

Laghu Bhagavatamrta

-Srila Rupa Goswami

Part 1: The sweetness of Krishna

Chapter 1:  
Defining the forms of the Lord  
Svayam-rupa, Vilasa, Svamsa, Avesa and Prakasa Forms of  
the Lord

Every book starts with mangalacharana

granthera ārambhe kari 'maṅgalācaraṇa'  
guru, vaiṣṇava, bhagavān, — tinerā smaraṇa

se maṅgalācaraṇa haya tri-vidha prakāra  
vastu-nirdeśa, āśīrvāda, namaskāra

Vastu Nirdeśa  
Sloka of LBA

Text 1

namas tasmai bhagavate  
kṛṣṇāyākuṅṭha-medhase  
yo dhatte sarva-bhūtānām  
abhavāyośatīḥ kalāḥ

similar to ŚB 10.87.46

I offer my obeisances to the Supreme Lord Krishna, who bestows the highest knowledge and who manifests His all-attractive personal expansions so that all living beings can achieve liberation.

## Commentary of Srila Baladeva Vidyabhusana

1. First glorifies Bhagavan - Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

2. Then glorifies Srila Rupa Goswami, who is like Guru to him.

3. He compares Srila Rupa goswami to :

Brhaspati (poetic  
expertise)

Vyasadeva  
(presentation of  
truth)

Sukadeva (revealing  
the meaning of  
madhura rasa)

## Explanation of the verse

namas tasmai bhagavate

The verse offers respects to the Lord known as bhagavān, who is endowed with six powers in full, as defined in the Vishnu Purana.

Bhagavān:

Bhaga: six powers

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vān: eternally possesses these powers

aiśvaryasya samagrasya  
vīryasya yaśasaḥ śriyaḥ  
jñāna-vairāgyayoś caiva  
bhaga itī śaṅṅām ganā

Viṣṇu Purāṇa  
6.5.47

1. complete control
2. complete influence
3. complete excellent qualities of body, mind and words
4. complete beauty or wealth
5. complete knowledge
6. complete detachment from worldly affairs

kṛṣṇāyākunṭha-medhase

kṛṣṇāya : the boy who drinks from the breast of Yashoda

akunṭha-medhase : the person who bestows unlimited knowledge or highest knowledge

proof for Krishna  
being akunṭha  
medhase: SB 11.22.28



yo dhatte sarva-bhūtānām  
abhavāyośatīḥ kalāḥ



His powers as bhagavān are inherent in him.

He reveals for the deliverance of all living beings his attractive forms known as svāmsa, kalā and vibhūti.

svamsa, kala, vibhuti : different expansions of Lord with the 60 qualities exhibited to different extent

They are his kala or expansions. So does it mean Krishna gets divided into multiple parts?

No. Krishna can not get divided into parts but at the same time he has expansions. Both the things can simultaneously exist in Krishna. (oṃ pūrṇam adaḥ pūrṇam idaṃ...)

There is an appearance of his expanding into parts for particular reasons.

Prayers of the Vedas (SB Canto 10, chapter 87) was summarised by Nārada by composing the verse SB 10.87.46 which reveals perfectly that Krishna is the root of all things.

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yo dhatte sarva-bhūtānām  
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