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shrI subrahmaNya bhujangam is a stotra sung under inspiration by shrI Adi shankarAchArya at Thiruchendur (presently located in Tamil Nadu, India). When he meditated upon shrI subrahmaNya, he became aware of the self luminous light shining in his heart and words came out his mouth in extempore in bhujanga metre. It is also said that AchArya then actually saw the AdisheSha worshipping the Lord and adopted the bhujanga metre.

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Invocation of shrI vighneshvara

सदा बालरुपाऽपि विद्मद्भिः

महादन्तिवक्त्राऽपि पञ्चास्यमान्या ।

विधीन्द्रादिभूया गणेशाभिधा मे

विधत्तां श्रियं काऽपि कल्याणमूर्तिः ॥ १ ॥

Though he always sports the appearance of a child, he can crumble the the mountains of obstacles. Though he is elephant-faced, he is honored even by his five-faced father Shiva (sadyaojAtam, vAmadevam, aghoram, tatpuruSham and IshAnam). Lord Brahma, Indra and the other Devas seek him to fulfil their aspirations. He is known as Ganesha and he is endowed with boundless glory. May he bless me with wealth!

AchAryA's humility

न जानामि शब्दं न जानामि यार्थं

न जानामि पद्यं न जानामि गद्यम् ।

चिद्रेका षडास्या हृदि धीतते मे

मुष्मन्निःसरन्ते गिरश्चापि चित्रम् ॥ २ ॥

I know not the science of musical sounds, I know not the meanings of complex texts either, I know not the nature of shlokas made of four types of padAs, and nor do I know the intricacies of the Gadyam style! But in my heart, shines a effulgent light with luminous six faces, and because of that from my mouth, amazing phrases with musical tone and meanings pour out in extempore.

This shloka brings out the humility of the AchArya, who is considered as the greatest jnani, poet, and yogi who walked on the face of this earth. Meditating on the verse will bring wisdom to the aspirant.

Lord as the Goal of VedAs

मयूराधिरुढं महावाङ्मयगूढं

मनोहारिदेलं मलस्थित्तगेलम् ।

मडीदिवदेवं मलवेदलललव

मलदिवललं लजे लोडडललम् ॥ ३ ॥

When shrI shankara sang this verse, it is said that Lord Subrahmanya gave him darshan.

O Son of Mahadeva! Seated on the peacock chariot, being the essence of the great mahA vAkyAs, having wonderfully attractive body, dwelling in the heart of great sages, O the quintessence of four vedas! Thou are indeed the Lord of the Universe.

Reason for residing on the sea shore

यदल सन्निधलनं गतल मलनवल मे

लवलम्भोधिडलरे गतलस्ते तदैव ।

एतल व्यङ्गयन्सिन्धुतीरे य आस्ते

तमीडे डवित्रं डरलशङ्कित्तुडुत्रम् ॥ ॡ ॥

O Lord Subrahmanya! son of spotless parAshakti [the Mother of the Cosmos], Thou have taken the your abode near the sea shore (Thiruchendur is a coastal town) as if it is indication that whenever the devotees take refuge in Thee, they can easily cross the ocean of Samsara (the eternal cycle of life and death) and reach the other side of the shore safely!

Destroyer of devotee's difficulties

યથાબ્ધેસ્તરડ્ગા લયં ચાન્તિ તુડ્ગા-

સ્તથૈવાપદઃ સન્નિધૌ સેવતાં મે ।

ઇતીવોર્મિપડ્ક્તીર્નૃણાં દર્શયન્તં

સદા ભાવયે હૃત્સરોજે ગુહં તમ્ ॥ ૫ ॥

The waves of worries that haunt the minds of the devotees get destroyed like the waves of the ocean when they hit the shore, Thou stands on the sea-side town of Thiruchendur exemplifying this truth that the mental worry-waves get destroyed when the devotees surrender themselves at Thy feet. O Lord Guha (one who resides in the cave of the heart)! I meditate on you always!

Glory of Sugandha Hill

ગિરૌ મન્નિવાસે નરા ચેડધિરુઢા-

સ્તદા પર્વતે રાજતે તેડધિરુઢાઃ ।

ઇતીવ બ્રુવન્ગન્ધશૈલાધિરુઢઃ

સ દેવો મુદ્દે મે સદા ષણ્મુખોડસ્તુ ॥ ૬ ॥

O Lord Shanmukha! Thou stands on the top of the Sugandha hill, proclaiming that whenever the devotees climb this hill it will give the same benefit as climbing the king of mountains (Kailas)! May the six-faced lord on the Sugandha hills remain there to bless me!

Glory of Lord Guha

મહામ્બોધિતીરે મહાપાપચોરે

મુનીન્દ્રાનુકૂલે સુગન્ધાખ્યશૈલે ।

ગુહાયાં વસન્તં સ્વભાસા લસન્તં

જનાર્તિ હરન્તં શ્રયામો ગુહં તમ્ ॥ ૭ ॥

On the shores of the great ocean which steals away the sins of the devotees, stands the Sugandha hills, the most favourable site for the sages to perform their penance! Thou resides there to destroy the worries of the devotees! O self-luminous Lord who is present in the cave of the heart! I adore Thee!

Description of Lord's bed room

वसत्स्वर्णगिरे नृणां कामदोले

सुमस्तोमसञ्छन्नमाशिःक्यमञ्चे ।

समुधत्सलसार्कतुल्यप्रकाशं

सदा भावये कार्तिक्यं सुरेशम् ॥ ८ ॥

In a radiant golden bed room, on a cot set with rubies and covered on all sides with sweet smelling flowers, Thou art seated with the effulgence of thousand suns! Thou art the answer to every desire of the heart and Thou fulfils the righteous desires of Thy devotees! Thou art the lord of devas and son of the lord of the universe! O Kartikeya I meditate on Thee!

Meditation on Lord's feet

रणध्रुंसके मञ्जुलेऽत्यन्तशीले

मनोहारिवावण्यपीयूषपूर्णे ।

मनःषट्पदो मे भवःकलेशतमः

सदा मोदतां स्कन्द ते पादपद्मे ॥ ९ ॥

Let the mind (like a bee) which is burdened with domestic troubles become happy by hovering around Thy lotus feet which is adorned with the jingling ringlets made of rings and beads, red in color indicating the grace, filled with the nectar of beauty and attracts the minds of the devotees.

Meditation on Lord's waist

सुवर्णाम्बुष्यम्बरैर्भासमानां

कवचात्किङ्किणीमेभवाशोभमानाम् ।

वसध्रेमपट्टेन विधोतमानां

कटिं भावये स्कन्द ते दीप्यमानाम् ॥ १० ॥

Oh! Skanda, I meditate on Thy waist which is covered by a gold colored cloth, shining with a string of ringing bells and beads, wearing a shining gold belt over the golden silk cloth, and which is by itself self-resplendent

Meditation on Lord's Chest

पुलिनैशकन्याघनाभोगतुङ्ग-

स्तनालिङ्गनासक्तकाश्मीररागम् ।

नमस्याभ्यर्चं तारकारे तपोरः

स्वभक्तावने सर्वदा सानुरागम् ॥ ११ ॥

Oh! conqueror of Tarakasura! By embracing Valli's (Hunter's daughter) well-developed breast ornated with saffron, Thy chest became red colored, thereby manifesting your eternal grace towards devotees. And such a chest I adore.

Meditation on Twelve Arms

विधौ क्लृप्तमदृशान् स्वलीलाधृतादृश-

न्निरस्तेभशुदृशान् द्विषत्कालदृशान् ।

उतेन्द्रारिषदृशान् गत्राक्षौशौदृशान्

सदा ते प्रथमदृशान् श्रये आहुदृशान् ॥ १२ ॥

Oh! Shanmuga! Thy arms punished Brahma, Thy arms governs the world as Thy play, Thy arms killed Soorapadma and other demons who are enemies of Indra, Thy arms are matchless in protecting the Universe, and Thy arms are a terror to Thine enemies. I worship Thy twelve arms which does all these things effortlessly.

Meditation on Lord's Six Faces

सदा शारदाः षड्मृगाङ्गा यदि स्युः

समुद्यन्त एव स्थिताश्चेत्समन्तात् ।

सदा पूर्वाभिम्बाः कलङ्कैश्च डीना-

स्तदा त्वन्मुमानां भ्रुवे स्कन्द साम्यम् ॥ १३ ॥

What can I compare to Thy six faces! If there be six full moons free from blemishes and if those moons be ever shining on all sides, even then they would be no match to your effulgent faces.

Meditation on Lord's Facial Features

स्फुरन्मन्दलसैः सलंसानि यञ्च-

त्कटाक्षावलीभृङ्गसङ्घोज्ज्वलानि ।

सुधास्यन्तिभिम्बाधराक्षीशसूनो

तवालोक्ये षड्मुभाम्भोरुडाणि ॥ १४ ॥

Oh! Son of Parameshwara, I see Thy six lotus smiling faces shining like a group of swans, having gleaming side glance ever moving like a row of bees and with red lips overflowing with nectar.

Meditation on Lord's Twelve Eyes

विशालेषु कर्णान्तर्दीर्घेष्वजस्रं

दयास्यन्दिषु द्वादशस्वीक्ष्णेषु ।

मयीषत्कटाक्षः सकृत्पातितश्चे-

द्भवेते दयाशील का नाम हानिः ॥ १५ ॥

Oh! Son of Parameshwara! Oh! Merciful Lord!

When Thou hast twelve broad long eyes extending upto ears, what will Thou loose by casting that side glance for a moment [on me]?

Meditation on Lord's Six Heads

सुताङ्गोद्भवो मेऽसि ज्वेति षड्धा

जपन्मन्त्रमीशो मुदा जिघ्रते यान् ।

जगद्भारभृद्भ्यो जगन्नाथ तेभ्यः

किरीटोज्ज्वलेभ्यो नमो मस्तकेभ्यः ॥ १६ ॥

Oh! Lord of the Universe! I offer my prostration to Thy six heads wearing crowns with brilliant rubies which protect the welfare of creatures, which were smelt by Parameshwara with joy uttering six times the mantra "Child Thou were born of me, May Thou live long."

Meditation on Lord Balasubrahmanya

स्फुरद्गलकेयूरधाराभिराम-

श्चलत्कुण्डलश्रीलसद्गण्डभागः ।

कटौ पीतवासाः करे चारुशक्तिः

पुरस्तान्ममास्तां पुरारेस्तनूजः ॥ १७ ॥

Oh Kumara! Son of Lord Parameshwara (who destroyed Tripura)!

With garlands of brilliant rubies on Thy shoulders and chest, with bright cheeks shining when pendants dangling from Thy ears, wearing silk garment around Thy waist, and with vel in Thy hand, Oh! Lord appear before me (It is said that Lord appeared before AchArya when he sung this stotra)!

Meditation on Somaskandar

छंदायाडि वत्सेति हस्तान्मसाया-

ह्यत्यादराच्छुद्धे मातुरङ्गात् ।

समुत्पत्य तातं श्रयन्तं कुमारं

उरश्चिष्टगात्रं भजे बालमूर्तिम् ॥ १८ ॥

When Lord Shankara called Thee affectionately with arms extended.

Thou hurriedly rose from Mother's lap and rushed into Shankara's arms who embraced thee affectionately. I meditate on such a Lord Kumara.

Meditation on Lord's Eleven Names to Conquer Passions

कुमारेशसूनो गुह स्कन्द सेना-

पते शक्तिपादो मयूराधिपुत्र ।

पुलिनदात्मजाकान्त भक्तार्तिहारिन्

प्रभो तारकारे सदा रक्ष मां त्वम् ॥ १९ ॥

Oh kumara! Oh Son of Lord of the Universe! One shines in the cave of the heart as GuhA!  
Oh skanda! Oh Lord of the Devas Army! Oh Wielder of the weapon Vel (spear) which is the svarUpa of Parashakti!

One who rides on the peacock chariot! Oh Beloved of the Hunter's daughter (Valli)!  
Destroyer of the sins of your devotees! Enemy of the TarAkasura! Oh Lord protect me!

It is said that one who recites these nine will over come the passions.

Prayer for Darshan During the Last Moments of Life

प्रशान्तेन्द्रिये नष्टसंज्ञे विद्येष्टे

कङ्कोद्गारिवक्त्रे भयोत्कम्पिगात्रे ।

प्रयाणोन्मुग्धे मय्यनाथे तदानीं

द्रुतं मे दयालो भवात्रे गुह त्वम् ॥ २० ॥

Hail Guha, Dayalo. During the last moments of my life, when

I will have lost control of senses, when I will have lost consciousness, when I will be unable move my limbs, when I will be emitting foam of phlegm, when my body will be trembling with fear of death, when I will have none to protect me, Thou must hasten to give me Darshan then.

Prayer to Give Darshan During Death Pangs

कृतान्तस्य दूतेषु यष्टेषु कोपा-



दुःखं शिञ्जिद्भिन्दीति मां तर्जयत्सु ।

मथूरं समारुह्य मा भैरिति त्वं

पुरः शक्तिपाणिर्भमायाहि शीघ्रम् ॥ २१ ॥

Oh! Lord, when ferocious messengers of Death-God come to torture me angrily shouting, “Burn him, Kill him”

Oh! Lord Thou must hasten to appear before me, riding on Peacock, carrying Shaktivel, to encourage me not to be afraid.

Prayer for Protection During Last Moments

प्रणम्यासकृत्पादयोस्ते पतित्वा

प्रसाध प्रभो प्रार्थयेऽनेकवारम् ।

न वक्तुं क्षमोऽहं तदानीं कृपाब्धे

न कार्यान्तकाले मनागप्युपेक्षा ॥ २२ ॥

Oh Merciful Lord! I am prostrating to Thy feet often to secure Thy blessings. Oh treasure house of mercy! I offer prayers to please Thee. Thou should not be indifferent towards me during my last moments. At that time I may not have the control and energy to pray to Thee!

Prayer to Drive Away Mental Worries

सहस्राण्डभोक्ता त्वया शूरनामा

उतस्तारकः सिद्धवक्त्रश्च दैत्यः ।

ममान्तर्दृष्टिस्थं मनःकलेशमेकं

न त्सि प्रभो किं करोमि क्व यामि ॥ २३ ॥

O Lord! Thou hast slain the demon Soora who ruled the thousand universes! So were the demons TArakasura and Simhavaktra. But Lord, why have you not killed the demon called mental worry which haunts my mind? When it is afflicting me, what will I do? and where will I go [other than you for help]?

Prayer to Destroy Mental Worries

अहं सर्वदा दुःखभारावसन्नो

भवान्दीनबन्धुस्त्वदन्यं न याये ।

भवद्भक्तिरोधं सदा क्लृप्तबाधं

ममाधि द्रुतं नाशयोमासुत त्वम् ॥ २४ ॥

Oh Son of Uma! I am always troubled by the mental worries. Thou art the friend of helpless! I approach none but you for saving me. Quickly destroy my mental worries as they interfere with my devotion towards Thee!

Glory of Lord's Holy Ash

अपस्मारकुष्ठक्षयाशः प्रमेड-

ज्वरोन्माद्यगुल्मादिरोगा मलान्तः ।

पिशाचाश्च सर्वे भवत्यत्रभूतिं

विलोक्य क्षणान्तरकारे द्रवन्ते ॥ २५ ॥

Oh Conqueror of Taraka! Severe epilepsy, leprosy, consumption, lung diseases, venereal diseases, fevers, mental diseases of all types, they run away the moment they Thy vibhuti.

Acts of the Indriyas

दृशि स्कन्दमूर्तिः श्रुतौ स्कन्दकीर्ति-

र्मुष्पे मे पवित्रं सदा तथ्यरित्रम् ।

करे तस्य कृत्यं वपुस्तस्य भृत्यं

गुडे सन्तु वीना ममाशेषभावाः ॥ २६ ॥

Always may I have before my eyes the Murti of Lord Skanda!

Always let my ears hear only the praises of Lord Skanda! Always let my mouth sing the praise of Lord Skanda! Always let my hands be of service to the Lord! Always let my body be a servant to the Lord!

Let my limbs, thoughts and actions be devoted to Skanda!

Lord Guha Alone is the Saviour of the Ordinary

मुनीनामुताडो नृणां भक्तिभाजा-

मभीष्टप्रदाः सन्ति सर्वत्र देवाः ।

नृणामन्त्यजानामपि स्वार्थदाने

गुडादेवमन्यं न जाने न जाने ॥ २७ ॥

In all the worlds there are Devas to grant the boons of sages and great bhaktas. But for the lowly and ordinary devotees, I know not of any other Deity to protect them except Guha!

Six Faced Lord is Our Family Deity

कलत्रं सुता बन्धुवर्गः पशुर्वा  
नरो वाथ नारि गृहे ये मदीयाः ।

यजन्तो नमन्तः स्तुवन्तो भवन्तं  
स्मरन्तश्च ते सन्तु सर्वे कुमार ॥ २८ ॥

Oh Lord KumAra!

Let my wife, children, relatives, friends, other men and women in our household, venerate Thee! praise Thee! and always absorbed in Thy thoughts!

Prayer to Vel to Destroy Diseases

भृगाः पक्षिणो दंशका ये य दृष्टा-  
स्तथा व्याधयो बाधका ये मद्दुगे ।

भवच्छक्तितीक्ष्णाग्रभिन्नाः सुदूरे  
विनश्यन्तु ते यूर्षितकौञ्जशैल ॥ २९ ॥

Oh! Destroyer of Krauncha Shaila!

Let every thing that trouble my body, birds, beasts, insects, severe diseases, be pierced by Thy powerful weapon Vel and taken far away and destroyed.

Prayer to Father of the Universe

जनित्री पिता य स्वपुत्रापराधं  
सहेते न किं देवसेनाधिनाथ ।

अहं यातिबालो भवान् लोकतातः  
क्षमस्वापराधं समस्तं मदेश ॥ ३० ॥

Do not the parents overlook the faults of their children?

Oh! Chief of the army of Devas! I am a small child. Thou art the Father of the Universe.

Oh MaheshA! Forgive all my faults.

Prayer to the Lord

नमः केकिने शक्तये यापि तुभ्यं  
नमश्छाग तुभ्यं नमः कुक्कुटाय ।

नमः सिन्धवे सिन्धुदेशाय तुभ्यं

पुनः स्कन्दमूर्ते नमस्ते नमोऽस्तु ॥ ३१ ॥

I bow to Thee, O Peacock (the symbol of vedas)!  
 I bow to Thee, O Shakti Weapon (Vel is Parashakti herself),  
 I bow to Thee, O Sheep (the symbol of MAya tattvam)  
 I bow to Thee, O Cock (the symbol of Ego)  
 I bow to Thee, O Ocean (the symbol of ananda)  
 I bow to Thee, O Thiruchendur Shrine  
 I bow to Thee, O Lord Skanda!  
 I bow to Thee again and again!  
 Let all my prostrations reach Thee!

Prayer to Lord to Reveal His Powers

जयानन्दभूमज्यापारधाम-

ज्यामोघकीर्ते जयानन्दमूर्ते ।

जयानन्दसिन्धो जयाशेषबन्धो

जय त्वं सदा मुक्तिदानेशसूनो ॥ ३२ ॥

O Source of ananda, reveal Thyself!  
 O Embodiment boundless effulgent light, reveal Thyself!  
 O Lord! who has all pervading glory, reveal Thyself!  
 O Embodiment of bliss, reveal Thyself!  
 O Lord, Thou art the ocean of bliss, reveal Thyself!  
 O Lord who is the friend of all creatures, reveal Thyself!  
 O Lord, Son of Parameshwara, Bestower of liberation, reveal Thy Glory  
 to me and protect me!

Effect of Reciting These Shlokas

भुजङ्गाभ्यवृत्तेन क्लृप्तं स्तव्यं यः

पठेद्भक्तियुक्तो गुह्यं सम्प्राणम्य ।

सुपुत्राश्वत्थं धनं दीर्घमायु-

र्वमेत्स्कन्दसायुज्यमन्ते नरः सः ॥ ३३ ॥


That holy devotee, who prostrates to Lord Guha, reciting the Bhujanga stotra daily, with devotion, will be blessed with good sons, good wife, wealth and long life, and at end of his life, will attain eternal bliss with Lord Skanda


॥ इति श्रीमच्छङ्करभगवतः कृतौ  
श्रीसुब्रह्मण्यभुजङ्गं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

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