

Gurustōtrāṇi

(Guru Gita/Skanda Purana)

gururbrahmā gururviṣṇuḥ gururdēvō maheśvaraḥ |
guruḥ sākṣāt param brahma tasmai śriguravē namaḥ ||

ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā |
cakṣurunmilitam yēna tasmai śriguravē namaḥ ||

akhanda-mandalākāram vyāptam yēna carācaram |
tatpadam darśitam yēna tasmai śriguravē namaḥ ||

anēka-janma-samprāpta- karma-bandha-vidāhinē |
ātma-jñāna-pradānēna tasmai śriguravē namaḥ ||

mannāthaḥ śri-jagannāthō madguruḥ śri-jagadguruh |
mamātmā sarva-bhūtātmā tasmai śriguravē namaḥ ||

brahmānandam parama-sukhadam kēvalam jñāna-
mūrtim dvandvātitam gagana- sadṛśam tattvamasyādi-
lakṣyam |

ēkam nityam vimalamacalam sarvadhi- sāksi-bhūtam
bhāvātitam triguṇa-rahitam sadgurum tam namāmi ||

iti śri guru-stotram samāptam

Guru stotram is 14 verses of the Guru Gita, (Part of Skanda Purana). A conversation between Shiva & Parvati, this selection is from the Stotram and Gita as follows: -

Salutations to that guru who is the creator, sustainer and destroyer, who is the limitless one.

Salutations are to that guru who opened the eye of one blind due to the darkness (cover) of ignorance with a needle coated with the ointment of knowledge.

Salutations are to that guru who showed me the abode, the one who is to be known, whose form is the entire universe and by whom all the movable and immovable are pervaded.

Salutations are to that guru who by bestowing the knowledge of the self burns up the bondage created by accumulated actions of innumerable births.

Prostrations to that guru who is the lord of the universe, my teacher, who is the teacher of the universe, who is the self in me, and the self in all beings.

I prostrate myself before that Guru, the Bliss of Brahman, the bestower of Supreme Happiness, who is Knowledge absolute, transcending the pairs of opposites, expansive like the sky, the goal indicated by the great sayings like “Thou art That”. | The one eternal, pure, unchanging, the witness of functions of the intellect, who is above all Bhavas (mental conditions) and the three Gunas (Sattva, Rajas and Tamas). Salutations to that Holy Guru. ||