



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

HARE KRISHNA MAHA MANTRA

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Kali-Santarana Upanishad

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The passage of the Kali-Santarana Upanishad that gives the sixteen names, in the Upanishad's own order with Rama first, followed by the order most widely chanted today, with Krishna first.

INTRODUCTION

नारदः पुनः पप्रच्छ तन्नाम किमिति ।
स होवाच हिरण्यगर्भः ॥

Narada asked once more, "What is that name?" Hiranyagarbha (Brahma) replied:

VERSE 1

हरे राम हरे राम राम राम हरे हरे ।
हरे कृष्ण हरे कृष्ण कृष्ण कृष्ण हरे हरे ॥

O Hari, O Rama; O Hari, O Rama; Rama, Rama; O Hari, O Hari. O Hari, O Krishna; O Hari, O Krishna; Krishna, Krishna; O Hari, O Hari.

VERSE 2

इति षोडशकं नाम्नां कलिकल्मषनाशनम् ।
नातः परतरोपायः सर्ववेदेषु दृश्यते ॥

This set of sixteen names destroys the impurities of the Kali age. The verse says no means higher than this is seen in all the Vedas.

VERSE 3

षोडशकलावृतस्य जीवस्यावरणविनाशनम् ।
ततः प्रकाशते परं ब्रह्म मेघापाये रविरश्मिमण्डलीवेति ॥

It removes the covering of the living being, who is enveloped by sixteen parts. Then the supreme Brahman shines forth, like the sun's disc of rays when the clouds have passed.

POPULAR ORDER

हरे कृष्ण हरे कृष्ण कृष्ण कृष्ण हरे हरे ।
हरे राम हरे राम राम राम हरे हरे ॥

The same sixteen names with the Krishna half first, the order in which the mantra is most widely chanted today, following Chaitanya Mahaprabhu and the Gaudiya Vaishnava tradition.

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The Hare Krishna Maha Mantra with its meaning, how and when it is recited, and the same text in five more scripts: astrobhava.com/mantra/hare-krishna-maha-mantra/

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