

After pointing out his experience in the language of negation, the student asserts his absolute nature. Here he expresses his gratitude towards the Teacher who guided him.



महास्वप्ने मायाकृतजनिजरामृत्युगहने
भ्रमन्तं क्लिश्यन्तं बहुलतरतापैरनुदिनम् ।
अहङ्कारव्याघ्रव्यथितमिममत्यन्तकृपया
प्रबोध्य प्रस्वापात्परमवितवान्मामसि गुरो ॥ ५१९ ॥

*mahāsvapne māyākṛtajanijarāmṛtyugahane
bhramantam kliśyantam bahulataratāpairanudinam,
ahaṅkāravyāghravyathitamimamatyantakṛpayā
prabodhya prasvāpātparamavitavānmāmasi guro. (519)*

519. *Out of sheer grace, O Teacher! you have awakened me from 'sleep' and saved me, who was roaming in a never ending 'dream', in the forest of birth, decay and death created by illusion, and was tormented day after day by innumerable tribulations and greatly persecuted by the tiger of the ego.*

In the deepest caverns of this mighty dream called life, the concepts of birth, growth, decay, disease, old age and death created by māyā afflict me day in and day out. I am confused, confounded and deluded. I am choked by various persecutions. Thus I pass day after day.

Let us take a typical example. I was born to my parents. I spent my childhood in my backyard. I went to school. In school I was told I was not good at grammar. So I worked hard at grammar. Then they told me to study Shakespeare and Keats. When I started quoting Shakespeare and Keats, they told me I was only repeating and had no original thinking. Finally, I landed up as a clerk in a government office. Parents got me married. In no time at all, there were two or three children. Government started family planning campaign. But there was one more by sheer accident. I was in