SECOND TEACHING, 31–37

Krishna

Look to your own duty; do not tremble before it; nothing is better for a warrior than a battle of sacred duty.

The doors of heaven open for warriors who rejoice to have a battle like this thrust upon them by chance.

If you fail to wage this war of sacred duty, you will abandon your own duty and fame only to gain evil.

People will tell of your undying shame, and for a man of honor shame is worse than death.

The great chariot warriors will think you deserted in fear of battle; you will be despised by those who held you in esteem.

Your enemies will slander you, scorning your skill in so many unspeakable ways—could any suffering be worse?
If you are killed, you win heaven;
if you triumph, you enjoy the earth;
therefore, Arjuna, stand up
and resolve to fight this battle!