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आर्टातिपुराः जनित प्रपचेपाण्डवेशदेशे विहरत प्रपचेः
शोणाचारस्थचर्य प्रपचेः भिन्नं तपःक्रेणासह प्रपचेः ॥ १॥
आवहंकारान्तसर्म प्रपचेः जितारिषुगभारं प्रपचेः
वर्षदातासारभृतं प्रपचेः निष्ठैसमकारणविनिधि प्रपचेः ॥ २॥
अस्मातपपशादधिकं प्रपचेः विश्वाभिकोषिकविषयं प्रपचेः
कालप्रहारभयापनुत्वा कृतान्त्यशिस्ताकृतिनं प्रपचेः ॥ ३॥
विनेतुमार्ति विषयाध्वजन्यं विज्ञानमूलि द्वित प्रपचेः
किन्दरपर्दल्लवरवारणाय कामारितिलावतारं प्रपचेः ॥ ४॥
आजनमवर्णिनित्रिं प्रपचेः कुण्डीभूतं दण्डतं प्रविष्ठ
ब्रह्मासनव्याशारं प्रपचेः ब्रह्मात्ममूर्यं यत्तिनं प्रपचेः ॥ ५॥
हरं प्रपचेः विजरं प्रपचेः स्वतन्त्रततायः सदनं प्रपचेः
अमेयसामथयं प्रपचेः विश्वुर्वविज्ञानिनवरं प्रपचेः ॥ ६॥
दौभाययतापऽय कम मोह सतन्तपहन्ततारमहं प्रपचेः
वधारस्वक्षुत्तमेपत्पापमवास कामं विश्वुच च प्रपचेः ॥ ७॥
मनः प्रसादं भजतां ददाः मुग्धममद्वासमुखं प्रपचेः
व्यथामकेशं व्यपनीय मोदप्रदेन नाशा रमणं प्रपचेः ॥ ८॥
शिवं प्रपचेः शिवदं प्रपचे गुरुं प्रपचे गुणिनं प्रपचे
मदीयह्यद्राजुं प्रपचे शारणमीशं शारणं प्रपचेः ॥ ९॥
प्रपतिः रमणस्वैतां तन्नतां तत्तदर्शिनः
तत्तदुपातरसिकः तत्तदार्शात् प्रपचेः ॥ १०॥
॥ इति श्रीजगदीश शास्त्री विरचितं प्रपत्यश्चकम् सम्पूर्णम् ॥
Prapatti Ashtakam Eight Verses of Surrender

by Sri Jagadisa Sastri - Arunachala

Composed in praise of Ramana Maharshi, just at the eleventh hour when Jagadisha Shastri had been diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer. It is said that Maharshi was so moved that he saved him then to live for a further 38 years.

Jagadeeswara Sastri (1894-1983) was a distinguished Sanskrit scholar, associated with Sri Ramana for four decades. A.R.Natarajan records that in 1945 Sastri got a terminal illness (stomach cancer) which did not respond to the best medical treatment. Sastri invoked Sri Ramana’s grace, who had in some mysterious way a soft corner for him. A natural poet, Sastri surrendered to Sri Ramana composing eight exquisite pieces of poetry called Prapatti Ashtakam through which he poured out his heart. Sri Ramana was so moved that he saved him and pulled him out of the jaws of death, and blessed him with a long life for a further 38 years.

Prapatti Ashtakam Eight Verses of Surrender

1. To Him born in Tiruchuli, I surrender;
   to Him who sported in Pandya country, I surrender;
   to the dweller on Arunachala slopes, I surrender;
   to the bhikshu unaffected by the rigors of tapas, I surrender.

2. To Him who is alike to all, from the Creator to the worm, I surrender;
   to the subduer of the six passions, I surrender;
   to the bearer of the essence of Knowledge, I surrender;
   to the store of unbounded mercy, I surrender.

3. To Him who surpasses the universe, I surrender;
   to Him whom the Vedas say to be the universe and more, I surrender;

...
to the chastiser of death in order to be rid of fear of the all-devouring alligator Time, I surrender.

4. To the embodiment of Knowledge, who conquers the pain of sensual life, I surrender; to the enemy of Kama, come down in sport, to prevent the fevers caused by proud Cupid, I surrender.

5. To the strictly life-long celibate, I surrender; to the holder of kamandalu and staff, I surrender; to Him that rests in dhyana on Brahmasana, I surrender; to the Hermit at one with Brahman, I surrender.

6. To Hara, I surrender; to the never-decaying, I surrender; to the abode of independence, I surrender; to Him of immeasurable skill, I surrender; to the foremost of spotless knowers, I surrender.

7. To the dispeller of fever caused by ill luck, threefold ills, delusion, and karma, I surrender; to Him of true resolve, no taint, perfect contentment and bliss, I surrender.

8. To the face of gentle smile that brings peace to the devotees, I surrender; to RAMANA (Blessing), so named because, removing all pain, He brings in joy, I surrender.

9. To Siva the bestower of bliss, the Master, the store of all virtues, I surrender; to the indweller of my heart-lotus, I surrender; to the refuge and Lord, I surrender.

10. May all others also wisely surrender to Ramana, in order to gain His qualities by His blessings.
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