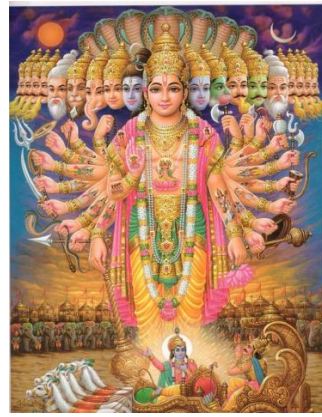




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After explaining why Arjuna must fight the battle he is trying so hard to avoid, Krishna—who is still in the chariot—reveals his cosmic form (also known as the universal form) to Arjuna. The mortal is astounded by what he sees. This illustration depicts the scene which is described in chapter 11 of the *Bhagavad-Gita*, a Hindu Scripture.

Every golfer wants to find that elusive, "authentic" swing. Every golfer, at one stage or another, thinks like Bobby Jones: "How could I possibly miss that shot?!"

At one time, Junah had a great swing. But World War I, with all its trauma, got in his way. Layers of fear, alcohol and trouble kept him from swinging the way he used to dazzle himself - and others.

Now, it was as though he'd never had that great swing in the first place.

Needing advice, Junah turns to Bagger Vance (his caddy). But Bagger knows Junah needs more than advice about golf. Before he can find his "authentic swing," Junah needs to know how to live a better life.

Once again, as the story parallels that of Arjuna in the *Bhagavad-Gita*, it is time for Bagger Vance to reveal himself (as Krishna revealed himself - and his Universal Form - to Arjuna).

Bhagavad-Gita

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What he sees is too powerful for Arjuna, a mere mortal, to understand - except for one thing: To trust what Bhagavan tells him.

The Legend of Bagger Vance

To convince Junah that his words should be heeded, Bagger Vance shows Junah - through his touch - the "universal form."

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Krishna Reveals Himself to Arjuna

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