

MB Benedictory Verses: Translation by Satya Chaitanya

1. Om. Salutations to the auspicious Destroyer of Obstacles!
2. Victory to Vyasa, son of Parashara, delighter of the heart of Satyavati, from the flower-cup of whose lotus face the world drinks the nectar of words.
3. Victory to Vishnu, the wish-fulfilling tree, with dharma for its strong, binding roots, the Vedas for its trunk, the puranas for its branches, the sacrifices for its flowers, and salvation as its fruit.
4. I salute Dwaipayana [Vyasa], the treasure house of the Vedas, who is said to be the sixth down from the Creator, the great sage endowed with undecaying glories, the one-son born of a part of Narayana.
5. May the pure lotus of the Mahabharata, born in the lake of the words of Vyasa, intensely sweet with the fragrance of the meaning of the Gita, with the several stories as its stamens, which has been told to enlighten us about the story of the lord, the destroyer of the dirt of the Kali age, drunk joyously by the bees of good men in the world, bestow good on us.
6. Salutations to Shri Ganesh!
7. Salutations to Narasimha along with Lakshmi!
8. [Incomplete verse. Not translated.]
9. Salutations to the auspicious guru!
10. Salutations to the elephant-faced god bowing down to whom cheerfully before all beginnings, the gods beginning Brahma, the lord of the word, consider themselves blessed.
11. I salute that treasure-house of austerities, Vyasa, the great grandson of Vasishtha, the sinless grandson of Shakti, the son of Parashara.
12. Bhagavan Badarayana [Vyasa] is indeed Brahma minus his four faces a second Vishnu with only two arms, and Shiva minus his third eye.
13. Harih Om! Salutations to Lord Veda Vyasa!
14. Salutations to Lord Ramanuja [Krishna]!
15. Salute the Lord dressed in pure white clothes, the moon-hued one with four hands and the cheerful face, for the cessation of all obstacles.

16. I worship Lord Hayagriva, whose nature is knowledge and bliss, who is faultless and in the form of a crystal, and who is the basis of all knowledge.
17. Salutations to Vyasa who is none other than Vishnu! Salutations to Vishnu in the form of Vyasa! Salutations to the treasure house of spiritual wisdom! Salutations again and again to the sage born in the line of Vasishtha!
18. Salutations to the great Dharma! Salutations to the wise Krishna! Having saluted the brahmanas, I shall now speak of the eternal dharmas.
19. Dark as the clouds, with terrible looking yellow hair and beard, of short height, with a stick in his hand and wearing the skin of a black antelope, the chief of poets who sanctifies all the worlds – may that son of Parashara reveal his form in all the parvas.
20. May that Brahman that destroys inauspiciousness and increases auspiciousness in men by its mere remembrance bring good to us.
21. Harih Om! May everything be auspicious!
22. Dharma multiplies by the ritual repetition of Yudhishtira's name. Sin is destroyed by the repetition of Bheema's name. And when Arjuna's name is remembered, enemies are destroyed. And no disease will come to those who repeat the names of the sons of Madri.
23. I bow down before the feet of Saraswati, and before the husband of Shree and of Uma. I bow down before Ganapati, the lord of obstacles, and before all the sages beginning with Brihaspati.
24. I bow down to Narayana, the greatest of the gods, the one master of the universe, the lover of devotees, revered by the whole world; who is beyond the three gunas, the unborn, the most glorious one, the primal one, the lord of all. I bow down to the destroyer of samsara, the one who is saluted by the devas, the asuras, the siddhas, all.