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அபி⁴லாஷாஷ்டகம் 2

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This short but sweet hymn appears in Skanda Purana - Kasi Kanda.

It is said that a brahmin, by name Vishvanara prayed to the Lord with this stotra and got the Lord Himself as his son Vaishvanara. This shows that this prayer is capable of fulfilling one's desires if recited with fervor and sincerity. Since it is capable of yielding the desires of the devotee, it has got its name Abhilashashtakam.

Abhilasha (அபி⁴லாஷா) means desire.

The stotra is replete with vedantic truths that are revealed by the upanishads. Hence a student of vedanta will be able to enjoy reciting it. The upanishads declare that God is without a name and form. But He may also be worshipped as one with form. Here the Supreme Being known by the name of Brahman is also addressed as Rudra in the first verse and later in the last verse identified as the Lord of Gowri.

ஏகம் ப்³ரஹ்மைவ⁵⁵த்³விதீயம் ஸமஸ்தம்

ஸத்யம் ஸத்யம் நேஹ நாநாஸ்தி கிஞ்சித் |

ஏகோ ருத்³ரோ ந த்³விதீயாய தஸ்தே²

தஸ்மாதே³கம் த்வாம் ப்ரபத்³யே ஸதா³ஹம் || 1 || var ப்ரபத்³யே மஹேஸம்

It is the one brahman which is without a second and is in the form of everything. There are no different things. This is really the truth.

And that brahman is Rudra. In view of this, I always surrender to

You who is the One without a second.

ஏக: கர்தா த்வம் ஹி ஸர்வஸ்ய ஸம்போ⁴

நாநா ரூபேஷு ஏகரூபோ⁵ஸி அரூப: |

யத்³வத் ப்ரத்யப்ஸு அர்க: ஏகோ⁵பி அநேக:

தஸ்மாத் நாந்யம் த்வாம் விநேஸம் ப்ரபத்³யே || 2 ||

Oh Sambho! You alone are the creator of every thing. You are without a form.

Yet You appear in many forms in one form. Just as the same sun is

seen as many suns in many collections of water, You also appear as many.

So, I will not surrender to any one else.

ரஜ்ஜெள ஸர்ப: ஸாக்திகாயாம் ச ரூப்யம்

நர: பூர: தந்ம்ரு³கா³க்யே மரீசௌ |

யத்³வத் தத்³வத் விஷ்வக் ஏஷ: ப்ரபஞ்ச:

யஸ்மிந் ஜ்ஞாதே தம் ப்ரபத்³யே மஹேஸம் || 3 ||

On coming to know You, what appeared as the world earlier is seen as the Lord only, just as what appeared to be a snake earlier is understood to be a rope only, what appeared as silver is understood to be a pearl oyster only and what appeared as a stream is understood to be a mirage only. I surrender to You the Lord.

தோயே சைத்யம் தா³ஹுகத்வம் ச வஹ்நௌ

தாபோ பா⁴நௌ சீத பா⁴நௌ ப்ரஸாத: ³ |

புஷ்பே க³ந்த: ⁴ து³க்³த⁴ மத்⁴யே⁵பி ஸர்பி:

யத்தத் சம்போ⁴ த்வம் தத: த்வாம் ப்ரபத்³யே || 4 ||

The coldness in the water, the intense heat in the fire, the heat in the sun, the joy in the moon, the fragrance in the flower and the ghee in the curd are all aspects of You. Therefore I surrender to You.

ஸப்³த³ம் க்³ரு³ண்ஹாஸி அஸ்ரவா: த்வம் ஹி ஜிக்⁴ரே:

அக்³ராண: த்வம் வ்யங்க்⁴ரி: ஆயாஸி தூ³ராத் |

வ்யக்ஷ: பஸ்யே: த்வம் ரஸஜ்ஞோ⁵பி அஜிஹ்வ:

க: த்வாம் ஸம்யக் வேத்தி அத: த்வாம் ப்ரபத்³யே || 5 ||

You hear but are without ears, You smell but are without nose, You come from a distance but are without feet, You seebut are without eyes and taste but are without a tongue. Who can know You properly? Such a One, I surrender to You.

நோ வேத்³ த்வாம் ஈஸ ஸாக்ஷாத் விவேத்³

நோ வா விஷ்ணு: நோ விதா⁴தா⁵கி²லஸ்ய |

நோ யோகீ³ந்த்³ரா: நேந்த்³ர முக்²யாஸ்ச தே³வா:

ப⁴க்தோ வேத்³த்வாம் அதஸ்த்வாம் ப்ரபத்³யே || 6 ||

O Lord! the veda itself has not known You properly. Nor have Vishnu, Brahma the creator of all the worlds, the best among the yogis or the gods like

Indra have understood You properly. Only Your devotee knows You.
Therefoere I surrender to You.

நோ தே கோ³த்ரம் நேஸ ஜந்மாபி நாக்²யா

நோவா ரூபம் நைவ சீலம் ந தேஜ: |

இத்த²ம் பூ⁴தோ⁵பி ஈஸ்வர: த்வம் த்ரிலோக்²யா:

ஸர்வாந் காமாந் பூரயே: தத் ப⁴ஜேஹம் || 7 ||

O Lord! You have no lineage. You have no birth, no name, no form
also. You have no manner of conducting Yourself or splendour.
Even though You are like this You are the lord of the three worlds.
You fulfil everyone's desires. Therefore I worship You.

த்வத்த: ஸர்வம் த்வஹி ஸர்வம் ஸ்மராரே

த்வம் கௌ³ரீஸ: த்வம் ச நக்³ந: அதிஸாந்த: |

த்வம் வை வ்ரு³த்³த:⁴ த்வம் யுவா த்வம் ச பா³ல:

தத்த்வம் யத்கிம் நாஸி அத: த்வாம் நதோ⁵ஸ்மி || 8 ||

O the enemy of the god of love! everything originated from You. You
are everything. You are the lord of Gouri. You are naked. You are
very peaceful. You are old, young, infantine. What are You not?
Therefore I prostrate before You.

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