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Pancharatnastuti of Shri Appayya Dixita

Introduction

This short poem made of five gem like verses establishes the greatness of Lord Paramasiva based on the authority of the vedas and puranas. Sri Dixita had also written a commentary on the verses. It contains a systematic exposition of the theme of the poem (viz.) the supremacy of Paramasiva as parabrahman by a discussion of the many scriptural passages. It is a brilliant discussion by a great scholar.

Background

It seems that during his period there was much unseemly squabble between the adherents of Siva and Vishnu as to who was the greater of the two. Sri Dixita was saddened by this spectacle. It appears that some of the adherents of Vishnu went to the extent of condemning the Saivashastras as tamasic and Siva Himself as a jiva only. Sri Dixita was very much pained at all these happenings and was forced to espouse the other side (viz) supremacy of Siva. Even though in this poem the author argues to establish the supremacy of Lord Siva, it has to be emphasised that he had no bias towards Siva or Vishnu. He had mentioned this in many places in his works. His Hariharabedhastuti is an example of his attitude. In this stotra he praises both Lord Siva and Vishnu in each verse. In the last verse he says clearly that he sees no difference between them. It reads as follows.

वस्तां पिशङ्गं वसनं दिशो वा गरुत्मता यातु ककुभ्रता वा ।

निद्रातु वा नृत्यतु वाऽधिरङ्गे भेदो न मे स्थात्परमस्य धाम्नः ॥

In fact, he had composed Varadarajastava which shows his intense devotion to Lord Vishnu. He had also written commentaries on Yadavabhyudayam of Sri Vedanta Desika. All these go to show his liberal mind. He was, in fact, a true advaitin.

॥ पञ्चरत्नस्तुतिः ॥

॥ श्रीमदप्पय्यदीक्षितसार्वात्मैः विरचिता ॥

भूतस्य जात एति वारिरुडासनस्य
जातो बृहन्निति उरेश्च जनिः प्रसिद्धा ।
यस्मादजात एति मन्त्रवरोपदिष्टा-
त्तं रुद्रमेव जनितश्चकितः प्रपद्ये ॥ १ ॥

उक्त्वा प्रसूतिमजशौरिउरेश्चराणां
संसूय्य दीपकसालोक्तिभिरन्यनिद्राम् ।
तां संयधारयदतर्वशिष्या छि यस्य
त्तं सर्वकारणमनादिशिवं प्रपद्ये ॥ २ ॥

वेदान्तेषु प्रथमभवन्नं वर्णितं यस्य याभ्यां
तद्भक्तस्य प्रसववयसा जन्म तत्प्यापयित्वा ।
यस्यैकस्य स्फुटमजनिता निश्चिता कारणस्य
ध्यायामस्तं जनिविडतये शंभुमाकाशमध्ये ॥ ३ ॥


यद्भूभृङ्गैकवश्या विधिउरिगिरिशिष्यातिदाः शक्तिकोटयो
यद्भूत्या देवदेवाः सकलभुवनगाः संनियच्छन्ति विश्वम् ।
यल्लिङ्गं सर्वदेवासुरमनुजमुपैरर्यते विश्वरूपं
तस्मै नित्यं नमस्यां प्रवितनुत परब्रह्मणे शंकराय ॥ ४ ॥

आस्थं सूक्ष्मं लिङ्गरूपत्वलिङ्गं
स्थाद्ब्रह्मेशानाप्ययैवाल्पमात्रम् ।
एत्येवेनावेदयत्सूत्रकारो
यं ब्रह्माप्यं तं प्रपद्ये मडेशम् ॥ ५ ॥

एति श्रीमदप्पय्यदीक्षितसार्वात्मैः
विरचिता पञ्चरत्नस्तुतिः संपूर्णा ॥

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