

Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 93: Chapter 10, Verses 39-42
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TRANSLITERATION

यच्चापि सर्वभूतानां बीजं तदहमर्जुन ।

yach chāpi sarva-bhūtānām bījam tad aham arjuna

न तदस्ति विना यत्स्यान्मया भूतं चराचरम् ॥ १०-३९ ॥

na tad asti vinā yat syān mayā bhūtaṁ charācharam

नान्तोऽस्ति मम दिव्यानां विभूतीनां परन्तप ।

nānto 'sti mama divyānām vibhūtīnām parantapa

एष तूद्देशतः प्रोक्तो विभूतेर्विस्तरो मया ॥ १०-४० ॥

eṣha tūddeśhataḥ prokto vibhūter vistaro mayā

यद्यद्विभूतिमत्सत्त्वं श्रीमदूर्जितमेव वा ।

yad yad vibhūtimat sattvaṁ śhrīmad ūrjitam eva vā

तत्तदेवावगच्छ त्वं मम तेजोऽशसम्भवम् ॥ १०-४१ ॥

tat tad evāvagachchha tvaṁ mama tejo 'nśha-sambhavam

अथवा बहूनैतेन किं ज्ञातेन तवार्जुन ।

atha vā bahunaitena kiṁ jñātena tavārjuna

विष्टभ्याहमिदं कृत्स्नमेकांशेन स्थितो जगत् ॥ १०-४२ ॥

viṣṭabhyāham idaṁ kṛitsnam ekānśhena sthito jagat

ॐ तत्सदिति श्रीमद्भगवद्गीतासूपनिषत्सु

om tatsaditi shrimadbhagavadgitasu upanishatsu

ब्रह्मविद्यायां योगशास्त्रे श्रीकृष्णार्जुनसंवादे

brahmavidyayaam yogashaastre

shrikrishnarjunasamvaade

विभूतियोगो नाम दशमोऽध्यायः ॥ १० ॥

vibhuti-yogo naama dashamodhyaayah

TRANSLATION

- (39)** I am the generating seed of all living beings, O Arjun. No creature moving or non-moving can exist without me.
- (40)** There is no end to my divine manifestations, O conqueror of enemies. What I have declared to you is a mere sample of my infinite glories.
- (41)** Whatever you see as beautiful, glorious, or powerful, know it to spring from but a spark of my splendor.
- (42)** What need is there for all this detailed knowledge, O Arjun? Simply know that by one fraction of my being, I pervade and support this entire creation.

Thus in the Holy Book of Bhagavadgita, one of the Upanishads, in the Science of the Supreme Spirit, in the Art of Self-Knowledge, in the Conversation between Lord Shri Krishna and Arjuna, ends the 10th Chapter called “Vibhuti Yoga”.

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Chapter 10

Verse 39:

In this verse, Lord Krishna reveals that He is the *bijam* or the root seed for the origin of all beings existing in all situations and manifestations. In other words, He is not only the cause of all creation but also the material used for that creation. Earlier in verses 7.10 and 9.18, Lord Krishna had declared Himself as “the eternal seed.” Again here, He states that He is “*the generating seed*.” He is stressing the point that He is the origin of everything, and without His potency nothing can exist. He pervades the total material existence externally as the *Brahman* or *Paramaatman* or the spiritual substratum pervading all existence, as well as internally as the individual *Atman* or soul within the etheric heart of each and every living entity. From the heavenly stars and planets above to a blade of grass down below, everything in existence is inseparably connected to Lord Krishna. As Lord Krishna is present within all causes, He is naturally present in all results as well. He is the cause of all causes.

Verse 40:

With this verse, Lord Krishna concludes the description of His *vibhuti* or divine, transcendental opulence, which spanned from verses 20-39 with a total of 82 *vibhutis* listed. The description ends with the words *nanto'sti*, meaning “*there is no limit to them*” and also there is no single being in all existence that can account and describe all of His *vibhutis*. What Lord Krishna has spoken is only a very small portion (*uddeśhataḥ*) of the breadth of the topic (*vistāraḥ*) of His *vibhutis*. In other words, in whatever forms the manifestations of His majesty, greatness, beauty and power are seen, they should be known as only minuscule fractions of His *vibhuti* or divine, transcendental opulence.

Verse 41:

Here, Lord Krishna again explains in a sublime way to Arjuna who is still eager to hear more about Lord Krishna's *vibhuti* or divine, transcendental opulence. Lord Krishna reveals that whatever is glorious, wonderful and majestic that is pre-eminently distinguished by the qualities of grandeur, beauty and power should be known to arise from just a fraction of His almighty splendor.

Verses 42:

Lord Krishna now informs that whatever has been confirmed as the reality regarding His *vibhuti* or divine, transcendental opulence is extremely minimal, in whatever condition the material creation may appear, be it the absolute reality of the supra subtle unmanifest state of the *brahman* or be it the relative reality of the supra gross manifest state

possessing the *panchabhuta* or the five elements: earth, water, air, ether, and fire. Therefore, Lord Krishna logically poses a question to Arjuna: *What is the necessity of this limited version of His vibhuti?* It is better to see Him existing everywhere within every living being. What purpose would it serve by knowing all these facts separately when He alone pervades and sustains the total material creation with just a fraction of Himself. There is nothing existing beyond Lord Krishna. Because the mind continuously runs after external objects in its pursuit of pleasure through the senses, Lord Krishna enjoins everyone to try to see Him everywhere in everything and thus in this chapter He has magnanimously stated in brief the enormous extent of His *vibhuti* or divine, transcendental opulence.