

Europeans in diplomacy and subtlety of mind. If any should wish to acquaint themselves with the mental powers of the Hindus they will find a good example in the Bhagavat-Gita of their metaphysical religious doctrines. Like every other religion theirs has been perverted into a scientific and philosophic theorem.

Priesthoods have always, from the beginning to the present time, aimed at keeping knowledge from the laity; and for that purpose have made religion an enigma, and perverted the simplicity of it. The authors of the Brahminical worship have carried this to the greatest excess; and to this end have exercised in the extreme the great powers and subtilities of the Asiatic mind. Their delight is naturally in deep problems and ranges of thought, in profound heights and depths, the contemplation of vast, overwhelming periods of time, and the expressing these in long, appalling ranges of figures, which they elaborate and work with wonder-working cleverness into a consistent and perfect system, which strains the mind and astonishes, while all the time the whole is a mere fiction and formula, under which is concealed the simple truth, which is capable of matter-of-fact solution and demonstration. All this will be explained and illustrated presently. In the meantime I will here mention some of the uses and conclusions to which the solution of these problems