

Verse 1

<i>Bahū devā manussā ca</i>	Many deities and men,
<i>Mangalāni acintayum</i>	yearning after good,
<i>Ākankhamānā sothānam</i>	have pondered on Blessings.
<i>Brūhi mangala muttamam</i>	Pray, tell me the Supreme Blessing.

Meaning

<i>Bahū</i>	Many
<i>devā</i>	gods; deities
<i>manussā</i>	men; human beings
<i>ca</i>	and
<i>mangalāni</i>	blessings; good omens
<i>acintayum</i>	speculating on
<i>akankhamānā</i>	(which they) hope for; aspire to
<i>sothānam</i>	safety; safe state
<i>brūhi</i>	tell; teach; clarify; reveal; explain (then)
<i>mangalam</i>	blessings
<i>uttamam</i>	supreme; highest; lofty; distinguished