



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

VEDASARA SHIVA STOTRAM

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Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

All eleven verses: nine in bhujangaprayata and two closing verses in vasantatilaka.

VERSE 1

पशूनां पतिं पापनाशं परेशं गजेन्द्रस्य कृत्तिं वसानं वरेण्यम् ।
जटाजूटमध्ये स्फुरद्वाङ्गवारिं महादेवमेकं स्मरामि स्मरारिम् ॥

I remember Mahadeva, the one Lord of all beings, the destroyer of sin, the supreme ruler, the worthiest of all, who wears the hide of the king of elephants. In the midst of his matted locks the water of the Ganga sparkles; I remember him, the foe of Kama.

VERSE 2

महेशं सुरेशं सुरारातिनाशं विभुं विश्वनाथं विभूत्यङ्गभूषम् ।
विरूपाक्षमिन्द्रर्कवह्नित्रिनेत्रं सदानन्दमीडे प्रभुं पञ्चवक्त्रम् ॥

I praise the great Lord, the lord of the gods, who destroys the enemies of the gods, the all-pervading master of the universe whose body is adorned with sacred ash. I praise the Lord of uncommon eyes, whose three eyes are the moon, the sun and fire, the ever-blissful five-faced Lord.

VERSE 3

गिरीशं गणेशं गले नीलवर्णं गवेन्द्राधिरूढं गुणातीतरूपम् ।
भवं भास्वरं भस्मना भूषिताङ्गं भवानीकलत्रं भजे पञ्चवक्त्रम् ॥

I worship the lord of the mountain, the lord of the ganas, blue at the throat, who rides the king of bulls and whose nature is beyond the three gunas. I worship Bhava, the radiant one whose limbs are adorned with ash, the consort of Bhavani, the five-faced Lord.

VERSE 4

शिवाकान्त शंभो शशाङ्गार्धमौले महेशान शूलिञ्जटाजूटधारिन् ।
त्वमेको जगद्व्यापको विश्वरूपः प्रसीद प्रसीद प्रभो पूर्णरूप ॥

O beloved of Shiva (Parvati), O Shambhu, wearing the half-moon on your crown, O great Lord, bearer of the trident and of matted locks. You alone pervade the world and take the form of the universe; be gracious, be gracious, O Lord whose form is complete.

VERSE 5

परात्मानमेकं जगद्धीजमाद्यं निरीहं निराकारमोकारवेद्यम् ।
यतो जायते पाल्यते येन विश्वं तमीशं भजे लीयते यत्र विश्वम् ॥

He is the one supreme Self, the first seed of the world, free of desire, without form, known through Om. I worship that Lord from whom the universe is born, by whom it is sustained, and into whom it dissolves.

VERSE 6

न भूमिर्न चापो न वह्निर्न वायुर्न चाकाशमास्ते न तन्द्रा न निद्रा ।
न चोष्णं न शीतं न देशो न वेषो न यस्यास्ति मूर्तिस्त्रिमूर्तिं तमीडे ॥

He is not earth, nor water, nor fire, nor wind, nor space; in him there is no drowsiness and no sleep. He has neither heat nor cold, no place and no guise, and no form at all; I praise him who yet takes the three forms.

VERSE 7

अजं शाश्वतं कारणं कारणानां शिवं केवलं भासकं भासकानाम् ।
तुरीयं तमःपारमाद्यन्तहीनं प्रपद्ये परं पावनं द्वैतहीनम् ॥

He is unborn and eternal, the cause of all causes, auspicious and absolute, the light that lights all other lights. I take refuge in the Supreme, the fourth state beyond darkness, without beginning or end, the purifier, free of all duality.

VERSE 8

नमस्ते नमस्ते विभो विश्वमूर्ते नमस्ते नमस्ते चिदानन्दमूर्ते ।
नमस्ते नमस्ते तपोयोगगम्य नमस्ते नमस्ते श्रुतिज्ञानगम्य ॥

Salutations, salutations to you, O all-pervading one whose form is the universe; salutations, salutations to you whose form is consciousness and bliss. Salutations, salutations to you who are reached through austerity and yoga; salutations, salutations to you who are reached through the knowledge of the Vedas.

VERSE 9

प्रभो शूलपाणे विभो विश्वनाथ महादेव शंभो महेश त्रिनेत्र ।
शिवाकान्त शान्त स्मरारे पुरारे त्वदन्यो वरेण्यो न मान्यो न गण्यः ॥

O Lord with the trident in hand, O all-pervading master of the universe, O Mahadeva, Shambhu, great Lord, three-eyed one. O beloved of Shiva (Parvati), O peaceful one, foe of Kama, foe of the three cities: there is none other than you who is worthy to be chosen, honoured or counted.

VERSE 10

शंभो महेश करुणामय शूलपाणे गौरीपते पशुपते पशुपाशनाशिन् ।
काशीपते करुणया जगदेतदेकस्त्वं हंसि पासि विदधासि महेश्वरोऽसि ॥

O Shambhu, great Lord, full of compassion, holder of the trident, husband of Gauri, lord of beings, who destroys the bonds that tie them. O lord of Kashi, you alone, out of compassion, withdraw this world, protect it and bring it forth; you are the Supreme Lord.

VERSE 11

त्वत्तो जगद्भवति देव भव स्मरारे त्वय्येव तिष्ठति जगन्मूढ विश्वनाथ ।
त्वय्येव गच्छति लयं जगदेतदीश लिङ्गात्मके हर चराचरविश्वरूपिन् ॥

From you the world comes into being, O god Bhava, foe of Kama; in you alone the world abides, O gracious Mrida, master of the universe. In you alone, O Lord, this world goes to its dissolution, in you whose nature is the Linga, O Hara, whose form is the whole universe of moving and unmoving things.

CLOSING

इति श्रीमत्परमहंसपरिव्राजकाचार्यस्य श्रीगोविन्दभगवत्पूज्यपादशिष्यस्य श्रीमच्छंकरभगवतः कृतौ वेदसारशिवस्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Vedasara Shiva Stotram, a work of the revered Shri Shankara, the teacher among wandering monks of the highest order and disciple of the revered Shri Govinda Bhagavatpada.

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