## THE GAME OF GOLF - THE GAME OF LIFE



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Driving a chariot pulled by five horses (representing the five senses), Krishna delivers Arjuna to the battlefield at Kurukshetra. By this point in the story, as told in the *Bhagavad-Gita*, Arjuna has viewed Krishna's universal form and is ready to do his duty in battle. Illustration by Bharadwaja Dasa, online via Krishna Images. Copyright, Bharadwaja Dasa, all rights reserved. Image provided here as fair use for educational purposes.

The game of golf is a microcosm of the "game" of life. Patience, calmness, humility and knowledge are as indispensable for a well-played golf match as they are for a well-lived life.

This is Bagger Vance's message, and he tries to impart that knowledge to Junah (just as Krishna did for Arjuna). Once again, *The Legend of Bagger Vance* parallels the *Bhagavad-Gita*:

#### **Bhagavad-Gita**

Bhagavan explains the meaning of life to Arjuna. He explains why the battle *must* be fought - and why Arjuna is the best man to do it.

He must fight, even if he respects the other side as wiser than he. Even if he respects the other side as near relatives.

When Arjuna understands the full meaning of life - and what he must humbly do to lead his warriors - he agrees to fight the battle. It is, really, the battle of life he must fully embrace. Krishna - as charioteer - will help him.

#### **The Legend of Bagger Vance**

Bagger Vance explains the meaning of life to Junah. He explains why the match *must* be played - and why Junah is the best man to do it.

He must play the match, even if he respects the other golfers as wiser than he. Even if he respects them as golf brothers.

When Junah understands the full meaning of life - and what he must humbly do to use his authentic swing - he agrees to play the game. It is, really, the game of life he must embrace. Bagger Vance - as caddy - will help him.

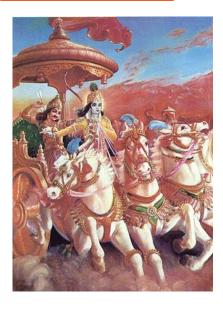
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