

tato 'tra tādya māno 'nyair api bhagnobhayāṅghriṇā
guruṇā tena kripayā duḥṣishyaḥ so 'py amucyata. 172
sarva-deṣopahāsyau tau ṣishyau dvau yayatus tataḥ,
guruḥ ca sva-kshamā-ṣṭlāghyaḥ svasthaḥ so 'py abhavat kramāt. 173

«evam anyonya-vidvesho mūrkhāḥ parijanaḥ, prabho,
«svāmīno 'rthaṃ nihanty eva, na ca 'ātma-hitam aṇute. 174
«ayaṃ ca dviṣiraḥ-sarpa-vṛttānto 'py avadhāryatām:

Kasyāpy aher dve ṣiraṣi abhūtām agra-pucchayoḥ; 175
paucchaṃ ṣiraṣa tv abhūd andhaṃ, cakshuṣmat prakṛitaṃ punaḥ.
«ahaṃ mukhyam!» «ahaṃ mukhyam!» ity āsīd āgrahas tayoh; 176
sarpas tu prakṛiteṇaiva mukhena vicacāra saḥ.
ekadā 'asya ṣiraḥ paucchaṃ mārga kāshṭhaṃ avāpa tat, 177
vesṭhayitvā dridhaṃ tac ca sarpasya 'asya 'arudhad gatim.
tatas tad balavad mene sa sarpo 'gra-ṣiro-jayi. 178
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teṇaiva ca 'andhena tataḥ sva-mukhena bhramann ahiḥ
avate 'gni-paribhrasṭo mārgādṛiṣṭer so 'dahyata. 180

«evam guṇasya ye 'lpasya bahavo 'bhyantaram viduḥ,
«te hīna-guṇa-saṅgena mūdḥā yānti parābhavam. 181
«imaṃ ca ṣṛṇvata 'idānīm bhautā-taṇḍula-bhakṣhakam:

Agāt kaṣcit pumān mūrkhāḥ prathamam cvaṣuram grīham. 182
sa tatra taṇḍulān cvaṣurvā pākārthaṃ sthāpitān sitān
dṛiṣṭvā, bhakṣhayitum teshāṃ muṣṭīm prakṣhipad ānane. 183
tatksanād āgatāyām ca cvaṣurvām, mūrkhāḥ sa taṇḍulān
na 'aṣakat tān nigiritum na cāpy udgiritum hriyā. 184
utpīṇocchūna-galam ca nirālāpam avekshya tam
tad-roga-ṣaṅkayā 'āhūya tac-cvaṣurūḥ patim ānayāt. 185
so 'py ālokya 'ānināya 'ācū vaidyaṃ, vaidyo 'py apātayat
ṣopha-ṣaṅkī tanum tasya mūdhasya 'ākramya mastakam. 186
niryayur loka-hāsyena samam tasya ca taṇḍulāḥ.

«ity akāryam karoty ajño, na ca jānāti gūhitum. 187

Kecic ca dārakā mūrkhā dṛiṣṭa-dohā gavāḍishu,
gardabhaṃ prāpya samrudhya dogdhum ārebhire javāt. 188