

means word and its meaning. The homogeneous sum total of the sound in the Cosmos is "Om." The very first phase of this monosyllable is the letter A, the modifications of which form the other letters. In all languages A is the first letter and it is rightly equated with Brahman.

Word-compounds in Samskrit conform to certain principles. While compounding themselves when two words retain equal importance they are called the dual or dvandva. For example, Rama and Krishna together form Ramakrishna, both the personalities maintaining their individualities.

A moment, an hour, a day, a year—divisions of time such as these have their beginnings and ends. But time in itself is beginningless and endless, and it is equated with God who is called *Mahākāla*.

The Lord Himself has become the multitudinous beings, each of them enjoying the fruits of its own karma. In this way the Lord is the Dispenser. Because of His being present everywhere as the countless individualities, He is termed as facing everywhere. This fact is self-evident in Nature.

मृत्युः सर्वहरश्चाहं उद्भवश्च भविष्यताम् ।

कीर्तिः श्रीर्वाक्च नारीणां स्मृतिर्मेधा धृतिः क्षमा ॥ ३४

मृत्युः सर्व-हरः च अहम् उद्-भवः च भव-इष्यताम् ।

कीर्तिः श्रीः वाक् च नारीणां स्मृतिः मेधा धृतिः क्षमा ॥

*mṛtyuḥ sarvaharaś cā 'ham udbhavaś ca bhaviṣyatām*  
*kīrtiḥ śrīr vāk ca nārīṇāṃ smṛtir medhā dhṛtiḥ kṣamā*

मृत्युः *mṛtyuḥ* death सर्वहरः *sarvaharaḥ* all-devouring  
च *ca* and अहम् *aham* I उद्भवः *udbhavaḥ* the prosperity च