



Sri Gajendra's Prayers

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PRAYERS  
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# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.1

श्रीबादरायणिरुवाच

एवं व्यवसितो बुद्ध्या समाधाय मनो हृदि ।  
जजाप परमं जाप्यं प्राग्जन्मन्यनुशिक्षितम् ॥ १

॥ śrī-bādarāyaṇir uvāca

evaṁ vyavasito buddhyā

samādhāya mano hṛdi

jajāpa paramaṁ jāpyaṁ

prāg-janmany anuśikṣitam

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: Thereafter, the King of the elephants, Gajendra, fixed his mind in his heart with perfect intelligence and chanted a mantra which he had learned in his previous birth as Indradyumna and which he remembered by the grace of Kṛṣṇa.





## SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.2

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

ॐ नमो भगवते तस्मै यत एतच्चिदात्मकम् ।  
पुरुषायादिबीजाय परेशायाभिधीमहि ॥ २ ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

om namo bhagavate tasmai

yata etac cid-ātmakam

puruṣāyādi-bījāya

pareśāyābhidhīmahī

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Person, Vāsudeva [om namo bhagavate vāsudevāya]. Because of Him this material body acts due to the presence of spirit, and He is therefore the root cause of everyone. He is worshipable for such exalted persons as Brahmā and Śiva, and He has entered the heart of every living being. Let me meditate upon Him.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.3

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

यस्मिन्निदं यतश्चेदं येनेदं य इदं स्वयम् ।  
योऽस्मात् परस्माच्च परस्तं प्रपद्ये स्वयम्भुवम् ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

yasminn idaṁ yataś cedam  
yenedaṁ ya idaṁ svayam  
yo 'smāt parasmāc ca paras  
taṁ prapadye svayambhuvam

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# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.4

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

यः स्वात्मनीदं निजमाययार्पितं  
क्वचिद् विभातं क्व च तत् तिरोहितम् ।  
अविद्धदृक् साक्ष्युभयं तदीक्षते  
स आत्ममूलोऽवतु मां परात्परः ॥ ४ ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

yaḥ svātmanīdaṁ nija-māyayārpitaṁ  
kvacid vibhātaṁ kva ca tat tirohitam  
avidha-dṛk sākṣy ubhayaṁ tad īkṣate  
sa ātma-mūlo 'vatu mām parāt-paraḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: The Supreme Personality of Godhead, by expanding His own energy, keeps this cosmic manifestation visible and again sometimes renders it invisible. He is both the supreme cause and the supreme result, the observer and the witness, in all circumstances. Thus He is transcendental to everything. May that Supreme Personality of Godhead give me protection.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.5

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
कालेन पञ्चत्वमितेषु कृत्स्नशो  
लोकेषु पालेषु च सर्वहेतुषु ।  
तमस्तदासीद् गहनं गभौरं  
यस्तस्य पारेऽभिविराजते विभुः

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
kālena pañcatvam iteṣu kṛtsnaśo  
lokeṣu pāleṣu ca sarva-hetuṣu  
tamas tadāsīd gahanaṁ gabhīraṁ  
yas tasya pāre 'bhivirājate vibhuḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: In due course of time, when all the causative and effective manifestations of the universe, including the planets and their directors and maintainers, are annihilated, there is a situation of dense darkness. Above this darkness, however, is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I take shelter of His lotus feet.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.6

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

न यस्य देवा ऋषयः पदं विदु-  
र्जन्तुः पुनः कोऽर्हति गन्तुमीरितुम् ।  
यथा नटस्याकृतिभिर्विचेष्टतो  
दुरत्ययानुक्रमणः स मावतु ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

na yasya devā ṛṣayaḥ padaṁ vidur  
jantuḥ punaḥ ko 'rhati gantum īritum  
yathā naṭasyākṛtibhir viceṣṭato  
duratyayānukramaṇaḥ sa māvatu

An artist onstage, being covered by attractive dresses and dancing with different movements, is not understood by his audience; similarly, the activities and features of the supreme artist cannot be understood even by the demigods or great sages, and certainly not by those who are unintelligent like animals. Neither the demigods and sages nor the unintelligent can understand the features of the Lord, nor can they express in words His actual position. May that Supreme Personality of Godhead give me protection.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.7

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
दिदृक्षवो यस्य पदं सुमङ्गलं  
विमुक्तसङ्गा मुनयः सुसाधवः ।  
चरन्त्यलोकव्रतमव्रणं वने  
भूतात्मभूताः सुहृदः स मे गतिः

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
didṛkṣavo yasya padaṁ sumaṅgalaṁ  
vimukta-saṅgā munayaḥ susādhavaḥ  
caranty aloka-vratam avraṇaṁ vane  
bhūtātma-bhūtāḥ suhṛdaḥ sa me gatiḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: Renunciants and great sages who see all living beings equally, who are friendly to everyone and who flawlessly practice in the forest the vows of brahmacarya, vānaprastha and sannyaṣa desire to see the all-auspicious lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. May that same Supreme Personality of Godhead be my destination.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.8-9

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

न विद्यते यस्य च जन्म कर्म वा  
न नामरूपे गुणदोष एव वा  
तथापि लोकाप्ययसम्भवाय यः  
स्वमायया तान्यनुकालमृच्छति  
तस्मै नमः परेशाय ब्रह्मणेऽनन्तशक्तये  
अरूपायोरूपाय नम आश्चर्यकर्मणे

śrī-gajendra uvāca

na vidyate yasya ca janma karma vā  
na nāma-rūpe guṇa-doṣa eva vā  
tathāpi lokāpyaya-sambhavāya yaḥ  
sva-māyayā tāny anukālam ṛcchatī  
tasmai namaḥ pareśāya brahmaṇe 'nanta-śaktaye  
arūpāyuru-rūpāya nama āścarya-karmaṇe

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: The Supreme Personality of Godhead has no material birth, activities, name, form, qualities or faults. To fulfill the purpose for which this material world is created and destroyed, He comes in the form of a human being like Lord Rāma or Lord Kṛṣṇa by His original internal potency. He has immense potency, and in various forms, all free from material contamination, He acts wonderfully. He is therefore the Supreme Brahman. I offer my respects to Him.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.10

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

नम आत्मप्रदीपाय साक्षिणे परमात्मने ।  
नमो गिरां विदूराय मनसश्चेतसामपि

śrī-gajendra uvāca

nama ātma-pradīpāya  
sākṣiṇe paramātmāne  
namo girāṁ vidūrāya  
manasaś cetasām api

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the self-effulgent Supersoul, who is the witness in everyone's heart, who enlightens the individual soul and who cannot be reached by exercises of the mind, words or consciousness.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.11

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

सत्त्वेन प्रतिलभ्याय नैष्कर्म्येण विपश्चिता ।  
नमः कैवल्यनाथाय निर्वाणसुखसंविदे ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

sattvena pratilabhyāya  
naiṣkarmyeṇa vipaścitā  
namaḥ kaivalya-nāthāya  
nirvāṇa-sukha-saṁvide

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: The Supreme Personality of Godhead is realized by pure devotees who act in the transcendental existence of bhakti-yoga. He is the bestower of uncontaminated happiness and is the master of the transcendental world. Therefore I offer my respect unto Him.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.12

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

नमः शान्ताय घोराय मुढाय गुणधर्मिणे ।  
निर्विशेषाय साम्याय नमो ज्ञानघनाय च ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
namaḥ śāntāya ghorāya  
mūḍhāya guṇa-dharmiṇe  
nirviśeṣāya sāmyāya  
namo jñāna-ghanāya ca

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said, I offer my respectful obeisances to Lord Vāsudeva, who is all-pervading, to the Lord's fierce form as Lord Nṛsimhadeva, to the Lord's form as an animal [Lord Varāhadeva], to Lord Dattātreya, who preached impersonalism, to Lord Buddha, and to all the other incarnations. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Lord, who has no material qualities but who accepts the three qualities goodness, passion and ignorance within this material world. I also offer my respectful obeisances unto the impersonal Brahman effulgence.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.13

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
क्षेत्रज्ञाय नमस्तुभ्यं सर्वाध्यक्षाय साक्षिणे ।  
पुरुषायात्ममूलाय मूलप्रकृतये नमः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
kṣetra-jñāya namas tubhyaṁ  
sarvādhyaśāya sākṣiṇe  
puruṣāyātma-mūlāya  
mūla-prakṛtaye namaḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: I beg to offer my respectful obeisances unto You, who are the Supersoul, the superintendent of everything, and the witness of all that occurs. You are the Supreme Person, the origin of material nature and of the total material energy. You are also the owner of the material body. Therefore, You are the supreme complete. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.14

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
सर्वेन्द्रियगुणद्रष्ट्रे सर्वप्रत्ययहेतवे ।  
असताच्छाययोक्ताय सदाभासाय ते नमः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
sarvendriya-guṇa-draṣṭre  
sarva-pratyaya-hetave  
asatā cchāyayoktāya  
sad-ābhāsāya te namaḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: My Lord, You are the observer of all the objectives of the senses. Without Your mercy, there is no possibility of solving the problem of doubts. The material world is just like a shadow resembling You. Indeed, one accepts this material world as real because it gives a glimpse of Your existence.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.15

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
नमो नमस्तेऽखिलकारणाय  
निष्कारणायाद्भुतकारणाय ।  
सर्वागमाम्नायमहार्णवाय  
नमोऽपवर्गाय परायणाय ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
namo namas te 'khila-kāraṇāya  
niṣkāraṇāyādbhuta-kāraṇāya  
sarvāgamāmnāya-mahārṇavāya  
namo 'pavargāya parāyaṇāya

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said My Lord, You are the cause of all causes, but You Yourself have no cause. Therefore You are the wonderful cause of everything. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You, who are the shelter of the Vedic knowledge contained in the śāstras like the Pañcarātras and Vedānta-sūtra, which are Your representations, and who are the source of the paramparā system. Because it is You who can give liberation, You are the only shelter for all transcendentalists. Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto You.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.16

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
गुणारणिच्छन्नचिदुष्मपाय  
तत्क्षोभविस्फूर्जितमानसाय ।  
नैष्कर्म्यभावेन विवर्जितागम-  
स्वयंप्रकाशाय नमस्करोमि ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
guṇāraṇi-cchanna-cid-uṣmapāya  
tat-kṣobha-visphūrjita-mānasāya  
naiṣkarmya-bhāvena vivarjitāgama-  
svayaṁ-prakāśāya namas karomi

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said, My Lord, as the fire in araṇi wood is covered, You and Your unlimited knowledge are covered by the material modes of nature. Your mind, however, is not attentive to the activities of the modes of nature. Those who are advanced in spiritual knowledge are not subject to the regulative principles directed in the Vedic literatures. Because such advanced souls are transcendental, You personally appear in their pure minds. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.17

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

मादृक्प्रपन्नपशुपाशविमोक्षणाय  
मुक्ताय भूरिकरुणाय नमोऽलयाय ।  
स्वांशेन सर्वतनुभृन्मनसि प्रतीत-  
प्रत्यग्दृशे भगवते बृहते नमस्ते ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

mādr̥k prapanna-paśu-pāśa-vimokṣaṇāya  
muktāya bhūri-karuṇāya namo 'layāya  
svāmśena sarva-tanu-bhṛn-manasi pratīta-  
pratyag-dṛśe bhagavate bṛhate namas te

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: Since an animal such as me has surrendered unto You, who are supremely liberated, certainly You will release me from this dangerous position. Indeed, being extremely merciful, You incessantly try to deliver me. By your partial feature as Paramātmā, You are situated in the hearts of all embodied beings. You are celebrated as direct transcendental knowledge, and You are unlimited. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.18

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

आत्मात्मजाप्तगृहवित्तजनेषु सक्तै-  
र्दुष्प्रापणाय गुणसङ्गविवर्जिताय ।  
मुक्तात्मभिः स्वहृदये परिभाविताय  
ज्ञानात्मने भगवते नम ईश्वराय ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

ātmātma-jāpta-gr̥ha-vitta-janeṣu saktair  
duṣprāpaṇāya guṇa-saṅga-vivarjitāya  
muktātmabhiḥ sva-hṛdaye paribhāvitāya  
jñānātmāne bhagavate nama īśvarāya

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: My Lord, those who are completely freed from material contamination always meditate upon You within the cores of their hearts. You are extremely difficult to attain for those like me who are too attached to mental concoction, home, relatives, friends, money, servants and assistants. You are the Supreme Personality of Godhead, uncontaminated by the modes of nature. You are the reservoir of all enlightenment, the supreme controller. I therefore offer my respectful obeisances unto You.







# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.19

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

यं धर्मकामार्थविमुक्तिकामा  
भजन्त इष्टां गतिमाप्नुवन्ति ।  
किं चाशिषो रात्यपि देहमव्ययं  
करोतु मेऽदभ्रदयो विमोक्षणम् ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

yaṁ dharma-kāmārtha-vimukti-kāmā  
bhajanta iṣṭāṁ gatim āpnuvanti  
kiṁ cāśiṣo rāty api deham avyayaṁ  
karotu me 'dabhra-dayo vimokṣaṇam

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: After worshiping the Supreme Personality of Godhead, those who are interested in the four principles of religion, economic development, sense gratification and liberation obtain from Him what they desire. What then is to be said of other benedictions? Indeed, sometimes the Lord gives a spiritual body to such ambitious worshipers. May that Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is unlimitedly merciful, bestow upon me the benediction of liberation from this present danger and from the materialistic way of life.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.20

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

एकान्तिनो यस्य न कञ्चनार्थं  
वाञ्छन्ति ये वै भगवत्प्रपन्नाः ।  
अत्यद्भुतं तच्चरितं सुमङ्गलं  
गायन्त आनन्दसमुद्रमग्नाः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

ekāntino yasya na kañcanārthaṁ  
vāñchanti ye vai bhagavat-prapannāḥ  
aty-adbhutaṁ tac-caritaṁ sumaṅgalaṁ  
gāyanta ānanda-samudra-magnāḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: Unalloyed devotees, who have no desire other than to serve the Lord, worship Him in full surrender and always hear and chant about His activities, which are most wonderful and auspicious. Thus they always merge in an ocean of transcendental bliss.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.21

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
तमक्षरं ब्रह्म परं परेश-  
मव्यक्तमाध्यात्मिकयोगगम्यम् ।  
अतीन्द्रियं सूक्ष्ममिवातिदूर-  
मनन्तमाद्यं परिपूर्णमीडे ॥ २१

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
tam akṣaram brahma param pareśam  
avyaktam ādhyātmika-yoga-gamyam  
atīndriyam sūkṣmam ivātidūram  
anantam ādyam paripūrṇam īde

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: Such devotees never ask the Lord for any benediction. I, however, am in danger. Thus I pray to that Supreme Personality of Godhead, who is eternally existing, who is invisible, who is the Lord of all great personalities, such as Brahmā, and who is available only by transcendental bhakti-yoga. Being extremely subtle, He is beyond the reach of my senses and transcendental to all external realization. He is unlimited, He is the original cause, and He is completely full in everything. I offer my obeisances unto Him.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.22

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
यस्य ब्रह्मादयो देवा  
वेदा लोकाश्चराचराः ।  
नामरूपविभेदेन  
फलग्व्या च कलया कृताः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
yasya brahmādayo devā  
vedā lokāś carācarāḥ  
nāma-rūpa-vibhedena  
phalgvyā ca kalayā kṛtāḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra, said: The Supreme Personality of Godhead creates His minor parts and parcels, the jīva-tattva, beginning with Lord Brahmā, the demigods and the expansions of Vedic knowledge [Sāma, Ṛg, Yajur and Atharva] and including all other living entities, moving and nonmoving, with their different names and characteristics.



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.23

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
यथार्चिषोऽग्नेः सवितुर्गभस्तयो  
निर्यान्ति संयान्त्यसकृत् स्वरोचिषः ।  
तथा यतोऽयं गुणसम्प्रवाहो  
बुद्धिर्मनः खानि शरीरसर्गाः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

yathārciṣo 'gneḥ savitur gabhastayo  
niryānti saṁyānty asakṛt sva-rociṣaḥ  
tathā yato 'yaṁ guṇa-sampravāho  
buddhir manaḥ khāni śarīra-sargāḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: As the sparks of a fire or the shining rays of the sun emanate from their source and merge into it again and again, the mind, the intelligence, the senses, the gross and subtle material bodies, and the continuous transformations of the different modes of nature all emanate from the Lord and again merge into Him.







# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.24

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
स वै न देवासुरमर्त्यतिर्यङ्  
न स्त्री न षण्ढो न पुमान् न जन्तुः ।  
नायं गुणः कर्म न सन्न चासन्  
निषेधशेषो जयतादशेषः ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca

sa vai na devāsura-martya-tiryañ  
na strī na ṣaṇḍho na pumān na jantuh  
nāyaṁ guṇaḥ karma na san na cāsan  
niṣedha-śeṣo jayatād aśeṣaḥ

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: He is neither demigod nor demon, neither human nor bird or beast. He is not woman, man, or neuter, nor is He an animal. He is not a material quality, a fruitive activity, a manifestation or nonmanifestation. He is the last word in the discrimination of "not this, not this," and He is unlimited. All glories to the Supreme Personality of Godhead!





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.25

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
जिजीविषे नाहमिहामुया कि-  
मन्तर्बहिश्चावृतयेभयोन्या ।  
इच्छामि कालेन न यस्य विप्लव-  
स्तस्यात्मलोकावरणस्य मोक्षम् ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
jijīviṣe nāham ihāmuyā kim  
antar bahiś cāvṛtayebha-yonyā  
icchāmi kālena na yasya viplavas  
tasyātma-lokāvaraṇasya mokṣam

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said, I do not wish to live anymore after I am released from the attack of the crocodile. What is the use of an elephant's body covered externally and internally by ignorance? I simply desire eternal liberation from the covering of ignorance. That covering is not destroyed by the influence of time.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.26

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

सोऽहं विश्वसृजं विश्वमविश्वं विश्ववेदसम् ।  
विश्वात्मानमजं ब्रह्म प्रणतोऽस्मि परं पदम्

śrī-gajendra uvāca

so 'haṁ viśva-sṛjaṁ viśvam

aviśvaṁ viśva-vedasam

viśvātmānam ajaṁ brahma

praṇato 'smi param padam

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: Now, fully desiring release from material life, I offer my respectful obeisances unto that Supreme Person who is the creator of the universe, who is Himself the form of the universe and who is nonetheless transcendental to this cosmic manifestation. He is the supreme knower of everything in this world, the Supersoul of the universe. He is the unborn, supremely situated Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Him.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.27

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

योगरन्धितकर्माणो हृदि योगविभाविते ।  
योगिनो यं प्रपश्यन्ति योगेशं तं नतोऽस्म्यहम्

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
yoga-randhita-karmāṇo  
hṛdi yoga-vibhāvite  
yogino yaṁ prapaśyanti  
yogeśaṁ taṁ nato 'smy aham

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said: I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme, the Supersoul, the master of all mystic yoga, who is seen in the core of the heart by perfect mystics when they are completely purified and freed from the reactions of fruitive activity by practicing bhakti-yoga.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.28

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच  
नमो नमस्तुभ्यमसह्यवेग-  
शक्तित्रयायाखिलधीगुणाय ।  
प्रपन्नपालाय दुरन्तशक्तये  
कदिन्द्रियाणामनवाप्यवर्त्मने ॥

śrī-gajendra uvāca  
namo namas tubhyam asahya-vega-  
śakti-trayāyākhila-dhī-guṇāya  
prapanna-pālāya duranta-śaktaye  
kad-indriyāṇām anavāpya-vartmane

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said, My Lord, You are the controller of formidable strength in three kinds of energy. You appear as the reservoir of all sense pleasure and the protector of the surrendered souls. You possess unlimited energy, but You are unapproachable by those who are unable to control their senses. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You again and again.



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.29

श्रीगजेन्द्र उवाच

नायं वेद स्वमात्मानं यच्छक्त्याहंधिया हतम् ।  
तं दुरत्ययमाहात्म्यं भगवन्तमितोऽस्म्यहम्

śrī-gajendra uvāca

nāyaṁ veda svam ātmānaṁ  
yac-chaktyāhaṁ-dhiyā hatam  
taṁ duratyaya-māhātmyaṁ  
bhagavantam ito 'smy aham

The King of the elephants, Gajendra said, I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead, by whose illusory energy the jīva, who is part and parcel of God, forgets his real identity because of the bodily concept of life. I take shelter of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, whose glories are difficult to understand.







# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.30

श्रीशुक उवाच

एवं गजेन्द्रमपवर्णितनिर्विशेषं  
ब्रह्मादयो विविधलिङ्गभिदाभिमानाः ।  
नैते यदोपससृपुर्निखिलात्मकत्वात्  
तत्राखिलामरमयो हरिरविरासीत्

śrī-śuka uvāca

evam gajendram upavarṇita-nirviśeṣam  
brahmādayo vividha-liṅga-bhidābhimānāḥ  
naite yadopasasṛpur nikhilātmakatvāt  
tatrākhilāmara-mayo harir āvirāsīt

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: When the King of the elephants was describing the supreme authority, without mentioning any particular person, he did not invoke the demigods, headed by Lord Brahmā, Lord Śiva, Indra and Candra. Thus none of them approached him. However, because Lord Hari is the Supersoul, Puruṣottama, the Personality of Godhead, He appeared before Gajendra.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.31

श्रीशुक उवाच

तं तद्वदार्तमुपलभ्य जगन्निवासः  
स्तोत्रं निशम्य दिविजैः सह संस्तुवद्भिः ।  
छन्दोमयेन गरुडेन समुह्यमान-  
श्चक्रायुधोऽभ्यगमदाशु यतो गजेन्द्रः ॥

śrī-śuka uvāca

taṁ tadvad ārtam upalabhya jagan-nivāsaḥ  
stotraṁ niśamya divijaiḥ saha saṁstuvadbhiḥ  
chandomayena garuḍena samuhyamānaś  
cakrāyudho 'bhyagamad āśu yato gajendraḥ

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: After understanding the awkward condition of Gajendra, who had offered his prayers, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, who lives everywhere, appeared with the demigods, who were offering prayers to Him. Carrying His disc and other weapons, He appeared there on the back of His carrier, Garuḍa, with great speed, according to His desire. Thus He appeared before Gajendra.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.32

श्रीशुक उवाच

सोऽन्तःसरस्युरुबलेन गृहीत आर्तो  
दृष्ट्वा गरुत्मतिं हरिं ख उपात्तचक्रम् ।  
उत्क्षिप्य साम्बुजकरं गिरमाह कृच्छ्रा-  
न्नारायणाखिलगुरो भगवन् नमस्ते ॥

śrī-śuka uvāca

so 'ntaḥ-sarasy urubalena gṛhīta āрто  
dṛṣṭvā garutmati hariṁ kha upātta-cakram  
utkṣipya sāmbuja-karaṁ giramāha kṛcchrān  
nārāyaṇākhila-guro bhagavan namas te

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: Gajendra had been forcefully captured by the crocodile in the water and was feeling acute pain, but when he saw that Nārāyaṇa, wielding His disc, was coming in the sky on the back of Garuḍa, he immediately took a lotus flower in his trunk, and with great difficulty due to his painful condition, he uttered the following words: "O my Lord, Nārāyaṇa, master of the universe, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, I offer my respectful obeisances unto You."



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.3.33

श्रीशुक उवाच

तं वीक्ष्य पीडितमजः सहसावतीर्य  
सग्राहमाशु सरसः कृपयोज्जहार ।  
ग्राहाद् विपाटितमुखादरिणा गजेन्द्रं  
संपश्यतां हरिरमूमुचदुच्छ्रियाणाम् ॥

śrī-śuka uvāca

taṁ vīkṣya pīḍitam ajaḥ sahasāvatīrya  
sa-grāham āśu sarasaḥ kṛpayojjahāra  
grāhād vipāṭita-mukhād ariṇā gajendram  
saṁpaśyatām harir amūmucad ucchriyāṇām

Śrī Śukadeva Gosvāmī continued: Thereafter, seeing Gajendra in such an aggrieved position, the unborn Supreme Personality of Godhead, Hari, immediately got down from the back of Garuḍa by His causeless mercy and pulled the King of the elephants, along with the crocodile, out of the water. Then, in the presence of all the demigods, who were looking on, the Lord severed the crocodile's mouth from its body with His disc. In this way He saved Gajendra, the King of the elephants.







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# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.46

श्रीराजोवाच

अनाद्यविद्योपहतात्मसंविद-  
स्तन्मूलसंसारपरिश्रमातुराः ।

यदृच्छयोपसृता यमाप्नुयु-  
र्विमुक्तिदो नः परमो गुरुर्भवान् ॥

śrī-rājovāca

anādy-avidyopahatātma-saṁvidas  
tan-mūla-saṁsāra-parīśramāturāḥ  
yadṛcchayopasṛtā yam āpnuyur  
vimuktido naḥ paramo gurur bhavān

King Satyavrata said: By the grace of the Lord, those who have lost their self-knowledge since time immemorial, and who because of this ignorance are involved in a material, conditional life full of miseries, obtain the chance to meet the Lord's devotee. I accept that Supreme Personality of Godhead as the supreme spiritual master.



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.47

श्रीराजोवाच

जनोऽबुधोऽयं निजकर्मबन्धनः  
सुखेच्छया कर्म समीहतेऽसुखम् ।

यत्सेवया तां विधुनोत्यसन्मतिं  
ग्रन्थिं स भिन्द्याद् धृदयं स नो गुरुः ॥

śrī-rājovāca

jano 'budho 'yaṁ nija-karma-bandhanaḥ

sukhecchayā karma samīhate 'sukham

yat-sevayā tāṁ vidhunoty asan-matiṁ

granthiṁ sa bhindyād dhṛdayaṁ sa no guruḥ

King Satyavrata said: In hopes of becoming happy in this material world, the foolish conditioned soul performs fruitive activities that result only in suffering. But by rendering service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, one becomes free from such false desires for happiness. May my supreme spiritual master cut the knot of false desires from the core of my heart.







# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.48

श्रीराजोवाच

यत्सेवयाग्नेरिव रुद्ररोदनं

पुमान् विजह्यान्मलमात्मनस्तमः ।

भजेत वर्णं निजमेष सोऽव्ययो

भूयात् स ईशः परमो गुरोर्गुरुः ॥

śrī-rājovāca

yat-sevayāgner iva rudra-rodanaṁ

pumān vijahyān malam ātmanas tamaḥ

bhajeta varṇaṁ nijam eṣa so 'vyayo

bhūyāt sa īśaḥ paramo guror guruḥ

King Satyavrata said: One who wants to be free of material entanglement should take to the service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and give up the contamination of ignorance, involving pious and impious activities. Thus one regains his original identity, just as a block of gold or silver sheds all dirt and becomes purified when treated with fire. May that inexhaustible Supreme Personality of Godhead become our spiritual master, for He is the original spiritual master of all other spiritual masters.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.49

श्रीराजोवाच

न यत्प्रसादायुतभागलेश-  
मन्ये च देवा गुरवो जनाः स्वयम् ।  
कर्तुं समेताः प्रभवन्ति पुंस-  
स्तमोश्वरं त्वां शरणं प्रपद्ये ॥

śrī-rājovāca

na yat-prasādāyuta-bhāga-leśam  
anye ca devā guravo janāḥ svayam  
kartuṁ sametāḥ prabhavanti puṁsas  
tam īśvaram tvāṁ śaraṇaṁ prapadye

King Satyavrata said: Neither all the demigods, nor the so-called gurus nor all other people, either independently or together, can offer mercy that equals even one ten-thousandth of Yours. Therefore I wish to take shelter of Your lotus feet.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.50

श्रीराजोवाच

अचक्षुरन्धस्य यथाग्रणीः कृत-  
स्तथा जनस्याविदुषोऽबुधो गुरुः ।  
त्वमर्कदृक् सर्वदृशां समीक्षणो  
वृत्तो गुरुर्नः स्वगतिं बुभुत्सताम् ॥

śrī-rājovāca

acakṣur andhasya yathāgraṇīḥ kṛtas  
tathā janasyāviduṣo 'budho guruḥ  
tvam arka-dr̥k sarva-dr̥śāṁ samīkṣaṇo  
vr̥to gurur naḥ sva-gatiṁ bubhutsatām

King Satyavrata said: As a blind man, being unable to see, accepts another blind man as his leader, people who do not know the goal of life accept someone as a guru who is a rascal and a fool. But we are interested in self-realization. Therefore we accept You, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, as our spiritual master, for You are able to see in all directions and are omniscient like the sun.



# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.51

श्रीराजोवाच

जनो जनस्यादिशतेऽसतीं गतिं  
यया प्रपद्येत दुरत्ययं तमः ।  
त्वं त्वव्ययं ज्ञानममोघमञ्जसा  
प्रपद्यते येन जनो निजं पदम् ॥

śrī-rājovāca

jano janasyādiśate 'satīm gatiṁ  
yayā prapadyeta duratyayaṁ tamaḥ  
tvaṁ tv avyayaṁ jñānam amogham añjasā  
prapadyate yena jano nijaṁ padam

King Satyavrata said: A materialistic so-called guru instructs his materialistic disciples about economic development and sense gratification, and because of such instructions the foolish disciples continue in the materialistic existence of ignorance. But Your Lordship gives knowledge that is eternal, and the intelligent person receiving such knowledge is quickly situated in his original constitutional position.







# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.52

श्रीराजोवाच

त्वं सर्वलोकस्य सुहृत् प्रियेश्वरो  
ह्यात्मा गुरुर्ज्ञानमभीष्टसिद्धिः ।  
तथापि लोको न भवन्तमन्धधी-  
र्जानाति सन्तं हृदि बद्धकामः ॥

śrī-rājovāca

tvaṁ sarva-lokasya suhṛt priyeśvaro  
hy ātmā gurur jñānam abhīṣṭa-siddhiḥ  
tathāpi loko na bhavantam andha-dhīr  
jānāti santaṁ hṛdi baddha-kāmaḥ

King Satyavrata said: My Lord, You are the supreme well-wishing friend of everyone, the dearest friend, the controller, the Supersoul, the supreme instructor and the giver of supreme knowledge and the fulfillment of all desires. But although You are within the heart, the foolish, because of lusty desires in the heart, cannot understand You.





# SRIMAD BHAGAVATAM 8.24.53

श्रीराजोवाच

त्वं त्वामहं देववरं वरेण्यं  
प्रपद्य ईशं प्रतिबोधनाय ।  
छिन्ध्यर्थदीपैर्भगवन् वचोभि-  
ग्रन्थीन् हृदय्यान् विवृणु स्वमोकः ॥

śrī-rājovāca

tvam tvām aham deva-varam vareṇyam  
prapadya īśam pratibodhanāya  
chindhy artha-dīpair bhagavan vacobhir  
granthīn hṛdayyān vivṛṇu svam okaḥ

King Satyavrata said: O Supreme Lord, for self-realization I surrender unto You, who are worshiped by the demigods as the supreme controller of everything. By Your instructions, exposing life's purpose, kindly cut the knot from the core of my heart and let me know the destination of my life.



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