

# Select ślokaś from Śrīmad Bhāgavatam

1.2.4

sūta uvāca  
nārāyaṇam namaskṛtya  
naram caiva narottamam  
devīm sarasvatīm vyāsam  
tato jayam udīrayet

Śrīla Sūta Gosvāmī said: Before reciting this Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, which is the very means of conquest, one should offer respectful obeisances unto the Personality of Godhead, Nārāyaṇa, unto Nara-nārāyaṇa Ṛṣi, the supermost human being, unto mother Sarasvatī, the goddess of learning, and unto Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the author.

1.2.11

vadanti tat tattva-vidas  
tattvam yaj jñānam advayam  
brahmeti paramātmēti  
bhagavān iti śabdyate

Learned transcendentalists who know the Absolute Truth call this nondual substance Brahman, Paramātmā or Bhagavān.

1.2.17

śṛṇvatām sva-kathāḥ kṛṣṇaḥ  
puṇya-śravaṇa-kīrtanaḥ  
hṛdy antaḥ stho hy abhadrāṇi  
vidhunoti suhṛt satām

Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Personality of Godhead, who is the Paramātmā [Supersoul] in everyone's heart and the benefactor of the truthful devotee, cleanses desire for material enjoyment from the heart of the devotee who has developed the urge to hear His messages, which are in themselves virtuous when properly heard and chanted.

1.2.18

naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu  
nityam bhāgavata-sevayā  
bhagavaty uttama-śloke  
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī

By regular attendance in classes on the Bhāgavatam and by rendering of service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is almost completely destroyed, and loving service unto the Personality of Godhead, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact.

1.2.19

tadā rajas-tamo-bhāvāḥ  
kāma-lobhādayaś ca ye  
ceta etair anāviddham  
sthitam sattve prasīdati

As soon as irrevocable loving service is established in the heart, the effects of nature's modes of passion and ignorance, such as lust, desire and hankering, disappear from the heart. Then the devotee is established in goodness, and he becomes completely happy.

1.2.20

evam prasanna-manaso  
bhagavad-bhakti-yogataḥ  
bhagavat-tattva-vijñānam  
mukta-saṅgasya jāyate

Thus established in the mode of unalloyed goodness, the man whose mind has been enlivened by contact with devotional service to the Lord gains positive scientific knowledge of the Personality of Godhead in the stage of liberation from all material association.

1.2.21

bhidyate hṛdaya-granthiś  
chidyante sarva-saṁśayāḥ  
kṣīyante cāsyā karmāṇi  
dṛṣṭa evātmanīśvare

Thus the knot in the heart is pierced, and all misgivings are cut to pieces. The chain of fruitive actions is terminated when one sees the self as master.

1.3.28

ete cāśa-kalāḥ puṁsaḥ  
kṛṣṇas tu bhagavān svayam  
indrāri-vyākulam lokam  
mṛdayanti yuge yuge

All of the above-mentioned incarnations are either plenary portions or portions of the plenary portions of the Lord, but Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the original Personality of Godhead. All of them appear on planets whenever there is a disturbance created by the atheists. The Lord incarnates to protect the theists.

1.3.40

idam̐ bhāgavatam̐ nāma  
purāṇam̐ brahma-sammitam  
uttama-śloka-caritam̐  
cakāra bhagavān ṛṣiḥ  
niḥśreyasāya lokasya  
dhanyam̐ svasty-ayanam̐ mahat

This Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is the literary incarnation of God, and it is compiled by Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the incarnation of God. It is meant for the ultimate good of all people, and it is all-successful, all-blissful and all-perfect.

1.3.43

kṛṣṇe sva-dhāmopagate  
dharma-jñānādibhiḥ saha  
kalau naṣṭa-dṛśām eṣa  
purāṇārko 'dhunoditaḥ

This Bhāgavata Purāṇa is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Kṛṣṇa to His own abode, accompanied by religion, knowledge, etc. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness of ignorance in the age of Kali shall get light from this Purāṇa.

1.7.3

tasmin sva āśrame vyāso  
badarī-ṣaṇḍa-maṇḍite  
āsīno 'pa upaspr̥śya  
praṇidadhyau manaḥ svayam

In that place, Śrīla Vyāsadeva, in his own āśrama, which was surrounded by berry trees, sat down to meditate after touching water for purification.

1.7.4

bhakti-yogena manasi  
samyak praṇihite 'male  
apaśyat puruṣam̐ pūrṇam̐  
māyām̐ ca tad-apāśrayam

Thus he fixed his mind, perfectly engaging it by linking it in devotional service [bhakti-yoga] without any tinge of materialism, and thus he saw the Absolute Personality of Godhead along with His external energy, which was under full control.

1.7.5

yayā sammohito jīva  
ātmānamī tri-guṇātmakam  
paro 'pi manute 'narthamī  
tat-kṛtamī cābhipadyate

Due to this external energy, the living entity, although transcendental to the three modes of material nature, thinks of himself as a material product and thus undergoes the reactions of material miseries.

1.7.6

anarthopaśamanamī sāksād  
bhakti-yogam adhokṣaje  
lokasyājānato vidvāmś  
cakre sātvata-samhitām

The material miseries of the living entity, which are superfluous to him, can be directly mitigated by the linking process of devotional service. But the mass of people do not know this, and therefore the learned Vyāsadeva compiled this Vedic literature, which is in relation to the Supreme Truth.

1.7.10

ātmārāmāś ca munayo  
nirgranthā apy urukrame  
kurvanty ahaitukīm bhaktim  
ittham-bhūta-guṇo hariḥ

All different varieties of ātmārāmas [those who take pleasure in ātmā, or spirit self], especially those established on the path of self-realization, though freed from all kinds of material bondage, desire to render unalloyed devotional service unto the Personality of Godhead. This means that the Lord possesses transcendental qualities and therefore can attract everyone, including liberated souls.

2.9.33

śrī-bhagavān uvāca  
aham evāsam evāgre  
nānyad yat sad-asat param  
paścād ahamī yad etac ca  
yo 'vaśiṣyeta so 'smy aham

The Personality of Godhead said: Brahmā, it is I, the Personality of Godhead, who was existing before the creation, when there was nothing but Myself. Nor was there the material nature, the cause of this creation. That which you see now is also I, the Personality of Godhead, and after annihilation what remains will also be I, the Personality of Godhead.

2.9.34

ṛte 'rtham yat pratīyeta  
na pratīyeta cātmani  
tad vidyād ātmano māyām  
yathābhāso yathā tamaḥ

O Brahmā, whatever appears to be of any value, if it is without relation to Me, has no reality. Know it as My illusory energy, that reflection which appears to be in darkness.

2.9.35

yathā mahānti bhūtāni  
bhūteṣūccāvaceṣv anu  
praviṣṭāny apraviṣṭāni  
tathā teṣu na teṣv aham

O Brahmā, please know that the universal elements enter into the cosmos and at the same time do not enter into the cosmos; similarly, I Myself also exist within everything created, and at the same time I am outside of everything.

2.9.36

etāvad eva jijñāsyam  
tattva-jijñāsunātmanaḥ  
anvaya-vyatirekābhyām  
yat syāt sarvatra sarvadā

A person who is searching after the Supreme Absolute Truth, the Personality of Godhead, most certainly search for it up to this, in all circumstances, in all space and time, and both directly and indirectly.