

॥ सुभाषितम् ॥

**Subhāṣita About Knowledge from Nītiśataka (100 Verses on
Morality) of Bhartṛhari**

यदा किञ्चिज्ज्ञोऽहं द्विप इव मदान्धः समभवं
तदा सर्वज्ञोऽस्मीत्यभवदवलितं मम मनः ।
यदा किञ्चित् किञ्चिद् बुधजनसकाशादवगतं
तदा मूर्खोऽस्मीति ज्वर इव मदो मे व्यपगतः ॥

When I had gained a little knowledge I was like an elephant blinded by rutting secretion. My mind became arrogant and thought, "I am all-knowing." But when I understood just a tiny amount from being in the presence of the wise, the arrogance disappeared from me like a fever and I thought, "I am a fool."