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मुदा करेण पुस्तकं दधानमिशरूपिणं
तथाऽपरेण मुद्रिकां नमत्तमोविनाशिनीम् ।
कुसुम्भवाससावृतं विभूतिभासिफालकं
नताऽघनाशने रतं नमामि शङ्करं गुरुम् ॥१॥

*mudA kareNa pustakaM dadhAnamisharUpiNaM
tathASpareNa mudrikaaM namattamovinAshinIm !
kusumbhavaasasAvrutaM vibhUtibhaasiphaalakaM
nataaSghanAshane rataM namAmi shangkaraM gurum !!1!!*

I bow to Acharya Shankara, the incarnation of Lord Shiva, blissfully holding a book in one hand and the chinmudra (signet ring of wisdom) in the other, to dispel the ignorance of devotees. He is clad in saffron robes, with holy ash smeared on the shining forehead and dedicated to removing the sufferings on those worshipping him.

पराशरात्मजप्रियं पवित्रितक्षमातलं
पुराणसाखेदिनं सनन्दनादिसेवितम् ।
प्रसन्नवक्त्रपङ्कजं प्रपन्नलोकरक्षकम्
प्रकाशिताद्वितीयतत्त्वमाश्रयामि देशिकम् ॥२॥

*parAsharAtmajapriyaM pavitritakSamaatalaM
puraaNasAkhedinaM sanandanAdisevitam !
prasannvakttapangkajaM prapannalokarakSakam
prakAshitaadvitiiyatattvamaashrayAmi deshikam !!2!!*

I take refuge in the Acharya who was dear to Veda Vyasa, the son of Parasara, whose existence sanctified the earth, who knew the quintessence of the puranas, who was worshipped by sanandana (Padmapada) and others, who with a beautiful lotus like face protected all those who surrendered to him and who propagated the truth of Advaita.

सुधांशुशेखरार्चकं सुधीन्द्रसेव्यपादुकं
सुतादिमोहनाशकं सुशान्तिदायकम् ।
समस्तवेदपारगं सहस्रसूर्यभासुरं
समाहिताखिलेन्द्रियं सदा भजामि शङ्करम् ॥३॥

*sudhaMshushekhArArcakaM sudhiindrasedvyapaadukaM
sutAdimohanaashakaM sushAntidAyakam !
samastavedapaaragaM sahasrasUryabhAsuraM
samAhitAkhilendriyaM sada bhajAmi shangkaram !!3!!*

I always adore Acharya Shankara, worshiper of Lord Shiva with the crescent moon the head, having great scholars prostrate at his feet, who eliminated mundane desires like seeing progeny, worlds, wealth who bestows on devotees tranquilly and self restraint, who has mastered all the vedas, who has the brilliance of a thousand Suns and who has mastered all the vedas, who has the brilliance of a thousand suns and who has mastered all the senses.

यमीन्द्रचक्रवर्तिनं यमादियोगवेदिनं
यथार्थतत्त्वबोधकं यमान्तकात्मजार्चकम् ।
यमेव मुक्तिकांक्षया समाश्रयन्ति सज्जनाः
नमाम्यहं सदा गुरुं तमेव शङ्कराभिधम् ॥४॥

*samiindracakravartinaM yamaadiyogavedinaM
yathArthatattvabodhakaM yamaantakAtmajArcakam !
yameva muktikaaMkSayaa samaashrayanti sajjanAH
namaamyahaM sadaa guruM tameva shangkaraabhidham !!4!!*

I always worship the universal perceptor known as Shankara, sovereign among those with self restraint, well versed in the eightfold yoga including yama, elucidator of Brahma tattva, worshipper of son of Lord Shiva and the refuge of virtuous persons seeking salvation.

स्वबाल्य एव निर्भरं य आत्मनो दयालुतां
दरिद्रविप्रमन्दिरे सुवर्णवृष्टिमानयन् ।
प्रदश्य विस्मयाम्बुधौ न्यमज्जयत् समाजजनाम्
स एव शङ्करस्सदा जगद्गुरुर्गतिर्मम ॥५॥

*savabAlya eva nirbharaM ya Atmano dayaalutAM
daridravipramandire suvarNabruSTimaanayan !
pradashraya vismayAmbudhau nyamajjayat samaanjajanAm
sa eva shangkarassadaA jagadgururgatirmama !!5!!*

That very Jagadguru Acharya Shankara is my refuge for ever, who completely astounded all the world around by exhibiting his compassion welling up in him even in his childhood, through raining a shower of gold in the abode of an impoverished brahmin.

यदीय पुण्यजन्मना प्रसिद्धिमापकालटी
यदीयशिष्यतां वहन् स तोटकोऽपि पप्रथे ।
य एव सर्वदेहिनां विमुक्तिमार्गदर्शकः
नराकृतिं सदाशिवं तमाश्रयामि सद्गुरुम् ॥६॥

*Yadiiya puNyajanmanA prasiddhimApakAlaTi
yadiiyashiSyatAM vahan sa toTakoSpi papratho !
ya eva sarvadehinaaM vimuktimaargadarshaka:
narAkrutiM sadaashivaM tamaashrayAmi sadgurum !!6!!*

I take refuge to the holy teacher who is Lord Shiva in human form, whose meritorious birth brought glory to kalati, by becoming whose disciple even thotaka shot to fame and who indeed showed the way for salvation to all mortals.

सनातनस्य वत्सनः सदैव पालनाय यः
चतुर्दिशासु सन्मठान् चकार लोकविश्रुतान् ।
विभाण्डकात्मजाश्रमादिसुस्थलेषु पावनान्
तमेव लोकशङ्करं नमामि शङ्करं गुरुम् ॥७॥

*sanaatanasya vatmanaH sadaiva paalanaaya yaH
caturdishaasu sanmaThAn cakaara lokavishrutaan !
vibhaNDakAtmajaashramaadisusthaleSu pAvanAn
tameva lokashangkaraM namaami shangkaraM gurum !!7!!*

I bow to Acharya Shankarathat benefactor of the world, founded in the four quarters-world famous sacred mathas at holy places, such as the one which had the hermitage of sage Rishyashringa, son of Vibhandaka, for Sanatana Dharma to exist and be protected for ever.

यदीयहस्तवारिजातसुप्रतिष्ठिता सती
प्रसिद्धशृङ्गभूधरे सदा प्रशान्तिभासिरे ।
स्वभक्तपालनव्रता विराजते हि शारदा
स शङ्करं कृपानिधिः करोतु मामनेनसम् ॥८॥

*yadiiyahastavArijAtasupratiSThita satI
prasiddhashrungabhUdhare sadA prashAntibhAsire !
svabhaktapAlanavratA virAjate hi shAradA
sa shangkaraM krupanidhi: karotu mAmanenasam !!8!!*

May that reservoir of mercy, Acharya Shankara, whose lotus hands installed, in the famous splendid and ever tranquil Sringeri, the radiant goddess Sharadamba one who is dedicated to the protection of her devotees destroy all my afflictions.

इमं स्तवं जगाद्गुरोर्गुणानुवर्णनात्मकं
समादरेण यः पठेदनन्यभक्तिसंयुतः ।
समाप्नुयात् समीहितं मनोरथं नरोऽचिरात्
दयानिधेस्स शङ्करस्य सद्गुरोः प्रसादतः ॥९॥

*imam satavaM jagAdgurorguNAnuvarNanAtmakaM
samaadareNa ya: paTheDananyabhaktisaMsutaH !
samaapnuyAt samiihitaM manorathaM narosciraat
dayAnidhessa shangkarasya sadguroh prasaadarah !!9!!*

By the kindness of that repository of compassion, Acharya Shankara, all that is desired and longed for will soon be realised by any mortal who reads with respect and undivided devotion this stotra describing the virtues of the Jagadguru.

