

Lesson 4. Placating Visarga

विसर्ग , the two dots sometimes found at the end of a word, is not pleased with me. Here is what he has been thinking.....

Don't want him unhappy. We need him a great deal in the days to come and we can't afford to get him mad. So here goes...

How come I don't get any mention at all in your last message ?

The विसर्ग too is extremely adaptable. In an isolated word, he takes the sound of the letter just *before* him. For example...रामः is pronounced रामह. हरिः is pronounced हरिहि. गुरुः is pronounced गुरुहु , मतिः is मतिहि , वानराः is वानराहा । मालाभिः is मालाभिहि । And so on and so forth.



I think he is happy now.

Interesting fact? No... sad, sad fact. Many schools have dropped the ड् and the ज्ञ् from the वर्णमाला because they might "confuse" our kids. These so called do-gooders have spawned an entire generation of children who read शङ्कर as Shadkar instead of Shankar. Forget the Gods, the Rishis have not been spared either...i have heard that ऋ will soon be given a 'termination of services' notice. And keep this to yourselves...rumour has it that the विसर्ग too will be struck off the rolls. i loathe to think what विसर्ग will feel when he hears this bit of self defeating news.

OUR lessons WILL stick to the original वर्णमाला । i'd like to believe that she (वर्णमाला , i mean) feels safe and protected with us.