

In chapter 2, "Philosophy of Discrimination," of the *Bhagavad Gita*, we are on the battlefield, standing with Arjuna and Krishna, between two great armies. The distraught Pandava warrior-prince Arjuna does not want to go to war against the Kauravas, which among them are many of his relatives and his former teachers. It is here that Lord Krishna, an avatar of Vishnu, begins his revelation to Arjuna.

In this chapter, identify and interpret the key arguments for going to war and other insights offered by Krishna.

What do these arguments and insights reveal about Hinduism?

Reflect on these arguments and speculate on why Mahatma Gandhi attributed the *Bhagavad Gita* as the major influence on developing his non-violence doctrine.