

respect Rama has a lesson to teach to countries and governments. Weapon is a power for good or for bad. Rama's weapon was the deadliest in those days, but he never abused it. Evil would have ensued if he had ever abused it. Whenever he put his weapon to action, good only came out of it. To be well armed and to make good and timely use of the arm is the lesson that Rama teaches kings and rulers. Any deviation from his teaching is not for public safety. Rama is an Incarnation of God, and Krishna identifies Himself with Him.

Among fishes the shark is most powerful. It has derived that power from God's cosmic energy.

Ganges is also known as Jahnvi because of her having become the daughter of the sage Jahnu. When Bhagiratha was escorting the Ganga, she inundated the sacrificial field of the sage Jahnu, who became annoyed at her intrusion and swallowed her up. But at the supplication of Bhagiratha the sage permitted the river to come out of his ear. That way she became Jahnvi. Among rivers Ganges is the most sacred. Her water bottled for any length of time does not putrefy. She is venerated as having come from the head of Siva. Many saints and sages have performed austerity on the banks of this river. She has a sanctifying influence on the *sadhakas*. This divinity in her is derived from the Lord.

सर्गाणामादिरन्तश्च मध्यं चैवाहमर्जुन ।

अध्यात्मविद्या विद्यानां वादः प्रवदतामहम् ॥ ३२

सर्गाणाम् आदि अन्त च मध्यम् च एव अहम् अर्जुन ।

अध्यात्म-विद्या विद्यानाम् वाद प्र वद-अताम् लहम् ॥