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शतकत्रयाः (Śatakatrayāḥ), the three Granthas written by भर्तृहरि (Bhartṛhari) are also known as सुभाषितित्रशतीः (subhāṣitatriśatīḥ). नीतिशतकम् (Nītiśatakam) contains 100 verses on ethical principles and morality. There are about 13 verses on मूर्ख पद्धति (Mūrkha Paddhatiḥ) and the following highlights the inquiry aspect.



यदा किंचिज्ज्ञोऽहं द्विप इव मदान्धः समभवं तदा सर्वज्ञोऽसमीत्यभवदवलिप्तं मम मनः । यदा किंचित्किंचिद्बुधजनसकाशादवगत तदा मूर्खोस्मीति ज्वर इव मदो मे व्यपगतः ॥[8]

yadā kiñcijño`hum dwipa eva madāndhaḥ samabhavam tadā sarvajño`samītyabhavadavaliptam mama manaḥ / yadā kiñcitkiñcidbudhajanasakāśādavagata tadā mūrkhosmīti jvara eva mado me vyapagataḥ //

When I knew but little, like a wild (untamed) elephant, my (imprudent) mind was blinded by pride - "I know everything." But when I came in contact with the wise persons, I realized what a fool I am and like the fever (coming down), my (false) pride went away.

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