

द्रोणम् च भीष्मम् च जयद्रथम् च कर्णं तथा अन्यान् अपि योध-वीरान् ।
मया हन्-तान् त्वम् जहि मा व्यथिष्ठाः युध्-य-स्व जे-तासि रणे सपत्नान् ॥

dronam ca bhīṣmam ca jayadratham ca
karnam tathā 'nyān api yodhavīrān ।
mayā hatāns tvam jahi mā vyathiṣṭhā
yudhyasva jetāsi raṇe sapatnān ॥

द्रोणम् *dronam* Drona च *ca* and भीष्मम् *bhīṣmam* Bhishma च *ca* and जयद्रथम् *jayadratham* Jayadratha च *ca* and कर्णम् *karnam* Karna तथा *tathā* also अन्यान् *anyān* others अपि *api* also योधवीरान् *yodha virān* brave warriors मया *mayā* by me हतान् *hatān* slain त्वम् *tvam* thou जहि *jahi* do kill मा *mā* not व्यथिष्ठाः *vyathiṣṭhāḥ* be distressed with fear युध्यस्व *yudhyasva* fight जेतासि *jetāsi* shalt conquer रणे *raṇe* in the battle सपत्नान् *sapatnān* the enemies

Slay Drona, Bhishma, Jayadratha, Karna and other brave warriors who are already doomed by Me. Be not distressed with fear. Fight and you will conquer your enemies in battle. 34

It has been already made clear that the killing of Drona and Bhishma is not contrary to dharma. The next question is whether they can be killed at all. For, Drona is endowed with weapons divine. And Bhishma is one whom death cannot approach without his own permission. Nobody has so far successfully combated with him. Yet another problem is in regard to Jayadratha. By hard penance his father has acquired the power to make the head of that man burst who succeeded in slaughtering his son. Fourthly vanquishing Karna is equally problematic.