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Vishnu Sahasranama Part 13: The One Who is Imperishable by Shri Chandan Goswami Maharaj

The 13th Name in the Shri Vishnu Sahasranama Stotram is Avyay:

न व्येति देहतोऽपि न विनश्यति न विकुरुते न इति अव्ययः
*na vyeti dehato'pi na vinaśyati na vikurute na
iti avyayah*

"The one whose body neither grows nor perishes, the one who never takes birth or goes through youth through to old age, like humans do, is called Avyay."

The one who is always in his eternal youthful and imperishable form is known as Avyay.

नाहं प्रकाशः सर्वस्य योगमायासमावृतः ।
मूढोऽयं नाभिजानाति लोको मामजमव्ययम् ॥
*nāham prakāśaḥ sarvasya yoga-māyā-
samāvṛtaḥ ।
mūḍho'yaṁ nābhijānāti loko mām ajam
avyayam ॥*

"I do not reveal myself to everyone but remain covered by my *yogmaya*. Thus, living beings in illusion cannot perceive my imperishable form beyond all these partially manifest forms." (*Bhagwad Gita*, 7.25)

The Lord never perishes. He exists in past, present and future (*trikaal*) and does not have the following four flaws in him (*Mahavarah Puran*):

अनित्यत्वं देहहानिर्दुःखप्राप्तिरपूर्णता ।
नाशश्चतुर्विधः प्रोक्तस्तदभावो हरेः सदा ।
तदन्येषां तु सर्वेषां नाशाः केचिद् भवन्ति हि ॥

*anityatvaṃ deha-hānir-duḥkha-prāptir-apūrṇatā ।
nāśaścaturvidhaḥ proktastadabhāvo hareḥ sadā ।
tadanyeṣāṃ tu sarveṣāṃ nāśāḥ kecid bhavanti hi ॥*

1. His existence is not limited
2. His form never perishes
3. He does suffer from unhappiness
4. He is not lacking in good qualities

As the soul is eternal, the *jeev* does not possess the first flaw, but the remaining three are always present in him. Thus he is mortal while Shri Krishn is immortal.

Shri Baldev Vidyabhushan gives another very sweet meaning of this Name:

न व्येति मुक्त वात्सल्यदित्यव्ययः

na vyeti mukta vātsalyadityavyayah ।

"The one who does not waste even a moment to give love to his devotees is called Avyay."

The great Vaishnavi, Sursuriji was very devoted to her husband. She and her husband Surasranandji renounced everything and left, taking shelter in a forest. Here, they began their devotional practice. One day, Sursuranandji went to collect some wood for a *havan* while Sursuriji sat in complete stillness and solitude, doing her *bhajan*.

Suddenly, some invaders came and tried to kidnap Sursuriji. Seeing his beloved devotee in danger, without wasting a moment, the Lord appeared in the form of Narsingh and killed every single invader. The Lord protected Sursuriji's devotion and chastity. Krishn gave his everlasting love to Surasranandji and Sursuriji just as he did to Prahlad.



Stavamala Part 3: Tritiya Chaitanyashtakam



In this edition, we continue our series on Shri Roop Goswami's book of prayers, the *Stavamala*, which begins with three prayers called Chaitanyashtakam. The third and final Chaitanyashtakam is featured here, with an English translation based upon Shri Baldev Vidyabhushan's commentary.

In this prayer, Shri Roop Goswami opens his heart and reveals his feelings towards Mahaprabhu in Puri, which is where Roop Goswami spent the most time with him. The *chhand* of this prayer is called *prithivi*. Click [here](#) for a demonstration of how to chant this metre.¹



Tritiya Chaitanyashtakam (Third Ashtakam) by Shri Roop Goswami



उपासितपदाम्बुजस्त्वमनुरक्तरुद्रादिभिः
प्रपद्य पुरुषोत्तमं पदमदभ्रमुद्भ्राजितः ।
समस्तनतमण्डलीस्फुरदभीष्टकल्पद्रुमः
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*upāsita-padāmbujastvam-anurakta-rudrādibhiḥ
prapadya puruṣottamaṃ padamadabhram-udbhrājitaḥ ।
samasta-nata-maṇḍalī-sphurad-abhīṣṭa-kalpa-drumaḥ
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

You are the Lord himself, whose lotus feet are adored by Shivji and all the gods in the form of your *parikars*; and now you are here with us in Puri, shining like never before. You are the only wish-fulfilling tree where all your devotees find shelter, o Mahaprabhu Krishn! Please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (1)

¹Metre means the rhythmic structure of a poem. In Sanskrit, there are many metres with specific rules regarding the number of syllables each line can have, which syllables are long or short, and so forth.



Shri Radharaman Lal

नु वर्णयितुमीशते गुरुतरावतारायिता
भवन्तमुरुबुद्धयो न खलु सार्वभौमादयः ।
परो भवतु तत्र कः पटुरतो नमस्ते परं
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*nu varṇayitumīśate gurutarāvatārāyitā
bhavantamuru-buddhayaḥ na khalu sārvaabhaumādayaḥ ।
paro bhavatu tatra kaḥ paṭurato namaste param
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

As I sit to write about you, I know that neither the greatest sages, who are themselves *avatars* and gurus of saints, nor even your own *parikars* like Sarvabhaum Bhattacharya are capable of truly describing you! In fact no one can, so what hope do I have of offering you praise? All that I can do is bow at your lotus feet, o Mahaprabhu Krishn! Please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (2)

न यत्कथमपि श्रुतावुपनिषद्भिरप्याहितम्
स्वयं च विवृतं न यद् गुरुतरावतारान्तरे ।
क्षिपन्नसि रसाम्बुधे तदिह भक्तिरत्नं क्षितौ
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*na yat-kathamapi śrutāv-upaniṣadbhirapyāhitam
svayaṃ ca viorṭaṃ na yad gurutarāvātārāntare ।
kṣipannasi rasāmbudhe tad-iha bhakti-ratnaṃ kṣitau
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

O ocean of Love! Before you came, not even the *Veds, Upanishads*, nor your own *avatars* or sages revealed the real nature of devotion. But now you have come scattering the jewels of *bhakti* all over this Earth. O Mahaprabhu Krishn, please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (3)

निजप्रणयविस्फुरन्नटनरङ्गविस्मापित
त्रिनेत्र नतमण्डलप्रकटितानुरागामृत ।
अहंकृतिकलङ्कितोद्धतजनादिदुर्बोध हे
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*nija-praṇaya-visphuran-naṭana-raṅga-vismāpita
trinetra nata-maṇḍala-prakaṭitānurāgāmṛta ।
ahaṃkṛti-kalaṅkitoddhata-janādi-durbodha he
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

As you dance in thoughts of your Beloved, your love nectar flows through the hearts of your devotees, and the blissful way you move astonishes even Mahadev himself. But you cannot be understood by souls stained with pride. O Mahaprabhu Krishn, please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (4)

भवन्ति भुवि ये नराः कलितदुष्कुलोत्पत्तयस्
त्वमुद्धरसि तानपि प्रचुरचारुकारुण्यतः ।
इति प्रमुदितान्तरः शरणमाश्रितस्त्वाम्
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*bhavanti bhuvi ye narāḥ kalita-duṣkulotpattayas
tvam-uddharasi tānapi pracura-cāru-kāruṇyataḥ ।
iti pramuditāntaraḥ śaraṇam-āśritas-tvām-ahaṃ
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

Souls born in bad families, who have gathered heavy sins over many births, are compelled to

continue offending. But so sweet is your mercy, that you deliver even them without any hesitation. Knowing this, I have taken your full shelter with a joyful heart, and you have accepted me forever. O Mahaprabhu Krishn! Please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (5)

मुखाम्बुजपरिस्खलन्मृदुलवाङ्माधूलीरस
प्रसङ्गजनिताखिलप्रणतभृङ्गरङ्गोत्कर ।
समस्तजनमङ्गलप्रभवनामरत्नाम्बुधे
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*mukhāmbuja-pariskhalan-mṛdula-vāṅmadhūlī-rasa-
prasaṅga-janitākhila-praṇata-bhṛṅga-raṅgotkara ।
samasta-jana-maṅgala-prabhava-nāma-ratnāmbudhe
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

All your devotee bees are completely drunk on the nectar words flowing from your mouth, o ocean of love! Great waves from your heart bring Holy Name jewels from deep within and spread them everywhere. You have made sure those jewels reach every single soul so they can be forever blessed. O Mahaprabhu Krishn, please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (6)

मृगाङ्कमधुरानन स्फुरदनिद्रपद्मेक्षण
स्मितस्तबकसुन्दराधर विशङ्कटोरस्तट ।
भुजोद्धतभुजङ्गमप्रभमनोजकोटिद्युते
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*mṛgāṅka-madhurānana sphurad-anidra-padmekṣaṇa
smīta-stabaka-sundarādhara viśaṅkaṭoras-taṭa ।
bhujoddhata-bhujāṅgama-prabha-manoja-koṭi-dyute
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

You steal hearts with your sweet lotus face, sparkling lotus eyes, soft lips like a bouquet of smiles, broad chest and powerful python² arms, showering the beauty of millions of Kaamdevs everywhere. O Mahaprabhu Krishn, please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (7)

²Here Mahaprabhu's arms are compared to very large, muscular snakes that attack their prey by wrapping around them tightly and never letting go.

अहं कनककेतकीकुसुमगौर दुष्टः क्षितौ
न दोषलवदर्शिता विविधदोषपूर्णेऽपि ते ।
अतः प्रवणया धिया कृपणवत्सल त्वां भजे
शचीसुत मयि प्रभो कुरु मुकुन्द मन्दे कृपाम् ॥

*ahaṃ kanaka-ketakī-kusuma-gaura duṣṭaḥ kṣitau
na doṣa-lava-darśitā vividha-doṣa-pūrṇe'pi te ।
ataḥ pravaṇayā dhiyā kṛpaṇa-vatsala tvāṃ bhaje
śacī-suta mayi prabho kuru mukunda mande kṛpām ॥*

My beloved golden *ketaki* flower, I am the worst person in this world, but I know you don't see faults in anyone, no matter how bad they may be. And so I worship you with a heart bowed low and bound tightly forever to your lotus feet. O Mahaprabhu Krishn, please have mercy on me, a foolish soul. (8)

इदं धरणिमण्डलोत्सव भवत्पदाङ्गेषु ये
निविष्टमनसो नराः परिपठन्ति पद्याष्टकम् ।
शचीहृदयनन्दन प्रकटकीर्तिचन्द्र प्रभो
निजप्रणयनिर्भरं वितर देव तेभ्यः शुभम् ॥

*idaṃ dharāṇi-maṇḍalotsava bhavat-padāṅgeṣu ye
niviṣṭa-manaso narāḥ paripathanti padyāṣṭakam ।
śacī-hṛdaya-nandana prakāṭa-kīrti-candra prabho
nija-praṇaya-nirbharaṃ vitara deva tebhyaḥ śubham ॥*

O joy of the Earth, joy of your mother's heart; o glorious moon, my Lord! Please grant the treasure of your *prem* to the person who recites this prayer while absorbed in thoughts of the divine markings upon your lotus feet. (9)



Braj Animal Care



In September, an outbreak of lumpy spread throughout India. As of the date of publication, over 50,000 cattle have died in the country because to the virus. Lumpy causes painful lesions all over the skin that can easily get infected. It is also characterised by severe fever and secondary



A team member feeding the cows

infections that contribute to the high death rate. Unfortunately, there is no treatment for the disease, which is spread either via parasites or through contaminated food or water. In collaboration with other local residents, Braj Animal Care is helping maintain a quarantine centre for more than 50 lumpy-affected cows and bulls on the Yamuna Riverbank. We are very grateful to be able to provide some relief to them.

We are also very excited to announce that soon, our medical treatment program will begin again. During the months when we were unable to provide this service due to financial reasons, we received hundreds if not thousands of calls for all kinds of cases ranging from road accidents to gruesome wounds infested with maggots and various diseases. If you would like to help support our daily feedings or medical program, either financially or by volunteering, please contact us at...

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Maharajji's Latest Updates



Last month, Maharajji was often immersed in the *seva* of Shri Radharaman Lal in the temple where he continued to meet and guide devotees. This month, he will be busy for the auspicious month Kartik. Niyam Seva begins on the 6th of October 2022.

Geetotsav is an upcoming series of four *kathas*, which will be delivered by Maharajji, covering Yugal Geet, Venu Geet, Pranay Geet and Bhramar Geet from the *Shrimad Bhagwatam*. The *katha* will be held from December 18th, 2022 - 14th January, 2023 at Bhakti Dham in Raman Reti, Vrindavan. You are most cordially invited to attend with your friends and family. If you have any questions regarding the *katha* please contact us at...

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Maharajji showers his mercy upon his disciples and followers in the form of a live Q & A session on social media. Here, we share one of them:

Q: When does Guru come into our lives? And when he does, how do we know he is our Guru?

A: The answer to your question lies in the amount of *satsang* you do. By engaging in more *satsang*, you will realise what type of devotional association is right for you and what is not, the spiritual path you connect to, and which guru's words you accept with your heart.



Vaishnav Calendar

For upcoming festivals and Ekadashi dates, please click [here](#) to view our Vaishnav calendar.

