ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Kashi Panchakam

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THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The five verses in the form the standard printed edition gives. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

मनोनिवृत्तिः परमोपशान्तिः सा तीर्थवर्या मणिकर्णिका च ।
ज्ञानप्रवाहा विमलादिगङ्गा सा काशिकाऽहं निजबोधरूपा ॥

The stilling of the mind, the highest peace, is Manikarnika, the finest of sacred bathing places. The flowing stream of knowledge is the pure, original Ganga. I am that Kashi, whose form is awareness of one's own Self.

VERSE 2

यस्यामिदं कल्पितमिन्द्रजालं चराचरं भाति मनोविलासम् ।
सच्चित्सुखैका परमात्मरूपा सा काशिकाऽहं निजबोधरूपा ॥

In her this whole world of moving and unmoving things shines as an imagined magic show, a play of the mind. She is the one being, consciousness and bliss, the supreme Self. I am that Kashi, whose form is awareness of one's own Self.

VERSE 3

कोशेषु पञ्चस्वधिराजमाना बुद्धिर्भवानी प्रतिदेहगेहम् ।
साक्षी शिवः सर्वगतोऽन्तरात्मा सा काशिकाऽहं निजबोधरूपा ॥

The intellect, reigning over the five sheaths in the house of every body, is Bhavani. The witness, the all-pervading inner Self, is Shiva. I am that Kashi, whose form is awareness of one's own Self.

VERSE 4

काश्यां हि काशते काशी काशी सर्वप्रकाशिका ।
सा काशी विदिता येन तेन प्राप्ता हि काशिका ॥

In Kashi it is Kashi, the light itself, that shines; Kashi is what illumines everything. Whoever has truly known that Kashi has indeed reached Kashi.

VERSE 5

काशीक्षेत्रं शरीरं त्रिभुवनजननी व्यापिनी ज्ञानगङ्गा भक्तिः श्रद्धा गयेयं निजगुरुचरणध्यानयोगः प्रयागः ।
विश्वेशोऽयं तुरीयः सकलजनमनःसाक्षिभूतोऽन्तरात्मा देहे सर्वं मदीये यदि वसति पुनस्तीर्थमन्यत्किमस्ति ॥

The body is the holy field of Kashi; the all-pervading Ganga of knowledge is the mother of the three worlds; devotion and faith are Gaya; meditation on one's own Guru's feet is Prayag. Vishvesha, the Lord of the universe, is the Fourth state, the inner Self that witnesses the minds of all people. If all of this dwells in my own body, what other place of pilgrimage can there be?

CLOSING

॥ काशीपञ्चकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Kashi Panchakam.

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