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1 · The śloka — with the reading split

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गीताशास्त्रमिदं पुण्यं यः पठेत् प्रयतः पुमान् ।
विष्णोः पदमवाप्नोति भयशोकादिवर्जितः ॥ १ ॥

गीता-शास्त्रम्-इदम् पुण्यम् यः पठेत् प्रयतः पुमान् ।
विष्णोः पदम्-अवाप्नोति भय-शोक-आदि-वर्जितः ॥ १ ॥

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gītāśāstramidaṃ puṇyaṃ yaḥ paṭhet prayataḥ pumān |
viṣṇoḥ padamavāpnoti bhayaśokādivarjitaḥ || 1 ||

gītā-śāstram-idam puṇyam yaḥ paṭhet prayataḥ pumān |
viṣṇoḥ padam-avāpnoti bhaya-śoka-ādi-varjitaḥ || 1 ||

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ITRANS

gItAshAstramidaM puNyaM yaH paThet prayataH pumAn |
viShNoH padamavApnoti bhayashokAdivarjitaH || 1 ||

gItA-shAstram-idam puNyam yaH paThet prayataH pumAn |
viShNoH padam-avApnoti bhaya-shoka-Adi-varjitaH || 1 ||

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2 · Every word — with its meaning

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1	गीताशास्त्रमिदं गीता-शास्त्रम्-इदम्	gītāśāstramidaṃ gītā-śāstram-idam	gItAshAstramidaM gItA-shAstram-idam	**this Gītā-śāstra** — गीता: the Gītā · शास्त्रम्: the teaching-scripture · इदम्: this
2	पुण्यं पुण्यम्	puṇyaṃ puṇyam	puNyaM puNyam	**holy** — meritorious, purifying; what a sacred text makes of its reader

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3	यः	yaḥ	yaH	**whoever** — the relative pronoun that opens the promise
4	पठेत्	paṭhet	paThet	**would read** — recites (√पठ्, optative, 3rd sing.)
5	प्रयतः	prayataḥ	prayataH	**devoted** — with the heart collected and attentive (प्र + √यम्)
6	पुमान्	pumān	pumAn	**a man** — a person (nom. sing.; any human being)

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7	विष्णोः	viṣṇoḥ	viShNoH	**of Viṣṇu** — the Lord's (genitive)
8	पदमवाप्नोति पदम्-अवाप्नोति	padamavāpnoti padam-avāpnoti	padamavApnoti padam-avApnoti	**attains the state** — पदम्: the place, the supreme state · अवाप्नोति: attains (अव + √आप्)
9	भयशोकादिवर्जितः भय-शोक-आदि-वर्जितः	bhayaśokādivarjitaḥ bhaya-śoka-ādi-varjitaḥ	bhayashokAdivarjitaH bhaya-shoka-Adi-varjitaH	**freed from fear, grief and the rest** — भय: fear · शोक: grief · आदि: and so on · वर्जितः: freed from

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3 · The śloka in English

Whoever reads this holy śāstra of the Gītā with a devoted heart attains the state of Viṣṇu — freed from fear, grief and the rest.

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4 · The heart of the śloka (tātparyam)

The short māhātmyam opens with the whole fruit in one verse.

- **The reader** — *yaḥ paṭhet*: the verse asks nothing of learning, ritual or birth — the doorway to the promise is the plain reading of the text.
- **With devotion — *prayataḥ*** — one condition, and it is inward: a collected, attentive heart. The tradition keeps this word for one who approaches anything sacred — composed and present.

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- **What is attained — *viṣṇoḥ padam*** — not a reward among rewards: Viṣṇu's own place — the supreme state the whole Gītā sets before its student. The praise begins by naming the destination.
- **What falls away — *bhaya-śoka-ādi-varjitaḥ*** — fear and grief are named, and "the rest" gathers the whole family; the freed person is described by what can no longer reach him.
- **Both halves in one breath** — the state gained and the burdens gone: the same double promise the Gītā itself gives its reader, here in a single śloka.

In one line: *read it with a present heart — and the state of Viṣṇu is yours, with fear and grief left behind.*

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5 · The padaccheda — the complete word list

The badge shows the §2 word each padaccheda word belongs to — a shared word carries both numbers.

#	शब्दः	IAST	ITRANS	English	
1	गीता	gītā	gItA	the Gītā; the Song	1
2	शास्त्रम्	śāstram	shAstram	the śāstra; the teaching-scripture	
3	इदम्	idam	idam	this	
4	पुण्यम्	puṇyam	puNyam	holy; meritorious; purifying	2
5	यः	yaḥ	yaH	whoever (relative pronoun)	3
6	पठेत्	paṭhet	paThet	would read (√पठ्, optative, 3rd sing.)	4

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7	प्रयतः	prayataḥ	prayataH	devoted; attentive (प्र + √यम् — with the mind collected) [5]
8	पुमान्	pumān	pumAn	a man; a person (nom. sing. of पुम्स्) [6]
9	विष्णोः	viṣṇoḥ	viShNoH	of Viṣṇu (genitive) [7]
10	पदम्	padam	padam	the place; the state; the abode [8]
11	अवाप्नोति	avāpnoti	avApnoti	attains; reaches (अव + √आप्, present, 3rd sing.)
12	भय	bhaya	bhaya	fear [9]
13	शोक	śoka	shoka	grief; sorrow

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14	आदि	ādi	Adi	and the rest; beginning with
15	वर्जितः	varjitaḥ	varjitaH	freed from; without

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