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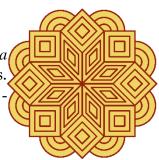


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Samyak Krtam

Subhāśitam By Kavita Shah, Mumbai

The second method from *Nītiśatakam* is विद्वत पद्धति: (*vidvata paddhatiḥ*) which portrays the ways, conduct etc of wise persons. In *vidvata paddhatiḥ*, the emphasis is on the importance of वाक् (*vāk* - speech) and विद्या (*vidyā* - knowledge).



केयूरा न विभूषयन्ति पुरुषं हारा न चन्द्रोज्ज्वला न स्नानं न विलेपनं न कुसुमं नालङ्कृता मूर्धजाः । वाण्येका समलंकरोति पुरुषं या संस्कृता धार्यते क्षीयते खलु भूषणानि सततं वाग्भूषणं भूषणम् ॥

keyūrā na vibhūṣayanti puruṣaṁ hārā na candrojjvalā
na snānaṁ na vilepanaṁ na kusumaṁ nālaṅkṛtā mūrdhajāḥ /
vāṇyekā samalaṁkaroti puruṣaṁ yā saṁskṛtā dhāryate
kṣīyate khalu bhūṣaṇāni satataṁ vāgbhūṣaṇaṁ bhūṣaṇam //

Neither the Ornament like $key\bar{u}r\bar{a}$ (armlets), nor a necklace shining like the moon, nor a bath (with perfumed waters), nor applying the perfumed paste (over the body), nor the hair decorated with the flowers, makes the person beautiful. The ornament of the man is his polished and refined speech. The other ornaments deteriorate but the ornament of all the ornaments, i.e the speech, remains forever.

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