



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

BHAVANI ASHTAKAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

All eight verses, each ending in the same refrain; the hymn has no opening dhyana verse and no closing phala shruti.

VERSE 1

न तातो न माता न बन्धुर्न दाता न पुत्रो न पुत्री न भृत्यो न भर्ता ।
न जाया न विद्या न वृत्तिर्ममैव गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

I have no father and no mother, no kinsman and no benefactor, no son, no daughter, no servant and no husband. I have no wife, no learning and no livelihood of my own; you are my refuge, you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 2

भवाब्धावपारे महादुःखभीरु पपात प्रकामी प्रलोभी प्रमत्तः ।
कुसंसारपाशप्रबद्धः सदाहं गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

In the shoreless ocean of worldly existence, terrified of great sorrow, I have fallen, full of desire, greed and heedlessness. Always bound fast in the noose of a wretched worldly life, I have you as my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 3

न जानामि दानं न च ध्यानयोगं न जानामि तन्त्रं न च स्तोत्रमन्त्रम् ।
न जानामि पूजां न च न्यासयोगं गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

I know nothing of giving, nor the discipline of meditation; I know no tantra, nor hymns and mantras. I know no worship, nor the practice of nyasa; you are my refuge, you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 4

न जानामि पुण्यं न जानामि तीर्थं न जानामि मुक्तिं लयं वा कदाचित् ।
न जानामि भक्तिं व्रतं वापि मातर्गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

I know nothing of merit, nothing of pilgrimage places, and I have never known liberation or absorption. I know neither devotion nor vows, O Mother; you are my refuge, you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 5

कुकर्मी कुसङ्गी कुबुद्धिः कुदासः कुलाचारहीनः कदाचारलीनः ।
कुदृष्टिः कुवाक्यप्रबन्धः सदाहं गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

I do wrong deeds, keep bad company, think wrong thoughts and serve unworthy masters; I have abandoned the conduct of my family and am sunk in bad conduct. My eyes look wrongly and my words are harsh, always; you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 6

प्रजेशं रमेशं महेशं सुरेशं दिनेशं निशीथेश्वरं वा कदाचित् ।
न जानामि चान्यत् सदाहं शरण्ये गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

Brahma the lord of creatures, Vishnu the lord of Lakshmi, Shiva the great lord, Indra the lord of the gods, the Sun the lord of the day or the Moon the lord of the night - I have never known any of them. I know no one else, O giver of shelter; you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 7

विवादे विषादे प्रमादे प्रवासे जले चानले पर्वते शत्रुमध्ये ।
अरण्ये शरण्ये सदा मां प्रपाहि गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

In quarrel and in grief, in error and in a foreign land, in water and in fire, on the mountain and among enemies, in the forest - O giver of shelter, always protect me. You are my refuge, you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

VERSE 8

अनाथो दरिद्रो जरारोगयुक्तो महाक्षीणदीनः सदा जाड्यवक्त्रः ।
विपत्तौ प्रविष्टः प्रनष्टः सदाहं गतिस्त्वं गतिस्त्वं त्वमेका भवानि ॥

I am without a protector, poor, burdened by old age and disease, utterly worn out and wretched, always dull of speech. I have fallen into misfortune and am always ruined; you are my refuge, you are my refuge, you alone, O Bhavani.

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