



॥ श्रीमद्वाल्मीकि रामायणम् ॥

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Good Company is a blessing

Vivekachoodamani

दुर्लभं त्रयमेवैतद्देवानुग्रहहेतुकम् ।

मनुष्यत्वं मुमुक्षुत्वं महापुरुषसंश्रयः ॥ ३

Bhaja Govindam

सत्सङ्गत्वे निस्सङ्गत्वं निस्सङ्गत्वे निर्मोहत्वम् ।

निर्मोहत्वे निश्चलतत्त्वं निश्चलतत्त्वे जीवन्मुक्तिः ॥ ९

Who you are is a function of what
company you keep...

सन्तप्तायसि संस्थितस्य पयसो नामापि न ज्ञायते
मुक्ताकारतया तदेव नलिनीपत्रस्थितं राजते ।
स्वात्यां सागरशुक्तिमध्यपतितं सन्मौक्तिकं जायते
प्रायेणोत्तममध्यमाधमदशा संसर्गतो जायते ॥

You cant even notice a hint of a drop of water fallen
on hot iron. The same drop shines like a pearl on a
lotus leaf. In the 'swāti' nakṣatra fallen inside a sea
shell, it becomes a pearl. Usually excellent, medium
and bad states (of a person) are dependent on
company.

Your company matters...

महाजनस्य संसर्गः कस्य नोन्नतिकारकः ।
पद्मपत्रस्थितं तोयं धत्ते मुक्ताफलश्रियम् ॥

Company of great person is always beneficial. (see how) drop of water on lotus leaf appears like a pearl. (i.e.. it gains status similar to pearl).

अहो दुर्जनसंसर्गात् मानहानिः पदे पदे ।
पावको लोहसंगेन मुद्गरैरभिताड्यते ॥

Wicked person's company is invitation to frequent insults. When gold is with iron and hammer, it gets beaten.

Who is our Friend?

विद्या मित्रं प्रवासेषु भार्या मित्रं गृहेषु च ।
व्याधितस्यौषधं मित्रं धर्मो मित्रं मृतस्य च ॥

Knowledge is (your) friend in the journey, wife is the friend at home, drug is (like) friend in illness and dharma is the friend after death.

Good Vs Bad Friendship...

नीतिशतकम्

आरम्भगुर्वी क्षयिणी क्रमेण लघ्वी पुरा वृद्धिमती च पश्चात् ।
दिनस्य पूर्वार्धपरार्ध भिन्ना छायेव मैत्री खलसञ्जनानाम् ॥

In the beginning big, decreasing over time, very small and simple at the beginning, but growing over time. Just as the shadow during the forenoon and afternoon of a day is the nature of friendship of wicked and good people respectively.

Source: <http://www.omjai.org/Subhashitas%20-%20Friendship>

Avoidable Friends

Chanakya Neeti

परोक्षे कार्यहन्तारं प्रत्यक्षे प्रियवादिनम् ।
वर्जयेत्तादृशं मित्रं विषकुम्भं पयोमुखम् ॥

Disrupting one's work in his absence, sweet spoken in his presence - shun such a friend as if, milk at the mouth of a pot of poison.

Source: <http://www.omjai.org/Subhashitas%20-%20Friendship>

Sugrīva on Friendship

किष्किन्दाकण्डम्

सर्वथा सुकरं मित्रं दुष्करं परिपालनम् ।

अनित्यत्वाच्छ चित्तानां प्रीतिरल्पेपि भिद्यते ॥ 32.7

It is easy to earn a friend but keeping the friendship sustained is difficult. Due to fickleness of mind friendship gets broken even on flimsy grounds.

Vālmīki Rāmāyaṇam

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)
संक्षेपरामायणम्

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 58 - 59

पम्पातीरे हनुमता सङ्गतो वानरेण ह ॥ 1.1.58
हनुमद्वचनाच्चैव सुग्रीवेण समागतः ।

On the bank of Pampā he met a monkey named Hanumān on whose advice he made friendship with Sugrīva.

Rāma's Praise of Hanumān

नानृग्वेदविनीतस्य नायजुर्वेद्धारिणः ।
नासामवेदविदुषश्शक्यमेवं विभाषितुम् ॥ 3.27

'Unless well versed in Rigveda, Yajurveda and Sāmaveda, for sure, it is not possible for anyone to articulate so well.

नूनं व्याकरणं कृत्स्नमनेन बहुधा श्रुतम् ।
बहु व्याहरताऽनेन न किञ्चिदपशब्दितम् ॥ 3.28

'Surely, he seems to have studied well the whole of grammar, for there is not a single mispronunciation in his entire speech.

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 59 - 60

सुग्रीवाय च तत्सर्वं शंसद्रामो महाबलः ॥ 1.1.59

आदितस्तद्यथावृत्तं सीतायाश्च विशेषतः ।

Mighty Rāma related to Sugrīva all that had happened right from the beginning, more importantly Sītā's abduction

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 60 - 62

सुग्रीवश्चापि तत्सर्वं श्रुत्वा रामस्य वानरः ॥ 1.1.60
चकार सख्यं रामेण प्रीतश्चैवाग्निसाक्षिकम् ।

Hearing everything that story from Rāma, Sugrīva was very pleased and made a pact with Rāma in the presence of Agni as witness.

ततो वानरराजेन वैरानुकथनं प्रति ॥ 1.1.61
रामायावेदितं सर्वं प्रणयाद्दुःखितेन च ।

Thereafter Sugrīva, king of monkeys filled with sorrow narrated to Rāma out of friendship the entire account of his hostilities (with Vāli).

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 62 - 64

प्रतिज्ञातं च रामेण तदा वालिवधं प्रति ॥ 1.1.62
वालिनश्च बलं तत्र कथयामास वानरः ।

Then Rāma vowed to slay Vāli. The monkey (Sugrīva) described about Vāli's prowess to Rāma.

सुग्रीवश्शङ्कितश्चासीन्नित्यं वीर्येण राघवे ॥ 1.1.63
राघवप्रत्ययार्थं तु दुन्दुभेः कायमुत्तमम् ।
दर्शयामास सुग्रीवो महापर्वतसन्निभम् ॥ 1.1.64

Doubtful of the prowess of Rāma Sugrīva in order to get convinced showed him the huge (dead) body of Dundubhi resembling a big mountain.

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 65

उत्स्मयित्वा महाबाहुः प्रेक्ष्य चास्थि महाबलः ।
पादाङ्गुष्ठेन चिक्षेप सम्पूर्णं दशयोजनम् ॥ 1.1.65

The strong-armed Rāma, who was endowed with great strength looked at the skeleton and smiled within himself for a while. He kicked off the skeleton with the great toe of his foot completely to a full distance of ten yojanas (eighty miles).

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 66

बिभेद च पुनस्सालान्सप्तैकेन महेषुणा ।

गिरिं रसातलं चैव जनयन्प्रत्ययं तथा ॥ 1.1.66

Again in order to create confidence (in Sugrīva), he released a single mighty shaft which penetrated seven palmyra trees, a mountain and the Rasātala.

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 67 - 68

ततः प्रीतमनास्तेन विश्वस्तस्य महाकपिः ।

किष्किन्धां रामसहितो जगाम च गुहां तदा ॥ 1.1.67

Pleased with Rāma's action and convinced of his prowess he left thereafter with Rama for Kiṣkindhā which was like a cave.

ततोऽगर्जद्धरिवरः सुग्रीवो हेमपिङ्गलः ।

तेन नादेन महता निर्जगाम हरीश्वरः ॥ 1.1.68

On entering the city of Kiṣkindhā, Sugrīva the best of monkeys of reddish yellow hue roared with a great voice. There upon Vāli, the lord of monkeys came out.

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 69 - 70

अनुमान्य तदा तारां सुग्रीवेण समागतः ।
निजघान च तत्रैनं शरेणैकेन राघवः ॥ 1.1.69

After convincing his wife Tārā, who was dissuading from this, Vāli entered into a combat with Sugrīva. There, Rāma killed Vāli with a single shaft.

ततस्सुग्रीववचनाद्धत्वा वालिनमाहवे ।
सुग्रीवमेव तद्राज्ये राघवः प्रत्यपादयत् ॥ 1.1.70

After he killed Vāli in the combat in compliance with the words of Sugrīva, Rāma installed Sugrīva as king.

Bāla Kāṇḍam (Sarga 1)

Śloka 71 - 72

स च सर्वान्समानीय वानरान्वानरर्षभः ।

दिशः प्रस्थापयामास दिदृक्षुर्जनकात्मजाम् ॥ 1.1.71

The best of monkeys (Sugrīva) gathered his monkey forces and despatched them in various directions in search of Janaka's daughter.

ततो गृध्रस्य वचनात्सम्पातेर्हनुमान्बली ।

शतयोजनविस्तीर्णं पुपुवे लवणार्णवम् ॥ 1.1.72

At the suggestion of the vulture, Sampāti mighty Hanumān leapt over the salt ocean extending over a hundred yojanas.