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महादेव उवाच ।

विष्णुप्रीतिं करोत्वेषा तरुर्भूत्वा महीतले ।

शरीरमर्ज्यतामस्याः श्रीविष्णुप्रीतये गणाः ॥ १ ॥

अस्याः पत्रेण वृन्दायाः पूजितः स्यात् स्वयं हरिः ।

नान्येनेति सुविज्ञेयं मणिमुक्तादिनापि च ॥ २ ॥

नामास्यास्तुलसीत्यस्तु पवित्रायाः सुपावनम् ।

तकारो मरणं प्रोक्तं तद्योगः स्यादुकारतः ॥ ३ ॥

मृता लसति चेत्येवं तुलसीत्येव गीयते ।

स्थितः प्रतिदलेष्वस्या मन्त्रो द्वादशवर्णकः ॥ ४ ॥

अधिष्ठात्री देवतास्यामावां देवीमहेश्वरौ ।

नारायण उपास्योऽस्याः प्रियेयं वैष्णवी मता ॥ ५ ॥

(द्वादशवर्णकः अथवा द्वादशाक्षरविष्णुमन्त्रः

ॐ नमो भगवते वासुदेवाय ।)

॥ इति बृहद्धर्मपुराणे सप्तमोऽध्याये महादेवप्रोक्तं

तुलसी प्रादुर्भावसहिता तुलसीमहिमा सम्पूर्णा ॥

॥ बृहद्धर्मपुराणम् । पूर्वखण्डः । अध्यायः ७ । ६०.२-६४ ॥

This follows a story of Vrinda, the wife (Vaishnavi) of Dharmadeva, both devotees of Vishnu. By fate and curse, she became a Rakshasi but did not hurt Dharmadeva. As an ardent devotee of Vishnu, she was seen by shivagana to have the Vishnu

mantra 'OM namo bhagavate vAsudevAya'  
absorbed in her each and every cell.  
Even long after her death, her skin/body  
was as glowing as before. So it is said  
that each and every leaf of Tulasi  
is engraved with the mantra.

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