Ja 197 — The Story about Friends and Foes

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Text

Verse 1

Having seen you he does not smile, nor does he give you a welcome, he does not give you his attention, and he speaks out against you.

Source note 1.1 (English)

Lit.: He does not give you his eyes, but that is not an acceptable phrase in English, and what it means is, he withraws his attention.

Verse 2

These are the dispositions that are established in a foe, from which, seeing and hearing, the wise one can know who his foe is.