ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Rudrashtakam

Goswami Tulsidas, Ramcharitmanas

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

As printed in the standard edition of the Ramcharitmanas: eight verses and a closing verse on the fruit of reciting it. Other printings differ in a few words; the questions on this page list them.

VERSE 1

नमामीशमीशान निर्वाणरूपं विभुं व्यापकं ब्रह्मवेदस्वरूपम् ।
निजं निर्गुणं निर्विकल्पं निरीहं चिदाकाशमाकाशवासं भजेऽहम् ॥

I bow to the Lord, the ruler of all, whose very form is liberation, the all-pervading, all-encompassing one who is Brahman and the Veda itself. I worship him who rests in his own nature, beyond qualities, beyond distinctions and beyond desire, who is consciousness like the sky and who wears the sky as his garment.

VERSE 2

निराकारमोङ्कारमूलं तुरीयं गिराज्ञानगोतीतमीशं गिरीशम् ।
करालं महाकालकालं कृपालं गुणागारसंसारपारं नतोऽहम् ॥

I bow to the formless one, the root of Om, the fourth state beyond waking, dream and sleep, the Lord beyond speech, knowledge and the senses, the Lord of the mountain. He is fearsome, the death even of Mahakala, yet compassionate; he is the abode of all virtues and stands beyond worldly existence.

VERSE 3

तुषाराद्रिसङ्काशगौरं गभीरं मनोभूतकोटिप्रभाश्रीशरीरम् ।
स्फुरन्मौलिकल्लोलिनी चारुगङ्गा लसद्भालबालेन्दु कण्ठे भुजङ्गा ॥

He is white like the snowy Himalaya and profound, his body glowing with the radiance and beauty of countless Kamadevas. On his head sparkles the lovely river Ganga, on his brow shines the young crescent moon, and serpents adorn his throat.

VERSE 4

चलत्कुण्डलं भ्रूसुनेत्रं विशालं प्रसन्नाननं नीलकण्ठं दयालम् ।
मृगाधीशचर्माम्बरं मुण्डमालं प्रियं शङ्करं सर्वनाथं भजामि ॥

His earrings sway; his brows are fine and his eyes large; his face is serene, his throat blue, and he is merciful. I worship Shankara, beloved of all and Lord of all, who wears the lion's skin as his garment and a garland of skulls.

VERSE 5

प्रचण्डं प्रकृष्टं प्रगल्भं परेशं अखण्डं अजं भानुकोटिप्रकाशम् ।
त्रयःशूलनिर्मूलनं शूलपाणिं भजेऽहं भवानीपतिं भावगम्यम् ॥

He is fierce, supreme, bold and radiant, the highest Lord, undivided and unborn, shining like millions of suns. I worship the husband of Bhavani, who holds the trident, who uproots the three kinds of suffering, and who is reached through loving devotion.

VERSE 6

कलातीतकल्याणकल्पान्तकारी सदासज्जनानन्ददाता पुरारी ।
चिदानन्दसन्दोहमोहापहारी प्रसीद प्रसीद प्रभो मन्मथारी ॥

He is beyond all parts and measures, auspicious, the one who brings the aeon to its end, ever the giver of joy to the good, the foe of the demon Tripura. O Lord, fullness of consciousness and bliss, remover of delusion, enemy of Kamadeva, be pleased, be pleased.

VERSE 7

न यावद् उमानाथ पादारविन्दं भजन्तीह लोके परे वा नराणाम् ।
न तावत्सुखं शान्ति सन्तापनाशं प्रसीद प्रभो सर्वभूताधिवासम् ॥

O Lord of Uma, as long as people do not worship your lotus feet, they find neither happiness nor peace, nor an end to their suffering, in this world or the next. O Lord who dwells in all beings, be pleased.

VERSE 8

न जानामि योगं जपं नैव पूजां नतोऽहं सदा सर्वदा शम्भु तुभ्यम् ।
जराजन्मदुःखौघतातप्यमानं प्रभो पाहि आपन्नमामीश शम्भो ॥

I know neither yoga, nor japa, nor worship; O Shambhu, I simply bow to you always and at every moment. O Lord, protect me, a sufferer burning in the flood of sorrows of old age and birth; O Lord Shambhu, I bow to you.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

रुद्राष्टकमिदं प्रोक्तं विप्रेण हरतोषये ।
ये पठन्ति नरा भक्त्या तेषां शम्भुः प्रसीदति ॥

This Rudrashtakam was spoken by a Brahmin to please Hara (Shiva). The verse says that Shambhu is pleased with those who recite it with devotion.

CLOSING

इति श्रीगोस्वामितुलसीदासकृतं श्रीरुद्राष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Shri Rudrashtakam composed by Shri Goswami Tulsidas.

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