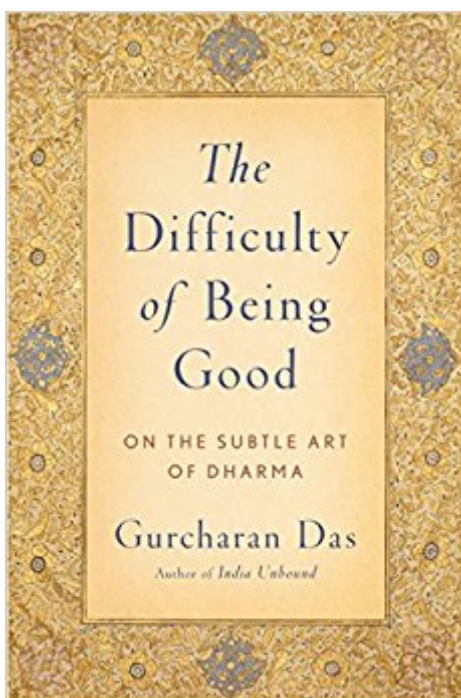


The book was found

# The Difficulty Of Being Good: On The Subtle Art Of Dharma



## Synopsis

Why should we be good? How should we be good? And how might we more deeply understand the moral and ethical failings--splashed across today's headlines--that have not only destroyed individual lives but caused widespread calamity as well, bringing communities, nations, and indeed the global economy to the brink of collapse? In *The Difficulty of Being Good*, Gurcharan Das seeks answers to these questions in an unlikely source: the 2,000 year-old Sanskrit epic, Mahabharata. A sprawling, witty, ironic, and delightful poem, the Mahabharata is obsessed with the elusive notion of dharma--in essence, doing the right thing. When a hero does something wrong in a Greek epic, he wastes little time on self-reflection; when a hero falters in the Mahabharata, the action stops and everyone weighs in with a different and often contradictory take on dharma. Each major character in the epic embodies a significant moral failing or virtue, and their struggles mirror with uncanny precision our own familiar emotions of anxiety, courage, despair, remorse, envy, compassion, vengefulness, and duty. Das explores the Mahabharata from many perspectives and compares the successes and failures of the poem's characters to those of contemporary individuals, many of them highly visible players in the world of economics, business, and politics. In every case, he finds striking parallels that carry lessons for everyone faced with ethical and moral dilemmas in today's complex world. Written with the flair and seemingly effortless erudition that have made Gurcharan Das a bestselling author around the world--and enlivened by Das's forthright discussion of his own personal search for a more meaningful life--*The Difficulty of Being Good* shines the light of an ancient poem on the most challenging moral ambiguities of modern life.

## Book Information

File Size: 1932 KB

Print Length: 487 pages

Page Numbers Source ISBN: 0670083496

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (October 4, 2010)

Publication Date: October 4, 2010

Language: English

ASIN: B0041VWXIG

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #362,859 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #29

inÂ Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Regional & Cultural > Asian > Indian #70

inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Religion & Spirituality > Hinduism > Rituals & Practice #70

inÂ Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Religion & Spirituality > Hinduism > Sacred Writings

## Customer Reviews

I suppose I misread what this book was truly about. I really tried to get into it, but just couldn't. It will be shared with someone else.

I have read at least 4 different versions of Mahabharata & every time I had finished with unresolved questions. I used to have questions specially around Krishna, Karna & Bhishma. This book has helped answer a lot of those questions. Just to give an e.g. I used to always wonder why did Bhishma, a great warrior remain a mute witness to what happened with Draupadi after the dice game. This books sheds a lot of light on that event.If anyone wants to really "understand" Mahabharata, this is the book for you. Go for it!!

This is an excellent read and this review will not do it justice but I am compelled to say at least something having recommended it to a number of friends and family. With the ancient Mahabharata as the theme and background, the admirable author explains characteristics of humankind that were true then and are true now. The book is non-judgemental and helps reconcile our instincts and feelings those that may be considered to be good and bad and it plays out religion in the same way, providing considerable freedom to those with a secular approach and those that have a faith in a religion, any, faith. It raises consciousness that frees one to act and hopefully be Good.

This is a book worth reading in these times when the line between good and bad has become more obscured than ever. Gurcharan Das has not only succeeded in bringing an old epic story of the east into a contemporary global context, but in the process has also written a thought provoking treatise on ethical/moral/psychological issues confronting the modern man. At places in the book I wished that the discussion woud get deeper into philosophical and psychological dimensions rather than political/current events perspectives, but that is a personal preference. I would highly recommend this book to any one interested in how an ancient story can reveal the stubborn-ness of human

conflict.

Great work. My compliments. Meticulous research and wonderful linkages to current day difficulties in business management and personal soul-searching. As a teacher of Political and Corporate Governance and Ethics at IIM Ahmedabad and elsewhere, I consider this book value-adding additional reading.

I am nobody to make a comment on Such a GREAT book from a world famous author. It is really good and as the Title shows it gives all the information to learn how to be GOOD

I have read it umpteen times and gifted more than 20 copies. Every read is a pleasure. Was never a great fan of Gurcharan Das, so when I read it, it was with great hesitation. Would recommend it a constant companion. Thank you Gurcharan ji, for changing my opinion about you.

This book doesn't seek to provide many answers and in true allegiance to the book it is based on, it rather gives us more questions to ponder. It takes the reader down a mysterious path, inviting to solve the mystery oneself. After all, it is our life that is in question and it is for each of us to discover for ourselves what it means to be Good. Loved it.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Difficulty of Being Good: On the Subtle Art of Dharma Dharma and Dhamma: An Overview of Dharma and Dhamma, and How to Apply them in Daily Life (includes Moksha, the Four Noble Truths, the Eightfold Path, and Nibanna) The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck: A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life Summary of The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F--k: A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life by Mark Manson Summary: The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F\*ck: A Counterintuitive Approach to Living a Good Life Am I Being Too Subtle?: Straight Talk From a Business Rebel Am I Being Too Subtle?: The Adventures of a Business Maverick Being Dharma: The Essence of the Buddha's Teachings Studies of Medium Difficulty: Harp Method The Must Have 2017 Sudoku Puzzle Book: 365 daily sudoku puzzle book for 2017 sudoku. Sudoku puzzles for every day of the year. 365 Sudoku Games - 5 levels of difficulty (easy to hard) The Largest Sudoku Book in the History of the Universe: 2000 Puzzles with 5 Difficulty Levels The Best of Sudoku: 200 Hand Selected Sudoku Puzzles With Solutions. Four Difficulty Levels From Novice To Elite. 320 SAT Math Subject Test Problems arranged by Topic and Difficulty Level - Level 2: 160 Questions with Solutions, 160 Additional Questions with Answers On Difficulty: And Other Essays 320 SAT

Chemistry Subject Test Problems arranged by Topic and Difficulty Level: 160 Questions with Solutions, 160 Additional Questions with Answers Stacey Coolidge's Fancy Smancy Handwriting (Highlights Character's Handwriting Difficulty and Creative Writing Strength) (Adventures of Everyday Geniuses) True Perception: The Path of Dharma Art Good Forestry from Good Theories & Good Practices The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Cincinnati Reds: Heart-Pounding, Jaw-Dropping, and Gut-Wrenching Moments from Cincinnati Reds History (The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly) (The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly) The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Cleveland Indians: Heart-pounding, Jaw-dropping, and Gut-Wrenching Moments from Cleveland Indians History (The Good, ... and the Ugly) (The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)