

॥ यमुनाष्टकम् ॥

YAMUNASHTAKAM

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कृपापारावारां तपनतनयां तापशमनीं
मुरारिप्रेयस्यां भवभयदवां भक्तवरदाम् ।
विषयज्ज्वालान्मुक्तां श्रियमपि सुखाप्तेः प्रतिदिनं
सदाधीरो नूनं भजति यमुनां नित्यफलदाम् ॥

A wiseman worships Yamuna (the river Goddess) always with certainty. She is the conferer boons and is the ocean of compassion; the daughter of the Sun god; one that mitigates the torments; dear to the enemy of Mura; the panacea for the fear of mundane Existence; conferer of favours on her devotees; discharged from the flames of the sky, of the form of Goddess Lakshmi for gaining happiness everyday.

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मधुवनचारिणि भास्करवाहिनि जाह्नविसङ्गिनिसिन्धुसुते
मधुरिपुभूषिणि माधवतोषिणि गोकुलभीतिविनाशकृते ।
जगदघमोचिनि मानसदायिनि केशवकेलिनिदानगते
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

One Sporting in the Madhuvana! one that flows from the Sun-god! the companion of Jahnavi! (Ganga), the daughter of the ocean! one that adorns the foe of Madhu! one that pleases Madhava (Lord of Lakshmi)! the destroyer of the fear of the cowherds! the remover of the sins of the world! the conferer of the desired (fruit)! one that has been the abode for the sport of Sri Krishna hail! O Yamuna! the remover of fear! the destroyer of afflictions! purify me.

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अयि मधुरे मधुमोदविलासिनि शैलविदारिणि वेगपरे
परिजनपालिनि दुष्टनिषूदिनि वाञ्छितकामविलासधरे ।
ब्रजपुरवासिजनार्जितपातकहारिणि विश्वजनोद्धरिके
जय यमुने जय भीतिनि वारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

O Sweet one! one that rejoices in the odour of wine! (honey),
one that breaks the mountain! Swift one! Oh protector of those
who serve you! annihilator of the wicked! graceful abode of
the desired pleasures! remover of the accrued sins of the
inhabitants of the hamlet of the cowherds! one that rescues all
the beings! hail! O Yamuna! remover of fear! destroyer of
afflictions! purify me.

(4)

अतिविपदम्बुधिमग्नजनं भवतापशताकुलमानसकं
गतिमतिहीनमशेषभयाकुलमागतपादसरोजयुगम् ।
ऋणभयभीतिमनिष्कृतिपातककोटिशतायुतपुञ्जतरं
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

Hail! O Yamuna! remover of fear! destroyer of afflictions!
purify me (i) who is drowned in the great an of calamities, (ii)
whose mind has been afflicted with hundreds of mundane
torments, (ii) who cannot find any way out, except your help,
(iv) who is full of all kinds of fears, (v) who has resorted to the
pair of your lotus feet, (vi) who is afflicted with debts and fears,
and (vii) who is bound by a heap of numerous irrevocable sins.

(5)

नवजलदद्युतिकोटिलसत्तनुहेममयाभररञ्जितके
तडिदवहेलिपदाञ्जलचञ्जलशोभितपीतसुचेलधरे ।
मणिमयभूषणचित्रपटासनरञ्जितगञ्जितभानुकरे
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

Oh Yamuna! Your body shines with the lustre of hundreds of fresh clouds and with golden ornaments. You wear such a beautiful yellow dress whose oscillation together with the movement of the feet humiliates the lightning. You have made blunt even the rays of the Sun by being adorned by gem-studded ornaments, dress having variegated designs and seat. Hail! O Yamuna! remover of fear! destroyer of afflictions! kindly purify me.

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शुभपुलिने मधुमत्तयदूड्वरासमहोत्सवकेलिभरे
उच्चकुलाचलराजितमौक्तिकहारमयामररोदसिके ।
नवमणिकोटकभास्करकञ्चुकशोभिततारकहारयुते
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

Hail! Oh Yamuna! One having auspicious sand banks! the sportive ground for the great amorous dance festival (*rāsamahotsava*) of those born in the Yadu race (of Śrī Krishna and Balarāma) intoxicated with wine! one who adorns the earth and the sky with an ornament of the form of pearls shining on the lofty peaks of is adorned with an apparels of fresh gems resembling multitudes of Suns! one that is endowed with a garland of a cluster of stars! remover of fear! destroyer of afflictions! purify me.

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करिवरमौक्तिकनासिकभूषणवातचमत्कृतचञ्चलके
मुखकमलामल सौरभचञ्चलमत्तमधुव्रतलोचनिके ।
मणिगणकुण्डलोलपरिस्फुरदाकुलगण्डयुगामलके
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

Oh Yamuna - (i) having the nose ornament made up of the pearls (got) from the foremost elephants shining on being wafted by the wind, (ii) whose intoxicated bees, namely, the

eyes become restless on smelling the fragrance of the lotus face, and (iii) whose spotless pair of cheeks are radiant with the oscillating pendants studded with a cluster of gems! Hail! O Yamuna! remover of fear! destroyer of afflictions! purify me.

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कलरवनूपुरहेमयाञ्चितपादसरोरुहसारुणिके
धिमि धिमि धि धिमि तालविनोदितमानसमञ्जुलपादगते ।
तव पदपङ्कजमाश्रितमानवचित्तमदाखिलतापहरे
जय यमुने जय भीतिनिवारिणि सङ्कटनाशिनि पावय माम् ॥

Oh Yamuna - (i) whose ruddy lotus feet are accompanied by the sweet sands of the swans emanating from the golden anklets (ii) who has the gracious movement of the feet that amuses the mind with the beats of "dhimi", "dhimi", and (iii) who removes always all the torments of a person that places his mind at your lotus feet! Hail! O Yamuna! remover of fear! destroyer of afflictions! purify me.

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भवोत्तापाम्भोधौ निपतितजनो दुर्गतियुतो
यदि स्तौति प्रातः प्रतिदिनमनन्याश्रयतया ।
हयाह्वेषः कामं करकुसुमपुञ्जैः रविसुतां
सदा भोक्ता भोगान्मरणसमये याति हरिताम् ॥

If a person - who has fallen into the ocean of tormenting mundane existence and has reached a miserable state - eulogises the daughter of the Sun-god with the reverential offering of heap of flowers held in the hand, he would always enjoy pleasures and attain the form of Lord Vishnu (Hari) at the time of death.

