ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Neelkanth Mantra

Traditional; verses attributed to Shankaracharya

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The name mantra and the dhyanam of Nilakantha, followed by verses 53 and 54 of the Shivananda Lahari.

MANTRA 1

ॐ नमो नीलकण्ठाय ॥

Om, salutation to Nilakantha, Shiva of the blue throat. This is the eight-syllable name mantra of Nilakantha.

DHYANAM 1

बालार्कायुततेजसं धृतजटाजूटेन्दुखण्डोज्ज्वलं नागेन्द्रैः कृतशेखरं जपवटीं शूलं कपालं करैः ।
खट्वाङ्गं दधतं त्रिनेत्रविलसत्पञ्चाननं सुन्दरं व्याघ्रत्वक्परिधानमब्जनिलयं श्रीनीलकण्ठं भजे ॥

I worship Sri Nilakantha, bright as ten thousand rising suns, shining with his matted locks and the crescent moon, crowned with great serpents. In his hands he holds a rosary, a trident, a skull and the skull-topped staff; his five handsome faces shine with three eyes each; he wears a tiger skin and is seated on a lotus.

VERSE 1

आकाशेन शिखी समस्तफणिनां नेत्रा कलापी नतानुग्राहिप्रणवोपदेशनिनदैः केकीति यो गीयते ।
श्यामां शैलसमुद्भवां घनरुचिं दृष्ट्वा नटन्तं मुदा वेदान्तोपवने विहाररसिकं तं नीलकण्ठं भजे ॥

He is crested with the sky, the leader of all serpents, and adorned with the moon, and he is hailed as the peacock because his voice teaches the syllable Om to those who bow to him. I worship that blue-throated one who dances with joy on seeing the dark, cloud-hued Parvati, daughter of the mountain, and who loves to roam in the garden of the Vedanta.

VERSE 2

सन्ध्या घर्मदिनात्ययो हरिकराघातप्रभूतानकध्वानो वारिदगर्जितं दिविषदां दृष्टिच्छटा चञ्चला ।
भक्तानां परितोषबाष्पवितितिर्वृष्टिर्मयूरी शिवा यस्मिन्नुज्ज्वलताण्डवं विजयते तं नीलकण्ठं भजे ॥

Evening is the end of the hot season, the drum beaten by Vishnu's hands is the thunder of the clouds, the glances of the gods are the flashing lightning, the tears of joy of the devotees are the rain, and Parvati is the peahen. I worship that blue-throated one in whom this brilliant Tandava dance triumphs.

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