

॥ श्रीराघवेन्द्रस्तोत्रम् ॥

श्रीपूर्णबोधगुरुतीर्थपयोब्धिपारा कामारिमाक्षविषमाक्ष शिरः स्पृशन्ति ।
पूर्वोत्तरामित तरङ्ग चरत्सुहंसा देवाळिसेवित पराङ्घ्रि पयोजलग्ना ॥ १ ॥
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॥ भारतीरमणमुख्यप्राणान्तर्गत श्रीकृष्णार्पणमस्तु ॥

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Sri Raghavendra Stotram . An English Translation
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In these two slokas, the utterances of Sri Raghavendra Swamy are compared to the Holy River Ganga that is washing the feet of Sri Maha Vishnu. The author, by his extraordinary descriptive skill, has rendered devotional praise in favour of Sri Narayana, Sri Madhwacharya, Sri Saraswati, Sri Rudra, Ganga and Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (1 & 2)

All their desires will be fulfilled for those who devote themselves unto the lotus-like feet of Sri Raghavendra Swamy. His merciful grace will destroy mountainous sins. May Sri Raghavendra Swamy of such fame protect us always!
(3)

He who has attained all wealth by devotion unto the lotus-like feet of Sri Narayana; who is himself divine; and who is akin to the wish-fulfilling divine tree (Kalpavriksha): May Sri Raghavendra Swamy of such immense fame, always grant fulfillment of all our desires. (4)

He posses a personality that begets auspicious effects always. He is like fire for the bundles of cotton, namely miseries of the world. He has welfare and courage in full measure. He excels in removing all the planetary effects. He is as a bridge to cross the world that is like an ocean full of misery.
(5)

He is of blameless nature; He is capable of completely silencing the opposition in debates; His special attainments can only be understood by the learned; He has conquered all by the felicity of his debating skills. (6)

Let Sri Raghavendra Swamy of such repute destroy all bodily defects and diseases and grant us desired progeny, wealth, intense devotion to God, special knowledge and immense energy of speech and body. (7)

This sloka describes the blessings from the ablution water flowing from the feet (padodaka) of Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (8)

Here the blessings from the dust of Sri Raghavendra Swamy.s feet (mritika) are described. (9)

Sri Raghavendra Swamy has progressed the Madhwa philosophy. He grants or improves divine knowledge, intense devotion to God, desired progeny, long life, fame, wealth and blessings from good deeds. May Sri Guru Raghavendra, the foremost among sanyasis, remove our fear of samsara (the world or the constantly repeating cycle of birth and death)! (10 & 11)

PROWESS IN ALL LEARNED ARTS: His sole aim in debates is to silence the opposition and to eradicate all their doubts without any trace. This Guru is adept not only in his own Madhwa doctrines but in all others as well. In such prowess in all learned arts, there is none other who excels Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (12)

LIBERALITY IN GRANTING WISHES: He has personally experienced the omnipresence of God, the consort of Sri Lakshmi. He has conquered sensuality and other undesirable qualities. He fulfils the wishes of his devotees quickly and in full. In these attributes, there is none other who excels Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (13)

CAPABILITY IN BLESSINGS OR PUNISHMENT: Mercy, cleverness, detachment arising out of firm faith in God, excellent debating skills, capability in granting desires or in punishing offenses . in these abilities, there is none other who excels Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (14)

Disabilities such as stage fright etc. and bodily diseases will be completely destroyed by the grace of Sri Guru Raghavendra. (15)

THE MANTRA: By always meditating upon with devotion or by always reciting with devotion the eight letters (when written in the Sanskrit script), Om Sri Raghavendraya Namaha, (our obeisance to Sri Guru Raghavendra), one.s desired results will always happen; (In this matter), there is no doubt at all. (16)

Sri Guru Raghavendra has awareness of self (soul). May He destroy our own sins or those caused by our relations or the physical defects in our bodies! And may He also grant us the four human ideals, consisting of dharma (conduct), artha (wealth), kama (sensual pleasures) and moksha (liberation)! (17)

He, who prays thrice (morning, midday and evening) daily in this manner, will attain the fulfillment of all his desires in this world and in the world to

come (after death), and will be happy. In this matter, there is no doubt at all. (18)

May the great and highly reputed Sri Raghavendra Guru, who contributed much to the growth of the Madhwa philosophy, always protect us! (19)

O! Revered Guru! I shall go round, up to my strength, your Vrindavanam (the symbolic structure where mritika is kept in a place of worship) for the benefits equal to all pilgrimages: I shall bear on my head the water from the ablution of the Vrindavanam for benefits equal to bath in all the holy springs. (20)

O! Revered Guru! I shall make obeisance to you to obtain the fulfillment of all desires. I shall repeat many times with devotion your holy name to attain fully the knowledge of the meaning of all Vedas and Sastraas. (21)

O! Revered Guru! Kindly rescue me from samsara which is like the ocean that is difficult to cross. (There is in this sloka elaborate comparison between the ocean and samsara.) (22)

For one who recites with intense devotion Sri Raghavendra Stotram, diseases such as leprosy, gets cured quickly. (23)

(The phrase .with intense devotion. is implied in each of the seven slokas that follow.)

Further result of reciting with intense devotion Sri Raghavendra Stotram: A person, if blind, will regain eyesight; if deaf, will regain hearing; and if dumb, will regain speech. He will live up to the full human age of 100 and will gain immense wealth. (24)

If a person imbibes the water that has been sanctified with Sri Raghavendra Stotram, he will get instant relief from all diseases of the stomach. (25)

Anyone who is lame or otherwise unable to walk should go round the Vrindavanam reciting Sri Raghavendra Stotram and make obeisance with intense devotion; He will thereby attain the full use of his legs by the grace of Sri Raghavendra Swamy. (26)

Anyone who recites this holy Sri Raghavendra Stotram 108 times with intense devotion, on the occasion of solar/lunar eclipse or the combination of Sunday with the star Pushya, will be relieved of all evil influence, e.g., haunting etc. (27)

Recital of Sri Raghavendra Stotram with intense devotion and lighting lamps near the Vrindavanam will lead to spiritual (divine) knowledge and the person

doing these acts will have suitable progeny. This is certain. (28)

Success in debates, spiritual (divine) knowledge, intense devotion, and achievement of desires in full . all these will result by the above acts. (29)

Due to the good influence of Sri Raghavendra Stotram, adverse acts of the royalty, bandits, wild life, snakes, crocodiles etc. will lose effect. In this matter there is no doubt at all. (30)

Anyone who with intense devotion, meditating upon the two feet of Sri Guru Raghavendra recites this divine Stotram, for him, even a little unhappiness will not at all happen. Moreover, by the grace of Sri Hari (who is the consort of Sri Lakshmi), fulfillment of one's desires, universal fame, and boundless wealth, will undoubtedly generate. For this assurance, .Sri Hayagriva (one of the manifestations of Sri Hari) Himself is the witness.. (31)

By the grace of Sri Guru Raghavendra, thus runs this divine stotram rendered by Sri Appannaacharya who is gifted with spiritual knowledge, devotion and detachment. (32)

I bow to Sri Raghavendra Swamy of the following reputation:

Revered; he guides us in the straight path of truth and good conduct; He fulfils the prayers of devotees completely just like the divine tree (kalpavrisksha) and the holy cow (kamadenu). (I)

If one reminiscences on Sri Raghavendra Guru.s figure from his feet to his head, then all obstructions will be removed and desires fulfilled. (II)

He is like the sun in removing the darkness of propagation of untruth; He is like the moon in causing the flowering up of the devotees of Sri Vishnu; He is merciful to the greatest extent. I bow to Sri Guru Raghavendra. (III)

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