

*etan mähātmya samyuktam
gītā 'bhyāsam karoti yaḥ ।
sa tat phalam avāpnoti durlabhām
gatim āpnuyāt ॥*

He who studies the Gita together with this discourse on its Mahatmyam gets the fruit stated herein, and reaches that goal which is rare to attain.

सूत उवाच

माहात्म्यमेतद्गीताया मया प्रोक्तं सनातनम् ।

गीतान्ते च पठेद्यस्तु यदुक्तं तत्फलं लभेत् ॥ २३ -

sūta uvāca

*mähātmyam etad gītāyā mayā proktam sanātanam ।
gītā 'nte ca paṭhedyas tu yad uktam tat phalam labhet ॥*

Suta said:

He who reads this eternal greatness of the Gita, declared by me, after reading the Gita, will obtain the reward described herein. 23

These utterances may seem somewhat fantastic if not ridiculous to a critical student. But the spirit behind them requires to be imbibed. As the food for the body is supplied daily according to one's power of assimilation, spiritual food also requires to be provided in tune with the earnestness, capacity and attainments of the aspirant. There is no such thing as overdose in spiritual matters. One makes progress in proportion to one's application to the study and practice of the principles contained in this book.

इति श्रीवाराहपुराणे श्रीगीतामाहात्म्यं सम्पूर्णम् ।

iti śrī vārāha purāṇe śrī gītā mähātmyam sampūrṇam ।

Thus concludes in the Varaha Purana the discourse designated:

THE GREATNESS OF THE GITA