Nirvana Shatakam

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मनोबुद्ध्यहङ्कारचित्तानि नाहं

manobuddhyahaṅkāracittāni nāhaṃ

न च श्रोत्रजिह्वे न च घ्राणनेत्रे ।

na ca śrotrajihve na ca ghrāṇanetre |

न च व्योम भूमिर्न तेजो न वायु-

na ca vyoma bhūmirna tejo na vāyu-

श्चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ १ ॥

ścidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 1 ||

न च प्राणसंज्ञो न वै पञ्चवायु-

na ca prāṇasaṃjño na vai pañcavāyu-

र्न वा सप्तधातुर्न वा पञ्चकोशः।

rna vā saptadhāturna vā pañcakośaḥ|

न वाक्पाणिपादं न चोपस्थपायू

na vākpāṇipādaṃ na copasthapāyū

चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ २ ॥

cidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 2 ||

न मे द्वेषरागौ न मे लोभमोहौ

na me dveṣarāgau na me lobhamohau

मदो नैव मे नैव मात्सर्यभावः ।

mado naiva me naiva mātsaryabhāvaḥ |

न धर्मो न चार्थो न कामो न मोक्ष-

na dharmo na cārtho na kāmo na mokṣa-

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श्चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ ३ ॥

ścidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 3 ||

न पुण्यं न पापं न सौख्यं न दुःखं

na puṇyaṃ na pāpaṃ na saukhyaṃ na duḥkhaṃ

न मंत्रो न तीर्थं न वेदा न यज्ञाः ।

na maṃtro na tīrthaṃ na vedā na yajñāḥ |

अहं भोजनं नैव भोज्यं न भोक्ता

ahaṃ bhojanaṃ naiva bhojyaṃ na bhoktā

चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ ४ ॥

cidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 4 ||

न मृत्युर्न शङ्का न मे जातिभेदः

na mṛtyurna śaṅkā na me jātibhedaḥ

पिता नैव मे नैव माता च जन्म ।

pitā naiva me naiva mātā ca janma |

न बन्धुर्न मित्रं गुरुर्नैव शिष्य-

na bandhurna mitraṃ gururnaiva śiṣya-

श्चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ ५ ॥

ścidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 5 ||

अहं निर्विकल्पो निराकाररूपो

ahaṃ nirvikalpo nirākārarūpo

विभुत्वाच्च सर्वत्र सर्वेन्द्रियाणाम् ।

vibhutvācca sarvatra sarvendriyāṇām |

न चासङ्गतं नैव मुक्तिर्न मेय-

na cāsaṅgataṃ naiva muktirna meya-

श्चिदानन्दरूपः शिवोऽहं शिवोऽहम् ॥ ६ ॥

ścidānandarūpaḥ śivo'haṃ śivo'ham || 6 ||

॥ इति श्रीमच्छङ्कराचार्यविरचितं निर्वाणषट्कं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

|| iti śrīmacchaṅkarācāryaviracitaṃ nirvāṇaṣaṭkaṃ sampūrṇam ||

Meaning

A short paraphrase, not a translation. I am not the mind, intellect, ego or memory; not the ears, tongue, nose or eyes; not space, earth, fire or air. I am not the breaths, the seven bodily constituents or the five sheaths, nor speech, hands or feet. I have no hatred or attachment, greed or delusion, pride or envy; no duty, wealth, desire or liberation. No merit or sin, pleasure or pain; no mantra, pilgrimage, Veda or sacrifice; I am not the eater, the food or the eating. I have no death or doubt, no caste, no father or mother, no birth; no kinsman, friend, teacher or pupil. I am without change and without form, pervading every sense everywhere; I am neither attached nor freed, beyond measure. In every verse the refrain answers: I am consciousness and bliss, I am Shiva, I am Shiva.

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