



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

# SHIVA PANCHAKSHARA STOTRAM

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Five verses, one for each syllable of na-ma-shi-va-ya, followed by the closing verse on the fruit of recitation.

VERSE 1

नागेन्द्रहाराय त्रिलोचनाय भस्माङ्गरागाय महेश्वराय ।

नित्याय शुद्धाय दिगम्बराय तस्मै नकाराय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, who wears the king of serpents as a garland, the three-eyed one, whose body is smeared with sacred ash, the great Lord. To him who is eternal, pure and clothed only by the directions, to him who is the syllable 'na', salutations to Shiva.

VERSE 2

मन्दाकिनीसलिलचन्दनचर्चिताय नन्दीश्वरप्रमथनाथमहेश्वराय ।

मन्दारपुष्पबहुपुष्पसुपूजिताय तस्मै मकाराय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, who is anointed with the water of the Ganga and with sandal paste, the great Lord who is master of Nandi and of the Pramatha attendants. To him who is richly worshipped with mandara and many other flowers, to him who is the syllable 'ma', salutations to Shiva.

VERSE 3

शिवाय गौरीवदनाब्जवृन्दसूर्याय दक्षाध्वरनाशकाय ।

श्रीनीलकण्ठाय वृषध्वजाय तस्मै शिकाराय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to the auspicious one, the sun that makes the lotus of Gauri's face bloom, the destroyer of Daksha's sacrifice. To the blue-throated one whose banner bears the bull, to him who is the syllable 'shi', salutations to Shiva.

VERSE 4

वसिष्ठकुम्भोद्भवगौतमार्यमुनीन्द्रदेवार्चितशेखराय ।

चन्द्रार्कवैश्वानरलोचनाय तस्मै वकाराय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, whose head is worshipped by Vasishtha, Agastya (the one born from a pot), Gautama and other noble sages, and by Indra and the gods. To him whose eyes are the moon, the sun and fire, to him who is the syllable 'va', salutations to Shiva.

VERSE 5

यक्षस्वरूपाय जटाधराय पिनाकहस्ताय सनातनाय ।

दिव्याय देवाय दिगम्बराय तस्मै यकाराय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, who took the form of a Yaksha, who wears matted locks, who holds the Pinaka bow in his hand, the eternal one. To the divine, shining God clothed only by the directions, to him who is the syllable 'ya', salutations to Shiva.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

पञ्चाक्षरमिदं पुण्यं यः पठेच्छिवसन्निधौ ।  
शिवलोकमवाप्नोति शिवेन सह मोदते ॥

The verse says that whoever recites this sacred hymn of the five syllables in the presence of Shiva reaches the world of Shiva and rejoices there together with Shiva.

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