ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Ramashtakam

Attributed to Vyasa

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Eight verses and the phala shruti attributed to Vyasa. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

भजे विशेषसुन्दरं समस्तपापखण्डनम् ।
स्वभक्तचित्तरञ्जनं सदैव राममद्वयम् ॥

I worship Rama, beautiful beyond all others, who cuts away every sin. He always delights the hearts of his own devotees; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 2

जटाकलापशोभितं समस्तपापनाशकम् ।
स्वभक्तभीतिभञ्जनं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He is graced by a mass of matted locks and destroys all sin. He shatters the fears of his devotees; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 3

निजस्वरूपबोधकं कृपाकरं भवापहम् ।
समं शिवं निरञ्जनं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He awakens us to our own true nature, is a mine of compassion and takes away worldly existence. He is the same to all, auspicious and stainless; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 4

सहप्रपञ्चकल्पितं ह्यनामरूपवास्तवम् ।
निराकृतिं निरामयं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

Together with the world he is imagined in form, yet in truth he is without name or form. He is shapeless and free of all affliction; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 5

निष्प्रपञ्चनिर्विकल्पनिर्मलं निरामयम् ।
चिदेकरूपसन्ततं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He is beyond the world, beyond all mental division, pure and free of affliction. He is ever of the single nature of consciousness; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 6

भवाब्धिपोतरूपकं ह्यशेषदेहकल्पितम् ।

गुणाकरं कृपाकरं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He is the boat that carries us across the ocean of worldly life, and he is conceived as dwelling in every body. He is a mine of virtues and of compassion; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 7

महासुवाक्यबोधकैर्विराजमानवाक्पदैः ।

परब्रह्म व्यापकं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He is made known by the shining words and phrases that teach the great sayings of the Upanishads. He is the supreme Brahman, pervading all; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

VERSE 8

शिवप्रदं सुखप्रदं भवच्छिदं भ्रमापहम् ।

विराजमानदैशिकं भजेह राममद्वयम् ॥

He grants auspiciousness and happiness, cuts the bond of worldly existence and removes delusion. He is the radiant teacher; I worship Rama, the one without a second.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

रामाष्टकं पठति यः सुकरं सुपुण्यं व्यासेन भाषितमिदं शृणुते मनुष्यः ।

विद्यां श्रियं विपुलसौख्यमनन्तकीर्तिं सम्प्राप्य देहविलये लभते च मोक्षम् ॥

This Ramashtakam, easy to recite and full of merit, was spoken by Vyasa. The verse says that whoever reads or hears it gains learning, prosperity, abundant happiness and endless fame, and at the end of the body attains liberation.

CLOSING

इति श्रीव्यासविरचितं रामाष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Rama Ashtakam composed by Sri Vyasa.

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