



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

VAIDYANATHA ASHTAKAM

Traditional, ascribed to Adi Shankaracharya

Eight verses and the closing verse of three names. When the hymn is sung, 'Shambho Mahadeva' is usually repeated after each verse; it is not part of the printed text.

VERSE 1

श्रीरामसौमित्रिजटायुवेद षडाननादित्यकुजार्चिताय ।
श्रीनीलकण्ठाय दयामयाय श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, the compassionate blue-throated Lord, who was worshipped by Rama, Lakshmana (son of Sumitra), Jatayu, the Vedas, six-faced Skanda, the Sun and Mars.

VERSE 2

गङ्गाप्रवाहेन्दुजटाधराय त्रिलोचनाय स्मरकालहन्त्रे ।
समस्तदेवैरपि पूजिताय श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, who bears the flowing Ganga and the moon in his matted hair, the three-eyed one who destroyed Kama and Death, and who is worshipped even by all the gods.

VERSE 3

भक्तप्रियाय त्रिपुरान्तकाय पिनाकिने दुष्टहराय नित्यम् ।
प्रत्यक्षलीलाय मनुष्यलोके श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, dear to his devotees, destroyer of the three cities, bearer of the Pinaka bow, ever the remover of the wicked, whose divine play is seen openly in the world of men.

VERSE 4

प्रभूतवातादिसमस्तरोगप्रणाशकर्त्रे मुनिवन्दिताय ।
प्रभाकरेन्दुग्निलोचनाय श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, who destroys all diseases, beginning with severe disorders of vata, who is honoured by sages, and whose eyes are the sun, the moon and fire.

VERSE 5

वाक्श्रोत्रनेत्राङ्घ्रिविहीनजन्तोः वाक्श्रोत्रनेत्राङ्घ्रिमुखप्रदाय ।
कुष्ठादिसर्वोन्नतारोगहन्त्रे श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, who grants speech, hearing, sight, feet and the rest to a creature lacking them, and who destroys all grave diseases such as leprosy.

VERSE 6

वेदान्तवेद्याय जगन्मयाय योगीश्वरध्येयपदाम्बुजाय ।
त्रिमूर्तिरूपाय सहस्रनाम्ने श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, who is known through Vedanta, who pervades the universe, whose lotus feet the masters of yoga meditate on, who takes the form of the three deities and has a thousand names.

VERSE 7

स्वतीर्थमृद्भस्मभृदङ्गभाजां पिशाचदुःखार्तिभयापहाय ।
आत्मस्वरूपाय शरीरभाजां श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, who removes the torment, pain and fear caused by evil spirits for those whose bodies bear the earth of his sacred tank and his holy ash, and who is the very Self of all embodied beings.

VERSE 8

श्रीनीलकण्ठाय वृषध्वजाय स्रग्गन्धभस्माद्यभिशोभिताय ।
सुपुत्रदारादिसुभाग्यदाय श्रीवैद्यनाथाय नमः शिवाय ॥

Salutations to Shiva, Sri Vaidyanatha, the blue-throated one whose banner bears the bull, adorned with garlands, sandal paste, holy ash and the like, who grants good fortune such as worthy sons and a good spouse.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

बालाम्बिकेश वैद्येश भवरोगहरेति च ।
जपेन्नामत्रयं नित्यं महारोगनिवारणम् ॥

One should repeat daily the three names 'Lord of Balambika', 'Lord of physicians' and 'Remover of the disease of worldly existence'. The verse says this keeps away great diseases.

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