



SHUKABASE – Your Intelligent Assistant for Sacred Scriptures

What is it and why do you need it?

Shukabase is like a very smart librarian who:

- Knows all of Srila Prabhupada's books by heart
- Understands your questions and immediately finds the answers
- Shows you exact quotes from the books

How does the application work?

1. You ask a question

Type any question that interests you in the input field at the bottom. For example:

"What is bhakti?"

"Tell me about Lord Chaitanya"

"How to meditate properly?"

2. The application searches for the answer

The program quickly scans all the sacred books (like a very fast reader) and finds every place where the topic you asked about is mentioned.

3. The assistant responds

The intelligent assistant reads the found passages and composes a clear answer for you, including exact quotes from the books.

4. You see the sources

On the right side, all the passages from the books that the assistant used are displayed. You can:

- Read the full passage
- Click the "Read fully" button to open the entire chapter
- See exactly which book the passage comes from

How to communicate with the assistant?

What can you ask about?

The assistant understands questions in Russian and English. You can ask about:

Simple questions:

“Who is Krishna?”

“What does the word karma mean?”

Complex topics:

“Explain the difference between Mayavadis and Vaishnavas”

“Tell the story of Prahlada Maharaja”

Practical advice:

“How to start practicing bhakti-yoga?”

“What to do if it’s hard to concentrate during japa?”

Searching for specific verses:

“Find the verse about the soul in the Bhagavad-gita”

“Show the story about Hiranyakashipu”

How to formulate questions better?

Good:

- Ask the question in a full sentence
- Use specific words (names, terms)
- You can write a detailed request if the question is complex

Not so good:

- Very short one-word questions (“karma”, “soul”)
- Too vague questions (“tell me about everything”)

Examples of good questions:

“Tell me in detail about the sixteen qualities of a devotee from Chaitanya-charitamrita”

“What did Srila Prabhupada say about the importance of repeating the Hare Krishna mantra?”

“Find the story of how Lord Chaitanya danced during Ratha-yatra”

If the assistant didn’t understand or gave the wrong answer

Simply rephrase the question in different words or add more details:

“No, I meant something else. Tell me specifically about...”

“Can you find information exactly about...?”

“Show quotes from the Bhagavad-gita on this topic”

Application Settings

What is an API key and where to get it?

In simple terms: An API key is like a pass that allows your application to use the Intelligent assistant. Without this pass, the assistant cannot answer questions.

Where to get this “pass”?

Instructions for obtaining API keys for Shukabase

Part 1: Obtaining an API key for Google Gemini

What you will need:

- A Google account (Gmail, YouTube, or any other)
- 2 minutes of time
- VPN (if you are in Russia)
- No credit card required!

How to get it:

- 1. Turn on VPN before starting**
- 2. Open your browser and go to: <https://aistudio.google.com/apikey>**
- 3. Click the “Get API Key” button in the bottom left corner**
- 4. Select “Create API key in new project”**
- 5. You will receive a long text starting with Alza... – this is your key**
- 6. Copy it (click the copy button next to it)**
- 7. Paste the key into the Gemini field in the shukabase application**

That’s it! The key will start working immediately. You can turn off the VPN.

Part 2: Obtaining an API key for OpenRouter

What you will need:

- An email (any)
- 3 minutes of time
- 5 dollars (one-time deposit)
- Payment method: Visa/Mastercard or cryptocurrency

Important about money:

The shukabase application uses only free AI models. This means the 5 dollars are not spent at all. It is just a minimum to confirm that you are a real user. Your balance will remain untouched.

How to get the key:

- 1. Open your browser and go to: <https://openrouter.ai>**
- 2. Click “Sign Up” (register)**

- 3. Use your email or Google account**
- 4. Fill out the simple form and confirm registration**
- 5. Log into your account**
- 6. Hover over the button in the top right corner and select “Keys” from the dropdown**
- 7. Click “Create New API Key”**
- 8. Give the key a name [for example, “Shukabase”]**
- 9. Click “Create”**
- 10. Copy the received key**
- 11. Paste the key into the OpenRouter field in the shukabase application**

Topping up the balance (5 dollars):

- 1. On the OpenRouter website, hover over the button in the top right corner and select “Credits” from the dropdown**
- 2. Click “Add Credit”**
- 3. Enter an amount of at least 5 dollars**
- 4. Choose a payment method**
- 5. Confirm the payment**

After payment, you can start using the application — your money will remain in the account.

Important points

- Both keys are entered in the application once — after that everything works automatically
- Do not share keys with other people

If something doesn't work

Google Gemini: Make sure that:

- VPN is enabled
- You are logged into your Google account
- Reload the page and try again

OpenRouter: Check:

- The email was entered correctly
- The payment method is supported in your country/region

Completely confused? Write to me on WhatsApp: +79505509975

I will help you get the keys and set up the application.

Done! Now you have everything you need to work with the shukabase application.

Settings and Usage

IMPORTANT ABOUT MODELS

We have already selected the optimal model. Do not change it in the settings without a clear reason.

What is “model selection”? In simple terms: This is the “brain” that will answer questions. We have pre-installed the most optimal models. Change the model only if the current one starts giving API errors.

Language Switch [EN/RU]

The button in the top right corner allows switching between:

- EN – English texts of the books
- RU – Russian translations

Important: You can ask questions in any language regardless of this setting! It only affects which translation of the books to show you.

How to use the application? [Step by step]

First launch:

- 1. Open the application [double-click the icon]**
- 2. Go to settings [gear icon in the top right]**
- 3. Insert the API key [if you haven't already]**
- 4. Click “Save”**
- 5. Done! Now you can ask questions**

Daily use:

- 1. Type your question in the input field at the bottom**
- 2. Press Enter or the send button [arrow]**
- 3. Wait for the answer [usually about a minute].**
- 4. Study the answer: read the assistant's explanation on the left and quotes on the right.**
- 5. Click on quotes to read more.**

Useful buttons

- New chat – Start a new conversation from scratch
- Left panel – History of all your previous conversations
- Cross – Close the full text window

What are “Cards”?

These are specialized modes of the assistant:

- Analogy Detective – Searching for examples and metaphors
- Siddhanta Check – Checking statements according to the shastras

- Linguistic Microscope – Analysis of Sanskrit terms
- Chronologist of Pastimes – Chronology of Bhagavatam events
- Lecture Architect – Creating lecture structure
- Answer to a Scientist – Scientific argumentation
- Debate Trainer – Practice of argumentation
- Shastra Vision – Prompts for neural networks
- Vedic Fairy Tale – Stories for children
- Playwright of Pastimes – Scripts for skits
- Spiritual First Aid – Help for emotional crises
- Sadhana Planner – Balancing life and practice
- Assistant for Offerings – Letters to the Spiritual Master
- Vedic Conflictologist – Resolving disputes

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How confidential is my correspondence?

We treat your privacy with great respect. The entire history of your conversations is stored exclusively locally on your computer.

Is the application really free?

Yes, the application is completely free. API keys are also provided free within their limits.

Does the application work without internet?

Internet is required for answers. Reading books and chat history are available offline.

Enjoy studying the sacred scriptures!

**With regards and hope that this app serves you well,
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