

Shri Adi Shankaracharya's

Shatpadi



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अविनयमपनय विष्णो दमय मनः शमय विषयमृगतृष्णाम् ।
भूतदयां विस्तारय तारय संसारसागरतः ॥ १ ॥

*avinayamapanaya viṣṇo damaya manaḥ śamaya viṣayamṛgatrṣṇām,
bhūtadayāṁ vistāraya tāraya saṁsārasāgarataḥ. (1)*

1. O Lord Vishnu! Please take away my impudence, restrain my mind and pacify my thirst for mirage-like sense pleasures. Please make compassion for all beings grow (in my heart), and take me across the ocean of transmigration.



दिव्यधुनीमकरन्दे परिमलपरिभोगसच्चिदानन्दे ।
श्रीपतिपदारविन्दे भवभयखेदच्छिदे वन्दे ॥ २ ॥

*divyadhunīmakarande parimalaparibhogasaccidānande,
śrīpatipadāravinde bhavabhayakhedacchide vande. (2)*

2. I lovingly prostrate at the lotus feet of the Lord of Lakshmi, which are adorned with the nectar of the sacred river Ganga, have the fragrance of (the experience of the Self, which is) Existence-Consciousness-Bliss Absolute, and which destroy the fears and regrets of the world.



सत्यपि भेदापगमे नाथ तवाहं न मामकीनस्त्वम् ।
सामुद्रो हि तरङ्गः क्वचन समुद्रो न तारङ्गः ॥ ३ ॥

*satyapi bhedāpagame nātha tavāhaṁ na māmakīnastvam,
sāmudro hi taraṅgaḥ kvacana samudro na tāraṅgaḥ. (3)*



3. Even though there is no difference (between You and me),
O Lord! I am Yours, and You cannot be considered as mine.
(Just as) Waves belong to the ocean, the ocean can never
belong to a wave!



उद्धृतनग नगभिदनुज दनुजकुलामित्र मित्रशशिदृष्टे ।
दृष्टे भवति प्रभवति न भवति किं भवतिरस्कारः ॥४॥

*uddhṛtanaga nagabhidanuja danujakulāmitra mitraśaśidṛṣṭe,
dṛṣṭe bhavati prabhavati na bhavati kiṁ bhavatiraskāraḥ. (4)*

4. O lifter of the mountain (Govardhan)! O younger brother
of Indra (who chopped off the wings of mountains) - Lord
Vamana! One whom the hosts of demons consider as their
enemy! O Lord who has the Sun and Moon for eyes (in the
Cosmic form)! When You, the great influencer, cast a mere
glance, will not this samsara be transcended?!



मत्स्यादिभिरवतारैरवतारवताऽवता सदा वसुधाम् ।
परमेश्वर परिपाल्यो भवता भवतापभीतोऽहम् ॥ ५ ॥

*matsyādibhiravatārairavatāravatā'vatā sadā vasudhām,
parameśvara paripālyo bhavatā bhavatāpabhīto'ham. (5)*

5. O Lord of Lords! I, who am frightened by the scorching
sorrows of this world, need to be protected by You, who
always protect this Earth assuming various forms like the
Divine Fish in different incarnations.



दामोदर गुणमन्दिर सुन्दरवदनारविन्द गोविन्द ।
भवजलधिमथनमन्दर परमं दरमपनय त्वं मे ॥ ६ ॥

*dāmodara guṇamandira sundaravadanāravinda govinda,
bhavajaladhimathanamandara paramam daramapanaya tvam me. (6)*

6. O Damodara! O Abode of all virtues! O lotus-like handsome faced Govinda! O Mandara mountain to churn this ocean of transmigration! Please take away my greatest fear!



नारायण करुणामय शरणं करवाणि तावकौ चरणौ ।
इति षट्पदी मदीये वदनसरोजे सदा वसतु ॥ ७ ॥

*nārāyaṇa karuṇāmaya śaraṇam karavāṇi tāvakau caraṇau,
iti ṣaṭpadī madīye vadanasaroje sadā vasatu. (7)*

7. O Compassionate Narayana! I make Your feet my shelter. May this bee (with six feet of the above six verses, or the six words in the first half of this verse) always remain in my lotus-mouth.



॥ इति श्रीशङ्कराचार्यविरचितं विष्णुषट्पदीस्तोत्रं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

iti śrīśaṅkarācāryaviracitaṁ viṣṇuṣaṭpadīstotraṁ sampūrṇam

Thus ends Vishnu Shatpadi Stotram composed by
Shri Shankaracharya.