

Languages are all based on the science of sound. In this respect the Vedas may be said to have reached perfection. They are the sacred books which proclaim that sound is the seed from which the universe has come into being. Sound is God, *Nāda Brahman*. He persists eternally as the syllable Om, which is a blending of a+u+m. Sound originates as *a*, sustains as *u* and terminates as *m*. By the Creator uttering Om once, the universe is projected, maintained and withheld. The *sadhaka* who gets fixed in the chanting of Om evolves in Godhood.

Bhagavan, Bhagavatam and the Bhaktas — these three are identical. — Sri Ramakrishna

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प्रभवः प्रलयः स्थानं निधानं बीजमव्ययम् ॥ १८

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*gatiṛ bhartā prabhuḥ sākṣī nivāsaḥ śaraṇam suhṛt*  
*prabhavaḥ pralayaḥ sthānam nidhānam bījam avyayam*

गतिः *gatiḥ* the goal भर्ता *bhartā* the supporter प्रभुः *prabhuḥ* the Lord साक्षी *sākṣī* the witness निवासः *nivāsaḥ* the abode शरणम् *śaraṇam* the shelter सुहृत् *suhṛt* the friend प्रभवः *prabhavaḥ* the origin प्रलयः *pralayaḥ* the dissolution स्थानम् *sthānam* the foundation निधानम् *nidhānam* the treasure-house बीजम् *bījam* the seed अव्ययम् *avyayam* imperishable

I am the Goal, the Supporter, the Lord, the Witness, the Abode, the Shelter, the Friend, the Origin, the Dissolution, the Foundation, the Treasure-house and the Seed Imperishable.