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आदर्शपुर्यां जनितं प्रपचे पाण्डवेशादेशे विहृतं प्रपचे।
शोणाच्छप्रस्थचरं प्रपचे भिंहू तपाक्षरसं प्रपचे॥ १॥
आदर्शकृटान्तसं प्रपचे जितारिष्ठार्गमहं प्रपचे।
सर्वाल्दासार्भृतं प्रपचे निस्तीमकारुण्यनिर्धं प्रपचे॥ २॥
अस्रात्रपञ्चादिवकं प्रपचे विश्वादिकोन्लकाविवर्य प्रपचे।
कालियाक्रांभयापनुत्येव कुतान्तशिष्काशृकितं प्रपचे॥ ३॥
विनेतुमार्थिन्विषयाध्वजन्यः विज्ञानमूर्तिः धर्मं प्रपचे।
कष्टपरंपरवार्षाराय कामारितेनितातारं प्रपचे॥ ४॥
आज्ञामभगिन्नितिन प्रपचे कुण्डिभूतं दणंध्रं प्रपचे।
ब्रह्मान्तन्यायारं प्रपचे ब्रह्मात्मभूयं चतिनं प्रपचे॥ ५॥
हरं प्रपचे विजरं प्रपचे स्वतत्वतातः सदनं प्रपचे।
अमेवसामथ्रविहं प्रपचे विशुद्वविशालानिर्वं प्रपचे॥ ६॥
दौभायेकतापः कर्मं मोह सन्तापपल्लामहं प्रपचे।
वधार्थसुक्लमपेपपपपमवास कार्ये विशुचं प्रपचे॥ ७॥
मनं प्रसारं भजतां ददां मुष्टिमोहसिद्धामुखं प्रपचे।
वधार्थशेषस्तामपेपपमपमवास कार्ये विशुचं प्रपचे॥ ८॥
शिवं प्रपचे मिस्वदं प्रपचे गुरुं प्रपचे गुणिनं प्रपचे।
मदीयहर्वश्वश्रुतं प्रपचे शारणविहीं शारणं प्रपचे॥ ९॥
प्रपत्ति रमणस्वैता तन्नता तत्तच्छैर्यः:
तत्कुन्तुयापरसिकाः तत्तच्छैर्यायायायः॥ १०॥
|| इति श्रीजगदीश शाश्वी विकृतिः प्रपत्यष्टकं समप्पूण्म् ||
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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