

Govinda Jaya Jaya

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Radha Ramana Hari Govinda Jaya

Radha and Krishna (here referred to by his other names Govinda and Gopala) are a picture of the unity of the lover and the beloved, the inner and outer, the world and the witness of the world. The unity of subject and object, inside and outside, lover and beloved, lower and higher, the profane and the divine.

Bhagavati

All verses are from the Mahishasuramardini Stotram, found in the Devi Mahatmyam.

- I. ayi giri nandini, nandita medini, visva vinodini, nandinute
giri vara vindhya shirodhini vasini vishnuvilaasini jisnunute
bhagavati he shiti kanthaku tumbini bhooriku tumbini bhoorikrute
jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute
2. suravara varshini durdhara dharshini durmukha marshini harsharate
tribhuvana poshini shankara toshini kilbisha moshini ghosharate
anujani roshini ditisuta roshini durmada shoshini sindhusute
jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute
8. dhanuranu sangara nakshana sanga parishphu radanga natatkatake
kanaka pishanga prishat kanishanga rasadbhata sringa hataabayuke
kruta chaturanga balakshiti ranga ghatadbahu ranga ratadbatuke
jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute
16. vijita sahasra karaika sahasra karaika sahasra karaikanute
krutasura taaraka sangara taaraka sangara taaraka soonusute
suratha samaadhi samaana samaadhi samaadhi samaadhi sujaatarate
jaya jaya he mahishaa suramardhini ramya kapardini shailasute

*O beloved daughter of the mountain who brings about great joy on earth,
the one who brings joy to the whole universe, I bow to you.
You dwell on the peaks of the great Vindhya Mountains, with radiance reaching far and
wide. Shri Vishnu is filled with joy when he meditates on you.
Oh great creatrix of the universe, the wife of Lord Shiva, for you the whole universe is your
family. You are the doer of the great actions that give self-realization.
Victory to you who killed the demon, the one with the beautiful luminous face.*

*On the gods you shower auspicious blessings, you defeat the undisciplined,
you tolerate the ignorant, you are ever rejoicing.
You are the sustainer of the three worlds, the one who is the ultimate joy of Shankara.
You destroy all of our sins by giving us self-realization. You inhabit the sound of Om.
Your wrath befalls the progeny of the demons. You destroy those drunk
on the evil intoxicant of pride. You are Daughter of the Ocean!
Victory to you who killed the demon, the one with the beautiful luminous face.*

*You deck your tender limbs with fine dancing ornaments at the moment of battle,
as you ready your bow,
You slay the enemy of the ego with your shining sword and arrows*

*from your golden-brown quiver.
You play with the vast enemy forces arrayed on the battlefield
as if they were screaming toy soldiers.
Victory to you who killed the demon, the one with the beautiful luminous face.*

*Who surpasses the thousand-rayed sun with the brilliance of Her own thousand hands, and
who is in turn praised by a thousand suns,
Who does battle to save the Gods, and Whose sons fought the demon Taraka and are
Saviors.*

*Sura = divine being, Samaadhi = one pointedness, union "equal mind", a state beyond
expression and thought, Samaana = to breathe equally, a vital air that controls digestion and
assimilation.*

Victory to you who killed the demon, the one with the beautiful luminous face.

Shivaya Namah Om

Shivaya Namah Om Namah Shivaya

*A series of infinitely sustainable sounds that invoke Shiva, the Lord of dissolution, and the
witness of the infinite rise and fall of all transient forms.*

Gaja Nana

Gaja Nana Hé Gaja Nana Gauri Manohara Priya Nandana
Pashupati Taneya Gaja Nana
Parama Niranjana Gaja Nana Hé

A prayer to Ganesha, who purifies and removes the obstacles of the mind.

Saraswati Ma

Ya kundendu tushara hara dhavala ya shubhra vastravirta
Ya vinavara danda mandita kara ya shveta padmasana
Ya Brahmachyuta Shankara prabhirtibhir devaih sada vandita
Sa mam patu Saraswati bhagavati nihshesha jadyapaha

Saraswati Ma
Mahadevi Namoh Namah

*Praise Goddess Saraswati, white as the lotus flower, like the moon glistening on the snow in
the Himalayas. The music of the universe streams forth. May she grant me her abundance
and assistance, may she take away my lethargy!*

*From silence arises sound, and sound leads us to silence.
Where do thoughts arise from?
What is the space between thoughts?
The goddess of expression leads us to that which cannot be expressed.*

Devakinandana Gopala

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Gopala Govinda Govinda Gopala

*A Sanskrit double entendre. Deva means shining god, Nandana means joy.
Devaki = the name of Krishna's mother Nandana = son of, or one who comes from.
Go = speech, senses, cows, earth Inda = master Vid = knower Pala = protector, lord,
master*

The knower of speech, the master of the senses and mind.

All are names of Krishna.

*Imperfection arising from perfection, and finding perfection in imperfection:
the human arises from the divine, and the divine is present in the human.*

The road as the destination.

Universal Prayer

Durjanah sajjano bhuyat
sajjanah shantim-apnuyat
Shanto muchyeta bandhebhyo
muktash-chanyan vimochayet

Sarve bhavantu sukhinah
sarve santu niramayah
Sarve bhadrani pashyantu
mas kashchid-dukha-bhag bhavet

Sarvas-taratu durgani
sarvah kaman-avapnotu
Kale varshatu parjanya
sarvah sarvatra nandatu

*May the wicked become good.
May the good obtain peace.
May the peaceful be freed from bonds.
May the freed set others free.*

*May all be happy.
May all be healthy.
May all see only auspicious sights.
May no one have a share in sorrow.*

*May everyone surmount his difficulties.
May everyone have their desires fulfilled.
May it rain at the right time.
May everyone everywhere be glad.*