ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Vishnu Shatpadi Stotram

Attributed to Adi Shankaracharya

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Six verses and a seventh closing verse, as the traditional numbering has them. The printed closing line is given at the end.

VERSE 1

अविनयमपनय विष्णो दमय मनः शमय विषयमृगतृष्णाम् ।
भूतदयां विस्तारय तारय संसारसागरतः ॥

O Vishnu, take away my lack of humility, subdue my mind and quiet the mirage-like thirst for the objects of the senses. Widen my compassion for all beings and carry me across the ocean of worldly existence.

VERSE 2

दिव्यधुनीमकरन्दे परिमलपरिभोगसच्चिदानन्दे ।
श्रीपतिपदारविन्दे भवभयखेदच्छिदे वन्दे ॥

I bow to the lotus feet of the Lord of Shri, whose nectar is the divine river, whose fragrance to be enjoyed is being, consciousness and bliss, and which cut away the fear and weariness of worldly existence.

VERSE 3

सत्यपि भेदापगमे नाथ तवाहं न मामकीनस्त्वम् ।
सामुद्रो हि तरङ्गः क्वचन समुद्रो न तारङ्गः ॥

Even when all difference has gone, O Lord, I am yours; you are not mine. The wave belongs to the ocean; nowhere does the ocean belong to the wave.

VERSE 4

उद्धृतनग नगभिदनुज दनुजकुलामित्र मित्रशशिदृष्टे ।
दृष्टे भवति प्रभवति न भवति किं भवतिरस्कारः ॥

O lifter of the mountain, younger brother of Indra the mountain-splitter, enemy of the demon clans, you whose eyes are the sun and the moon! When you are seen, is the overcoming of worldly existence not brought about?

VERSE 5

मत्स्यादिभिरवतारैरवतारवताऽवता सदा वसुधाम् ।
परमेश्वर परिपाल्यो भवता भवतापभीतोऽहम् ॥

You take birth in avataras beginning with Matsya and always protect the earth. O Supreme Lord, I am afraid of the burning pain of worldly existence, and you must protect me.

VERSE 6

दामोदर गुणमन्दिर सुन्दरवदनारविन्द गोविन्द ।

भवजलधिमथनमन्दर परमं दरमपनय त्वं मे ॥

O Damodara, abode of virtues, Govinda of the beautiful lotus face, Mandara mountain that churns the ocean of worldly existence, take away my great fear.

VERSE 7

नारायण करुणामय शरणं करवाणि तावकौ चरणौ ।

इति षट्पदी मदीये वदनसरोजे सदा वसतु ॥

O Narayana, full of compassion, let me take refuge at your two feet. May this six-verse hymn dwell always in the lotus of my mouth. The word for six-verse hymn also means a bee, which lives in a lotus.

CLOSING

॥ इति श्रीमद् शङ्कराचार्यविरचितं विष्णुषट्पदीस्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Vishnu Shatpadi Stotram composed by the revered Shankaracharya.

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