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जन्मानेकशतैः सदादरयुज्ज भक्त्या समाराधितो

भक्तैर्वैदिकलक्षणैः विधिना सन्तुष्ट ईशः स्वयम्

साक्षात् श्रीगुरुरूपमेत्य कृपया दृग्गोचरः सन् प्रभुः

तत्त्वं साधु विबोध्य तारयति तान् संसारदुःखार्णवात् {large

The Supreme Lord, moved by the devout and reverential homage of his
disciples in accord with scriptural prescriptions in countless former
births, incarnates out of compassion in the form of a Guru; he thereby
comes within the orbit of sight, freely transmits to them the
wisdom concerning Ultimate Reality, and enables them to cross over
the ocean of sorrowful samsara, the realm of conditioned existence.

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शरीरं सुरूपं तथा वा कलत्रं

यशश्चारु चित्रं धनं मेरुतुल्यम्

मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे

ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् {large

One's vesture may be superb, one's consort likewise, one's reputation
resplendent and renowned, and one's riches like unto Mount Meru; but if
one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru,
what then, what then, what then?

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કલત્રં ધનં પુત્રપૌત્રાદિ સર્વ

ગૃહં બાન્ધવાઃ સર્વમેતદ્ધિ જાતમ્ ॥

મનશ્ચેજ્ઞ લગ્નં ગુરોરડિઘપદ્મે

તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિમ્ ॥ ૨ ॥ {large

Wife, wealth, sons, grandsons and all such; home and kindred; the host of
all these things may be there; but if one's mind be not centred upon the
lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

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ષડ્જ્ઞાદિવેદો મુખે શાસ્ત્રવિદ્યા

કવિત્વાદિ ગદ્યં સુપદ્યં કરોતિ ॥

મનશ્ચેજ્ઞ લગ્નં ગુરોરડિઘપદ્મે

તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિમ્ ॥ ૩ ॥ {large

The Vedas with their six limbs and the knowledge of all sciences may be
on one's lips; one may possess the poetic gift and may compose fine prose
and poetry; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the
Guru, what then, what then, what then?

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વિદેશેષુ માન્યઃ સ્વદેશેષુ ધન્યઃ

સદ્ધર્મારવૃત્તેષુ મત્તો ન ચાન્યઃ ॥

મનશ્ચેજ્ઞ લગ્નં ગુરોરડિઘપદ્મે

તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિં તતઃ કિમ્ ॥ ૪ ॥ {large

I am honoured in other lands and I am prosperous in my homeland; in the

paths of righteous conduct there is none who surpasses me; thus one may
think; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru,
what then, what then, what then?

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क्षमामासले भूपभूपालभृन्दैः

सद्य सेवितं यस्य पादरविन्दम् ॥

मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे

ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥ ५ ॥ {large

One may be constantly extolled and one's presence highly honoured by
hosts of emperors and rulers of this world; but if one's mind
be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru, what then,
what then, what then?

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यशो मे गतं दिक्षु धनप्रतापा-

जगद्वस्तु सर्वं करे यत्प्रसादात् ॥

मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे

ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥ ६ ॥ {large

My repute has travelled in all directions through my philanthropy and
prowess; all the things of this world are in my hands as rewards for my
virtues; but if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus feet of the Guru,
what then, what then, what then?

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न भोगे न योगे न वा वाञ्छिराजौ

न कान्तामुभे नैव वितेषु चित्तम् ॥

मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे

ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥ ७ ॥ {large

Consciousness cannot be confined to enjoyment or to yoga, nor
indeed to multitudes of steeds, neither to the face of the beloved
nor to riches; yet if one's mind be not centred upon the lotus
feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

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अरण्ये न वा स्वस्य गेहे न कार्ये

न देहे मनो वर्तते मे त्वनर्थे ॥

मनश्चेन्न लग्नं गुरोरङ्घ्रिपद्मे

ततः किं ततः किं ततः किं ततः किम् ॥ ८ ॥ {large

My mind does not dwell upon the forest nor even upon my home,
nor in what is to be accomplished, not upon the body, nor upon
what is auspicious; yet if one's mind be not centred upon the
lotus feet of the Guru, what then, what then, what then?

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गुरोरष्टकं यः पठेत्पुण्यदेही

यतिर्भूपतिर्ब्रह्मचारी च गेही ॥

लभेद्वाञ्छितार्थं पदं ब्रह्मसंज्ञं

गुरोरुक्तवाक्ये मनो यस्य लग्नम् ॥ {large

Whoever, hallowed by holy merit, ponders the above octad extolling the

Guru, whose mind is centred upon the words of the Guru, whether such a person be an ascetic, sovereign, student or householder, attains the desired goal, the consummation of union with brahman.

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