

॥ कृष्णाष्टकम् ॥

## KRISHNASHTAKAM

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श्रियाशिक्षो विष्णुः स्थिरचरगुरुर्वदविषयो  
धियां साक्षी शुद्धो हरिरसुरहन्ताऽब्जनयनः ।  
गदी शङ्गी चक्री विमलवनमाली स्थिररुचिः  
शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna, — who is embraced by Lakshmi, is all pervasive, is the *guru* for all sentient and non-sentient beings, is known through Vedic statements, is the witness of all knowledge, pure, Hari, the killer of Asuras, lotus - eyed and the possessor of Gada, conch, and Chakra, adorned with pure fragrant Vanamala, is the eternal effulgence, the final refuge, the lord of the worlds — become the object of my vision.

(2)

यतः सर्वं जातं वियदनिलमुख्यं जगदिदं  
स्थितौ निःशेषं योऽवति निजसुखांशेन मधुहा ।  
लये सर्वं स्वस्मिन्हरति कलया यस्तु स विभुः  
शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna, — from whom the ether, wind and others (elements) originated, and who protects it (the world) during sustenance through his partial incarnation and who sportively withdraws everything into him during deluge, the omnipresent, the final refuge, the lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

(3)

असूनायम्यादौ यमनियममुख्यैः सुकरणै -  
निरुद्धयेदं चित्तं हृदि विलयमानीय सकलम् ।  
यमीड्यं पश्यन्ति प्रवरमतयो मायिनमसौ  
शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — the praiseworthy controller of neiscience, whom the wise men visualize within after controlling their vital airs first (the Yogic methods of *yama* and *niyama* which are) by controlling of inner and exterior senses and also by having their mind (*citta*) under control thus dissolving the thoughts of worldly existence, the final refuge, the Lord of the word — be the object of my vision.

(4)

पृथिव्यां तिष्ठन् यो यमयति महीं वेद न धरा  
यमित्यादौ वेदो वदति जगतामीशममलम् ।

नियन्तारं ध्येयं मुनिसुरनृणां मोक्षदमसौ

शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — who residing in this earth controls it but is not known by Goddess earth (and also by the dwellers of the earth), who is said by the Vedas to be the lord of the universe, blemishless, controller, one fit to be meditated upon and the liberator of humans, demi-gods and the sages, the final refuge, the Lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

(5)

महेन्द्रादिर्देवो जयति दितिजान्यस्य बलतो

न कस्य स्वातन्त्र्यं क्वचिदपि कृतौ यत्कृतिमृते ।

वलारातेर्गर्व परिहरति योऽसौ विजयिनः

शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — by whose powers the lord of Devas, Indra and others win over their enemies, without whose resolve none is independently performing any action and one who draws away the pride of the victorious, — the final refuge, the Lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

(6)

विना यस्य ध्यानं व्रजति पशुतां सूकरमुखां

विना यस्य ज्ञानं जनिमृतिभयं याति जनता ।

विना यस्य स्मृत्या कृमिशतजनिं याति स विभुः

शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — without contemplating on whom man attains the wombs of pigs and others and without the knowledge of whom people are grasped by the fear of birth and death and without the memory of whom one attains innumerable lives of worms and insects, the final refuge, the Lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

(7)

नरातङ्कोद्दङ्कः शरणशरणो भ्रान्तिहरणो

घनश्यामो वामो ब्रजशिशुवयस्योऽर्जुनसखः ।

स्वयंभूर्भूतानां जनक उचिताचारसुखदः

शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — who removes the fear of beings, who is refuge of refugees, the remover of illusions, dark as clouds, charming, who is the friend of the Vraja lads and of Arjuna, the self-manifested, the creator of creations, the bestower of happiness to the performers of appropriate deeds, the final refuge, the Lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

(8)

यदा धर्मग्लानिर्भवति जगतां क्षोभकरणी

तदा लोकस्वामी प्रकटितवपुः सेतुधृदजः ।

सतां धाता स्वच्छो निगमगणगीतो ब्रजपतिः

शरण्यो लोकेशो मम भवतु कृष्णोऽक्षिविषयः ॥

Let Krishna — the Lord of universe who manifests his form to protect the balance of the world during the time when *dharma* is troubled causing turbulances, unborn protector of the virtuous, described by the Vedas to be immaculate (pure) and Lord of Vrajas, the final refuge, the Lord of the worlds — be the object of my vision.

