

# ॥ शिवाष्टकम् ॥

तस्मै नमः परमकारणकारणाय  
दीप्तोज्ज्वलज्वलितपिङ्गललोचनाय ।  
नागेन्द्रहारकृतकुण्डलभूषणाय  
ब्रह्मेन्द्रविष्णुवरदाय नमः शिवाय ॥ १ ॥

1. Salutations to Him Who is the Great Cause behind all the causes, Whose reddish-brown eyes blaze with illumination, Whose garland is formed by the king of snakes who also adorns Him as ear-rings, and Who gives boons to Brahma, Indra and Vishnu. Salutations to that Shiva.

श्रीमत्प्रसन्नशशिपन्नगभूषणाय  
शैलेन्द्रजा वदन चुम्बितलोचनाय ।  
कैलासमन्दिरमहेन्द्रनिकेतनाय  
लोकत्रयार्तिहरणाय नमः शिवाय ॥ २ ॥

2. Salutations to Him Who is adorned with the beautiful moon (shining on His forehead) and snakes (decorating His body), Whose eyes kiss (i.e. reflect) the face of the daughter of the king of mountains (i.e. Devi Parvati), Who dwells in the great Kailasa, Mandara and Mahendra mountains, and Who takes away the sorrows of the three worlds. Salutations to that Shiva.

पद्मावदातमणिकुण्डलगोवृषाय  
कृष्णागरुप्रचुरचन्दनचर्चिताय ।  
भस्मानुषक्तविकचोत्पलमल्लिकाय  
नीलाब्जकण्ठसदृशाय नमः शिवाय ॥ ३ ॥

3. Salutations to Him Who is adorned with Padmaraga Mani gem on His ear-rings (which is clear like a crystal) and showering shining rays of light, Whose body is smeared with abundant Krishna Agar and sandalwood paste and adorned with the fully-opened lotus and mallika flowers, which cling to His sacred ash, and Whose throat resembles a blue lotus. Salutations to that Shiva.

लम्बत्सपिङ्गल जटामुकुटोत्कटाय  
दंष्ट्राकरालविकटोत्कटभैरवाय ।  
व्याघ्राजिनाम्बरधराय मनोहराय  
त्रैलोक्यनाथ नमिताय नमः शिवाय ॥ ४ ॥

4. Salutations to Him Whose crown is His long, hanging, immense matted hairs of reddish-brown color, Who assumes the terrible form of Bhairava with dreadful fangs, Who wearing the tiger skin appears captivating, and before Whom the three worlds bow down. Salutations to that Shiva.

दक्षप्रजापतिमहामखनाशनाय

क्षिप्रं महात्रिपुरदानवघातनाय ।

ब्रह्मोर्जितोर्ध्वगकरोटिनिकृन्तनाय

योगाय योगनमिताय नमः शिवाय ॥ ५ ॥

5. Salutations to Him Who destroyed the great yagya of Daksha Prajapati, Who speedily slayed the mighty Tripurasuras, Who chopped off the upper head of Brahma which became full of pride, and Who is the embodiment of yoga and is worshipped through yoga. Salutations to that Shiva.

संसारसृष्टिघटनापरिवर्तनाय

रक्षः पिशाचगणसिद्धसमाकुलाय ।

सिद्धोरगग्रह गणेन्द्रनिषेविताय

शार्दूल चर्मवसनाय नमः शिवाय ॥ ६ ॥

6. Salutations to Him Who brings about the cycle of creation and destruction of the world, Who is guarded by groups of demons and Siddhas surrounding Him, Who is served by the best of Siddhas, Uragas (serpents) and Grahas (planets), and Who wears the garment of tiger skin. Salutations to that Shiva.

भस्माङ्गरागकृतरूपमनोहराय

सौम्यावदातवनमाश्रितमाश्रिताय ।

गौरीकटाक्षनयनार्ध निरीक्षणाय

गोक्षीरधारधवलाय नमः शिवाय ॥ ७ ॥

7. Salutations to Him Who appears captivating with His whole body colored with sacred ashes, Who is the refuge of those pure and tranquil sages who take refuge in the forests, Who is observed by Gauri through side glances from Her half-closed eyes, and Who is dazzling white like a stream of pure milk. Salutations to that Shiva.

आदित्यसोमवरुणानिलसेविताय

यज्ञाग्निहोत्रवरधूमनिकेतनाय ।

ऋक्सामवेदमुनिभिः स्तुतिसंयुताय

गोपाय गोपनमिताय नमः शिवाय ॥ ८ ॥

8. Salutations to Him Who is served by the Sun-God (Aditya), Moon-God (Soma), Rain-God (Varuna) and Wind-God (Anila), Who resides in the smoke of the best yagyas and Agnihotras, Who is invoked by the hymns of Rig Veda, Sama Veda and the eulogies of the Munis (sages), and Who is the protector of all and is worshipped by the Protectors (guardian deities). Salutations to that Shiva.

शिवाष्टकमिदं पुण्यं यः पठेच्छिवसन्निधौ ।  
शिवलोकमवाप्नोति शिवेन सह मोदते ॥ ९ ॥

9. Whoever recites this auspicious Shivashtakam (hymn consisting of eight stanzas in praise of Lord Shiva) in the presence of Shiva lingam, will attain the world of Shiva and enjoy His bliss.

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शिवाष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥