ABSTRACT

A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE DOCTRINE OF DIVINITY BETWEEN THE HOLY BHAGAVAD-GĪṬĀ AND THE HOLY BIBLE

As the title suggests, this research is a comparative study on the doctrine of divinity found in the *Holy Bhagavad-Gīṭā* and the *Holy Bible*. In my research I have made it clear that the study on the doctrine of divinity in these both Holy Scriptures is vast, yet I have done the research that touches most of the basic aspects of the Doctrine of divinity.

In the First Chapter, I have dealt with the introduction to the problem and its background. This chapter is mainly about the problems any society in the world is facing, such as the problem of pluralism. Almost every society and culture, including some religions are becoming pluralistic in their beliefs. In this situation, they need to know about the beliefs of each other in order to make their living together more harmonious and peaceful. For this reason, I have just dealt with the two Holy Scriptures, the *Holy Bhagavad-Gīṭā* and the *Holy Bible*. This is done to help the Hindus and Christians to understand each other’s beliefs regarding the doctrine of divinity.
In the Second Chapter, I have dealt with the different philosophical ideas and concepts regarding the doctrine of divinity found in the *Holy Bhagavad-Gītā* and the *Holy Bible*. This chapter deals with the authenticity of both of these Holy Scriptures, the Ultimate Reality, the nature of God, the doctrine of *avatāra* incarnation, the transfigurations of *Lord Krishna* and of *Lord Jesus Christ*, the concept of *bhakti* or worship and the concept of *moksha* / salvation.

In Chapter Three, I have dealt with the Theories of Beings of both the *Holy Bhagavad-Gītā* and the *Holy Bible*. The important aspect of the doctrine of creation with special reference to God as the Creator has been emphasized in this chapter.

Chapter Four is continuation of chapter three, in a sense it is a continuation of the theories of Beings of the *Holy Bhagavad-Gītā* and the *Holy Bible*. But the aspect of the doctrine of God as the Saviour has been emphasized in this chapter. Both of these chapters also deal with different aspect that is closely related with the titles of the chapters.

In this research I have used the first hand resource of the *Holy Bhagavad-Gītā* and the *Holy Bible*. From time to time, whenever necessary, I have quoted references directly from the *Holy Bhagavad-Gītā in Sanskrit* and from the *Holy Bible in English*. But in order to support the research, I have referred some secondary
resources and have mentioned them in the footnotes and in the Bibliography.

As stated in the chapter one, the main focus of this research is to present a comparative study between *Lord Krishna* and *Lord Jesus Christ*. They are the two main characters in these both Holy Scriptures. And so the focus of study is on them.

Finally, in Chapter Five, I have summarised the research in few points and have left the conclusion, suggestion and recommendation open for the readers and further study of this research. I believe that for every religion, their guru or God is superior to the gods of other religions. Here I do not want to compromise saying that all gods are equal and same. But I do believe that each religion has its own deity, which they think is superior to other deities of other religions.