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## Apad - Dharma in the Mahabharata: How to Face Calamities at Personal, State, and Global Levels (When people's Lives Everywhere are Endangered by too much Violence, how can you say, "This is not

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Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, India, 2010. Softcover. Book Condition: New. First Edition. The literal meaning of the Sanskrit word "Apaddharma" is "dharma appropriate at the time of calamity". The Mahabharata's use of this expression implies that, in the opinion of the author of this epic, the traditional varnashramadharma would not prove to be strong enough to protect the society, if and when there is a calamity. Therefore, Vedic scholars ought to have welcomed the messages of Apad-dharma when the society was actually attacked by external forces during the premodern period. The historical background of the present study poses an important, academic question: "How could the Indian society have protected itself against external attacks during the pre-modern period?" Research-based answers to such Indiarelated questions occupy the initial part of this book to which a global dimension has been added by digging deep into Mahabharata's innumerable stories. Results of innovative investigations into the general question "How to face calamities at personal, state and global levels", are presented here in terms of a modern, scientific framework, and expressed in a non-denominational. Printed Pages: 220.



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