## શ્રીશિવષડક્ષરસ્તોત્રમ્

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Comments

Uniqueness:

This Shivastrotra is unique in many ways. I list some of the unique aspects of the strotra below:

If you take first Sanskrit syllable from each of the shloka above and arrange them horizontally you get || AUM namaH shivAya || (I bow down to Shiva)

- 2. The entire composition is composed to be sung in "raga Bhairava".

  Raga Bhairava is assumed to be the original creation of music by

  Shiva through his drum called "DamarU"
- 3. However, each of the shloka can be sung in seven basic "ragas" of Hindustani classical. Pundit Bhimsen Joshi has done it. He has sung each sloka in different raga.

Philosophic comments:

The "shivlinga" has many iconographic and symbologic interpretations.

The most popular, which has caught the fancy of the Westerners, is that the "linga" is a phallus of Shiva. This phallus cult is relatively young cult and the reasons surrounding its developments are not clear.

The original Vedic Iconography indicates that Shiva was a pall of fire spreading many light years in all direction that emerged just after the "quantum chaos" at the beginning of the universe. Many Sanskrit scholars believe that the "quantum chaos" was indeed the "pashupata-astra"(પશુપતાસ્ત્ર) that Shiva is supposed to be wielding. Iconographic interpretation of shivlinga as a "enormous

power locked inside a hard black stone cooled perpetually by water and guarded vigilantly by a security in form of Vasuki- the most venomous snake" is also popular (not to miss the shape which resembles the modern Nuclear reactor).

The above strotra, it may not be wrong to argue, has its ideological origins in the original school of `adhikrut sankhya''(અધિકૃત સાંખ્ય)

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