



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

YAMUNASHTAKAM

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Eight verses of praise and the ninth, signed by Vallabha, as printed at the head of the Shodasha Granthas.

VERSE 1

नमामि यमुनामहं सकलसिद्धिहेतुं मुदा मुरारिपदपङ्कजस्फुरदमन्दरेणूत्कटाम् ।
तटस्थनवकाननप्रकटमोदपुष्पाम्बुना सुरासुरसुपूजितस्मरपितुः श्रियं बिभ्रतीम् ॥

With joy I bow to Yamuna, the cause of every spiritual attainment, rich with the shining dust of the lotus feet of Murari (Krishna). Her water, fragrant with flowers from the fresh groves on her banks, carries the beauty of Krishna, the father of Kama, who is worshipped by gods and demons alike.

VERSE 2

कलिन्दगिरिस्तके पतदमन्दपूरोज्ज्वला विलासगमनोल्लसत्प्रकटगण्डशैलोल्लता ।
सघोषगतिदन्तुरा समधिरूढदोलोत्तमा मुकुन्दरतिवर्धिनी जयति पद्मबन्धोः सुता ॥

Bright with the great floods that fall on the summit of Mount Kalinda, raised high over the great boulders she plays across, uneven in her roaring course as if seated on a fine swing, the daughter of the Sun, who increases love for Mukunda, is victorious.

VERSE 3

भुवं भुवनपावनीमधिगतामनेकस्वनैः प्रियाभिरिव सेवितां शुक्रमयूरहंसादिभिः ।
तरङ्गभुजकङ्कणप्रकटमुक्तिकावालुका-नितम्बतटसुन्दरीं नमत कृष्णतुर्यप्रियाम् ॥

Bow to her who came down to earth to purify the worlds, attended by parrots, peacocks, swans and other birds with their many calls, as if by dear companions. Her waves are arms, the sand shining like pearls is their bracelets, and her banks are her lovely hips: bow to her, the fourth beloved of Krishna.

VERSE 4

अनन्तगुणभूषिते शिवविरञ्चिदेवस्तुते घनाघननिभे सदा ध्रुवपराशराभीष्टदे ।
विशुद्धमथुरातटे सकलगोपगोपीवृते कृपाजलधिसंश्रिते मम मनः सुखं भावय ॥

O you who are adorned with endless virtues, praised by Shiva, Brahma and the gods, dark as a rain cloud, who granted the wishes of Dhruva and Parashara, with holy Mathura on your bank, surrounded by all the cowherds and gopis, resting in Krishna, the ocean of mercy: always bring happiness to my mind.

VERSE 5

यया चरणपद्मजा मुररिपोः प्रियं भावुका समागमनतोऽभवत् सकलसिद्धिदा सेवताम् ।
तया सदृशतामियात्कमलजा सपत्नीव य-द्धरिप्रियकलिन्दया मनसि मे सदा स्थायीताम् ॥

Through meeting her, the Ganga, born from the lotus feet of Krishna, became dear to him and came to grant every attainment to those who serve her. Only Lakshmi could be her equal, as a co-wife; may she, Kalindi, beloved of Hari, always stay in my mind.

VERSE 6

नमोऽस्तु यमुने सदा तव चरित्रमत्यद्भुतं न जातु यमयातना भवति ते पयः पानतः ।
यमोऽपि भगिनीसुतान्कथमु हन्ति दुष्टानपि प्रियो भवति सेवनात्तव हरेर्यथा गोपिकाः ॥

O Yamuna, salutations to you always; your story is most wonderful. The verse says that one who drinks your water never suffers the torments of Yama, for how would Yama strike his own sister's children, even wicked ones? By serving you one becomes dear to Hari, as the gopis are.

VERSE 7

ममास्तु तव सन्निधौ तनुनवत्वमेतावता न दुर्लभतमा रतिमुररिपौ मुकुन्दप्रिये ।
अतोऽस्तु तव लालना सुरधुनी परं सङ्गमा-त्तवैव भुवि कीर्तिता न तु कदापि पुष्टिस्थितैः ॥

O beloved of Mukunda, may my body be made new in your presence; with that, love for Krishna is no longer hard to gain. So let me cherish you. The Ganga is praised on earth only because of her meeting with you, yet those on the path of grace (Pushti) never praise her by herself.

VERSE 8

स्तुतिं तव करोति कः कमलजासपत्नि प्रिये हरेर्यदनुसेवया भवति सौख्यमामोक्षतः ।
इयं तव कथाधिका सकलगोपिकासङ्गम-स्मरश्रमजलाणुभिः सकलगात्रजैः सङ्गमः ॥

O co-wife of Lakshmi, beloved one, who can praise you? Serving Lakshmi together with Hari brings happiness only as far as liberation. Your glory is greater: you are united with the drops of loving toil that came from every limb of Krishna in his meeting with all the gopis.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

तवाष्टकमिदं मुदा पठति सूरसूते सदा समस्तदुरितक्षयो भवति वै मुकुन्दे रतिः ।
तया सकलसिद्धयो मुररिपुश्च सन्तुष्यति स्वभावविजयो भवेद्वदति वल्लभः श्रीहरेः ॥

O daughter of the Sun, the verse says that whoever reads this ashtakam of yours with joy every day has all faults destroyed and gains love for Mukunda; through that come all attainments, Krishna is pleased, and one's own nature is conquered. So says Vallabha, dear to Shri Hari.

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