

॥ श्री दक्षिणामूर्ति स्तोत्रम् ॥
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मौनव्याख्याप्रकटितपरब्रह्मतत्त्वं युवानं
वर्षिष्ठान्ते वसदुषिगणैरावृतं ब्रह्मनिष्ठैः ।

**mauna-vyākhyā-prakaṭita-parabrahma-tattvaṃ yuvānam
varṣiṣṭhānte vasad-ṛṣigaṇair āvṛtam brahma-niṣṭhaiḥ**

**A young guru, imparting knowledge of Brahman
through silence, surrounded by rishis
who are firmly established in wisdom...**

आचार्येन्द्रं करकलितचिन्मुद्रमानन्दरूपं
स्वात्मारामं मुदितवदनं दक्षिणामूर्तिमीडे ॥ १ ॥

ācāryendram kara-kalita-cinmudram ānanda-rūpam
svātmā-rāmaṃ mudita-vadanam dakṣiṇāmūrtim iḍe

...teacher of teachers, whose gesture signifies wisdom,
whose nature is fullness, smiling, reveling in himself,
I worship that Lord Dakshinamurti.

वटविटपिसमीपे भूमिभागे निषण्णमं
सकलमुनिजननां ज्ञानदातारमारात् ।

vaṭa-viṭapi-samīpe bhūmi-bhāge niṣaṇṇaṃ
sakala-muni-janānāṃ jñāna-dātāram ārāt

Seated on the ground under the banyan tree,
bestowing knowledge to all the rishis
who have assembled near him...

त्रिभुवनगुरुमीशं दक्षिणामूर्तिदेवं
जननमरणदुःखच्छेददक्षं नमामि ॥ २ ॥

tribhuvana-gurum īśaṃ dakṣiṇāmūrti-devaṃ
janana-maraṇa-duḥkha-ccheda-dakṣaṃ namāmi

... teacher of the three worlds,
destroyer of the miseries of birth and death,
I bow to that Lord.

चित्रं वटतरोर्मूले वृद्धाः शिष्या गुरुर्युवा ।
गुरोस्तु मौनं व्याख्यानं शिष्यास्तु चिह्नसंशयाः ॥ ३ ॥
citraṃ vaṭa-taror mūle vṛddhāḥ śiṣyā gurur yuvā
gurostu maunaṃ vyākhyānaṃ śiṣyās tu cchinna-saṃśayāḥ

Amazing! Under the banyan tree
aged disciples sat around a youthful guru.
He taught them in silence,
yet their doubts were dispelled.

निधये सर्वविद्यानां भिषजे भवरोगिणाम् ।
गुरवे सर्वलोकानां दक्षिणामूर्तये नमः ॥ ४ ॥
nidhaye sarva-vidyānām bhiṣaje bhava-rogiṇām
gurave sarva-lokānām dakṣiṇāmūrtaye namaḥ

Salutations to Lord Dakshinamurti,
the abode of all wisdom, teacher of the whole world,
healing those who suffer from the disease of samsāra.

ॐ नमः प्रणवार्थाय शुद्धज्ञानैकमूर्तये ।
निर्मलाय प्रशान्ताय दक्षिणामूर्तये नमः ॥ ५ ॥
oṃ namaḥ praṇavāarthāya śuddha-jñānaika-mūrtaye
nirmalāya praśāntāya dakṣiṇāmūrtaye namaḥ

Salutations to Lord Dakshinamurti,
who is the meaning of "Om,"
whose form is pure knowledge,
who is taintless and utterly silent.

विश्वं दर्पणदृश्यमाननगरितुल्यं निजान्तर्गतं
पश्यन्नात्मनि मायया बहिरिवोद्भूतं यथा निद्रया ।

viśvaṃ darpaṇa-dṛśyamāna-nagarī-tulyam nijāntar-gatam
paśyann ātmani māyayā bahir ivodbhūtaṃ yathā nidrayā

To Him who sees the universe
like a dream existing within oneself
or like a city seen in a mirror
but appearing externally due to māyā...

यस्साक्षात्कुरुते प्रबोधसमये स्वात्मानमेवाद्भयं
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ १ ॥

yas sākṣāt-kurute prabodha-samaye svātmānam evādvayam
tasmai śrīguru-mūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye

...who upon enlightenment, beholds the universe directly
as his own non-dual self -

Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own guru.

बीजस्यान्तरिवांकुरो जगदिदमं प्राङ्निर्विकल्पं पुनः
मायाकल्पितदेशकालकलना वैचित्र्यचित्रीकृतम् ।

**bijasyāntarivāṅkuro jagad idaṃ prāṅ nirvikalpaṃ punaḥ
māyā-kalpita-deśa-kāla-kalanā vaicitrya-citrīkṛtam**

**This universe, undifferentiated at first
like a sprout within the seed,
becoming manifold through maya's aspects
of time and space...**

मायावीव विजम्भयत्यपि महायोगीव यस्स्वेच्छया
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ २ ॥

**māyāvīva vijṛmbhayatypi mahāyogīva yas svecchayā
tasmai śrīguru-mūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye**

**...that universe he projects by his own desire
like a magician or a great yogi –
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.**

यस्यैव स्फुरणं सदात्मकमसत्कल्पार्थकं भासते
साक्षात्त्वमसीति वेदचवसा यो बोधयत्याश्रितान् ।

yasyaiva sphuraṇam sadātmakam asat-kalpārthakam bhāsate
sākṣāt tat-tvam-asīti veda-vacasā yo bodhayatyāśritān

**Whose reality appears as the unreal creation,
who imparts immediate knowledge
through the Vedic saying, “That thou art”
to those who seek his refuge...**

यत्साक्षात्करणाद् भवेन्न पुनरावृत्तिर्भवाम्भोनिधौ
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ३ ॥

yat sākṣāt-karaṇād bhaven na punar āvṛttir bhavāmbhonidhau
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye

**...because of whose direct knowledge
one never returns to the ocean of birth and death -
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.**

नानाच्छिद्रघटोदरस्थितमहादीपप्रभाभास्वरं
ज्ञानं यस्य तु चक्षुरादिकरणद्वारा बहिस्स्पन्दते ।

nānā-cchidra-ghaṭodara-sthita-mahā-dīpa-prabhā-bhāsvaram
jñānaṃ yasya tu cakṣur-ādi-karaṇa-dvārā bahis spandate

Whose knowledge is like the light of a shining lamp
placed inside a pot with many holes,
shining forth through the sense organs like sight ...

जानामीति तमेव भान्तमनुभात्येतत्समस्तं जगत्
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ४ ॥

jānāmīti tam eva bhāntam anubhātyetat samastaṃ jagat
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdkṣiṇāmūrtaye

...who shines as consciousness, as "I know"
because of which this entire creation appears -
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.

देहं प्राणमपीन्द्रियाण्यपि चलां बुद्धिं च शून्यं विदुः
स्त्रीबालान्धजडोपमास्त्वहमिति भ्रान्ता भृशं वादिनः ।

dehaṃ prāṇam apīndriyāṅyapi calāṃ buddhiṃ ca śūnyam viduḥ
strī-bālāndha-jaḍopamās tvaham iti bhrāntā bhṛśam vādinaḥ

**Philosophers who are misguided, childish,
blind, or dull, always teaching falsely
that the body, life, senses, active intellect,
and nonexistence is the self...**

मायाशक्तिविलासकल्पितमहाव्यामोहसंहारिणे

तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ५ ॥

māyā-śakti-vilāsa-kalpita-mahā-vyāmoha-saṃhāriṇe

tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye

...who destroys their great delusion

born of maya's power -

Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti

in the form of my own teacher.

राहुग्रस्तदिवाकरेन्दुसदुशो मायासमाच्छादनात्
सन्मात्रःकरणोपसंहरणतो योऽभूत्सुषुप्तः पुमान् ।

rāhu-grasta-divākarendu-sadṛśo māyā-samācchādanāt
sanmātraḥ karaṇopasaṃharaṇato yo'bhūt suṣuptaḥ pumān

Who remains as pure existence
in the deep sleep caused by maya's power,
withdrawing the senses
like the sun or moon covered during an eclipse ...

प्रागस्वाप्समिति प्रबोधसमये यः प्रत्यभिज्ञायते
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ६ ॥

prāg asvāpsam iti prabodha-samaye yaḥ pratyabhijñāyate
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye

...who upon waking remembers "I slept" -
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.

बाल्यादिष्वपि जाग्रदादिषु तथा सर्वास्ववस्थास्वपि
व्यावृत्तास्वनुवर्तमानमहमित्यन्तस्स्फुरन्तं सदा ।

**bālyādiṣvapi jāgrad-ādiṣu tathā sarvāsvavasthāsvapi
vyāvṛttā-svanuvartamānam aham-ityantas-sphurantam sadā**

**The self manifest within
as the ever-present sense of “I”
that remains in every state of life and experience...**

स्वात्मानं प्रकटीकरोति भजतां यो मुद्रया भद्रया
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ७ ॥

**svātmānam prakṭīkaroti bhajatām yo mudrayā bhadrayā
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye**

**...who reveals this self to his devotees
by his auspicious gesture of wisdom -
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.**

विश्वं पश्यति कार्यकारणतया स्वस्वामिसंबन्धतः
शिष्याचार्यतया तथैव पितृपुत्राद्यात्मना भेदतः ।

**viśvaṃ paśyati kārya-kāraṇatayā svasvāmi-sambandhataḥ
śiṣyācāryatayā tathaiva pitṛ-putrātmanā bhedataḥ**

**Who sees the universe as cause and effect,
master and servant, teacher and disciple,
father and son, and so on ...**

स्वप्ने जाग्रति वा य एष पुरुषो मायापरिभ्रामितः
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ८ ॥

**svapne jāgrati vā ya eṣa puruṣo māyā-paribhrāmitaḥ
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye**

**...who sees all this in the waking
and dream states due to maya -
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.**

भूरम्भांस्यनलोऽनिलोऽम्बरमहर् नाथो हिमांशुः पुमान्
इत्याभाति चराचरात्मकमिदं यस्यैव मूर्त्यष्टकम् ।

**bhūr-ambhāṃsyanaló 'nilómbara-mahar-nātho himāṃśuḥ pumān
ityābhāti carācarātmakam idam yasyaiva mūrtyaṣṭakam**

**Whose eight-fold manifestation is
this sentient and insentient world
of earth, water, fire, air, space,
sun, moon, and conscious being...**

नान्यत्किञ्चन विद्यते विमुशतां यस्मात्परस्माद्विभोः
तस्मै श्रीगुरुमूर्तये नम इदं श्रीदक्षिणामूर्तये ॥ ९ ॥

**nānyat kiñcana vidyate vimuśatām yasmāt parasmād vibhoḥ
tasmai śrīgurumūrtaye nama idam śrīdakṣiṇāmūrtaye**

**...beyond whose all-pervasive nature
there exists nothing else for wise persons –
Salutations unto him, Sri Dakshinamurti
in the form of my own teacher.**

सर्वात्मत्वमिति स्फुटीकृतमिदं यस्मादमुष्मिंस्तवे
तेनास्य श्रवणात्तदर्थमननाद्ध्यानाच्च संकीर्तनात् ।

sarvātmatvam iti sphuṭī-kṛtam idaṃ yasmād amuṣmiṃ stave
tenāsya śravaṇāt tadartha-mananād dhyānāc ca saṅkīrtanāt

Because the self's all-pervasiveness
is clearly revealed in this hymn,
by listening to it, reflecting upon it,
meditating on its meaning, and reciting it...

सर्वात्मत्वमहाविभूतिसहितं स्यादीश्वरत्वं स्वतः
सिद्धयेत्तत्पुनरष्टधापरिणतं चैश्वर्यमव्याहतम् ॥ १० ॥

sarvātmatva-mahāvibhūti-sahitaṃ syād īśvaratvaṃ svataḥ
siddhyet tat punar aṣṭadhāpariṇataṃ caiśvaryaṃ avyāhatam

...one can gain enlightenment,
effortlessly and without impediments,
with it's great glory of being the self of all
with eightfold blessings.