

Vainateya is the son of Vinata. This is another name for Garuda who, being the vehicle of Sri Vishnu, may be equated with Him.

पवनः पवतामस्मि रामः शस्त्रभृतामहम् ।

झषाणां मकरश्चास्मि स्रोतसामस्मि जाह्नवी ॥ ३१

पवनः पवताम् अस्-मि रामः शस्त्र-भृताम् अहम् ।

झषाणाम् मकरः च अस्-मि स्रोतस्-आम् अस्-मि जाह्नवी ॥

*pavanah pavatām asmi rāmaḥ sastrabhṛtām aham ।*

*jhaṣāṇām makaras cā 'smi srotasām asmi jāhnavī ॥*

पवनः *pavanah* the wind पवताम् *pavatām* among purifiers अस्मि *asmi* (I) am रामः *rāmaḥ* Rama शस्त्रभृताम् *sastra bhṛtām* among wielders of weapons (warriors) अहम् *aham* I झषाणाम् *jhaṣāṇām* among fishes मकरः *makaraḥ* Makara (shark) च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi* (I) am स्रोतसाम् *srotasām* among streams अस्मि *asmi* (I) am जाह्नवी *jāhnavī* the Ganges

Of purifiers I am the wind; of the wielders of weapon I am Rama. Of fishes I am the shark, and of rivers I am the Ganges. 31

All the four elements—earth, water, fire and air—are in fact purifiers. Among them air is all pervading and doing this great work very effectively. It is capable of purifying earth, water and fire too. It makes fire burn; it converts impure water into vapour and reinstates it as pure rain water. The smell produced by earth and earthly things is purified and made smell-less by air. The glory of the Lord reveals itself through this great purifier.

Unarmed countries and under-armed countries are exposed to intrusion and invasion. In this