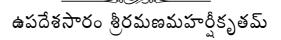
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The Genesis of Upadesha Saram

There is an old legend that a group of Rishis once lived in the forest together, practising Vedic rituals by which they acquired supernatural powers. By the same means they hoped to attain final Liberation. In this, however, they were mistaken, for action can only result in action; rituals can produce powers, but not the Peace of Liberation which is beyond rituals and powers and all forms of action. Shiva, determined to convince them of their error, appeared before them as a wandering sadhu. With him came Vishnu in the form of a beautiful lady. All the Rishis were smitten with loving desire for this lady, and their equilibrium was disturbed and their rites and powers were adversely affected. Moreover their wives, who were living with them in the forest, all fell in love with the strange sadhu. Incensed at this, they conjured up an elephant and a tiger by magic rites and sent them against him. Shiva, however, slew them easily and took the elephant's skin for a robe and the tiger's for a wrap. The Rishis then realised that they were up against one more powerful than themselves and they bowed down to him for instruction. He then explained to them that it is not by action but by renunciation of action that one is Liberated.

The poet Muruganar was writing this legend in Tamil verse, but when he came to the instruction given to the Rishis by Shiva he asked Bhagavan, who was Shiva Incarnate, to write it for him. Bhagavan accordingly wrote the instruction in thirty (verse thirty was composed by Muruganar) Tamil verses. He himself later translated these into Sanskrit, and the Sanskrit version was daily chanted before him together with the Vedas and continues to be chanted before his shrine; that is to say that it is treated as a scripture. He refers to the various paths to Liberation, grading them in order of efficiency and excellence, and showing that the best is Self-Enquiry.

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ఉపదేశసారం శ్రీరమణమహర్షీకృతమ్

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కర్తురాజ్ఞయా ప్రాప్యతే ఫలమ్ । కర్మ కిం పరం కర్మ తజ్ఞడమ్ ॥ ೧॥

Karma must ever yield its proper fruit,

For thus it is ordained by God, Himself,

Supreme Creator. Then is Karma God?

No, for it is itself insentient.

కృతిమహోదధౌ పతనకారణమ్ । ఫలమశాశ్వతం గతినిరోధకమ్ ॥ ೨॥

Of Karma the results must pass away,

Yet it leaves seeds which in their turn will sprout

And throw the actor back into the flood

Of Karma's ocean. Karma cannot save.

ఈశ్వరార్పితం నేచ్ఛయా కృతమ్ । చిత్తశోధకం ముక్తిసాధకమ్ ॥ ३॥

### ఉపదేశసారం శ్రీరమణమహర్షికృతమ్

But acts performed without attachment's urge And solely for the service of the Lord Will cleanse the mind and indicate the way Which leads at length unto the final goal.

కాయవాఙ్మనః కార్యముత్తమమ్ I పూజనం జపశ్చిన్తనం క్రమాత్ II ౪II Worship, reciting of God's Holy Name, And meditation, mainly are performed By body, voice and mind, and they excel Each other in the order here set down.

జగత ఈశధీ యుక్తసేవనమ్ I అష్టమూర్తిభృద్ధేవపూజనమ్ II ×II If we but recognise this Universe Of eightfold form as form of God, Himself, And serve in adoration all the world. This is of God most excellent worship.

ఉత్తమస్తవాదుచ్చమన్దతః । చిత్తజం జపధ్యానముత్తమమ్ ॥ ౬॥ Constant repeating of the Holy Name Is more than praise, at length the voice will sink To silent repetition in the Heart, And in this way is meditation learnt.

ఆజ్యధారయా స్రోతసా సమమ్ I సరలచిన్ననం విరలతః పరమ్ II ౭II Better than meditation that recurs In broken fits and starts is that which is A steady ceaseless flow, like to the course Of falling oil or a perennial stream.

భేదభావనాత్ సో உహమిత్య సౌ । భావనా உభిదా పావనీ మతా ॥ ౮॥ Worship of God as in no way distinct From him who worships, or in other words Thinking that .He is I., is better far Than any other kind of worshipping.

భావశూన్యసద్భావసుస్థితిః । భావనాబలాదృక్తిరుత్తమా ॥ ౯॥

To rest in the Real Being, that transcends Our every thought, by reason of the strength Of our devotion to some thing conceived; This of supreme devotion is the truth.

హృత్థ్సలే మనః స్వస్థతా క్రియా । భక్తియోగబోధాశ్చ నిశ్చితమ్ ॥ ౧ం॥

To be absorbed again into one's Source (Heart) Is Karma, Bhakti, Yoga, Jnanam, all

These things in truth. Or put in other words Good works, Devotion, Union, Gnosis, too.

వాయురోధనాల్లీయతే మనః । జాలపడ్షివద్రోధసాధనమ్ ॥ ೧೧॥

As by the fowler birds are caught in nets So by the holding of the breath within The mind can be restrained. This a device That will effect absorption of the mind.

చిత్తవాయవశ్చిత్క్రియాయుతాః । శాఖయోర్ద్వయీ శక్తిమూలకా ॥ ౧౨॥ For mind and life expressed in thought and act,

That is with thought and action as their function,

Diverge and branch like two boughs of a tree,

But both of them spring from one single stem.

లయవినాశనే ఉభయరోధనే । లయగతం పునర్భవతి నో మృతమ్ ॥ ೧૩॥

### ఉపదేశసారం శ్రీరమణమహర్షికృతమ్

Suppression of the mind in two ways comes, Absorption and extinction; mind absorbed Will live again, but mind which is destroyed Will never more revive, for it is dead.

ప్రాణబన్ధనాల్లీనమానసమ్ । ఏకచి<u>న</u>నాన్నా శమేత్యదః ॥ ೧೪॥

Its form will then entirely disappear.

When, by the means of restraint of the breath,
The mind has been controlled, then make it flow
Along a single current, that achieved

నష్టమానసోత్కృష్టయోగినః I కృత్యమస్తి కిం స్వస్థితిం యతః II ౧≯II For the Great Sage for whom all form of mind Has disappeared and who is ever one With the Reality, there is no Karma more, For He, indeed, the True Self has become.

దృశ్యవారితం చిత్తమాత్మనః I చిత్త్వదర్శనం తత్త్వదర్శనమ్ II ౧౬ II When mind has given the sense-objects up Which are external and has drawn within, And has perceived its own refulgent form, Then verily alone True Gnosis is.

మానసం తు కిం మార్గణే కృతే I వైవ మానసం మార్గ ఆర్జవాత్ II ౧౭II When pondering with constant vigilance Upon the actual nature of the mind One finds that there is no such thing as mind; This, of a truth, is the straight course for all.

వృత్తయస్త్వహం వృత్తిమాశ్రితా: । వృత్తయో మనో విద్ధ్యహం మన: ॥ ೧८॥ The mind is nothing but a lot of thoughts,

Of all these many thoughts 'tis the thought 'I'

That is the root. So we can see by that

The mind in truth is only the thought 'I'.

అహమయం కుతో భవతి చిన్వతః । అయి పతత్వహం నిజవిచారణమ్ ॥ ೧೯॥

Whence, therefore, does this 'I-thought' have its birth?

With vigilant and ever active mind

Seek this, and crestfallen the 'I' becomes.

The search, itself, the quest of Wisdom is.

అహమి నాశభాజ్యహమహంతయా। స్ఫురతి హృత్స్వయం పరమపూర్ణసత్ ॥ ೨०॥

This search pursued till 'I' has disappeared

There now vibrates the 'I-I' all alone,

The quest is finished, there's no more to seek.

For this is really the Infinite Self.

ఇదమహం పదా≥భిఖ్యమన్వహమ్ । అహమిలీనకే≥ప్యలయసత్తయా ॥ ౨౧॥

This is eternally the true import

Of the term 'I'. For in the deepest sleep

We do not cease to be. We still exist

Even though here there is no sense of 'I'.

విగ్రహేస్ట్రియప్రాణధీతమః । నాహమేకసత్తజ్ఞడం హ్యాసత్ ॥ ౨౨॥

As I am pure Existence, I am not

The body nor the senses, mind nor life,

Nor even ignorance, for all these things

Are quite insentient and so unreal.

సత్త్వభాసికా చిత్క్వవేతరా । సత్తయా హి చిచ్చిత్తయా హ్యహమ్ ॥ ౨౩॥ As there is not a second consciousness

To know Existence, it must follow that

Existence is itself that consciousness;

So I myself am that same consciousness.

ఈశజీవయోర్వేషధీభిదా।

సత్ప్వభావతో వస్తు కేవలమ్ ॥ ౨౪॥

In their real nature as Existence both

Creatures and the Creator are the same,

The Unique Principle. In attributes

And knowledge only is a difference found.

వేషహానతః స్వాత్మదర్శనమ్ ।

ఈశదర్శనం స్వాత్మరూపతః ॥ ౨ҳ॥

Realization of the Self alone,

Eliminating all its attributes;

Is God-Realization of a truth,

As it is He that shines forth as the Self.

ఆత్మసంస్థితిః స్వాత్మదర్శనమ్ ١

မေစဴ္စనిర္ဂ္သံထာင္စာစံ္စု ဂ်ီသွံ့စာ ။  $_{2}$ ေ။

To be the Self that is to know the Self,

As there is no duality in Self.

This is Thanmaya-Nistha, or the state

Of absolutely being That in truth.

జ్ఞానవర్జితా - జ్ఞానహీనచిత్ 1

జ్ఞానమస్తి కిం జ్ఞాతుమన్తరమ్ ॥ ౨౭॥

That knowledge is true knowledge which transcends

Knowledge and ignorance both equally.

And this alone is truth. For there is no

Subject or object there that can be known.

కిం స్వరూపమిత్యాత్మదర్శనే 1

అవ్యయా బ్రాజులు అవ్యయాలు ॥ అరా॥

If one can only realize at Heart

What one's true nature is, one then will find

That 'tis Infinite Wisdom, Truth and Bliss,

Without beginning and without an end.

బన్ధముక్త్యతీతం పరం సుఖమ్ । విన్నతీహ జీవస్తు దైవికః ॥ ౨౯॥

Remaining in this state of Supreme Bliss,

Devoid of bondage and of freedom too,

Is found to be a state in which one is

Rapt in perpetual service of the Lord.

అహమపేతకం నిజవిభానకమ్ । మహదిదంతపో రమణవాగియమ్ ॥ ૩०॥

By ardent quest and shedding ego's veil

Realize the Self, the One that's ego-less,

And function thus; the sole right penance this.

So teaches Bhagavan Sri Ramana,

Who is the SELF of everything that is.

॥ ఇతి రమణమహర్షీకృతమ్ ఉపదేశసారమ్ సంపూర్ణమ్ ॥

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॥ ఉపదేశసారమ్ ॥

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కర్మ కిం పరం కర్మ తజ్ఞడమ్ ॥ ౧॥

కృతిమహోదధౌ పతనకారణమ్ ।

ఫలమశాశ్వతం గతినిరోధకమ్ ॥ ౨॥

ఈశ్వరార్పితం నేచ్ఛయా కృతమ్ ।

చిత్తశోధకం ముక్తిసాధకమ్ ॥ ३॥

కాయవాఙ్మనః కార్యముత్తమమ్ ।

పూజనం జపశ్చిన్తనం క్రమాత్ ॥ ౪॥

జగత ఈశధీ యుక్తసేవనమ్ ।

అష్టమూర్తిభృద్ధేవపూజనమ్ ॥ 🛪॥ ఉ<u>త</u>్తమస్త్రవాదుచ్చమన్లతః । చిత్తజం జపధ్యానముత్తమమ్ ॥ ౬॥ ఆజ్యధారయా స్ట్రోతసా సమమ్ । సరలచిన్ననం విరలతః పరమ్ ॥ ౭॥ భేదభావనాత్ సో உహమిత్యసౌ । భావనా உభిదా పావనీ మతా ॥ ౮॥ భావశూన్యసద్భావసుస్థితిః । ಥಾವನಾಬಲಾದ $_{0}$ ತ್ತಿರುತ್ತಮಾ  $\parallel$   $_{\mathbf{F}}$   $\parallel$ హృత్థ్సలే మనః స్వస్థతా క్రియా । భక్తియోగబోధాశ్స్త్ర నిశ్చితమ్ ॥ ဂဝ။ ವಾಯುರ್ ಧನಾಶಿಯತೆ ಮನಃ। జాలపడ్డివద్రోధసాధనమ్ ॥ ဂဂ။ ವಿತ್ತವಾಯವಕ್ಬಿ ಅ್ರ್ರಿಯಾಯುತ್: । శాఖయోర్ధ్వయీ శక్తిమూలకా ॥ ೧೨॥ లయవినాశనే ఉభయరోధనే 1 లయగతం పునర్బవతి నో మృతమ్ ॥ ೧३॥ ప్రాణబన్గనాల్లినమానసమ్ । ఏకచిన్ననాన్నా శమేత్యదః ॥ ೧೪॥ నష్టమానసోత్కృష్టయోగినః। కృత్యమ $\frac{\lambda}{2}$  కిం స్వస్థితిం యతః ॥ ೧ $\times$ ॥ దృశ్యవారితం చిత్తమాత్మనః ١ చిత్వదర్శనం తత్వదర్శనమ్ ॥ ౧౬॥ మానసం తు కిం మార్గణే కృతే। నైవ మానసం మార్థ ఆర్థవాత్ ॥ ౧౭॥ వృత్తయస్త్వహం వృత్తిమాశ్రితాః ١ ವೃತ್ತಮ್ ಮನ್ ವಿಧ್ಯహం ಮನಃ ॥ ೧ $\sigma$ ॥

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