

---

sudarshanAShTakam

ஸுத³ர்ஸநாஷ்டகம்

Document Information



---

Text title : sudarshanaaShTakam

File name : sudarshan8.itx

Category : aShTaka, vishhnu, vedAnta-deshika

Location : doc\_vishhnu

Author : Swami Desikan

Transliterated by : V. Sadagopan

Proofread by : Sunder Hattangadi sunderh at hotmail.com

Latest update : October 2, 1995

Send corrections to : Sanskrit@cheerful.com

---

This text is prepared by volunteers and is to be used for personal study and research. The file is not to be copied or reposted without permission, for promotion of any website or individuals or for commercial purpose.

**Please help to maintain respect for volunteer spirit.**

---

Please note that proofreading is done using Devanagari version and other language/scripts are generated using **sanscript**.

---

November 30, 2019

*sanskritdocuments.org*

---

ஸுத<sup>3</sup>ர்ஸநாஷ்டகம்

---



by shrI V. Sadagopan

October 2, 1995

This year on Swami Desikan's birthday, I have translated the sudarshana Ashtakam at the request of a devotee of shrI Ranganatha Swami Sannadhi at Pomona, NY. This poem in melodious and lilting Sanskrit is a pleasure to recite and listen to.

Traditionally, this stotram is recited in homes, when some one has fever or illness of other kinds. Swami Desikan is said to have composed it to help the residents of Tirupputkuzhi, when they suffered from the grip of a epidemic fever. Alternatively, It is said that he composed it at Tiruvahindrapuram prior to a major debate with a leader of another sampradaya. Swami Desikan won that debate and thereby established the supremacy of shrIman Narayana and Visishtadvaita.

Swami Desikan chose the 'dhrithas' chandas as a meter for the eight verses praising sudarshana. He chose the 'aupachandasikam' meter for the phala-Sruti sloka. Both these meters hint at the Vedic origin of sudarshana as indicated by Swami Desikan in one or more verses of this Stotram.

ஸ்ரீமதே நிக<sup>3</sup>மாந்த மஹாதே<sup>3</sup>ஸிகாய நம:

ஸ்ரீமாந் வேங்கடநாதா<sup>2</sup>ர்ய: கவிதார்கிக கேஸரீ |

வேத<sup>3</sup>ந்தாசார்ய வர்யோ மே ஸந்நித<sup>4</sup>த்தாம் ஸதா<sup>3</sup> ஹ்ரு<sup>3</sup>தி<sup>3</sup> ||

Verse 1:

ப்ரதிப<sup>4</sup>டஸ்ரேணி பீ<sup>4</sup>ஷண

வரகு<sup>3</sup>ணஸ்தோம பூ<sup>4</sup>ஷண

ஜநிப<sup>4</sup>யஸ்தா<sup>2</sup>ந தாரண

ஜக<sup>3</sup>த<sup>3</sup>வஸ்தா<sup>2</sup>ந காரண |

நிகி²லது³ஷ்கர்ம கர்ஸந      நிக³மஸத்³த⁴ர்ம த³ர்ஸந  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந      ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O shrI sudarshana! All the enemies of your Lord's devotees run away fearing your prowess. All auspicious attributes find their home in you. Those ,  
Who worship you cross the 'shoreless' ocean of Samsara and free themselves from their cycles of births and deaths. The entire Universe is stabilized by your mighty power. You cut asunder all the sins of those who approach you as their refuge. You bless all of your devotees with the knowledge about the righteous conduct prescribed by the Vedas. O Lord sudarshana of these auspicious attributes! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 2:

ஸுப⁴ஜக³த்³ரூப மண்ட³ந      ஸுரக³ணத்ராஸ க²ண்ட³ந  
ஸதமக²ப்³ரஹ்ம வந்தி³த      ஸதபத²ப்³ரஹ்ம நந்தி³த    |  
ப்ரதி²தவித்³வத் ஸபக்ஷித      ப⁴ஜத³ஹிர்பு³த்⁴நய லக்ஷித  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந      ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O shrI sudarshana! You are resplendent as a precious decoration on the hand of shrIman Narayana, who has the universes as His body. Through your grace, Devas are freed from the fear caused by the Asuras. Indra and Brahma always worship you. The Satapatha Brahmana belonging to Sukla Yajur Veda hails your glories and pays its tributes to you. The scholars of this universe seek your help to overcome their contestants. Ahirbudhnya Samhita states that Ahirbudhnya (Siva) worships you and sought the boon to see your beautiful form with His own eyes. O Lord sudarshana of illustrious attributes! Hail To Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 3:

ஸ்பு²டதடிஜ்ஜால பிஞ்ஜர      ப்ரு²து²தரஜ்வால பஞ்ஜர  
பரிக³த ப்ரத்நவிக்³ரஹ      பதுதரப்ரஜ்ஞ து³ர்க்³ரஹ    |  
ப்ரஹ்ரண க்³ராம மண்டி³த      பரிஜந த்ராண பண்டி³த  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந      ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana! You shine like the resplendent assembly of

lightnings. The bright tongues of flames surrounding you appear like a cage (home) for you. The forms of Vasudeva, Sankarshana and other vyuha murti-s find their positions around your geometric form (yantra). Even the scholars with sharp intellects stumble, when they try to understand the full extent of your glory. It is a beautiful sight to see the sixteen weapons of yours resting on your hands to serve you. You are dedicated to come to the rescue of those ,who seek your protection . O shrI sudarshana of such auspicious attributes! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 4:

நிஜபத³பீத ஸத³க³ண நிருபதி⁴ஸ்பீ²த ஷட்³கு³ண  
நிக³ம நிர்வ்யூட⁴ வைப⁴வ நிஜபர வ்யூஹ வைப⁴வ ।  
ஹரி ஹய த³வேஷி தா³ரண ஹர புர ப்லோஷ காரண  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana! The Righteous people have firm attachment to your holy feet. The Six Kalyana GunAs — Knowledge, Power, Strength, Wealth, Heroism, and effulgence– find their natural home in You. The Vedas have firmly established Your glory in their many chapters. Like your Lord, You have the forms of para and vyuha. You cut asunder the fear caused by the foes of Indra, the foremost among your devotees. You were responsible for the burning down Kashi, the city of Siva to ashes. You stood at the tip of Siva's arrow, when He was engaged in the campaign to destroy TripurAsura. O shrI sudarshana Of such Kalyana Gunas! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 5:

த³நுஜ விஸ்தார கர்தந ஜநி தமிழ்ரா விகர்தந  
த³நுஜவித³யா நிகர்தந ப⁴ஜத³வித³யா நிவர்தந ।  
அமர த³ரு³ஷ்ட ஸ்வ விக்ரம ஸமர ஜுஷ்ட ப்ரமிக்ரம  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana! You arrest the growth of the evil-minded Asuras and destroy them down to their roots. You are like the resplendent Sun

banishing the dark night of Samsara, which bedevil your devotees. You Overcome any and every act of deception practised by the Asuras. You remove every shred of false knowledge that invaded the minds of those ,who seek refuge in you. The Devas celebrate Your heroic deeds and experience joy in witnessing Your powerful actions. You revolve and rotate in many ways in your battles against the enemies of Your devotees. May Thou with such auspicious attributes prosper further! Hail to Thee! Hail To Thee!

Verse 6:

ப்ரதி²முகா²லீட⁴ ப³ந்து⁴ர      ப்ரு²து²மஹாஹேதி த³ந்துர  
விகடமாய ப³ஹிஷக்ரு²த      விவித⁴மாலா பரிஷக்ரு²த ।  
ஸ்தி²ரமஹாயந்த்ர தந்த்ரித      த்³ரு²ட⁴ த³யா தந்த்ர யந்த்ரித  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந      ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana! You give darsana to us with Your dynamic gait of One foot placed forward in movement and the other rapidly following it. Your position in that gait is beautiful to behold. You are surrounded by Your magnificent and fearsome weapons. You are the conqueror of Powerful illusions (mAyA) caused by Asuras. You are not therefore affected by their acts of MayA. You are decorated with many beautiful flower garlands that add to your natural beauty. You are firmly bound in the warp of your great compassion for your devotees and bless them , when they worship You through Your Yantra and Mantra. O shrī sudarshana of such auspicious qualities! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 7:

மஹித ஸம்பத் ஸத³க்ஷர      விஹிதஸம்பத் ஷட³க்ஷர  
ஷட³ர்சக்ர ப்ரதிஷ்டி²த      ஸகல தத்த்வ ப்ரதிஷ்டி²த ।  
விவித⁴ ஸங்கல்ப கல்பக      விபு³த⁴ஸங்கல்ப கல்பக  
ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ஜய ஜய ஸ்ரீ ஸுத³ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana of many prime qualities! The wealth of the righteous is their true knowledge about Your Lord. You Bless them with the unperishable wealth of MokSham, When they seek refuge at Your holy feet. Those who recite Your mantra made up

of the six letters (akSharas) gain incomparable wealth. Your devotees (upAsakas) invoke You in Your yantra of six corners formed by two intersecting triangles and worship You at its epicenter. You pervade and reside in all the creations of Your Lord. You have the power to complete all deeds that you decide to undertake. You are thus a satya sankalpa and serve as the divine Kalpaka tree granting all the boons that your devotees request. O shrI sudarshana! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 8:

பு<sup>4</sup>வந நேத்ர த்ரயீமய ஸவந தேஜஸ்த்ரயீமய  
நிரவதி<sup>4</sup> ஸ்வாது<sup>3</sup> சிந்மய நிகி<sup>2</sup>ல ஸக்தே ஜக<sup>3</sup>ந்மய ।  
அமித விஸ்வக்ரியாமய ஸமித விஸ்வக்<sup>3</sup>ப<sup>4</sup>யாமய  
ஜய ஜய ஸு<sup>3</sup>ஸுத<sup>3</sup>ர்ஸந ஜய ஜய ஸு<sup>3</sup>ஸுத<sup>3</sup>ர்ஸந ॥

O Lord sudarshana, the eye of the Universe! You are of the form of the three Vedas. You are of the form of the three fires – gArhapatyam, Ahvaneeyam and dakShinAgni – of the YagAs. You are of the delectable form of true knowledge! You have the power to accomplish every deed. You have taken the form of the Universe and its contents. You are worshipped thru the sacrificial rituals of your devotees. In return, You destroy the fears and diseases of those, who worship You from all directions. O Lord sudarshana of auspicious qualities! Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee!

Verse 9:

ப<sup>2</sup>ல ஸ்ருதி

த<sup>3</sup>விசதுஷ்கமித<sup>3</sup>ம் ப்ரபூ<sup>4</sup>தஸாரம் பட<sup>2</sup>தாம் வேங்கடநாயக ப்ரணீதம் ।  
விஷமே<sup>5</sup>பி மனோரத:<sup>2</sup> ப்ரதா<sup>4</sup>வந் ந விஹந்யேத ரதா<sup>2</sup>ங்க<sup>3</sup> து<sup>4</sup>ர்ய கு<sup>3</sup>ப்த: ॥

Those, who recite this Stotram consisting of eight verses in praise of sudarshana composed by Venkatanatha known as Vedanta Desikan comprehend the deep references to the glory of Lord sudarshana will have the fulfilment of all their wishes. The Boon-granting powers of Lord sudarshana will make them realize all their wishes by overcoming all

obstacles that stand in the way.

॥ இதி ஸ்ரீவேதா³ந்ததே³ஸிகரசிதம் ஸுத³ர்ஸநாஷ்டகம் ஸமாப்தம் ॥

கவிதார்கிகஸிம்ஹாய கல்யாணகு³ணஸாலிநே ।

ஸ்ரீமதே வேங்கடேஷாய வேதா³ந்தகு³ரவே நம: ॥


Translation by V.Sadagopan . Available at

<http://www.ramanuja.org/sv/acharyas/desika/stotras/sudarsanatml>

---

——  
*sudarshanAShTakam*

pdf was typeset on November 30, 2019

——  
Please send corrections to [sanskrit@cheerful.com](mailto:sanskrit@cheerful.com)

