Verses of the Hastāmalakīyabhāşyam

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Introductory Prayer Verses

यस्मिन्ज्ञाते भवेत्सर्वं विज्ञातं परमात्मिन ।

तं वन्दे नित्यविज्ञानमानन्दमजमव्ययम्॥

yasminjñāte bhavetsarvam vijñātam paramātmani l tam vande nityavijñānamānandamajamavyayam l

When the Supreme Self is known, everything is known. My salutations to that Self, who is timeless awareness, fullness (ānanda), unborn, and imperishable. (i)

यदज्ञानादभूदुद्वेतं ज्ञाते यस्मिन्निर्वर्तते ।

रज्जुसर्पवदत्यन्तं तं वन्दे पुरुषोत्तमम् ॥

yadajñānādabhūddvaitam jñāte yasminnirvartate | rajjusarpavadatyantam tam vande puruṣottamam ||

My salutations to that Supreme Self from ignorance of whom there is duality, and who when known duality ceases completely, like a snake (imagined) on a rope. (ii)

यस्योपदेशदीधित्या चिदातमा नः प्रकाशते।

नमः सद्गरवे तस्मै स्वाविद्याध्वान्तभानवे ॥

yasyopadeśadīdhityā cidātmā naḥ prakāśate | namaḥ sadgurave tasmai svāvidyādhvāntabhānave | |

Salutations to my guru, who is like the sun to the darkness of my ignorance, by the light of whose teaching the Self which is pure awareness shines for us. (iii)

The Text

निमित्तं मनश्रक्षुरादिप्रवृत्तो

निरस्ताखिलोपाधिराकाशकल्पः।

रविलोंकचेष्टानिमित्तं यथा यः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ १॥

nimittam manaścakṣurādipravṛttau nirastākhilopādhirākāśakalpaḥ | ravirlokaceṣṭānimittam yathā yaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 1 ||

Just as the sun is the cause for activity in the world, the Self, which, like space, is free of all conditioning adjuncts, is the cause for the activity of the mind, the sense organs, and the body. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (1)

यमग्न्युष्णवन्नित्यबोधस्वरूपं
मनश्चक्षुरादीन्यबोधात्मकानि ।
प्रवर्तन्त आश्रित्य निष्कम्पमेकं
स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ २ ॥

yamagnyuṣṇavannityabodhasvarūpaṁ manaścakṣurādīnyabodhātmakāni | pravartanta āśritya niṣkampamekaṁ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 2 ||

Depending on the Self, which is one and motionless, whose nature is timeless awareness, like heat is the nature of fire, the mind and sense organs, insentient by nature, are active. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (2)

मुखाभासको दुर्पणे दृश्यमानो

मुखत्वात्पृथत्तवेन नैवास्ति वस्तु ।

चिदाभासको धीषु जीवोऽपि तद्व -

त्स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ३॥

mukhābhāsako darpaņe dṛśyamāno mukhatvātpṛthaktvena naivāsti vastu | cidābhāsako dhīṣu jīvo'pi tadva tsa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 3 ||

The reflection of a face seen in a mirror is not a real object separate from the face. Similarly, the $j\bar{\imath}va$ also, is but a reflection of consciousness seen in the intellects. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (3)

यथा दर्पणाभाव आभासहानो

मुखं विद्यते कल्पनाहीनमेकम्।

तथा धीवियोगे निराभासको यः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ४ ॥

yathā darpaṇābhāva ābhāsahānau mukhaṁ vidyate kalpanāhīnamekam | tathā dhīviyoge nirābhāsako yaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 4||

Just as the one face exists without its reflection when its reflection ceases to be in the absence of the mirror; similarly, the Self exists without its reflection in the absence of the intellect. I am that Self whose nature is timeless awareness. (4)

मनश्रक्षरादेविंयुक्तः स्वयं यो

मनश्रक्षुरादेर्मनश्रक्षुरादिः।

मनश्रक्षुरादेरगम्यस्वरूपः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ५॥

manaścakṣurāderviyuktaḥ svayaṁ yo
manaścakṣurādermanaścakṣurādiḥ |
manaścakṣurāderagamyasvarūpaḥ
sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 5 ||

Itself free from the mind and sense organs, the Self is the mind of the mind and eye of the eye. Its own nature cannot be reached by the mind nor the sense organs. I am that Self whose nature is timeless awareness. (5)

य एको विभाति स्वतः शुद्धचेताः

प्रकाशस्वरूपोऽपि नानेव धीषु ।

शरावोदकस्थो यथा भानुरेकः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ६॥

ya eko vibhāti svataḥ śuddhacetāḥ
prakāśasvarūpo'pi nāneva dhīṣu |
śarāvodakastho yathā bhānurekaḥ
sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 6 ||

That which is One shines of its own accord for the one whose mind is pure. Even though it is self-effulgent, it appears as though many and diverse in the intellects; just as the sun, which is one, obtaining in bowls of water. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (6)

यथानेकचक्षुःप्रकाशो रविर्न क्रमेण प्रकाशीकरोति प्रकाश्यम्। अनेका धियो यस्तथैकप्रबोधः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ७ ॥

yathānekacakṣuḥprakāśo ravirna krameṇa prakāśīkaroti prakāśyam | anekā dhiyo yastathaikaprabodhaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 7 ||

Just as the sun, who is the light for many eyes, does not light up the objects to be illumined one by one; similarly, the one awareness does not light up the many minds one by one. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (7)

विवस्वत्प्रभातं यथा रूपमक्षं
प्रगृह्णाति नाभातमेवं विवस्वान्।
यदाभात आभासयत्यक्षमेकः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥८॥

vivasvatprabhātam yathā rūpamakṣam pragṛhṇāti nābhātamevam vivasvān | yadābhāta ābhāsayatyakṣamekaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā ||8 ||

Just as the eye perceives form which is illumined by the sun, not unillumined form; in the same manner, Vivasvan (the ruling deity of the eyes) who is one, illumined by the Self, illumines the eyes. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (8)

यथा सूर्य एकोऽप्स्वनेकश्चलासु

स्थिरास्वप्यनन्वग्विभाव्यस्वरूपः।

चलासु प्रभिन्नासु धीष्वेवमेकः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ९॥

yathā sūrya eko'psvanekaścalāsu sthirāsvapyananvagvibhāvyasvarūpaḥ | calāsu prabhinnāsu dhīṣvevamekaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 9 ||

Just as the one sun, even though many and diverse in moving and still waters, does not have a nature which is in accordance with that; similarly the One in the moving and diverse minds. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (9)

घनच्छन्नदृष्टिर्घनच्छन्नमर्कं

यथा निष्प्रभं मन्यते चातिमूढः।

तथा बद्धवद्भाति यो मूढदृष्टेः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ १० ॥

ghanacchannadṛṣṭirghanacchannamarkam yathā niṣprabham manyate cātimūḍhaḥ | tathā baddhavadbhāti yo mūḍhadṛṣṭeḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 10 ||

Just as the deluded person, whose eyes are covered by clouds thinks that the sun, covered by clouds, has no light; similarly, the Self appears as though bound for the one whose vision is deluded. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (10)

समस्तेषु वस्तुष्वनुस्यूतमेकं समस्तानि वस्तूनि यं न स्पृशन्ति ।

वियद्वत्सदा शुद्धमच्छस्वरूपः

स नित्योपलब्धिस्वरूपोऽहमात्मा ॥ ११ ॥

samasteṣu vastuṣvanusyūtamekaṁ samastāni vastūni yaṁ na spṛśanti | viyadvatsadā śuddhamacchasvarūpaḥ sa nityopalabdhisvarūpo'hamātmā || 11 ||

Nothing whatsoever touches that one which pervades all things. Like space, it is always pure, its nature free from death. I am that Self, whose nature is timeless awareness. (11)

उपाधौ यथा भेदता सन्मणीनां तथा भेदता बुद्धिभेदेषु तेऽपि। यथा चन्द्रिकाणां जले चञ्चलत्वं तथा चञ्चलत्वं तव अपि इह विष्णो॥ १२॥

upādhau yathā bhedatā sanmaṇīnāṁ
tathā bhedatā buddhibhedeṣu te'pi |
yathā candrikāṇāṁ jale cañcalatvaṁ
tathā cañcalatvaṁ tava api iha viṣṇo || 12 ||

Just as in the presence of a conditioning adjunct pure crystals appear differently; similarly, in the presence of different minds, You also appear differently. Just as moons appear to be moving in the water; similarly, Oh Visnu, You also appear to be moving here. (12)

इति श्रीमत्परमहंसपरिव्राजकाचार्यस्य श्रीगोविन्दभगवत्पूज्यपादशिष्य श्रीमच्छम्करभगवतः कृतौ हस्तामलकीयभाष्यम् संपूर्णम् ॥

iti śrīmatparamahamsaparivrājakācāryasya śrīgovindabhagavatpūjyapādaśiṣya śrīmacchamkarabhagavataḥ kṛtau hastāmalakīyabhāṣyam sampūrṇam ||