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Vishnu Sahasranama Part 16: Kshetragya - The One Who Knows All Bodies by Shri Chandan Goswami Maharaj

The 16th Name in the Shri Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram is Kshetragya and Shri Baldev Vidyabhushan explains that this Name means, "The one who knows all bodies at all times."

In the *Bhagwat Gita*, 13.1, Arjun asks Shri Krishn:

प्रकृतिं पुरुषं चैव क्षेत्रं क्षेत्रज्ञमेव च

*prakṛtiṁ puruṣam caiva kṣetraṁ
kṣetrajñameva ca*

"I wish to understand what *prakṛiti* and *puruṣ* are, as well as what *kṣetra* and *kṣetrajña* are."

In chapter 13, verses 2 and 3, Shri Krishn replies:

इदं शरीरं कौन्तेय क्षेत्रमित्यभिधीयते ।
एतद्यो वेति तं प्राहुः क्षेत्रज्ञ इति तद्विदः ॥

*idam śarīram kaunteya
kṣetramityabhidhīyate ।
etadyo vetti tam prāhuः kṣetrajña iti
tadvidaः ॥*



"This body is known as *kṣhetra* (the field of activities), and the one who knows this body is called *kṣhetrajña* (the knower of the field) by the sages who are aware of the real difference between the body and the soul."

क्षेत्रज्ञं चापि मां विद्धि सर्वक्षेत्रेषु भारत ।
क्षेत्रक्षेत्रज्ञयोर्जन्मनं यत्तज्ज्ञानं मतं मम ॥

*kṣetrajñam cāpi mām viddhi
sarvakṣetresu bhārata ।
kṣetrakṣetrajñayorjñānam yattajjñānam
matam mama ॥*

"I am also the knower of all the individual fields of activity. I consider true knowledge to be the understanding of the body as the field of activities, and the soul and God as the knowers of the field."

Similarly, the *Mahabharat* (12.339.6) states,

क्षेत्राणि हि शरीराणि बीजं चापि शुभाशुभम् ।
तानि वेत्ति स योगात्मा ततः क्षेत्रज्ञ उच्यते ॥

*kṣetrāṇi hi śarīrāṇi bijam cāpi
śubhāśubham ।
tāni vetti sa yogātmā tataḥ kṣetrajñā
ucyate ॥*

"This body itself is called *kṣhetra*, and the auspicious and inauspicious actions performed by that body are the seeds of that body, Krishn who knows all the fields, (all the bodies) is called *kṣhetrajña*."

In a physical body, we believe that we are the body, thinking "I am a man", "I am a woman", or "I am old", or "I am young". All of these identities are obviously different in nature from our soul. The jeev's limited knowledge of

his body and identification with it prevents him from being the knower of the field.

However, when he realises that he is the soul and uses his body to get liberation, he is known as the knower of the field (*kṣhetrajña*).

Krishn, who is situated as the Supreme Soul in the heart of jeevs, is and has always been the knower of the fields of all souls. Furthermore, Krishn's knowledge of each *kṣhetra* is flawless and comprehensive.

क्षेत्रं चेतनाचेतनात्मकं सर्वम् तद् प्रेरयन् सर्वदैव
तस्मिन् ।
तिष्ठति विष्णुः, निर्दोषेणैव चक्षुषा जानाति इति
क्षेत्रज्ञः ॥

*kṣetram cetanācetanātmaṁ sarvam
tad prerayan sarvadaiva tasmin ।
tiṣṭhati viṣṇuh, nirdoṣenaiva cakṣuṣā
jānāti iti kṣetrajñah ॥*

"The field encompasses everything from the entire Universe to individual atoms. Krishn dwells within it, sees it with his pure vision, and inspires it, which is why he is known as *kṣhetrajña*."

There is also another meaning of *kṣhetrajña*,

क्षेत्रं तु परमो व्योम मुक्तेभ्यो वेत्ति नित्यशः

*kṣetram tu paramo vyoma muktebhyo
vetti nityaśahv*

"The *kṣhetra* is Lord Krishn's Eternal Abode, and he recognises it as the reward for his liberated devotees."



Braj Animal Care



The winter season is approaching but our team is still responding to calls and cases. We are aware that stray animals with wounds are at risk of being infected with maggots, medically known as myiasis. Flies lay their eggs on the draining wounds and maggots hatch. The maggots will eat dead or dying tissue, sometimes even healthy tissue. These street animals cannot keep their own wounds clean and dry which makes them susceptible to myiasis. If the animal's coat is covered in faecal matter or urine, it will make them even more prone to infection.

Treatment involves:

- Antiparasite injection
- Antibiotic injection to treat bacterial infections in the body
- Pain killer injection to prevent symptoms such as swelling, irritation, pain, and redness
- A fly repellent spray which also heals the wound
- Solution to clean up any type of wound

Doses are administered according to the type of animal and its weight.

Bahaadur's Story

We were called to check on a monkey near the ISKCON Temple who had boiling liquid poured on him. We don't know if it was an accident or deliberate. When we reached, we found him just sitting there, obviously in a great amount of pain but unable to voice it or ask for help. He was known to us as Bahaadur. The incident had melted his skin and exposed the bones. The affected areas were his right hand and left leg.



Bahaadur during his visit from Braj Animal Care

Bahaadur also has an old injury to the back of his leg so he is unable to move the joint normally. We gently restrained him and gave him pain medication and injections to prevent infection. We sprayed the wounds to prevent maggot infestation and to promote healing. We also sprayed the wounds to prevent maggot infestation and to promote healing.

Local devotees were keeping an eye on Bahaadur for us. They called us back again to check on him two days later. He hadn't eaten any food, nor had he drank any water. With his injuries and the cold nights, Bahaadur died before we could resume our follow-up treatment. The ISKCON devotees wanted to bury him themselves the same day.

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Maharajji's Latest Updates

Maharajji delivered an enchanting and inspiring *katha* on Venu Geet, leaving our hearts with intense greed for Vrindavan and the desire to serve its finest devotees, the *gopis*, because they are always in the eternal service of Shri Radha-Raman. Venu Geet is the *gopis'* song of separation from their beloved Shri Krishn *before* they formally meet him. Just by hearing about him and taking his *darshan* from afar, the *gopis* are filled with a deep longing to drink the nectar of his beautiful form with their eyes. Unfortunately, when Krishn plays his flute to call them, they cannot leave their homes because they are duty-bound as householders. As they yearn to be with him, they sing about the fortunate ones who not only hear his melodious flute but who have his *darshan*, such as the peacocks, deer, cows, birds, and clouds.

The 7-day *katha* can be viewed on Maharajji's [YouTube channel](#).



Devotees receive the nectar of Venu Geet from Maharajji

Spiritual Questions and Answers with Maharajji

Q: What if spiritual practice brings you stress and guilt? For example, if we don't do our chanting one day etc.

A: There are a few factors that can affect your practice but the primary reason is not having enough association or not having the right association. Correcting this will bring a positive change.



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