

Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 106: Chapter 11, Verses 38-40

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त्वमादिदेवः पुरुषः पुराणस्-

त्वमस्य विश्वस्य परं निधानम् ।

वेत्तासि वेद्यं च परं च धाम

त्वया ततं विश्वमनन्तरूप ॥ ११-३८ ॥

वायुर्यमोऽग्निर्वरुणः शशाङ्कः

प्रजापतिस्त्वं प्रपितामहश्च ।

नमो नमस्तेऽस्तु सहस्रकृत्वः

पुनश्च भूयोऽपि नमो नमस्ते ॥ ११-३९ ॥

नमः पुरस्तादथ पृष्ठतस्ते

नमोऽस्तु ते सर्वत एव सर्व ।

अनन्तवीर्यामितविक्रमस्त्वं

सर्वं समाप्नोषि ततोऽसि सर्वः ॥ ११-४० ॥

TRANSLITERATION

*tvam ādi-devaḥ puruṣaḥ purāṇas
tvam asya viśvasya param nidhānam*

*vettāsi vedyaṁ cha param cha dhāma
tvayā tataṁ viśhvam ananta-rūpa*

*vāyur yamo 'gnir varuṇaḥ śhaśhāṅkaḥ
prajāpatis tvam prapitāmahaśh cha*

*namo namas te 'stu sahasra-kṛitvaḥ
punaśh cha bhūyo 'pi namo namas te*

*namaḥ purastād atha pṛiṣṭhataḥ te
namo 'stu te sarvata eva sarva*

*ananta-vīryāmita-vikramas tvam
sarvaṁ samāpnoṣhi tato 'si sarvaḥ*

TRANSLATION

- (38)** You are the primeval God and the original Divine Personality; you are the sole resting place of this universe. You are both the knower and the object of knowledge; you are the Supreme Abode. O possessor of infinite forms, you alone pervade the entire universe.
- (39)** You are *Vāyu* (the god of wind), *Yamraj* (the god of death), *Agni* (the god of fire), *Varuṇ* (the god of water), and *Chandra* (the moon-God). You are the creator Brahma, and the great-grandfather of all beings. I offer my salutations unto you a thousand times, again and yet again!
- (40)** O Lord of infinite power, my salutations to you from the front and the rear, indeed from all sides! You possess infinite valor and might and pervade everything, and thus, you are everything.

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Chapter 11

Verse 38:

The Supreme Lord Krishna is prime cause of all causes. The most ancient of all. The origin of all the demigods and every other kind of god. The ultimate refuge of creation and all universes because He is the *vishvarupa*, the divine universal form. What in the universe and all creation is not a part of the Supreme Lord Krishna? He is the knower of everything and the goal of everything knowable. He is the highest abode known as the spiritual realms of *Vaikuntha* and He is beyond that. The whole manifest and unmanifest creation is pervaded by Him. All existences past, present and future, sentient as well as insentient are impregnate with the Supreme Lord who resides within them as the eternal principle in the form of the *atma*. Hence all such terms as eternal, unlimited, imperishable, indestructible etc. refer to Him exclusively. Because of all these things Lord Krishna deserves glorification and salutations from everyone in all creation.

Verses 39:

In this verse, Arjuna infers that Lord Krishna resides in all of demigods, including but not limited to the wind, fire, water and moon, which are His *vibhutis* or divine transcendental

opulences. As an example, gold can be molded into various ornaments, each of which has its own, distinct individuality, and yet each is gold. So, just as gold is not an ornament, but ornaments are still golden, likewise God is all the demigods but the demigods are not God. Lord Krishna is even the progenitor of the grandsire Brahma, who is in charge of creation. Comprehending the reality of all these things as part of the magnificently majestic pageant of the Supreme Lord, and overcome with feelings of devotion, reverence and anxiety, Arjuna offers his obeisances *sahasra-krtvah* meaning 1000's of times, and not still being satisfied, offers his humble prostrations many, many times upon the ground before Lord Krishna.

Verses 40:

Beholding the resplendent Supreme Lord Krishna in all His glory before him, Arjuna out of extreme passion of devotion salutes the Supreme Lord with praises such as *ananta-virya* or unlimited potency and *amita-vikramah* or immeasurably powerful, and humbly offers Him obeisance from all directions, repeatedly exclaiming *Namah! Namah!* (I bow down to you again and again). He also states that Lord Krishna pervades the total creation because it is an extension of Him, and therefore, He is everything in existence. Due to Lord Krishna's attributes of omniscience and omnipresence, it is clearly established that Lord Krishna Himself is *paramatma* or the Supreme eternal soul pervading all creation and all living entities. The collective total of every *atma* or eternal soul of all living entities constitutes His divine, transcendental spiritual body and which also contains what appears to be inanimate as well.