

(7). In the refuge of the Gita I abide; the Gita is My chief abode. Standing on the wisdom of the Gita, I maintain the three worlds.

गीता मे परमा विद्या ब्रह्मरूपा न संशयः ॥
अर्धमात्राक्षरा नित्या स्वानिर्वाच्यपदात्मिका ॥८॥
चिदानंदेन कृष्णेन प्रोक्ता स्वमुखतोऽर्जुनम् ॥
वेदत्रयी परानंदा तत्त्वार्थज्ञानसंयुता ॥९॥

(8 & 9). The Gita is Supreme Knowledge of Me, hence it is undoubtedly inseparable from Brahman,—this Knowledge absolute, imperishable, eternal, supremely blissful, of the essence of My inexpressible State,—the Knowledge comprising the whole of the three Vedas, and consisting of the realisation of the true nature of the Self,—declared by the All-knowing and Blessed Krishna, out of His own mouth, to Arjuna.

[*Ardhamātrā*—lit., the half-syllable, and refers to the dot on the ॐ; symbolically, it stands for the *Turiya* state, hence, the Absolute.]

योऽष्टादशजपो नित्यं नरो निश्चलमानसः ॥
ज्ञानसिद्धिं स लभते ततो याति परं पदम् ॥१०॥

(10). That man who with steady mind recites the eighteen chapters daily, attains the perfection of knowledge and thus reaches the highest plane.

पाठे समग्रैः संपूर्णं ततोऽर्धं पाठमाचरेत् ॥
तदा गोदानजं पुण्यं लभते नात्र संशयः ॥११॥

(11). If unable to recite the whole, then half of it may be read; and he who does this acquires merit, equal to that of the gift of a cow. There is no doubt of this.

त्रिभागं पठमानस्तु गंगास्नानफलं लभेत् ॥