

There are some commentators who rather accept this analogy as a simple-looking direct statement; and, according to them, Time, which is beginningless and endless, is the ultimate measure of all things in the relative field.

AMONG BEASTS, I AM THE LORD OF BEASTS AND, AMONG BIRDS, I AM THE SON OF VINATA --- The majesty and grandeur, the dignity and "manliness" of the lion among animals, make him the Royal Lion. Its flight, its powers of perception, and the altitudes to which it can climb, make *Garuda* --- the King of birds.

31. *Among purifiers, I am the 'wind' ; among warriors, I am 'Rama,' among fishes, I am the 'shark' ; among rivers, I am the 'Ganges.'*

OF CLEANSING AGENTS, I AM THE 'WIND' --- No antiseptic or sanitary equipment is as efficient to clean a place as the Sun and the wind. If the wind alone is indicated here it is because of Vyasa's perfect knowledge that wind can rise only when the Sun is hot. Where there is constant wind, there the Sun also must be available; in a cave there can be neither sunlight, nor movement of air.

OF THOSE WHO ARE WIELDERS OF WEAPONS, I AM 'RAMA' --- The hero of Ramayana, Sri Ramachandra was delineated by Valmiki, the first poet in India to use metrical compositions and write out a full-fledged *Kavya*,