

Katha Upanishad

ऊर्ध्वमूलाऽवाक्शाख एषोऽश्वत्यः सनातनः ।  
तदेव शुक्रं त्वं ब्रह्म तदेवामृतमुच्यते ।  
तस्मिँल्लोकाः श्रिताः सर्वे तद्गु नात्येति कश्चन । एतद्धं तत् ॥ १

Yama speaks: “This is an eternal Ashwattha-tree whose root is above, but its branches are downward. It is He that is called the Bright One and Brahman, and Immortality, and in Him are all the worlds established, none goes beyond Him. This is That thou seekest.

Katha Upanishad, II, iii, 1

Bhagavad Gita,

श्रीभगवानुवाच  
ऊर्ध्वमूलमधःशाखमश्वत्थं प्राहुरव्ययम् ।  
छन्दांसि यस्य पर्णानि यस्तं वेद स वेदवित् ॥ १ ॥

The Blessed Lord said, “There is a banyan tree which has its roots upward and its branches down and whose leaves are the Vedic hymns. One who knows this tree is the knower of the Vedas.”

Bhagavad Gita, Chap 15, Verse 1



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