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ಜನ್ಮಾನೇಕಶತೈಃ ಸದಾದರಯುಜಾ ಭಕ್ತ್ಯಾ ಸಮಾರಾಧಿತೋ
ಭಕ್ತೈರ್ವೈದಿಕಲಕ್ಷಣೇನ ವಿಧಿನಾ ಸಂತುಷ್ಟ ಈಶಃ ಸ್ವಯಂ .
ಸಾಕ್ಷಾತ್ ಶ್ರೀಗುರುರೂಪಮೇತ್ಯ ಕೃಪಯಾ ದೃಗ್ಗೋಚರಃ ಸನ್ ಪ್ರಭುಃ
ತತ್ತ್ವಂ ಸಾಧು ವಿಬೋಧ್ಯ ತಾರಯತಿ ತಾನ್ ಸಂಸಾರದುಃಖಾರ್ಣವಾತ್ ..

The Supreme Lord, moved by the devout and reverential homage of his
disciples in accord with scriptural prescriptions in countless former
births, incarnates out of compassion in the form of a Guru; he thereby
comes within the orbit of sight, freely transmits to them the
wisdom concerning Ultimate Reality, and enables them to cross over
the ocean of sorrowful samsara, the realm of conditioned existence.

ಶರೀರಂ ಸುರೂಪಂ ತಥಾ ವಾ ಕಲತ್ರಂ
ಯಶಶ್ಚಾರು ಚಿತ್ರಂ ಧನಂ ಮೇರುತುಲ್ಯಂ .
ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ
ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 1..

One's vesture may be superb, one's consort likewise, one's reputation
resplendent and renowned, and one's riches like unto Mount Meru; but if
one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru,
what then, what then, what then?

ಕಲತ್ರಂ ಧನಂ ಪುತ್ರಪೌತ್ರಾದಿ ಸರ್ವಂ
ಗೃಹಂ ಬಾಂಧವಾಃ ಸರ್ವಮೇತದ್ಧಿ ಜಾತಂ .
ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ
ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 2..

Wife, wealth, sons, grandsons and all such; home and kindred; the host of
all these things may be there; but if one's mind be not centred upon the
lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ಷಡಂಗಾದಿವೇದೋ ಮುಖೇ ಶಾಸ್ತ್ರವಿದ್ಯಾ

ಕವಿತ್ವಾದಿ ಗದ್ಯಂ ಸುಪದ್ಯಂ ಕರೋತಿ .

ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ

ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 3..

The Vedas with their six limbs and the knowledge of all sciences may be on one's lips; one may possess the poetic gift and may compose fine prose and poetry; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ವಿದೇಶೇಷು ಮಾನ್ಯಃ ಸ್ವದೇಶೇಷು ಧನ್ಯಃ

ಸದಾಚಾರವೃತ್ತೇಷು ಮತ್ತೋ ನ ಚಾನ್ಯಃ .

ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ

ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 4..

I am honoured in other lands and I am prosperous in my homeland; in the paths of righteous conduct there is none who surpasses me; thus one may think; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ಕ್ಷಮಾಮಂಡಲೇ ಭೂಪಭೂಪಾಲವೃಂದೈಃ

ಸದಾ ಸೇವಿತಂ ಯಸ್ಯ ಪಾದಾರವಿಂದಂ .

ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ

ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 5..

One may be constantly extolled and one's presence highly honoured by hosts of emperors and rulers of this world; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ಯಶೋ ಮೇ ಗತಂ ದಿಕ್ಷು ದಾನಪ್ರತಾಪಾ-

ಜ್ಞಗದ್ವಸ್ತು ಸರ್ವಂ ಕರೇ ಯತ್ಪ್ರಸಾದಾತ್ .

ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ

ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 6..

My repute has travelled in all directions through my philanthropy and prowess; all the things of this world are in my hands as rewards for my virtues; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ನ ಭೋಗೇ ನ ಯೋಗೇ ನ ವಾ ವಾಜಿರಾಜೌ

ನ ಕಾಂತಾಮುಖೇ ನೈವ ವಿತ್ತೇಷು ಚಿತ್ತಂ .
ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ
ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 7..

Consciousness cannot be confined to enjoyment or to yoga, nor
indeed to multitudes of steeds, neither to the face of the beloved
nor to riches; yet if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus
feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

ಅರಣ್ಯೇ ನ ವಾ ಸ್ವಸ್ಯ ಗೇಹೇ ನ ಕಾರ್ಯೇ
ನ ದೇಹೇ ಮನೋ ವರ್ತತೇ ಮೇ ತ್ವನರ್ಘ್ಯೇ .
ಮನಶ್ಚೇನ್ನ ಲಗ್ನಂ ಗುರೋರಂಘ್ರಪದ್ಮೇ
ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ ತತಃ ಕಿಂ .. 8..

My mind does not dwell upon the forest nor even upon my home,
nor in what is to be accomplished, not upon the body, nor upon
what is auspicious; yet if one's mind be not centred upon the
lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?


ಗುರೋರಷ್ಟಕಂ ಯಃ ಪಠೇತ್ಪುಣ್ಯದೇಹೀ
ಯತಿಭೂಪತಿರ್ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಚಾರೀ ಚ ಗೇಹೀ .
ಲಭೇದ್ವಾಂಛಿತಾರ್ಥಂ ಪದಂ ಬ್ರಹ್ಮಸಂಜ್ಞಂ
ಗುರೋರುಕ್ತವಾಕ್ಯೇ ಮನೋ ಯಸ್ಯ ಲಗ್ನಂ ..

Whoever, hallowed by holy merit, ponders the above octad extolling the
Guru, whose mind is centred upon the words of the Guru, whether such a
person be an ascetic, sovereign, student or householder, attains
the desired goal, the consummation of union with brahman.

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