



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

GURU PADUKA STOTRAM



Popularly ascribed to Adi Shankaracharya

The nine verses in the order chanted today, each closing on the same salutation.

VERSE 1

अनन्तसंसारसमुद्रतारनौकायिताभ्यां गुरुभक्तिदाभ्याम् ।
वैराग्यसाम्राज्यदपूजनाभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which serve as a boat for crossing the endless ocean of worldly existence and which grant devotion to the Guru. Worship of them bestows the kingdom of dispassion.

VERSE 2

कवित्ववाराशिनिशाकराभ्यां दौर्भाग्यदावाम्बुदमालिकाभ्याम् ।
दूरीकृतानम्रविपत्तिताभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which are the moon that makes the ocean of poetic gift swell, and a bank of rain clouds over the forest fire of misfortune. They drive away the host of troubles of those who bow to them.

VERSE 3

नता ययोः श्रीपतितां समीयुः कदाचिदप्याशु दरिद्रवर्याः ।
मूकाश्च वाचस्पतितां हि ताभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru. The verse says that by bowing to them even the poorest of the poor quickly came to be lords of wealth, and even the mute became masters of speech.

VERSE 4

नालीकनीकाशपदाहृताभ्यां नानाविमोहादिनिवारिकाभ्याम् ।
नमज्जनाभीष्टततिप्रदाभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which are worn on feet like lotuses and which ward off delusion in its many forms. They grant the many wishes of the people who bow to them.

VERSE 5

नृपालिमौलिव्रजरत्नकान्तिसरिद्विराजज्झषकन्यकाभ्याम् ।
नृपत्वदाभ्यां नतलोकपङ्क्तेः नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which shine like little fish gleaming in a river formed by the light of the jewels on the crowns of rows of kings. They grant sovereignty to the throngs of people who bow to them.

VERSE 6

पापान्धकारार्कपरम्पराभ्यां तापत्रयाहीन्द्रखगेश्वराभ्याम् ।

जाड्याब्धिसंशोषणवाडवाभ्याम् नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which are a line of suns against the darkness of sin, and Garuda, king of birds, against the serpent of the three kinds of suffering. They are the undersea fire that dries up the ocean of dullness.

VERSE 7

शमादिषट्कप्रदवैभवाभ्यां समाधिदानव्रतदीक्षिताभ्याम् ।

रमाधवाङ्गिस्थिरभक्तिदाभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, whose splendour bestows the six virtues beginning with inner calm, and which are pledged to the gift of samadhi. They grant steady devotion to the feet of Vishnu, the lord of Lakshmi.

VERSE 8

स्वार्चापराणामखिलेष्टदाभ्यां स्वाहासहायाक्षधुरन्धराभ्याम् ।

स्वान्ताच्छभावप्रदपूजनाभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which grant every wish to those devoted to worshipping them, and which are foremost in upholding Shiva, whose eye is fire. Worship of them gives a pure state of the inner mind.

VERSE 9

कामादिसर्पव्रजगारुडाभ्यां विवेकवैराग्यनिधिप्रदाभ्याम् ।

बोधप्रदाभ्यां द्रुतमोक्षदाभ्यां नमो नमः श्रीगुरुपादुकाभ्याम् ॥

Salutations again and again to the holy sandals of the Guru, which are Garuda to the swarm of serpents such as desire, and which bestow the treasure of discernment and dispassion. They give awakening and swift liberation.

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