

OH NĀMA, YOU ARE EVERYTHING!

*na nāma-sadr̥śaṁ jñānaṁ na nāma-sadr̥śaṁ vratam
na nāma sadr̥śaṁ dhyānaṁ na nāma sadr̥śaṁ phalam
na nāma sadr̥śas tyago na nāma sadr̥śaḥ śamaḥ
na nāma sadr̥śaṁ punyaṁ na nāma sadr̥śī gatiḥ
nāmaiva paramā muktir nāmaiva paramā gatiḥ
nāmaiva paramā śāntir nāmaiva paramā sthitiḥ
nāmaiva paramā bhaktir nāmaiva paramā matiḥ
nāmaiva paramā prītir nāmaiva paramā smṛtiḥ
nāmaiva kāraṇaṁ jantor nāmaiva prabhur eva ca
nāmaiva paramārādhyaṁ nāmaiva paramo guru*

There is no knowledge, *vrata*, meditation, fruit, renunciation, sense control, pious act, or goal as great as that of Nāma. Nāma is the supreme liberation. Nāma alone is the supreme destination. Nāma is the supreme peace. Nāma is the supreme auspicious situation. Nāma is supreme devotion. Nāma is supreme intelligence. Nāma is supreme love and Nāma is the supreme remembrance. Nāma is the soul's reason for existence. Nāma is the Lord of the soul. Nāma is the most worshipable object. Nāma is the supreme *guru*.

— *Agni Purāṇa*, quoted in BVT's *Śrī Caitanya-śikṣāmṛta*,
Sixth Rainfall, Third Shower.