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Samyak Krtam

Subhāśitam By Kavita Shah, Mumbai

The fifth *Paddhatiḥ* of *Nītiśatakam* is বুর্তান্যব্ধনি: (*Durjanapaddhatiḥ*). The verses under this *Paddhatiḥ* highlight the vices of the wicked such as lack of compassion, quarrelsome nature, self-centeredness, eyeing others' wealth and women, jealousy towards one's own kin. *Bhartṛhari* says that such devilish conduct and immoral practices are inherent in them.



दुर्जनः परिहर्तण्यो विधयाऽलङ्कृतोऽपि सन् । मणिना भूषितः सर्पः किमसौ न भयंकरः ।।

durjanaḥ parihartaṇyo vidhayā 'laṅkṛto' pi san l maṇinā bhūṣitaḥ sarpaḥ kimasau na bhayaṅkaraḥ []

A wicked person is to be avoided even though he is learned. Is not a serpent adorned with the jewel (on his hood) dangerous?

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