Ja 290 — The Story about the Enquiry into Virtue

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Text

Verse 1

Virtue, it seems, is lovely, virtue in the world is unsurpassed, look at the poisonous snake, being virtuous he is not hurt.

Verse 2

I will undertake that blessèd virtue approved of in the world, through being noble in behaviour one is called virtuous.

Verse 3

Being dear to his relatives, he shines brightly amongst his friends, the virtuous at body’s break up arises in a good state.