

॥ गोविन्दाष्टकम् ॥

GOVINDASHTAKAM

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सत्यं ज्ञानमनन्तं नित्यमनाकाशं परमाकाशं
 गोष्ठप्राङ्गणरिङ्गणलोलमनायासं परमायासम् ।
 मायाकल्पितनानाकारं भुवनाकारं
 क्षमामानाथमनाथं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

Worship Govinda, who is the Lord of Sridevi and Bhudevi. He is truth, knowledge, everblissful, and whole, and who wants to play at the cow-shed tireless though fatigued, and who by *maya* (illusion), had many forms and who is the form of earth, and who is the Supreme Bliss.

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मृत्स्नामत्सीहेति यशोदाताडनशैशवसन्त्रासं
 व्यादितवक्त्रालोकितलोकालोकचतुर्दशलोकालिम् ।
 लोकत्रय पुरमूलस्तम्भं लोकालोकमनालोकं
 लोकेशं परमेशं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

One who was scolded by his mother (when he was a child) as, why did you consume the mud" and beheld all the fourteen worlds as he opened his mouth! One who is the supportive pillar for all the three worlds, — worship that Govinda who is the Supreme Bliss.

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त्रैविष्टपरिपुवीरघ्नं क्षितिभारघ्नं भवरोगघ्नं
 कैवल्यं नवनीताहारमनाहारं भुवनाहारम् ।
 वैमल्यस्फुटचेतोवृत्तिविशेषाभासमनाभासं
 शैवं केवलशान्तं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

One who is the slayer/destroyer of demons (*asuras*) who were hostile to the three worlds; who removes the burden of the *Bhu* (earth) and the *samsara* (wordly) ailment, who liberates, of who never takes food and who is food for the earth, one who has the '*navaneetha*' (butter), one who is not explicitly known but realised in one's inner self the auspicious, the compassionate — worship that Govinda, who is the Supreme Bliss.

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गोपालं भूलीलाविग्रहगोपालं कुलगोपालं
 गोपीखेलनगोवर्धनधृतिलीलालालितगोपालम् ।
 गोभिर्निगदितगोविन्दस्फुटनामानं बहुनामानं
 गोधीगोचरदूरं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

He is known as Gopala, who sports in the earth, who is like a mountain in the family of cow-herds, who pleased the cow-herds with his fanciful sports like playing with Gopikas lifting of the Govardhana mountain etc., who was the chief of the herds and hence called Govinda, Govinda! who has innumerable names and whose greatness was known even to cows — salute such an epitome of Infinite Bliss, the Govinda.

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गोपीमण्डलगोष्ठीभेदं भेदावस्थमभेदाभं
 शश्वद्गोखुरनिर्धूतोद्गतधूलिधूसर सौभाग्यम् ।
 श्रद्धाभक्तिगृहीतानन्दमचिन्त्यं चिन्तितसदद्भावं
 चिन्तामणिमहिमानं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

Who entertains partial attitude towards the Gopikas, who sees no difference in multitudes of differences, who is resplendent with the dust raised from the hoofs of cows, who is pleased by one's faith and devotion, who is ever in rightful thought, whose fame excels even the *cintamani gem* - Salute such an epitome of Infinite Bliss, the Govinda.

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स्नानव्याकुलयोषिद्वस्त्रमुपादायागमुपारूढं
व्यादित्सन्तीरथ दिग्वस्त्रा दातुमुपाकर्षन्तं ताः ।
निर्धूतद्वयशोकविमोहं बुद्धं बुद्धेरन्तः स्थं
सत्तामात्रशरीरं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

Who climbed the trees taking the garments of bathing ladies, and who drgged the ladies who are desperate to reach the shore in the pretext of giving the garments back, He who transcends sorrow or delusion and who is the embodiment of knowledge and who can be known only as 'dweller of the intellect' and omnipresent as 'existence' — Salute such an epitome of Infinite Bliss, the Govinda.

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कान्तं कारणकारणमादिमनादिं कालघनाभासं
कालिन्दीगतकालियशिरसि सुनृत्यन्तं मुहुरत्यन्तम् ।
कालं कालकलातीतं कलिताशेषं कलिदोषघ्नं
कालत्रयगतिहेतुं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

The one who is the primordial cause of all other efficient causes, who is the primordial one and yet without any beginning, whose hue is similar to dark clouds, who dances ever on the hoods of Kaliya serpent in Yamuna river, who is time and yet transcends the time, and who is omniscient, who knows the faults of the kali age, and who operates the three fold dimension of time — Salute such an epitome of Infinite Bliss, the Govinda.

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बृन्दावनभुवि बृन्दारकगणबृन्दाराधितवन्द्यायां
कुन्दाभामलमन्दस्मेरसुधानन्दं सुमहानन्दम् ।
वन्द्याशेषमहामुनिमानसवन्द्यानन्दपदद्वन्द्वं
नन्द्याशेषगुणाब्धिं प्रणमत गोविन्दं परमानन्दम् ॥

One who is great Bliss and one whose smile resembles the blossoming of *kunda* flowers which bloom in the celebrated garden of Brindavana praised by the words of Sages, Siddhes, and others, whose feet are firmly established in the hearts of all the sages, —^u salute Him, and who is the Supreme Bliss, the Govinda.

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गोविन्दाष्टकमेतदधीते गोविन्दार्पितचेता यो
 गोविन्दाच्युत माधव विष्णो गोकुलनायक कृष्णेति ।
 गोविन्दाङ्घ्रि सरोजध्यानसुधाजलधौत समस्ताधो
 गोविन्दं परमानन्दामृतमन्तः स्थं स तमभ्येति ॥

One who recites this Govindashtaka with his mind firmly entrenched in Govinda and who calls out Govinda, Achyuta, Madhava, Vishnu, Gokulanayaka etc., who meditates on the lotus feet of Govinda, is relieved of all sins and visualises the Blissful Govinda within himself.

