied readings as entertaining as they are instructive. Gentle reminiscences of India, tales from Easwaran's Hindu heritage, and inspiration from ...

*The Mantram Handbook* Eknath Easwaran 1978

**God Makes the Rivers to Flow** Eknath Easwaran 2003 Annotation "Inspiration with the power to change your life: short, positive, inspiring selections from the great scriptures and mystics of East and West."

*Classics of Indian Spirituality* Eknath Easwaran 2007-09-01 These classic teachings comprise the most important and universal texts from the Indian wisdom tradition. They pose the fundamental questions of life pondered throughout the ages: Who am I? What happens when I die? What is the purpose of my life? Each text offers compelling answers, reflecting the style and personality of their Vedic and Buddhist authors. Eknath Easwaran's lyrical translations and engaging explanations of key concepts ensure that the texts are as relevant today as they were centuries ago.

**Your Life Is Your Message** Eknath Easwaran 2020-09 Make your life a message of hope, love, and purpose. No matter what crises may threaten the world, you can live in harmony with your highest ideals - and help others to do the same. This practical and inspiring book, a classic from a much-loved spiritual teacher, shows how. You can find harmony with yourself by gaining mastery of your internal environment, a world within of thoughts, desires, and feelings as real as the world outside. You can build harmony in your relationships with family, colleagues, and your community by learning to love more fully than you had thought possible. You can establish harmony with the physical environment by living your life to ensure, in every way, a brighter future for all our children. By making small changes, day by day, you can support the health, happiness, and well-being of everyone around you.

**With My Love & Blessings** Eknath Easwaran 2000-10-30 Readers and students of Easwaran often say that they wish they had been able to meet him while he was physically with us. Reading *With My Love and Blessings* is an intimate experience in which you can build your own relationship with Sri Easwaran. Turn the pages, and watch him over the years as he quietly directs the evolution of Ramagiri ashram and the BMCM. Observe him walking with friends on Dillon Beach, teaching class, playing with ashram children, patting an ashram dog, supervising all the activities of a thriving community, sharing his wisdom with thousands of earnest students, then as now. Open this book whenever you need encouragement and inspiration, and it will not fail you. Published in October 2000, *With My Love and Blessings* was assembled under the loving guidance of Christine Easwaran, drawing from the thousands of photographs and transcribed talks, letters, dictations, and notes in the archives of the BMCM and the personal collections of longtime students. It is a tribute to the eternal legacy of the life of Sri Eknath Easwaran.

*Strength in the Storm* Eknath Easwaran 2013 Discusses how to find peace of mind during stressful times, describing how to slow down and stay in the present, shed anxieties and resentments, strengthen relationships, and stay kind and strong when faced with conflicts.

**The Constant Companion** Eknath Easwaran 2001 Inspired by the thousand poetic names ascribed to Vishnu, Eknath Easwaran interweaves Hindu mythologies with practical insights to instruct, inspire, and delight readers.

**Timeless Wisdom** Eknath Easwaran 2008 This companion volume to Easwaran's "Passage Meditation" brings the world's timeless wisdom within reach of the modern seeker. The author chooses texts that are positive, practical, and meaningful for readers today, making them suitable for study and meditation.

**Meditation** Eknath Easwaran 1991 Meditation outlines a unique approach to tapping inner resources by training concentration on inspirational passages. Eknath Easwaran's practical Eight Point Program offers specific, systematic tools to sharpen concentration, deal effectively with stress, release deep reserves of energy, and transform anger and other destructive emotions. This book offers tested techniques for strengthening our ability to meditate. It is a complete guide to a program of meditation that fits naturally into your life, even complementing an active religious practice.

**The Compassionate Universe** Eknath Easwaran 2022-01-04 "What is the connection between our small, daily, individual choices and the condition of the earth's environment? The Compassionate Universe looks at our choices through the perspective of Mahatma Gandhi's seven social sins, such as ""Science Without Humanity,"" and ""Politics Without Principles.""

*Essence of the Dhammapada* Eknath Easwaran 2013 In this companion to his best-selling translation of *The Dhammapada*, Eknath Easwaran explains how *The Dhammapada* is a perfect map for the spiritual journey. Said to be the text closest to the Buddha's actual words, *The Dhammapada* is a collection of short teachings that his disciples memorized during his lifetime. Easwaran presents *The Dhammapada* as a guide to spiritual perseverance, progress, and ultimately enlightenment — a heroic confrontation with life as it really is, with straight answers to our deepest questions. We witness the heartbreak of death, for instance — what does that mean for us? What is love? How does karma work? How do we follow the spiritual life in the midst of work and family? Does nirvana really exist, and if so, what is it like to be illumined? In his interpretation of Buddhist themes, illustrated with stories from the Buddha's

life, Easwaran offers a view of the concept of Right Understanding that is both exhilarating and instructive. He shares his experiences on the spiritual path, giving the advice that only an experienced teacher and practitioner can offer, and urges us to answer for ourselves the Buddha's call to nirvana — that mysterious, enduring state of wisdom, joy, and peace.

**A Book of Hindu Scriptures** William Q Judge 2011-06-03 The Bagavad Gita is a conversation between Lord Krishna and the Pandava prince Arjuna taking place on the battlefield before the start of the Kurukshetra War. Responding to Arjuna's confusion and moral dilemma about fighting his own cousins, Lord Krishna explains to Arjuna his duties as a warrior and prince, and elaborates on different Yogic and Vedantic philosophies, with examples and analogies. This has led to the Gita often being described as a concise guide to Hindu theology and also as a practical, self-contained guide to life. During the discourse, Lord Krishna reveals His identity as the Supreme Being Himself (Svayam Bhagavan), blessing Arjuna with an awe-inspiring vision of His divine universal form. Two words that are of paramount importance in grasping the Upanishads are Brahman and Atman. The Brahman is the universal spirit and the Atman is the individual Self. Differing opinions exist amongst scholars regarding the etymology of these words. Brahman comes from the root brh which means "The Biggest The Greatest The ALL." Brahman is "the infinite Spirit Source and fabric and core and destiny of all existence, both manifested and unmanifested and the formless infinite substratum and from whom the universe has grown." Brahman is the ultimate, both transcendent and immanent, the absolute infinite existence, the sum total of all that ever is, was, or shall be. The word Atman means the immortal perfect Spirit of any living creature, being, including trees etc. The idea put forth by the Upanishadic seers that Atman and Brahman are One and the same is one of the greatest contributions made to the thought of the world. The Rigveda is an ancient Indian sacred collection of Vedic Sanskrit hymns. It is counted among the four canonical sacred texts of Hinduism known as the Vedas. Some of its verses are still recited as Hindu prayers, at religious functions and other occasions, putting these among the world's oldest religious texts in continued use. The Rigveda contains several mythological and poetical accounts of the origin of the world, hymns praising the gods, and ancient prayers for life, prosperity, etc.

*Dialogue with Death* Easwaran Eknath 1992 Why am I here? Is there a purpose to my life? What happens when I die? These deep questions are addressed with clear wisdom, vivid images and memorable stories.

*Essence of the Bhagavad Gita* Eknath Easwaran 2011-12-13 In this companion to his best-selling translation of the Bhagavad Gita, Easwaran explores the essential themes of this much-loved Indian scripture. Placing the Gita in a modern context, Easwaran shows how this classic text sheds light on the nature of reality, the illusion of separateness, the search for identity, and the meaning of yoga. The key message of the Gita is how to resolve our conflicts and live in harmony with the deep unity of life, through the principles of yoga and the practice of meditation. Easwaran grew up in the Hindu tradition and learned Sanskrit from an early age. A foremost translator and interpreter of the Gita, he taught classes on it for forty years, while living out the principles of the Gita in the midst of a busy family and community life. In the Gita, Sri Krishna, the Lord, doesn't tell the warrior prince Arjuna what to do: he shows Arjuna his choices and then leaves it to Arjuna to decide. Easwaran, too, shows us clearly how these teachings still apply to us - and how, like Arjuna, we must take courage and act wisely if we want our world to thrive.

**Renewal** Eknath Easwaran 2009 What we can do to improve the lives of those around us. Our personal example -- in every aspect of our lives -- is a very powerful instrument of change, more powerful than many of us realize. Renewal is a little book of hope, to lift our spirits and give us courage when we're

facing problems, and to offer gentle, sometimes surprising answers to the question "But what can I do?" Easwaran is one of the twentieth century's great spiritual teachers and an authentic guide to timeless wisdom. In these short readings on themes such as loving relationships, raising children, living simply, and aging wisely, he presents fresh insights to reveal our fundamental interconnectedness, our unity with all life. This collection includes inspiration from Gandhi and the world's saints, engaging anecdotes, and practical suggestions, all of which are accessible to readers of any faith, philosophy, or lifestyle. Together, they demonstrate that small daily efforts to improve our own lives and the lives of those around us can add up to a powerful force for renewal -- for ourselves and for our world.

The Upanishads Juan Mascaró 1965-11-30 The Upanishads, the earliest of which were composed in Sanskrit between 800 and 400 bce by sages and poets, form part of the Vedas - the sacred and ancient scriptures that are the basis of the Hindu religion. Each Upanishad, or lesson, takes up a theme ranging from the attainment of spiritual bliss to karma and rebirth, and collectively they are meditations on life, death and immortality. The essence of their teachings is that truth can be reached by faith rather than by thought, and that the spirit of God is within each of us - we need not fear death as we carry within us the promise of eternal life. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

*The Bhagavad Gita for Daily Living, Volume 3* Eknath Easwaran 2020-11-10 This warm, practical commentary by the author of the best-selling translation of the Bhagavad Gita helps us understand and apply the Gita's teachings, to find meaning, peace, and wisdom in our lives.

The Undiscovered Country Eknath Easwaran 1996 "Where have I come from? What will happen to me when I die? What is life for? Is death inevitable? Spurred by these great questions, we seek the supreme discovery - our immortality. This is the universal message of mysticism: Complete understanding of our eternal, spiritual nature can be realized while we are here on earth, in this life."

**Passage Meditation** Eknath Easwaran 2010-09 Pioneered by spiritual master Eknath Easwaran, passage meditation consists of memorizing an inspirational spiritual passage and then sending it deep into consciousness through slow, sustained attention. It keeps meditation fresh and varied because readers can select the passages - from one tradition or many - that embody their chosen ideals. Many readers also enjoy the passages for their poetic and intellectual appeal. This form of meditation offers all the richness and depth of traditional wisdom, together with a practical method for bringing that wisdom into daily life. The book situates passage meditation as part of Easwaran's eight-point program that, based on traditional spiritual practices but adjusted for modern lifestyles, shows readers how to stay calm and focused at work and home. This edition includes a new preface of previously unpublished material by Easwaran and an epilogue that explains the story behind the book and invites new readers to join the author on this adventure in the "world within."

The Bhagavad Gita Eknath Easwaran 2010-06-29 The Bhagavad Gita: one of three new editions of the books in Eknath Easwaran's Classics of Indian Spirituality series On this path, effort never goes to waste, and there is no failure. Even a little effort towards spiritual awareness will protec...

*Words to Live By* Eknath Easwaran 2010-10 Start your day or end it with this warmly encouraging

collection of inspirational quotations for each day, accompanied by Easwaran's wise and practical commentaries. These quotes come from some of history's most brilliant philosophers, poets, and sages from all traditions. Easwaran takes these timeless truths and illustrates them with relevant, meaningful examples, inspiring us to face our own challenges with courage, good humor, and wisdom. Some of Easwaran's commentaries are very practical, showing how we can become more patient, more loving, and more resilient by making small steps every day. Others give us soaring inspiration, lifting our hearts and spirits, reminding us of the higher purpose of our lives. You can read *Words to Live By* in the morning to point your day in the right direction, or read it in the evening to prepare for a peaceful night of renewal. Features This gem of a book makes a perfect gift and is an ideal introduction to Easwaran for new readers. And for seasoned Easwaran readers whose current copies are getting battered, the new look and new material will keep these teachings fresh and foremost in the midst of busy schedules.

**The Bhagavad Gita** 2000-04-25 The Bhagavad Gita is the most famous poem in all of Hindu literature and part of the Mahabharata, the ancient Indian epic masterpiece. The Gita (in Sanskrit, "Song of the Lord") consists of a dialogue between Lord Krishna and Prince Arjuna on the morning of a climactic battle. Krishna provides Arjuna with the spiritual means to understand his own nature so that he can take action and prevail. However, the larger canvas painted in the poem is that of the moral universe of Hinduism. As translator Eknath Easwaran, one of the world's premier teachers of meditation and spirituality, notes "The Gita does not present a system of philosophy. It offers something to every seeker after God, of whatever temperament, by whatever path. The reason for this universal appeal is that it is basically practical: it is a handbook for self-realization and a guide to action."

*Living Thoughts of Great People* Eknath Easwaran 2008

**The Upanishads, Gateways of Knowledge** Madhav Pundalik Pandit 1960

*What is Karma?* Eknath Easwaran How can karma help us find hope and happiness? What we think, say, or do has consequences that are often subtler and more far-reaching than we think. The theory of karma is intellectually intriguing, but a practical understanding of how karma works can help us find hope and happiness in our lives. Eknath Easwaran is a foremost translator and interpreter of the Indian classics (The Bhagavad Gita, The Upanishads and The Dhammapada), and a highly respected teacher of meditation. This short ebook is one chapter from *Essence of the Dhammapada: The Buddha's Call to Nirvana*.

*The Bhagavad Gita for Daily Living, Volume 3* Eknath Easwaran 2020-11-10 A comprehensive manual for living a spiritual life, based on a verse-by-verse commentary on India's timeless scripture - from the author of its best-selling translation. This ebook includes all three volumes in this series. The Bhagavad Gita is set on the battlefield of an apocalyptic war between good and evil. Faced with a dire moral dilemma, the warrior prince Arjuna turns in anguish to his spiritual guide, Sri Krishna, for answers to the fundamental questions of life. Easwaran points out that Arjuna's crisis is acutely modern. The Gita's battlefield is the struggle for self-mastery that every human being must wage. Arjuna represents each of us, and Sri Krishna is the Lord, instructing us in eighteen chapters of lofty wisdom as we face the social, environmental, and global challenges that threaten our world today. Easwaran is a spiritual teacher and author of deep insight and warmth. His verse-by-verse commentary interprets the Gita's teachings for modern readers, explaining the Sanskrit concepts and philosophy and applying them with practicality, wisdom, and humor to every aspect of our work, our relationships, and our lives. With everyday anecdotes, stories, and examples, he shows that the changes we long to see in the world start with the transformation of our own consciousness. The practical exercises recommended by Easwaran to achieve

transformation are part of a spiritual program he developed for his own life. They are accessible to people from all backgrounds and cultures. Urging us to adopt a higher image of the human being, he assures us that peace and unity are within reach. Each volume of this series covers six chapters of the Gita. Each may be read on its own, but all three volumes together form an in-depth, verse-by-verse explanation of this ancient scripture and its relevance today. Included are instructions in Easwaran's universal eight-point program of passage meditation. Volume 1: The first six chapters of the Gita explore the concept of the innermost Self and source of wisdom in each of us. Easwaran explains how we can begin to transform ourselves, even as householders engaged in busy lives. Volume 2: The next six chapters of the Gita go beyond the individual Self to explore the Supreme Reality underlying all creation. Easwaran builds a bridge across the seeming divide between scientific knowledge and spiritual wisdom, and explains how the concept of the unity of life can help us in all our relationships. Volume 3: The final six chapters put forth an urgent appeal for us to begin to see that all of us are one - to make the connection between the Self within and the Reality underlying all creation. Global in scope, the emphasis is on what we can do to make a difference to heal our environment and establish peace in the world. Easwaran's commentary is for all students of the Gita, whatever their background, and for anyone who is trying to find a path to wisdom, love, and kindness in themselves and our troubled world. Written as an authoritative, accessible guide to a much-loved scripture, it is a handbook for finding peace and clarity within. This second edition incorporates revisions made across all three volumes following the author's final instructions.

*The Upanishads* Eknath Easwaran 2010-06 The Upanishads: one of three new editions of the books in Eknath Easwaran's Classics of Indian Spirituality series You are what your deep driving desire is. As your desire is, so is your will. As your will is, so is your deed. As your deed is, so is your destiny. - Brihadaranyaka Upanishad (IV.4.5) Over two thousand years ago, the sages of India embarked on an extraordinary experiment. While others were exploring the external world, they turned inward - to explore consciousness itself. In the changing flow of human thought, they asked, is there anything that remains the same? They found that there is indeed a changeless Reality underlying the ebb and flow of life. Their discoveries are an expression of what Aldous Huxley called the Perennial Philosophy, the wellspring of all religious faith that assures us that God-realization is within human reach. The Upanishads are the sages' wisdom, given in intense sessions of spiritual instruction in ashrams, in family gatherings, in a royal court, in the kingdom of Death himself. And Easwaran shows how these teachings are just as relevant to us now as they ever were centuries ago.