

**Reflections from Shrimad Bhagavadgita– Part 62: Chapter 7, Verses 07-11**

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**TRANSLITERATION**

मत्तः परतरं नान्यत्किञ्चिदस्ति धनञ्जय ।

*mattaḥ parataram nānyat kiñchid asti dhanañjaya  
mayi sarvam idam protam sūtre maṇi-gaṇā iva*

मयि सर्वमिदं प्रोतं सूत्रे मणिगणा इव ॥ ७-७ ॥

रसोऽहमप्सु कौन्तेय प्रभास्मि शशिसूर्ययोः ।

*raso 'ham apsu kaunteya prabhāsmi śhaśhi-sūryayoḥ  
praṇavaḥ sarva-vedeṣhu śhabdaḥ khe pauruṣam nṛiṣhu*

प्रणवः सर्ववेदेषु शब्दः खे पौरुषं नृषु ॥ ७-८ ॥

पुण्यो गन्धः पृथिव्यां च तेजश्चास्मि विभावसौ ।

*puṇyo gandhaḥ pṛithivyām cha tejaśh chāsmi vibhāvasau  
jīvanam sarva-bhūteṣhu tapaśh chāsmi tapasviṣhu*

जीवनं सर्वभूतेषु तपश्चास्मि तपस्विषु ॥ ७-९ ॥

बीजं मां सर्वभूतानां विद्धि पार्थ सनातनम् ।

*bījam mām sarva-bhūtānām viddhi pārtha sanātanam  
buddhir buddhimatām asmi tejas tejasvinām aham*

बुद्धिर्बुद्धिमतामस्मि तेजस्तेजस्विनामहम् ॥ ७-१० ॥

बलं बलवतां चाहं कामरागविवर्जितम् ।

*balam balavatām chāham kāma-rāga-vivarjitam  
dharmāvīruddho bhūteṣhu kāmo 'smi bharatarṣhabha*

धर्माविरुद्धो भूतेषु कामोऽस्मि भरतर्षभ ॥ ७-११ ॥

## TRANSLATION

- (07)** There is nothing higher than myself, O Arjun. Everything rests in me, as beads strung on a thread.
- (08)** I am the taste in water, O son of Kunti, and the radiance of the sun and the moon. I am the sacred syllable Om in the Vedic mantras; I am the sound in ether, and the ability in humans.
- (09)** I am the pure fragrance of the Earth, and the brilliance in fire. I am the life-force in all beings, and the penance of the ascetics.
- (10)** O Arjun, know that I am the eternal seed of all beings. I am the intellect of the intelligent, and the splendor of the glorious.
- (11)** O best of the Bharatas, in strong persons, I am their strength devoid of desire and passion. I am sexual activity not conflicting with virtue or scriptural injunctions.

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### Chapter 7

#### Verse 07:

Here Lord Krishna speaks of His paramount position over everything and His superiority overall. He Himself is factually the substratum of everything existing and the source of the entire creation. There is no independent power or cause for all of creation other than Him. Lord Krishna is the Supreme Lord of all. Everything animate and inanimate in all of creation evolves from Him. There is nothing equal to Him nor is there anything superior to Him. He is the source of all sources. He is the controller of all controllers. He is the Lord of all lords. He is the origin of the creator of creation. He is the Supreme Being above all other beings. He is the Ruler of the unmanifest and the manifest. By the will of Lord Krishna the entire creation of unlimited movable and immovables has been manifested. The metaphor given are the words *sootre mani-ganaa iva* meaning clusters of gems strung on a thread. The stableness and movement of the gems are dependent upon the thread and in the same way the stability and movement of the entire creation, comprised of the animate and inanimate, are dependent upon Lord Krishna who resides as *paramatman*, the Supreme Soul, within all sentient beings. This means that their life and activities are dependent solely on Him even though possessing free will. It is stated in the Vedic scriptures that the Supreme Lord encompasses internally and externally everything that is seen or heard.

### **Verse 08:**

Now to illustrate that He is the form of all because He is the *atman* or soul of all, Lord Krishna reveals in the next five verses how He is situated as the core essence of all properties beginning with the sapidity of water in its subtle casual form. He is the essence of illumination of the sun and moon. He is the supremely sacred sound vibration *OM*. He is the origin of all the Vedas and the source of the Vedic utterances which become objects of hearing. He is the subtle casual form in ether and the potency of competence in men.

### **Verse 09:**

Lord Krishna further states that He is the subtle principle of fragrance innate within the Earth. He is the pure, bright, natural glow found in fire. He is the vital force of vitality which sustains all life and animates all beings. He is the potency of austerities in the ascetics and forest dwellers giving them the power to endure in their penance to overcome the dualities such as cold and heat.

### **Verse 10:**

Lord Krishna reveals His glory as the *bijam* or permanent seed and original cause of life in all creation, woven through all movable and immovable created beings and that this original seed continues manifesting infinitely through all generations of the same species. He is the *tejas* or valor of the valiant which allows one to be victorious over all others. He is the spiritual intelligence in the form of spiritual discriminative power in the absence of which a human being is simply an animal. The scriptures often describe Humans without spiritual intelligence are like beasts.

### **Verse 11:**

Lord Krishna continues to explain His subtle qualities. He says that He is the strength of the mighty performing their individual duties devoid of passion and attachment. He is the energy of sexual desire for procreation which is not contrary to virtue and righteousness and does not conflict with the injunctions and prohibitions of the Vedic scriptures. Sexual activity, when devoid of regulative principles and carried out for sense enjoyment, is considered animalistic in nature. *Rajas* or passion is an active desire for things unattained. Attachment though is a passive emotion of the mind which incites the thirst for more of a desired object after already experiencing it. So, when Lord Krishna states: *kama-raga-vivarjitam* meaning devoid of passion and attachment, He is explaining the nature of His strength. He is the serene, sublime strength which empowers one to regularly perform their spiritual duties without deviation or cessation. He is also the passion which is never contrary to *Sanatan Dharma* or eternal righteousness.