

श्रीविवेकानन्द - प्रभात - प्राञ्जलिः

SRI VIVEKĀNANDA PRABHĀTA PRĀÑJALI

(An Early Morning Hymn to Vivekānanda)

SWAMI HARSHANANDA

समाधिस्थः शिवः खलोके निर्भरं
जनानां क्रन्दनाद्भवामौ भीषणे ।
प्रदग्धानां प्रबोधितस्त्वं ह्यागतः
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥१॥

नरेन्द्रः शैशवे नरेन्द्रो यौवने
नरेन्द्रः क्रीडने नरेन्द्रःशिक्षणे ।
नरेन्द्रः पालने नरेन्द्रो ह्यर्पणे
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥२॥

हरीन्द्रश्चेष्टितैः कलाज्ञो गायनैः
परिज्ञानैर्बुधो महर्षिर्दर्शनैः ।
यतीन्द्रोऽसक्तिभिर्भवान् यन्नास्ति किं
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥३॥

मुमुक्षा दर्शिताऽभिहंसं धावनैः
विनैकां पादुकां नितान्तोन्मत्तवत् ।
समानां देहि मे मुमुक्षां मदगुरो
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥४॥

गुरोरङ्घ्र्युत्पले स्वमात्मानं ददौ
परीक्ष्यानन्तरं बक्षुप्रश्नैर्भृशम् ।
विशुद्धैस्सेवनैर्भवांस्तं पिप्रिये
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥५॥

सुगन्धः श्रीगुरुर्भवान्वायुः खलु
स तूर्यं त्वं च भो महोच्चैर्घोषकः ।

गुरुस्सूर्यस्तु हे किलादर्शो भवान्
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥६॥

स्वधर्मश्रेष्ठतां सगर्वं शंसतां
जनानां धृष्टता त्वयैवाभाज्यहो ।
स्वधर्मो वैदिको ह्यनर्घो दर्शितः
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥७॥

स्फुल्लिङ्गान् स्फोटयन् सुदीप्तार्घिर्यथा
तथैव त्वं यते विकीर्यामानुषीम् ।
परिज्ञानप्रभामचारीभारते
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥८॥

अहो आकर्षणं तवास्यस्यातुलं
तवाहो पौरुषं विरागो मुग्धता ।
प्रगाढं प्रेम च ह्यगाधं वेदनं
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥९॥

विमोक्षं स्वात्मनश्चतुर्योगाध्वभिः
पृथग्वा सहतैर्हितं लोकस्य च ।
तवाज्ञा साधयेदिति प्रीत्या नरः
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥१०॥

यतेऽनूरुस्तव प्रणामं दास्यति
प्रफुल्लं षट्पदैः प्रसूनं प्रावृतम् ।
तवार्थं कोकिलो मनोज्ञं कूजति
विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥११॥

उषःकाले पदे नमस्कृत्याशिषा
 लभेरन् घन्यतामिति श्रद्धालवः ।
 समेताः सम्मुखे ददेथा दर्शनं
 विवेकानन्द ते प्रभाते प्राञ्जलिः ॥१२॥

हिमाद्रेराश्रमे जयन्त्यां निर्मितः
 भुजङ्गस्त्रिग्वणीति वृत्ते नूतने ।
 स्तवोऽयं यः पठेत् सभक्त्या तं नरः
 स शक्तिं पौरुषं विरागं चार्जति ॥१३॥

1. O Vivekananda ! You are the Lord Siva who has come down to this world, after being roused from your deep samadhi in your own abode, by the cries of people scorched in the fires of mundane existence ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

2. O Vivekananda ! You are the king of men (Narendra), whether in childhood or in youth, whether in frolic or in study, whether in protecting others or in sacrificing yourself for the sake of others. Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

3. O Vivekananda ! By your pranks you proved yourself to be Hanuman-like and by your music you proved yourself to be an artiste ! By your encyclopaedic knowlege you proved yourself to be a scholar and by your visions you proved yourself to be a Maharshi ! By your detachment you proved yourself to be the leader of monks ! What is it that you were not ? Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

4. O Vivekananda ! By running to the Paramahansa like a mad man with only one shoe on your feet, you showed how intense the desire for liberation should be ! O my Guru ! Grant me also a similar desire for liberation ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

5. O Vivekananda ! After first testing your Guru with a host of searching questions, you offered yourself at his lotus feet and im-

mensely pleased him by your pure and devoted service ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

6. O Vivekananda ! If your Guru (Sri Ramakrishna) is the fragrance, you are the wind that carries it ! If he is the trumpet, you are the trumpeter that blows it loudly ! If he is the sun, you are verily the reflecting mirror ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

7. O Vivekananda ! The arrogance of the people who were proudly praising the superiority of their own faith was blasted by you ! You also showed how priceless the Vedic Religion is. Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

8. O Vivekananda ! O Monk ! You roamed about in this country of Bhāratavarṣa shedding your divine lustre of vast knowledge even like the blazing fire emitting sparks ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

9. O Vivekananda ! The matchless attraction of your face is wonderful ! So are your manliness, renunciation, child-like simplicity, deep love and sympathy ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

10. O Vivekananda ! It is your command that every man has to strive not only for his own salvation through the four Yogas (either singly or in combination with others), but also lovingly work for the welfare of the world. Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

11. O Monk Vivekananda ! The god of dawn (Aruṇa) is offering his salutations ! The well-bloomed flower is already being covered over by the bees ! The cuckoo is singing in sweet tones for your sake ! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn !

12. O Vivekananda ! The faithful ones are assembled here in your presence, to bow down to your feet in this hour of dawn, and feel blessed by getting your benediction !

Please give them your darsan! Salutations to you in this hour of dawn!

13. This hymn was composed in a new metre, Bhujanga Sragvini by name, on the

sacred Sri Krishna Janmashtami day, in a Himalayan Retreat. Whosoever recites it

with devotion will obtain strength, manliness and the spirit of renunciation.

SOME SPOTLIGHTS ON SWAMIJI

(The Birth Centenary celebrations of Swami Vivekananda held a few years back provided an opportunity to scholars and thinkers to give expression, through speeches and writings, to what, they each thought, was the dominant note in the Vivekananda Symphony. A few of such spotlights on Swamiji are given below. They may help many readers to a new understanding of the Swami's genius, and many others to a deepening of their understanding of his life and work).

The great Swami Vivekananda embodied in his personal life and preaching all that was best in the religion and culture of the land of his birth.

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Swami Vivekananda was one of our greatest spiritual leaders and his teachings are a perennial source of inspiration to us.

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Swami Vivekananda was in many ways a soldier-saint. He energised and awakened our people from their slumber and inertia.

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The young Swami radiated fire through his face. His words acted like shots of dynamite. It is Swamiji who commanded a foundry to be built to cast man. Never, never has there been a purer, a more powerful personality, a living 'fire' symbolising the passion and will of the people of India, a world citizen at the same time.

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Swamiji was a great saint, teacher, philosopher and above all a great patriot.

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Swami Vivekananda was one of the greatest Yogis India has produced in modern times.

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Swami Vivekananda is one of the founding fathers of Indian nationhood.

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Swami Vivekananda enunciated a philosophy of power and pleasure for the benefit of the disheartened and beaten Indians, but that was of the power of the spirit and of the pleasure of self-realization in the service and comfort of humanity.

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In Swami Vivekananda's life and message we find a happy union of the ethical idealism of the Buddha and the spiritual idealism of Sankara.

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Swami Vivekananda was a great spiritual man, a great soul whose life brought forth the light not only to India, but to the world.

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When the Swami would utter the five-letter word 'India' there would be such deep pathos in his voice that whosoever was near him would catch the contagion of his love for that sacred land.

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Once the Swami said that his greatest weakness was his love for India. If it was a weakness, it was a blessed weakness.

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Swami Vivekananda's love for India was a part of his love for the whole world.

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