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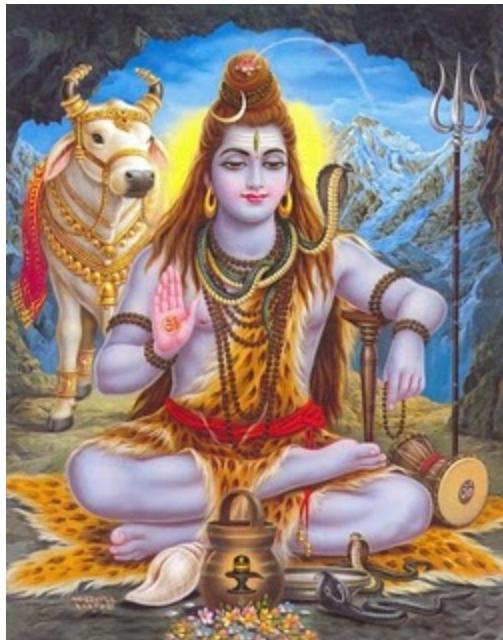
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Rudrashtakam - In sanskrit with meaning

- composed by Sri Goswami Tulsidas

श्रीरुद्राष्टकम् - नमामीशमीशान निर्वाणरूपम्

Sri Rudrashtakam: Namamisham Ishana Nirvana Rupam



Sri Shiva

नमामीशमीशान निर्वाणरूपं
विभुं व्यापकं ब्रह्मवेदस्वरूपम् ।
निजं निर्गुणं निर्विकल्पं निरीहं
चिदाकाशमाकाशवासं भजेऽहम् ॥१॥

Namaam-lisham-lishaana Nirvaanna-Ruupam
Vibhum Vyaapakam Brahma-Veda-Svaruupam |
Nijam Nirgunnam Nirvikalpam Niriiham
Cidaakaasham-Aakaasha-Vaasam Bhaje-[A]ham ||1||

Meaning:

- 1.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) I Salute the Lord Ishana (another name of Sri Shiva) whose Form represents the state of the highest Nirvana (extinction of all desires and passions leading to the highest bliss),
- 1.2: Who Manifests taking a Form though in essence He is Pervading everywhere; and His Form embodies the Highest Knowledge of Brahman present in the core of the Vedas.
- 1.3: Who remain absorbed in His Own Self which is Beyond the three Gunas (Sattva, Rajas and Tamas), which is Beyond

any **Vikalpas** (Change and Manifoldness), and which is **Free from any Movement** (due to desires etc),
1.4: Who **Abides** in the **Sky** of the **Chidakasha** (Spiritual Sky); I **Worship** that Ishana.



निराकारमोङ्करमूलं तुरीयं
गिराज्ञानगोतीतमीशं गिरीशम् ।
करालं महाकालकालं कृपालं
गुणागारसंसारपारं नतोऽहम् ॥२॥

Niraakaaram-Ongkara-Muulam Turiyam
Giraa-Jnyaana-Go-[A]tiitam-lisham Giriisham |
Karaalam Mahaakaala-Kaalam Krpaalam
Gunna-[A]agaara-Samsaara-Paaram Nato-[A]ham ||2||

Meaning:

- 2.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) Who is **Formless** and the very **Root** from where the Sacred **Omkara** arises; Who Abides in the state of **Turiya** (the fourth state in which Brahman is experienced in meditation)
- 2.2: He is the **Lord** Who is **Beyond the Knowledge** which **Speech** can express and **Beyond** the Perception which **Sense Organs** can perceive; He is **Girisha** (another name of Sri Shiva literally meaning the Lord of the Mountains)
- 2.3: Taking the **Terrible** form of **Mahakala** He can tear apart **Kala** (Time) himself; at the same time He is an embodiment of **Compassion** to His devotees,
- 2.4: I **Bow** down to Him Who helps in **Crossing** this **Samsara** (delusion of worldly existence) which is like a **Dwelling Place** made of **Gunas**.



तुषाराद्रिसंकाशगौरं गभिरं
मनोभूतकोटिप्रभाश्री शरीरम् ।
स्फुरन्मौलिकल्लोलिनी चारुगङ्गा
लसद्वालबालेन्दु कण्ठे भुजङ्गा ॥३॥

Tussaara-Adri-Samkaasha-Gauram Gabhiram
Mano-Bhuuta-Kotti-Prabhaa-Shrii Shariiram |
Sphuran-Mauli-Kallolinii Caaru-Ganggaa

Lasad-Bhaala-Baale[a-l]ndu Kannthe Bhujanggaa ||3||

Meaning:

3.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) Who is **Shining White** **Resembling a Mountain of Snow**; and His Being is very very **Deep**, ...
3.2 ... in the depth of Whose **Mind** exist **Millions of Rays of Splendour**, which expresses themselves on His **Auspicious Body**,
3.3: Over Whose **Head**, the **Beautiful Ganga** **Throbs** and **Surges** forth towards the Worlds,
3.4: Over Whose **Forehead** the **Newly Risen Moon** **Shines** spreading its **Rays**, and around Whose **Neck** adorns the **beautiful Serpents**.



चलत्कुण्डलं भूसुनेत्रं विशालं
प्रसन्नाननं नीलकण्ठं दयालम् ।
मृगाधीशचर्माम्बरं मुण्डमालं
प्रियं शङ्करं सर्वनाथं भजामि ॥४॥

Calat-Kunndalam Bhruu-Sunetram Vishaalam
Prasanna-[A]jananam Niila-Kanntham Dayaalam |
Mrga-Adhiisha-Carma-Amaram Munndda-Maalam
Priyam Shangkaram Sarva-Naatham Bhajaami ||4||

Meaning:

4.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) Whose **Ear-Rings Sway** near His beautiful face, which is adorned with a striking **Eyebrow** and **Large Beautiful Eyes**,
4.2: Whose **Face** is beaming with **Joy and Grace**, Whose **Throat** is **Blue** (due to drinking the poison during samudra manthana) and Who is extremely **Compassionate**,
4.3: Whose **Clothes** are the **Skin** of the **Lord of Animals** (signifying Tiger) and Whose neck is adorned with a **Garland of Skulls**,
4.4: I **Worship** Him Who is **Beloved** of His Devotees, Who is **Shankara** (another name of Sri Shiva) and Who is the **Lord of All**.



प्रचण्डं प्रकृष्टं प्रगल्भं परेशं
अखण्डं अजं भानुकोटिप्रकाशं ।

ऋःशूलनिर्मूलनं शूलपाणिं भजेऽहं भवानीपतिं भावगम्यम् ॥५॥

Pracannddam Prakrsstam Pragalbham Pare[a-li]sham
Akhanndam Ajam Bhaanu-Kotti-Prakaasham |
Tryah-Shuula-Nirmuulanam Shuula-Paannim
Bhaje[a-A]ham Bhavaanii-Patim Bhaava-Gamyam ||5||

Meaning:

- 5.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) Who is **Terrible**, **Eminent** and extremely **Strong**; Who is the **Highest Lord**,
- 5.2: Who is ever **Unborn** and **Whole**; and with the **Effulgence** of **Million Suns**,
- 5.3: Who has a **Trident** in **Hand**, the **Three Spikes** of which **Uproots** the bondages of the **Three Gunas** (Tamas, Rajas and Sattva),
- 5.4: I **Worship** the **Consort** of **Devi Bhavani** Who can be **Attained** only by **Devotion**.



कलातीतकल्याण कल्पान्तकारी सदा सज्जनानन्ददाता पुरारी । चिदानन्दसंदोह मोहापहारी प्रसीद प्रसीद प्रभो मन्मथारी ॥६॥

Kalaatiita-Kalyaanna Kalpa-Anta-Kaarii
Sadaa Sajjana-[A]ananda-Daataa Pura-Arii |
Cid-Aananda-Samdoha Moha-Apahaarii
Prasiida Prasiida Prabho Manmatha-Arii ||6||

Meaning:

- 6.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) Whose **Auspicious** Nature is **Beyond** the **Elements** of the gross material world and Who **Brings** an **End** to a **Kalpa** (a cycle of creation when all gross elements are dissolved),
- 6.2: Who **Always Give** Great **Joy** to the **Wise Men** and Who is the **Enemy** (signifying Destroyer) of the **Tripurasuras** (who represents Adharma),
- 6.3: By **Taking Away** the Great **Delusion**, He plunges the prepared Soul in the **Fullness** of **Cidananda** (the Bliss of Brahman or Pure Consciousness),
- 6.4: O, the **Enemy** (signifying Destroyer) of **Manmatha**; Please be **Gracious** to me; Please be **Gracious** to me, O **Lord**.





न यावद् उमानाथपादारविन्दं
भजन्तीह लोके परे वा नराणाम् ।
न तावत्सुखं शान्ति सन्तापनाशं
प्रसीद प्रभो सर्वभूताधिवासं ॥७॥

Na Yaavad Umaa-Naatha-Paada-Aravindam
Bhajanti-lha Loke Pare Vaa Naraannaam |
Na Taavat-Sukham Shaanti Santaapa-Naasham
Prasiida Prabho Sarva-Bhuuta-Adhi-Vaasam ||7||

Meaning:

- 7.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) **As Long as the Lotus Feet of the Lord of Uma ...**
- 7.2: ... is not **Worshipped in This World or Later by the Human Beings, ...**
- 7.3: ... **So Long** (i.e. Till then) **Joy, Peace and End of Sorrows** will not be experienced in life.
- 7.4: Therefore **O Lord, Please be Gracious, You Who Reside within All Beings.**



न जानामि योगं जपं नैव पूजां
नतोऽहं सदा सर्वदा शम्भुतुभ्यम् ।
जराजन्मदुःखौघ तातप्यमानं
प्रभो पाहि आपन्नमामीश शंभो ॥८॥

Na Jaanaami Yogam Japam Naiva Puujaam
Natoham Sadaa Sarvadaa Shambhu-Tubhyam |
Jaraa-Janma-Duhkhau-[A]gha Taatapryamaanam
Prabho Paahi Aapanna-Maam-lisha Shambho ||8||

Meaning:

- 8.1: (Salutations to Sri Rudra) **I do Not Know how to perform Yoga, Japa or Puja.**
- 8.2: **I Always at All Times** only **Bow down to You, O Shambhu** (another name of Sri Shiva),
- 8.3: Please Protect me from the **Sorrows of Birth and Old Age**, as well as from the **Sins** which lead to **Sufferings**,
- 8.4: Please **Protect** me **O Lord** from **Afflictions**; Protect me **O My Lord Shambhu.**





रुद्राष्टकमिदं प्रोक्तं विप्रेण हरतोषये ये पठन्ति नरा भक्त्या तेषां शम्भुः प्रसीदति ॥९॥

Rudraasstaka-Idam Proktam Viprenna Hara-Tossaye
Ye Paththanti Naraa Bhaktyaa Tessaam Shambhu Prasiidati ||9||

Meaning:

9.1: **This Rudrashtaka** (eight verses in praise of Rudra) has been **Said** (i.e. Composed) by the **Wise** for **Pleasing Hara** (another name of Sri Shiva),
9.2: **Those Persons** who **Recite** this **with Devotion**, with them **Sri Shambhu** will be always **Pleased**.

इति श्रीगोस्वामितुलसीदासकृतं श्रीरुद्राष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ।

Iti Shrii-Gosvaami-Tulasiidaasa-Krtam Shriirudraasstakam Sampurnnam |
Thus ends Rudrashtakam composed by Sri Goswami Tulsidas.



Note: Click over each Sanskrit word to get the meaning.

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◆ Stotras of Lord Shiva	• Stotras
► Form and Qualities of Lord Shiva	• Form • Qualities
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Unselfishness

- Unselfishness is God.
- Selfishness is the devil incarnate in every man. Every bit of self, bit by bit, is devil. Take off self by one side and God enters by the other.
- Are you unselfish? That is the question. If you are, you will be perfect without reading a single religious book, without going into a single church or temple.
- The difference between God and the devil is in nothing except in unselfishness and selfishness.
- Truth, purity and unselfishness --- wherever these are present, there is no power below or above the sun to crush the possessor thereof. Equipped with these, one individual is able to face the whole universe in opposition.

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Preserve Nature,
And Nature will preserve Us,
Simplify Life,
And help Nature thrive,
Plant Trees,
And make our planet Green.

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