



**BHAGAVAD GITA: Chapter 10, Verse 23**

rudranam shankarash chasmi vittesho yaksha-rakshasam  
vasunam pavakash chasmi meruh shikharinam aham

rudrāNām—amongst the rudras; śhankarah—Lord Shiv; cha—and; asmi—I am; vitta-iśhah—the god of wealth and the treasurer of the celestial gods; yaksha—amongst the semi-celestial beings; rakshasām—amongst the demons; vasūnām—amongst the vasus; pāvakah—Agni (fire); cha—and; asmi—I am; meruh—Mount Meru; śhikharinām—amongst the mountains; aham—I am

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◆ **TRANSLATION**

BG 10.23: Amongst the rudras know Me to be Shankar; amongst the semi-celestial beings and demons I am Kuber. I am Agni amongst the vasus and Meru amongst the mountains.

◆ **COMMENTARY**

The rudras are the eleven forms of Lord Shiv—Hara, Bahurupa, Tryambaka, Aparajita, Vrisakapi, Shankar, Kapardi, Raiyata, Mrigavyadha, Sarva, Kapali. The Puranas have named them differently in different places. Amongst these, Shankar is the original form of Lord Shiv in the universe.

Yakshas (semi-celestial beings) are beings who are very fond of acquiring wealth and hoarding it. Their leader, Kuber, is the god of wealth and the treasurer of the celestial gods. He thus reflects the vibhūti of God amongst the demons.

There are eight vasus—land, water, fire, air, space, sun, moon, and stars. They constitute the gross structure of the universe. Amongst these, agni (fire) gives warmth and energy to the rest of the elements. Thus, Shree Krishna mentions it as his special manifestation.

Meru is a mountain in the celestial abodes famed for its rich natural resources. It is believed to be the axis around which many heavenly bodies rotate. Shree Krishna thus speaks of it as his glory. As wealth distinguishes a wealthy person, these glories reveal the vibhūtis of God.



**Is it your Birthday Today?**

**MARCH 12**

Governed by number 3 and the planet Jupiter. You are a practical, energetic, religious, brilliant, sober and an optimistic person. You are always looking for a change and you adapt to new technologies quickly than others. You are efficient and sincere, but you need to check your tendency to behave jealous and stubborn at times. This year sharing personal and secretive information would not be in your best interest. The atmosphere at office would be competitive and would require you to handle important jobs with more responsibility. You can look forward to new friendships and even a romantic alliance through work related projects. You need to control your mood and erratic behaviour; otherwise you are likely to disappoint many people around you. Distant journeys, maybe overseas for some would fetch favorable returns. The months of November, January and June will prove to be significant.

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*Word of the Day*

**BESOTTED**

bih-SAH-tud

**What It Means**

Someone described as besotted is so in love that they are unable to think clearly; they are utterly infatuated. Besotted can also be used as a synonym of drunk.

// The opening scene of the movie follows a besotted couple at a party, the camera's focus emphasizing their ignorance of all that's around them.

**BESOTTED IN CONTEXT**

"Kathrin [tour guide] is endearingly besotted with her adopted country and spoke about it with the reverence of a convert. Some more things I heard from her that contribute to people in Finland being happy included: sauna culture discouraging fatphobia; emphasis on design—that means even very basic, cheap things are beautiful and robust; and, of course, nature." — Imogen West-Knights, Slate,

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**Did You Know?**

Stumble on the word sot and you will likely find it attached to a person who tends to over-imbibe. The word has referred to a habitual drunkard since the late 16th century, and before that—from the days of Old English—it referred to a fool generally. The now-archaic verb sot followed a similar trajectory, its original meaning of "to cause to appear foolish" being joined later by its "to drink alcohol excessively" meaning.

**WORD OF THE DAY**

**STARS & PLANETS**



■ **ARIES:** Your outgoing and jovial nature is intensified today, Aries, and so you're probably going to be sought after for any parties or celebrations. Your generosity is also at an all-time high, and will take many forms, which will be appreciated by that special someone in your life. Think about taking your partner with you as you make the social rounds tonight and making him or her the star of the evening.

■ **TAURUS:** Inspiration is the keyword for today, Taurus. An optimistic and enthusiastic attitude could lead to powerful imaginings, which may take solid form as plans for future projects. These could be artistic, business related, or centered around your home in some way. Whatever they are, this is a good day to put those plans into motion. All signs indicate success on any project begun or completed today.

■ **GEMINI:** A group you're associated with could bring information to your attention that puts you in a very positive frame of mind and almost has you skipping all the way home. You should enjoy socializing today, Gemini, as you're even more gregarious than usual. Both old and new friends could seek out your company. A victory of some kind has come your way, contributing to your great mood.

■ **CANCER:** Your faithful and diligent work, Cancer, in addition to a lot of sacrifices for the sake of your career, will soon bear fruit. The anticipation of a great evaluation, with possible advancement, is likely to have you walking on air all day, full of dreams and plans for the future. Enjoy this well-deserved peace of mind. Spend some time today enjoying your family.

■ **LEO:** Congratulations, Leo! You've finally reached a goal you've been working toward for a long time. Success and advancement are on their way, and you should be feeling extremely enthusiastic and optimistic about your future. Some vast changes may take place in your life, but they all promise to be positive. Expect to travel and learn a lot. Make the most of these energies.

■ **VIRGO:** Vivid, wonderful dreams may have haunted your sleep last night, Virgo, leaving you disappointed that they weren't real. They have a message for you, so write them down, set them aside, and analyze them later. Your psychic abilities and imagination are very sharp today. This is a great day to start an artistic project that has been in the back of your mind for some time. Enjoy your day.

■ **LIBRA:** Feel free to take full advantage of the very open social energies of today, Libra. You, especially, will feel at home in any social gathering, totally at ease talking to new people and charming the room. This would be an ideal day to meet someone new. Someone of the opposite sex may be particularly attracted to you. Feel free to be as flirtatious as you want!

■ **SCORPIO:** Expect some very pleasant surprises today, Scorpio. If you're single, you're likely to receive a phone call from someone who interests you romantically. This should greatly increase your level of self-confidence, and you're therefore likely to float through the rest of the day. With these aspects, any new relationship or project begun today will have a wonderful energy behind it.

■ **SAGITTARIUS:** You should be feeling especially strong, healthy, and charismatic. You're likely to receive some invitations to exciting parties. You might be surprised at what seems a sudden increase in your popularity. Expanded career opportunities could also come your way from new acquaintances, and you could find doors opening to a whole new life - new friends, new position, and possibly a new home.

■ **CAPRICORN:** Optimism and enthusiasm for the months ahead have you feeling confident and strong. The sky's the limit! A male visitor could have some surprising news for you. This is a great day to make investments or purchase property. If you've been expecting money through legal papers or contracts, it could come in the mail today. The night could bring vivid and interesting dreams.

■ **AQUARIUS:** Some interesting information could come to you from another state or country, Aquarius. This could induce some pretty deep thinking, leading to decisions that could alter the course of your life in some way. You might be considering returning to school to advance your education. Your mood today should be optimistic and positive. You could be full of utopian schemes for the future.

■ **PISCES:** You should wake up feeling strong and confident, Pisces. Expect to receive some good news today, which will only heighten your mood. In the afternoon you could attend a party or neighborhood get-together. You'll have a good time talking to friends and meeting new people. In the evening, relax!