



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

GURU ASHTAKAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

Eight verses, each closing on the refrain tatah kim, followed by the verse of benefits.

VERSE 1

शरीरं सुरूपं तथा वा कलत्रं यशश्चारु चित्रं धनं मेरुतुल्यम् ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

One may have a handsome body, a beautiful wife, bright and varied fame, and wealth as vast as Mount Meru. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 2

कलत्रं धनं पुत्रपौत्रादि सर्वं गृहं बान्धवाः सर्वमेतद्धि जातम् ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

Wife, wealth, sons, grandsons and all the rest, a home and relatives - all of this may have come to one. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 3

षडङ्गादिवेदो मुखे शास्त्रविद्या कवित्वादि गद्यं सुपद्यं करोति ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

The Vedas with their six limbs and the learning of the shastras may be on one's lips, and one may have the gift of poetry and compose fine prose and verse. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 4

विदेशेषु मान्यः स्वदेशेषु धन्यः सदाचारवृत्तेषु मत्तो न चान्यः ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

One may be honoured in foreign lands and fortunate in one's own, and think that in good conduct no one surpasses oneself. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 5

क्षमामण्डले भूपभूपालवृन्दैः सदा सेवितं यस्य पादारविन्दम् ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

One's lotus feet may be served at all times by hosts of kings and rulers across the earth. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 6

यशो मे गतं दिक्षु दानप्रतापाज्जगद्वस्तु सर्वं करे यत्प्रसादात् ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

One may say: my fame has spread in every direction through my generosity and prowess, and every thing in the world is in my hand by its favour. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 7

न भोगे न योगे न वा वाजिराजौ न कान्तामुखे नैव वित्तेषु चित्तम् ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

The mind may cling neither to pleasure nor to yoga, nor to fine horses, nor to a beloved's face, nor to riches. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

VERSE 8

अरण्ये न वा स्वस्य गेहे न कार्ये न देहे मनो वर्तते मे त्वनर्घ्ये ।
मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥

My mind may dwell neither in the forest nor in my own home, neither in work to be done nor in the body, nor in anything precious. But if the mind is not fixed on the lotus feet of the Guru, what of it, what of it, what of it, what of it?

PHALA SHRUTI 1

गुरोरष्टकं यः पठेत्पुण्यदेही यतिर्भूपतिर्ब्रह्मचारी च गेही ।
लभेद्वाञ्छितार्थं पदं ब्रह्मसंज्ञं गुरोरुक्तवाक्ये मनो यस्य लग्नम् ॥

Whoever, blessed with merit, recites this octad on the Guru - whether a renunciate, a king, a celibate student or a householder - and whose mind is fixed on the words spoken by the Guru: the verse says such a person attains the desired goal, the state called Brahman.

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