

done with the knowledge and understanding of the import of the sublime verses. This book may be considered ideal for that kind of fruitful recitation, as both the verses and their meanings are presented in a compact and tidy format. In short, this book may serve as a launching pad for serious spiritual aspirants keen on joining the spiritual odyssey that the song celestial offers so invitingly.

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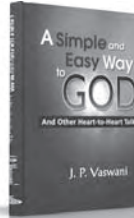
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