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सत्यं ज्ञानमनंतं नित्यमनाकाशं परमाकाशम् ।

satyaṃ jñānamanaṃtaṃ nityamanākāśaṃ paramākāśam |

गोष्ठप्राङ्गणरिङ्गणलोलमनायासं परमायासम् ।

goṣṭhaprāṅgaṇariṅkhaṇalolamanāyāsaṃ paramāyāsam |

मायाकल्पितनानाकारमनाकारं भुवनाकारम् ।

māyākalpitanānākāramanākāraṃ bhuvanākāram |

क्ष्माया नाथमनाथं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ १ ॥

kṣmāyā nāthamanāthaṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 1 ||

मृत्स्नामत्सीहेति यशोदाताडनशैशव संत्रासम् ।

mṛtsnāmatsīheti yaśodātāḍanaśaiśava saṃtrāsam |

व्यादितवक्त्रालोकितलोकालोकचतुर्दशलोकालिम् ।

vyāditavaktrālokitalokālokacaturdaśalokālim |

लोकत्रयपुरमूलस्तंभं लोकालोकमनालोकम् ।

lokatrayapuramūlastaṃbhaṃ lokālokamanālokam |

लोकेशं परमेशं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ २ ॥

lokeśaṃ parameśaṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 2 ||

त्रैविष्टपरिपुवीरघ्नं क्षितिभारघ्नं भवरोगघ्नम् ।

traiviṣṭaparipuvīraghnaṃ kṣitibhāraghnaṃ bhavarogaghnam |

कैवल्यं नवनीताहारमनाहारं भुवनाहारम् ।

kaivalyaṃ navanītāhāramanāhāraṃ bhuvanāhāram |

वैमल्यस्फुटचेतोवृत्तिविशेषाभासमनाभासम् ।

vaimalyasphuṭacetovṛttiviśeṣābhāsamanābhāsam |

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शैवं केवलशांतं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ३ ॥

śaivaṃ kevalaśāṃtaṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 3 ||

गोपालं प्रभुलीलाविग्रहगोपालं कुलगोपालम् ।

gopālaṃ prabhulīlāvigrahagopālaṃ kulagopālam |

गोपीखेलनगोवर्धनधृतिलीलालालितगोपालम् ।

gopīkhelanagovardhanadhṛtilīlālālitagopālam |

गोभिर्निगदितगोविन्दस्फुटनामानं बहुनामानं

gobhirnigaditagovindasphuṭanāmānaṃ bahunāmānaṃ

गोपीगोचरपथिकं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ४ ॥

gopīgocarapathikaṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 4 ||

गोपीमण्डलगोष्ठीभेदं भेदावस्थमभेदाभं

gopīmaṇḍalagoṣṭhībhedaṃ bhedāvasthamabhedābhaṃ

शश्वद्गोखुरनिर्धूतोद्गतधूलीधूसरसौभाग्यम् ।

śaśvadgokhuranirdhūtodgatadhūlīdhūsarasaubhāgyam |

श्रद्धाभक्तिगृहीतानंदमचिन्त्यं चिंतितसद्भावम् ।

śraddhābhaktigṛhītānaṃdamacintyaṃ ciṃtitasadbhāvam |

चिंतामणिमहिमानं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ५ ॥

ciṃtāmaṇimahimānaṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 5 ||

स्नानव्याकुलयोषिद्वस्त्रमुपादायागमुपारूढम् ।

snānavyākulayoṣidvastramupādāyāgamupārūḍham |

व्यादित्संतीरथ दिग्वस्त्रा ह्युपुदातुमुपाकर्षंतम् ।

vyāditsaṃtīratha digvastrā hyupudātumupākarṣaṃtam |

निर्धूतद्वयशोकविमोहं बुद्धं बुद्धेरंतस्थम् ।

nirdhūtadvayaśokavimohaṃ buddhaṃ buddheraṃtastham |

सत्तामात्रशरीरं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ६ ॥

sattāmātraśarīraṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 6 ||

कांतं कारणकारणमादिमनादिं कालमनाभासम् ।

kāṃtaṃ kāraṇakāraṇamādimanādiṃ kālamanābhāsam |

कालिंदीगतकालियशिरसि मुहुर्नृत्यंतं नृत्यंतम् ।

kāliṃdīgatakāliyaśirasi muhurnṛtyaṃtaṃ nṛtyaṃtam |

कालं कालकलातीतं कलिताशेषं कलिदोषघ्नम् ।

kālaṃ kālakalātītaṃ kalitāśeṣaṃ kalidoṣaghnam |

कालत्रयगतिहेतुं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ७ ॥

kālatrayagatihetuṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 7 ||

वृंदावनभुवि वृंदारकगणवृन्दाराध्यं वंदेऽहम् ।

vṛṃdāvanabhuvi vṛṃdārakagaṇavṛndārādhyaṃ vaṃde'ham |

कुंदाभामलमंदस्मेरसुधानंदं सुहृदानंदम् ।

kuṃdābhāmalamaṃdasmerasudhānaṃdaṃ suhṛdānaṃdam |

वंद्याशेषमहामुनिमानसवंद्यानंदपदद्वंद्वम् ।

vaṃdyāśeṣamahāmunimānasavaṃdyānaṃdapadadvaṃdvam |

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वंद्याशेषगुणाब्धिं प्रणमत गोविंदं परमानंदम् ॥ ८ ॥

vaṃdyāśeṣaguṇābdhiṃ praṇamata goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdam || 8 ||

गोविंदाष्टकमेतदधीते गोविंदार्पितचेता यो ।

goviṃdāṣṭakametadadhīte goviṃdārpitacetā yo |

गोविंदाच्युत माधव विष्णो गोकुलनायक कृष्णेति ।

goviṃdācyuta mādhava viṣṇo gokulanāyaka kṛṣṇeti |

गोविंदाङ्घ्रिसरोजध्यानसुधाजलधौतसमस्ताघो ।

goviṃdāṅghrisarojadhyānasudhājaladhautasamastāgho |

गोविंदं परमानंदामृतमंतःस्थं स तमभ्येति ॥ ९ ॥

goviṃdaṃ paramānaṃdāmṛtamaṃtaḥsthaṃ sa tamabhyeti || 9 ||

Meaning

Each verse sets a paradox side by side: Govinda is truth, knowledge and the infinite, yet crawls in the cowherds' courtyard; is scolded by Yashoda for eating earth, yet shows the worlds in his mouth; lifts Govardhana and dances on Kaliya, yet is beyond time. The ninth verse says one who reads it with the mind given to Govinda reaches him.

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