

॥ श्रीगुरुवन्दनम् ॥

॥ दीपनमस्कारः ॥

SALUTATIONS TO THE LAMPS OF ILLUMINATION

ॐ नमो ज्ञानदीपाय शिवाय ब्रह्मतेजसे ।

कविष्णुहररूपाय नमः श्रीगुरुमूर्तये

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Om! Salutations to the Sadguru, the Lamp of Illumination, benign and ever-serene, beaming with divine radiance and the visible manifestation of Brahmā, Vishṇu and Maheshvara.

अज्ञानध्वान्तपटलविध्वंसनदिवाकरान् ।

सच्चिदानन्दबोधैकसुधाम्बुधिकलानिधीन्

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आधिव्याधिभयग्रस्त प्रपन्नजनरक्षकान् ।

वन्दे बद्धाञ्जलिः श्रीमत्परिज्ञानाश्रमान् गुरुन्

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I bow with folded hands to Shrīmat Parijñānāshram I Sadguru, a blazing Sun to the veiling gloom of Ignorance and a Moon to the ocean of nectar in the form of Enlightenment about Sachchidānanda (Brahman, the unity of existence, consciousness and bliss), and the Saviour of all that have sought shelter in Him gripped by the fear of the ills of body and mind.

इलापातालनाकस्थपूजित श्रीशिवेशितुः ।

चरणाम्बुरुहन्यस्त मनोवाक्कायसम्भ्रमान् ॥ ४ ॥

ईश्वरान् वेदवेदाङ्गवेदान्तज्ञानिनां धुरि ।

छात्रवृन्दसुखाधारान् भजे श्रीशङ्कराश्रमान् ॥ ५ ॥

I adore Shrīmat Shaṅkarāshram I Sadguru, dedicated in thought, speech and deed to the Lotus Feet of Lord Shiva to whom the denizens of the earth, nether-world and heaven pay homage, who (on account of His commanding mastery) rules over those adept in Veda-s, Vedāṅga-s (six ancillary branches of Veda-s) and Vedānta and is a haven of joy to the community of disciples.

उपमाभावमहिमजितसर्वारिमण्डलान् ।

सारस्वतद्विजवरैराराधितपदाम्बुजान् ॥ ६ ॥

ऊर्जस्वलान्महामोहग्राहग्रासैककर्मणि ।

नमाम्यानन्दरूपान् श्रीपरिज्ञानाश्रमान् गुरून् ॥ ७ ॥

I bow to Shrīmat Parijñānāshram II Sadguru who has triumphed over the encircling enemies (both within and without) by His peerless spiritual glory, whose Lotus Feet are adored by the illustrious Sāraswat Brāhmaṇa-s, who is powerful enough to kill the mighty crocodile called worldly delusion, and is the embodiment of bliss.

एकस्मिन्नद्वितीये च ब्रह्मण्याविष्टमानसान् ।

यमादियोगसम्पत्तिभ्राजमानमुनीश्वरान् ॥ ८ ॥

ऐश्वर्याद्यखिलार्थानां दायकान् करूणानिधीन् ।

ईडे योगाम्बुधिक्रीडासक्तान् श्रीशङ्कराश्रमान् ॥ ९ ॥

I adore Shrīmat Shaṅkarāshram II Sadguru, who is engrossed in Brahman - the One without a Second, who is foremost among the ascetics radiant with Yogic lustre due to the observance of Yama, Niyama, etc. (the eightfold Path of Yoga), who confers all that we pray for, such as riches, who is the Treasure-house of Compassion, and who sports in the Ocean of Yoga.

ओजस्विनः सुतपसा द्वैताब्धिवडवानलान् ।

स्वाङ्घ्र्यञ्जशरणोद्धर्तृन् स्तौमि श्रीकेशवाश्रमान् ॥ १० ॥

I sing in praise of Shrīmat Keshavāshram Sadguru, Salutations to the Lamps of Illumination beaming with spiritual lustre on account of intense penance, who is like the submarine fire called Vāḍava (this fire dries up the oceans at the time of the final deluge) to the Ocean of Dualism and is pledged to protect and save those that have surrendered to His Lotus Feet.

औपाधिके कर्मगते मोहितभ्रान्तचेतसाम् ।

समुद्धरणधौरेयान् वन्दे श्रीवामनाश्रमान् ॥ ११ ॥

My salutations to Shrīmad Vāmanāshram Sadguru, ever ready to heave up all those who have slipped into the slough of Karma (the vicious circle of action and reaction) having identified themselves with the psychophysical trappings (Upādhi-s, i.e. limiting adjuncts such as body, vital airs, mind intellect, etc.) and have, therefore, become dazed and deluded.

अञ्जसा तमसः पारमनायासेन सर्वदा ।

नृपशून्नयतो नौमि कृष्णाश्रमयतीश्वरान् ॥ १२ ॥

I bow to Shrīmat Kṛṣṇāshram Sadguru, foremost among the ascetics and who leads the disciples in bondage (pāshuni i.e. bound by the fetters - pāsha - of illusion) beyond darkness.

अहं वन्दे मनोवाग्भ्यां पाण्डुरङ्गाश्रमान्मुहुः ।

संस्तवैः परया भक्त्या विविधैर्भक्तिलक्षणैः ॥ १३ ॥

I bow to Shrīmat Pāṇḍuraṅgāshram Sadguru again and again in thought and speech, invoking Him with intense devotion in a variety of devotional compositions.

करकञ्जभवांस्तेषां वन्दे धर्मधुरन्धरान् ।

आनन्दरूपिणः श्रीमदानन्दाश्रमसद्गुरून् ॥ १४ ॥

My salutations to Shrīmad Ānandāshram Sadguru, duly ordained by the Lotus-Hands of Shrīmat Pāṇḍuraṅgāshram Sadguru, the embodiment of bliss and who is ever pledged to uphold Dharma (literally, ‘the bearer of the yoke of Dharma’)

खब्रह्माविष्टहृदयान् द्वैतध्वान्त दिवाकरान् ।

प्रशान्त दान्तोपरतान् परिज्ञानाश्रमान्नुमः ॥ १५ ॥

We bow to Shrīmat Parijñānāshram III Sadguru, who is devoted wholeheartedly to Brahman that is more subtle and omnipresent than ether (cp. 4-10-4/5 of Chāndogya Upaniṣhad and Ādi Shaṅkara’s commentary thereon), who is like a blazing Sun to the darkness of Dualism, who is ever serene, self-controlled and withdrawn from the glamour of the world.

गरिमा दृश्यते येषां वेदान्तार्थनिरूपणे ।

संवित् ज्ञानतपोदीप्तान् निगमागमपारगान् ॥ १६ ॥

संविद्देवी समासक्तान् श्रुत्यन्तपथदर्शकान् ।

सद्योजातान् नमाम्यत्र शङ्कराश्रमदेशिकान् ॥ १७ ॥

Salutations to Shrīmat Sadyojāt Shaṅkarāshram Sadguru who excels in expounding the texts of Vedānta, glows with the radiance born of austere pursuit of Supreme Knowledge, is an adept in Nigama-s (Veda-s) and Āgama-s, is devoted to the Goddess of Supreme Sentience and who shows the Path of Vedānta.

॥ भोः पराक् स्वामिन् पराक् ॥

O Revered One, Pray look out for a while!

O Master, Pray look out for a while

(The Sadguru is endowed with Pratyagḍṣhṭi - inward vision – in contrast to wayward disciples like us endowed with Parāgḍṣhṭi- outward vision. In the above prayer we implore the Sadguru to give up His inward look for a while, throw a compassionate glance at us and thereby redeem us.)

