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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 ककुद्भता वा ।
निद्रातु वा नृत्यतु वाऽधिरङ्गे भेदो न मे स्यात्परमस्य 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.

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॥ श्रीमदप्पय्यदीक्षितसार्वभौमैः विरचिता ॥

भूतस्य जात इति वारिरुहासनस्य
जातो बृहन्निति हरेश्च जनिः प्रसिद्धा ।
यस्मादजात इति मन्त्रवरोपदिष्टा-
त्तं रुद्रमेव जनितश्चकितः प्रपद्ये ॥ १ ॥

उक्त्वा प्रसूतिमजशौरिहरेश्वराणां
संसूच्य दीपकसहोक्तिभिरन्यनिघ्नाम् ।
तां संयधारयदतर्वशिखा हि यस्य
तं सर्वकारणमनादिशिवं प्रपद्ये ॥ २ ॥


वेदान्तेषु प्रथमभवनं वर्णितं यस्य याभ्यां
तद्वृत्तस्य प्रसववचसा जन्म तत्त्व्यापयित्वा ।
यस्यैकस्य स्फुटमजनिता निश्चिता कारणस्य
ध्यायामस्तं जनिविहतये शंभुमाकाशमध्ये ॥ ३ ॥

यद्भ्रूभङ्गैकवश्या विधिहरिगिरिशख्यातिदाः शक्तिकोट्यो
यद्भ्रूत्या देवदेवाः सकलभुवनगाः संनियच्छन्ति विश्वम् ।
यल्लिङ्गं सर्वदेवासुरमनुजमुखैरर्च्यते विश्वरूपं
तस्मै नित्यं नमस्यां प्रवितनुत परब्रह्मणे शंकराय ॥ ४ ॥


आस्यं सूक्ष्मं लिङ्गरूपत्वलिङ्गं
स्याद्ब्रह्मेशानारख्ययैवाल्पमात्रम् ।
इत्येवेनावेदयत्सूत्रकारो
यं ब्रह्मारख्यं तं प्रपद्ये महेशम् ॥ ५ ॥

इति श्रीमदप्पय्यदीक्षितसार्वभौमैः
विरचिता पञ्चरत्नस्तुतिः संपूर्णा ॥

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