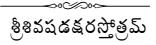
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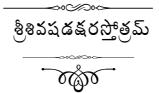
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ఓంకారం బిందుసంయుక్తం నిత్యం ధ్యాయంతి యోగినః । కామదం మోకడం చైవ ఓంకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ ೧॥ నమంతి ఋషయో దేవా నమన్త్యప్పరసాం గణాః । నరా నమంతి దేవేశం నకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ _೨॥ మహాదేవం మహాత్మానం మహాధ్యానం పరాయణమ్ । మహాపాపహరం దేవం మకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ 3॥ శివం శాంతం జగన్నాథం లోకానుగ్రహకారకమ్ । శివమేకపదం నిత్యం శికారాయ నమో నమః ॥ ४॥ వాహనం వృషభో యస్య వాసుకిః కంఠభూషణమ్ । వామే శక్తిధరం వేదం వకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ ४॥ వామే శక్తిధరం వేదం వకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ ४॥ యె గురుః సర్వదేవానాం యకారాయ నమో నమః ॥ = ॥ షడషరబుదం స్తోత్రం యః పఠేచ్ఛివసంనిధౌ । శివలోకమవాప్నో తి శివేన సహ మోదతే ॥ ల॥ ॥ ఇతి శ్రీ రుద్రయామలే ఉమామహేశ్వరసంవాదే షడషరస్తోత్రం సమ్ఫూర్లమ్ ॥

Comments

Uniqueness:

This Shivastrotra is unique in many ways. I list some of the unique aspects of the strotra below:

 If you take first Sanskrit syllable from each of the shloka above and arrange them horizontally you get .. OM namaH shivAya .. (I bow down to Shiva)

2. The entire composition is composed to be sung in raga Bhairava.

Raga Bhairava is assumed to be the original creation of music by shiva through his drum called DamarU

3. However, each of the shloka can be sung in seven basic ragas of Hindustani classical. Pundit Bhimsen Joshi has done it. He has sung each sloka in different raga.

Philosophic comments:

The "shivlinga" has many iconographic and symbologic interpretations. The most popular, which has caught the fancy of the Westerners, is that the "linga" is a phallus of Shiva. This phallus cult is relatively young cult and the reasons surrounding its developments are not clear.

The original Vedic Iconography indicates that Shiva was a pall of fire spreading many light years in all direction that emerged just after the "quantum chaos" at the beginning of the universe. Many Sanskrit scholars believe that the "quantum chaos" was indeed the "pashupata-astra(ເລັ້າເອັ້າເອັ້າ ເອັ້າ) that Shiva is supposed to be wielding. Iconographic interpretation of shivlinga as a enormous power locked inside a hard black stone cooled perpetually by water and guarded vigilantly by a security in form of Vasuki- the most venomous snake is also popular (not to miss the shape which resembles the modern Nuclear reactor).

The above strotra, it may not be wrong to argue, has its ideological origins in the original school of "adhikrut sankhya" అధికృత సాంఖ్య

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