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Raksha Bandhan Mantra

येनबद्धो बलिराजा दानवेन्द्रः महासुरः ।

तेन त्वां प्रतिबद्ध्नामि रक्षो मा चल मा चल ॥

**yenabaddho balirājā dānavendraḥ mahāsuraḥ ।
tena tvāṃ pratibaddhnāmi rakṣo mā cala mā cala ॥**

Just as the King Bali, the great leader of duality, the king of all manifested existence, was bound by truth, just so do I bind you to protect me through all the movements of life.

King Bali was so bound by truth that when Lord Viṣṇu came to him disguised as a Brahmiṇ dwarf, Vāmana Avatār, even though knowing that he was being deceived, he fulfilled his promise to God and gave Him three steps of land. With His first step Lord Viṣṇu covered the entire earth and said, “The entire earth belongs to me.” With His second step He placed his foot in the heavens and said, “All the heavens belong to me.” Then He asked the king, “Where shall I put my third step?” The king responded, “Please place your foot on my head.”