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ముం఩ురా:

ఇంత స్లోతోత్తరత్తిను పొరుసు ఇన్నియ తమియిలు శ్రీ.ఉ.వె. ఎస్సమ్పాటి రంగకాఠాచ్చారియారు (రంగకమణి) స్వామియాలు మొఘిపెయారుకుపుట్టు. శ్రీరంగకమ శ్రీ వేతాంతతోశికణు స్లోతోత్తరపాట కోష్టియారాలు వెణియిటపుట్టతు. ఇతర్కు ప్రమికాయి మత్తురాంతకమ స్వామి ఎనుపు ప్రశిత్తరాయి ఎముంతరుణియరుంత తిరుమలి ఎస్సమ్పాటి శ్రీ ఉ.వె. వీరరాకవార్య మహాతోశికరాలు అరుణపుట్టతు. వెణియిటపుట్ట వర్ణటమ పరాపవ పుర్టాశి చర్చవనమ (1966).

శ్రీమత్ వేతాంతతోశిక ప్రార్థనా అష్టకము 10 శ్లోకానుకుణికాకు కొண్టతు. ఇతనైన అరుణిచ్ చెంతవరు శ్రీమత్ వేతాంత తోశికారిను కుమారరాక్షియ వరతాచ్చార్యారో. శ్రీతోశికారిను తిరువతికానిలు మర్ఱఱుమ అటయార్కణిటత్తతుమ పక్తియి ప్రార్థనితీత్తతు, శ్రీమత్రఖస్యాయశారత్తతిలు కూర్చి నిష్టటయిత్త తమక్కు అరుణవేణుటుమ ఎన్నరు ప్రార్థనితీకిర్ణారు శ్రీకుమారవరతాచ్చారియారు. పాకవత్తరకణిటత్తతు ఎన్త వితత్తతిలుమ తమక్కు అపశారమ ఏర్పటామలు ఇరుక్కుమపాటి చెయ్యవేణుటుమెన్నరు వేణుటి, స్వామి తోశికారి తిరువతికాలో తమక్కు ఇంక్కుమ అంక్కుమ ఎంక్కుమ తానుంచమ ఎనుక్కిర్ణారు. పలశురుతిక్కుపు విరుకు స్వామి తోశికారి మంకణాశాసనమాక అమెంత ఓరు శ్లోకముమ ఇంత ప్రార్థనాష్టకత్తిలే ఉన్నటు.

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ADDITIONAL INTRODUCTORY NOTES BY SRI V.SATHAKOPAN (VS):

Srimad VedAnta Desika prArthanAshTakam has ten slokams and it has been composed by Sri KumAra VaradAchAr, the son and Sishyan of Swamy Desikan. Here, the Sishyan prays for asancala bhakthi (unswerving devotion) to the sacred feet of His AchAryan and Father as well as undiminishing bhakthi towards all bhAgavathAs who have taken refuge under his AchAryan's sacred feet. He prays that he does not ever incur any BhAgavatha apachAram. KumAra VaradAchAr declares that Swamy Desikan's sacred feet are his protection here, there and everywhere. In this ashTakam, there is a rare Vigraha dhyAna MangalAsAsana slokam after the Phala Sruthi slokam.

Slokams and Commentaries

॥ श्रीः ॥

श्री वेदांतदेशिकां तनीयं

SrI VedAnta deSika Taniyan

श्रीमान् वेङ्कटनाथार्यः कवितार्किककेसरी ।

वेदान्ताचार्यवर्यो मे सन्निधत्तां सदाहृदि ॥

SrImAn venkaTanAthArya: kavitArkikakesarI |

vedAntAcAryavaryO me sannidhattAm sadAhrudi ||

श्री कुमारवरताच्चारीयार्म तनीयं

SrI KumAravaradAcArya Taniyan

श्रीमल्लक्ष्मण योगीन्द्र सिद्धान्त विजयध्वजम् ।

विश्वामित्र कुलोद्भूतं वरदार्यमहं भजे ॥

SrImallakshmaNa yogeendra siddhAnta vijayadhvajam |

viSvAmitra kulodbhUtam varadAryamaham bhaje ||

SLOKAM 1

त्रयीचूडागुरो ! स्वामिन् ! कृपाम्भोराशिना त्वया ।

विज्ञापनं मामकीनं श्रोतव्यं श्रितवत्सल ! ॥

trayIcUDaagurO! svAmin ! krpAmbhOraaSinA tvayA |

vijn~Apanam mAmakeenam SrOtavyam Sritavatsala! ||

பொருள்:

வேதாங்க குருவே! எம்பிரானே! கருணக்கடலாகிய தேவர் அடியேன் செய்யும் விண்ணப்பமொன்று கேட்டருள வேண்டும். தன்னை அடைந்தவரிடம் அருள் கொண்டவரன்றோ தேவர்.



Swami Desikan- Thiruayindai



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY SRI V.SATHAKOPAN (vs):

The ashTakam starts with a moving prayer by KumAra Varadhar to his AchAryan, Swamy Desikan (tryaee cUDA guru). He recognizes his AchAryan as his Lord and Master (SvAmi) and salutes him as the ocean of Mercy (krupAmbhOrASi). Oh SvAmin, who is fond of those, who has sought Your sacred feet as protection (AaSrita Vatsala)! Please hear adiyEn's plea and prayer (mAmakeenam vijn~Apanam tvayA SrOtavyam).

SLOKAM 2

त्रय्यन्तार्य भवत्पादपङ्केरुहजुषां सताम् ।

स्वयं मयि सदा भूयात् अनुग्रहपरम्परा ॥

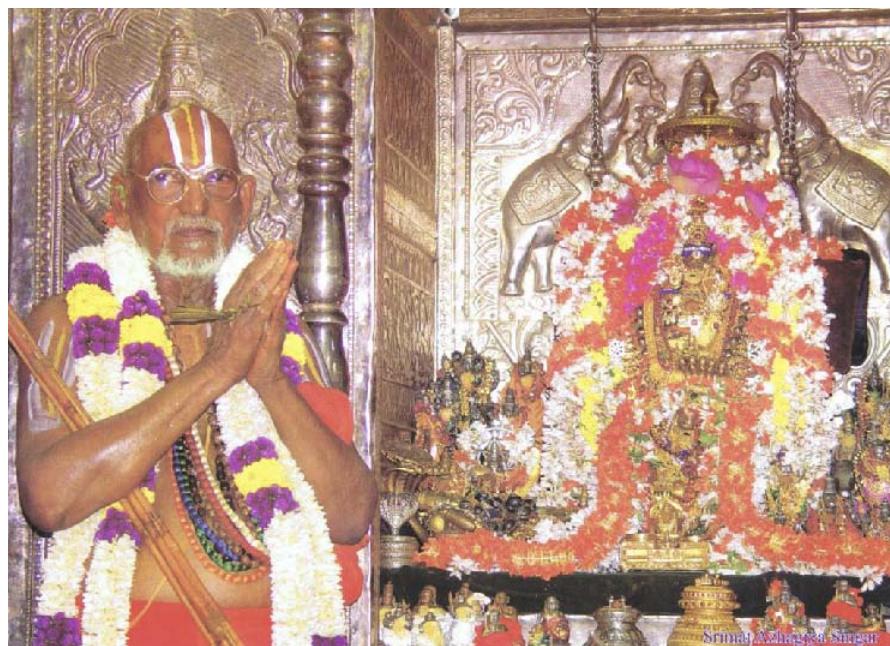
trayyantArya bhavatpAda pankeruhajushAm satAm |

svayam mayi sadA bhUyAt anugrha paramparA ||

பொருள்:

வேதாங்தாசிரியரே! தேவீருடைய திருவடித்தாமரையை தஞ்சமாகப்
பற்றின பெரியோர்களின் க்ருபை அடியேனிடத்தில் எப்பொழுதும் தானாகவே
தோன்ற வேண்டும்.

Oh VedAnta DeSika! May the dayaa of all those BhAgavathAs, who have sought
Your lotus feet as Their refuge, manifest on us always spontaneously.



Srimat Azhagya Swami

May we be always blessed by AchAryAs following in Your footsteps!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

For one who has performed Prapatthi at his AchAryan's sacred feet, two things have to be avoided at all costs:

- Worship of other devAthAs in place of the ParadEvatha, Sriman NarAyaNan
- Noncommittal of apachArAms to the BhAgavathAs of BhagavAn and one's AchAryan. Here KumAra VaradAcchAr prays for freedom from BhAgavathApachArAms, which can nullify one's Prapatthi.

SLOKAM 3

శ్రీసంయమిన్దసింఘాన్త నిధిరక్షికాదీక్షిత ! |

నియతం కురు దాసం మాం సర్వతన్మస్వతన్మ ! తే ||

SrIsamyamIndra siddhAnta nidhirakshaika deekshata ! |

niyatam kuru dAsam mAm sarvatantrasvatantra! tE ||

పొరుణః:

యతివరనాాం లిత్తాంతమాం మానితియైక్ కాప్పతిలోయే కగుత్తుటయోయ్ సర్వతాంతరస్వతాంతిరో! అటయేణ ఎన్నుమ్ అటమెయాక్కిం కొణొవెణ్ణుమ్.

విளక్కంటి:

విచిష్టాత్మవత చిత్తాంతతత్త్వాత స్తాపితమ్ చెయ్త నమ్ పాష్యకార్మ యతికణిన్ తాశివర్మా. అవర్ నమక్కు అణిత్త మికప్ బెర్కుమ్ చొత్తు శ్రీపాష్యమ్ ఎన్నుమ్ కర్ణంతమ్. అంత క్రాంతతత్త్వాత కఱ్పిప్పతిల్లుమ్ అవర్ తమ్ చిత్తాంతతత్త్విల్ పొరామె కొణ్ణు వాతత్త్వింకు వగుపవర్కణిన్ కార్మవత్త్వాత అటక్కియుమ్, అంత అరుబెర్కుమ్ చిత్తాంతతత్త్వాత చకలగ్రుమ్ అర్థివతర్కు సమస్సుక్కుతమ్, తమింప్, ప్రాక్కుత మొమికణిల్ పాలవితమాన కర్ణంతఙ్కణి ఎముతియుమ్ తమ్ కాలత్త్వాత కమిత్తవర్ స్వామి తోణికణ్ణ. ఇతాత తామ్ ఎముతియ అపీతిస్తవమ్ ఎన్నుమ్ స్తోత్రాత్మత్తిలో స్వామి కూర్చిఱార్. మేలుమ్ శ్రీరఙ్కక్షోత్రాత్మత్తిల్ మాలిక్ కపూరాల్ పట్టయెట్టిపింకుప్ పిఱకు అంప్కో ఉయిరిమిక్కుమ్ తారువాయిల్ శ్రీ సౌత్రాచణశ్శారి ఎన్నుమ్ ఆచార్యాలో అణిక్కప్పట్ట స్తుతప్రకాశికా ఎన్నుమ్ శ్రీపాష్యత్త్వింకాన వ్యాక్యానత్త్వాత ఉయిరెప్ పణయమ్ వైవత్తు పోర్కు కణత్తిలిరుంతు తప్పియ స్వామి తోణికణ్ణ అతాత అంత వ్యాక్యానత్తుటన్ శ్రీ పాష్యత్త్వాత కమార్ 30 ముఱై తకుంత చత్తిష్టాంకాన్కు పయింఱువిత్తతాక తన్ పుత్తకత్తిల్ కూర్చిఱార్. అతనాల్ కుమారవరతాచ్చారియారుమ్ వేతాంతతోణిక మంపకణత్తిల్ శ్రీపాష్యకారా: పంతానమ్ ఆత్మమా తార్ణితమ్ పుణ: ఎన్ను శ్రీపాష్యకారారిన్ వయియాన విషిష్టాత్మవత్త్వాతయుమ్, ప్రపత్తి మార్కత్తవత్త్వయుమ్ మేణ్ణుమ్ అణివగుక్కుమ్ కాణ్ణపిత్తుక్ కొట్టతవర్ స్వామి తోణికణ్ణ ఎన్ప పుక్కిఱార్. అంత ఉన్నతమాన ఎమ్బెర్కుమానారిన్ తరిచనత్త్వాత ఇంప్కో మానితి ఎన్ను కొణ్ణటాక్కిఱార్.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

AchArya RaamAnujar is the YathirAjar, who blessed us with His magnum opus, SrI BhAshyam, the matchless commentary on Brahma Soothrams of BaadharAyaNa. Sri BhAshyam laid the foundation for VisishtAdvaitha SiddhAntham and established rigorously the true meanings of Upanishad-based Brahma Soothrams. Goddess Saraswathy was immensely pleased with the kaimkaryam of AchArya RaamAnuja and named his commentary (BhAshyam) as SrI BhAshyam.

The detailed and critical study of SrI BhAshya is a must for all Sri VaishNavAs. Many commentaries have been written on SrI BhAshyam. One of them is Srutha PrakAsika by Sri Sudarsna Bhattar, a disciple of SrI BhAshya simhAsnAdhipathy, Sri nadADUr AmmAl, whose PrAchAryan was Bhagavath RaamAnujA Himself. Swamy Desikan saved Srutha PrakAsikA at risk to his life and took it with him to Sathyagalam as he escaped from the horrors of the Muslim invasion of Srirangam. In his life time, Swamy Desikan performed KaalakshEpam on SrI BhAshyam for atleast 30 times and made sure that this tradition continues to this day. Further through many of His SrI Sookthis (adhikaraNa SaarAvaLi, adhikAra Sangraham), Swamy Desikan taught us in so many ways about the SaarAmsam of Sri BhAshyam.

SLOKAM 4

ज्ञान भक्त्यादि सत्संपत् प्रदायिन्याऽनुकम्पया ।

स्याद्साविति वीक्षस्व वेदान्ताचार्यवर्य ! माम् ॥

jn~Ana bhaktyAdi satsampat pradAyinyA anukampayA |

syAdasAviti veekhsasva vedAntAcAryavaryal mAm ||

பொருள் :

வேதாங்தாசாரியரே! ஞானம் பக்தி முதலிய நற்செல்வங்களை அளிக்கும் அருளாலே "ஆமுதல்வனிவன்" என்று அடியேன சோக்கியருளவேண்டும்.



Best among AchAryAs! Please cast Your benevolent glances on us!

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

NayinArAcchAyar addresses his AchAryan here as the best among VedAntAcAryAs (*VedAntAcArya varya*) and seeks His anugraham to gain the wealth of faultless Jn~Anam and firm bhakthi and begs Him (Swamy Desikan) to cast His benevolent glances on him with the affirmative thought that he (the sishyan NayinArAcchAryan) is the first among those deserving such a redeeming AchArya KaTaaksham.

Jn~Anam and Bhakthi are not regular sampath (wealth) that comes and goes like cattle and property; instead Jn~Anam and asancala Bhakthi are "Sath-sampath" (precious and auspicious, undecaying wealth). With the possession of the Sath-sampath of Jn~Anam and dhruDa Bhakthi, the sins of the mind are chased away. Sin is the greatest impediment against leading an auspicious life. Our AchAryan intercedes for us to chase away these sins (Paapam, amhas, enas and agha) since that AchAryan understands very clearly the powerful Rg Veda Mantram I.189.1:

अग्ने नय सुपथा राये अस्मान् विश्वानि देव वयुनानि विद्वान्।

युयोध्यस्मज्जुहुराणमेनो भूयिषां ते नमउक्तिं विधेम ॥

agnE naya supathA rAyE asmAn viSvAni dEva vayunAni vidvAn |

yuyOdhyasmajjhurANamEnO bhUyishThAm tE nama uktim vidhEma ||

Meaning:

"God alone knows our actions, good or bad (as antharyAmi) and hence can lead us on the path of righteousness; we shall have to struggle constantly with our crooked sins; to that Lord of ours, our most respectful regards and reverences are directed". For true sishyAs of SadAchAryaas, the devotion to their AchAryAs is like that of Madhura Kavi: "*thEvu maRRaRiyEn*" (I do not know of

any god other than my achAryan) and therefore the AchAryan is the ultimate shelter, final resort and final atonement (Yajur Vedam VII.20). Therefore, KumAra VaradAcchAr prays that his AchAryan's karuNA KaTaaksham fall on him.



SLOKAM 5

श्रीविष्णुटेश घण्टात्मन् ! यतीन्द्र शठजित्प्रिय ! ।

रहस्यत्रयसारोक्त निष्ठां श्रेष्ठं प्रयच्छ मे ॥

SrIvenkateSa ghaNTaatman ! yatIndra saThajitpriya! |

rahasyatrayasArOkta nishThAm SreshThaAm prayaccha mE ||

பொருள்:

திருமலைமால் திருமணியாய் சிறக்கவங்தோய்! எம்பெருமானாருக்கும்,
நம்மாழ்வாருக்கும் ப்ரியமானவரே! ஸ்ரீமத் ரஹஸ்யத்ரயஸாரத்தில் கூறப்பட்ட மிகச்
சிறந்த சிஷ்டையை அடியேனுக்கு அருளவேண்டும்.

விளக்கம்:

பல ஆசார்யர்களுக்கு வாழி திருநாமத்தை நாம் அனுஸங்கிக்கிறோம். அதில்
ஸ்வாமி தேசிகனின் வாழி திருநாமம் அதி அத்புதம், ஒவ்வொரு வரியையும்
தனித்தனியாக எடுத்து வ்யாக்யானத்திற்கு உபயோகித்து கொள்ள வேணும்.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

The prayer to his AchAryan here is to grant him the boon of the most revered
code of observance as a prapannan elaborated in Srimath Rahasya Thraya
Saaaram, the magnum opus of Swamy Desikan. The three endearing Vaazhi
ThirunAmams used by KumAra VaradAcchAr here are:

- SrI VenkatEsa ghaNTaatman
- YatIndra Priya and
- SaThajit Priya



SrI Venkatesa ghaNTaatman - Swami Desikan, ThUppul

Swamy Desikan is the incarnation of the small bell used in the AarAdhanam at Lord VenkatEsA at Thirumala. He is therefore the GaNTAvatAran. The pealing of that divine bell chases away the arguments of Paramatha Vaadhins. KumAra Varadhar addresses his AchAryan here with the first of the three Vaazhi ThirunAmams: "SrI VenkatESa ghaNTaatman".

The abundant devotion that Swamy Desikan has come out as the second Vaazhi ThirunAmam, "YatIndra Priya". Swamy Desikan was born 131 years after AchArya RaamAnuja ascended to Parama Padam. Swamy Desikan always had the desire to have lived in times of Bhagavath RaamAnuja and be His sishyA. Since it was not chronologically possible, Swamy Desikan cast himself in the role of a sishyA of AchArya RaamAnuja in Sankalpa SooryOdhayam and improvised a lengthy dialog with the PerumbhUthUr VaLLal, YathirAjar. Thus arose the second Vaazhi ThirunAmam: "YatIndra Priyar".

The third Vaazhi ThirunAmam is: "SaThajit Priya". Swamy Desikan's reverence for the aruLiccheyalkaL of Swamy NammAzhwvAr's dhivya Prabhandhams is legendary. Twice at Srirangam and Kaanchi, he defended the sacredness of these Tamil Prabhandhams and established that they are on a par with the Sanskritic VedAs and was rewarded both times by the archA Moorthys of the two dhivya dEsams. Further, Swamy Desikan created Taathparya RathnAvali and DramidOpanishad Saaram to reveal his reverence for Swamy NammAzhwAr's ThiruvAimozhi. With this in mind, KumAra VaradAcchAr addresses his AchAryan as "SaThajit priya".

SLOKAM 6

त्वत्कृतिष्वागमान्तर्य ! सम्यक् कृतपरिश्रमैः ।

नित्ययोगो महाभागैः त्वदेकान्तिभिरस्तु नः ॥

tvatkrtishvAgamAntArya! samyak krtapariSramai: |

nityayOgO mahAbhAgai: tvadekAntibhirastu na: ||

பொருள்:

மறைமுடித் தேவிகனே! தேவர்ருடைய நூல்களை நன்கு கற்றவரும்,
தேவர்ரையே தஞ்சமென்று இருப்பவருமாகிய பெரியோர்களின் சேர்க்கை
அடியேனுக்கு என்றும் இருக்க வேண்டும்.

விளக்கம்:

இந்த ஸ்லோகத்தில் குமாரவரதாச்சாரியார் சிறந்த பண்டிதர்களின் ஸத்ஸங்கத்தை வேண்டுவது ஸ்வாமி தேவிகனின் பரஸ்பர ஹிதைஷிநாம் பரிஸ்ரேஷ் மாம் வர்த்தய என்கிற அபீதிஸ்தவத்தின் வரிகளை ஞாபகப் படுத்துகின்றது. ஸ்வாமியின் க்ரந்தங்களை பயின்றவர்கள் நற்குணங்களுடன் ஆசார்யபக்தியுள்ளவர்களாக திகழ்வர். அப்படிப்பட்ட நல்லோர்களின் ஸேர்க்கை எம்பெருமானின் உகப்பிற்கு பாத்திரமாக்கும்.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

KumAra VaradAcchAr seeks the sathsangam of the learned sishyAs of Swamy Desikan, who have sought refuge at the sacred feet of Swamy Desikan as their AchAryan. He prays for the boon of association with those noble and learned ones, who have dived deep into the SrI Sookthis of Swamy VedAnta Desikan. The First Brahma Tantra ParakAla Swamy was one such suhrudh, who was older than NayinArAcchAyar and was very learned about Swamy Desikan's SrI Sookthis. They were together serving Swamy Desikan for many years at Sathyagalam and Melkote. KanthAdai LakshmaNAcchAr was another such

learned sishyA of Swamy Desikan. KumAra VaradAcchAr seeks out the company of such great vidvAns knowledgeable about Swamy Desikan's SrI Sookthis and reveres the Vaibhavam of his AchAryan.

SLOKAM 7

कदापि क्वापि केनापि कवितार्किंहसिंह ! माम् ।

श्रीकान्त तत्पराचार्येषु अप्रसक्तागसं कुरु ॥

kadApi kvApi kenApi kavitArkikasimha! mAm |

SrIkAnta tatparAcAryeshu aprasaktAgasam kuru ||

பொருள்:

கவிவாதி சிங்கமே! எப்பொழுதும் எங்கும் எவ்விதத்திலும் அடியேன எம்பெருமானிடத்திலும் அவன்டியார்களான ஆசார்யர்களிடத்திலும் குற்றமிழைக்காதவனாகச் செய்தருள வேண்டும்.

விளக்கம்:

இந்த ஸ்லோகத்தில் ஸ்வாமி தேஶிகனின் அனுக்ரஹத்தைப் ப்ரார்த்திக்கிறார் குமாரவரதாச்சாரியார். மேலும் பகவதபசார பாகவதாபசார அநந்தாபசாராங்ய.... ஸர்வாங் அஷேஷதः சூழல்வ என்று பகவத் பாஷ்யகார் ஸ்ரீரங்கநாதன் மற்றும் ஸ்ரீரங்கநாச்சியாரின் திருவடிவாரங்களில் ப்ரார்த்தித்ததை அப்படியே ஸ்வாமி தேஶிகன் திருவடிவாரங்களில் அனுஸந்திக்கிறார். எம் பெருமானிடத்திலும், எம்பெருமானை நித்யம் த்யானத்தில் அனுபவித்து அவன் அனுக்ரஹத்தைப் பெற்ற ஆசார்யர்களிடத்தும் தெரிக்தோ தெரியாமாலோ குற்றம் செய்யாதிருத்தலை ப்ரார்த்திக்கிறார்.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

Oh Lion among poets and logicians! Please bless me to be free of trespasses (apachArans) against the Lord and His BhAgavathAs at all times and places as well as in any form.

In the utthara-kruthyAdhikAram chapter of Srimad Rahasya Thraya Saaram, Swamy Desikan emphasizes the need for sathsangam and sallAbham with Brahma Viths, who are very knowledgable about Sri BhAshyam:



kavitArkika simham - Swami Desikan ThUppul

प्रपन्नः सन्तोषार्थं अध्यात्मविद्यां सद्भिः महुः विमृशति स्वादु-सव्याहृतानि नित्यं ब्रूते

prapanna: santOshArtham adhyAtma vidyAm sadbhi: muhu: vimruSati, svAdu-suvyAhutAni nityam brUtE.

Prapannan's life in the post-Prapatthi period consists of listening and discussing with the learned ones SrI BhAshyam for enhancing his joy; he also enjoys the nectarine aruLiccheyalkaL of AzhwArs in the company of the ParamaikAnthis. The reason for seeking the boon of sambandham with BhaagavatAs of BhagavAn is given by Saathvatha Samhitha:

यस्यानुभव पर्यन्ता बुद्धिस्तत्त्वे प्रतिष्ठिता ।

तद्दृष्टि गोचराः सर्वे मुच्यन्ते सर्वकिल्बिषैः ॥

yasyAnubhava paryantA buddhis-tattvE pratishThitA |

taddhrushTi gOcarA: sarvE mucyantE sarvakilbishai: ||

Meaning:

Any one who become objects of KaTaaksham of those standing as the limits of tattva Jn~Anam and Bhagavath anubhavam will be freed of all of their sins.

SLOKAM 8

श्रीमद्वेष्टनाथार्य ! त्वदीय चरणद्वयम् ।

भवत्वत्र परत्रापि मदीयं शरणं सदा ॥

SrImad venkaTanAthArya ! tvadeeya caraNadvayam |

bhatvatra paratrApi madeeyam SaraNam sadA ||

பொருள்:

திருவேங்கடாதன் என்னும் குருவே! தேவீருடைய திருவடிகள் இரண்டும் அடியேனுக்கு இங்கிலவலகிலும் வானுலகிலும் புகலாக வேண்டும்.

விளக்கம்:

எம்பெருமானின் விபவாவதாரங்களில் கடைசி அவதாரம் (கல்கிக்கு முன்) திருவேங்கடமுடையானது திவ்யாவதாரம். அது போல் ஆசார்யர்களில் கடைசி அவதாரம் திருவேங்கடாதனின் அனுக்ரஹத்தால் அவதரித்த திருமணியாழ்வாரின் அவதாரம். அதனால் ஸ்வாமி தேவிகனின் திருவடிகளை பற்றுமவர்களுக்கு ஸ்வாமி தேவிகன் ஏணியாய் இருக்கப் ப்ரார்த்திக்கிறார். ஆசார்யனைப் பற்றியவர்களுக்கு மோகம் திண்ணம் என்பதைக் கூறுகின்றது இந்தப் ப்ரார்த்தனை.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

Oh SrI VenkaTanAtha AchArya Saarvabhouma! May I be blessed to have Your pair of sacred feet as a refuge in this and the other world! In Sishya KruthyAdhikAram of Srimath Rahasya Thraya Saaram, Swamy Desikan instructed us about the need for Sishyan to have kruthjn~athai (gratefulness) to His AchAryan and remember as a Kruthavith, the great upakAram performed by the SadAchAryan to him. Swamy Desikan speaks about the need of the ideal Sishyan to have "அஶி஥ில ஗ுருமக்தி: । தத்பிரஸ்ஸாடி ஶில: - aSithila Guru bhakti

and tat praSamsa Seelatvam" (undiminishing AchArya Bhakthi and capacity to praise the Vaibhavam of that AchAryan). KumAra VaradAcchAr was one such ideal Sishyan and as such prays for the protection of his AchAryan's Thiruvadi in this and the other world.

In another passage of Srimath Rahasya Thraya Saaram, Swamy Desikan points out that Upanishads state that MOksham is made possible through the good fortune of having a SadAchAryan (आचार्यवत्तया मोक्षं आमनन्ति AcAryavattayA mOksham Amananti). The Sishyans understand that AchAryan's sacred feet are their sole refuge here and in the upper world (इहामुत्रं च तत्पादौ शरणं देशिका विदुः - iha amutra ca tatpAdau SaraNam DesikA vidhu:).

SLOKAM 9

सादरं व्याहरन्नेतत् प्रत्यहं प्राथनाष्टकम् ।

वेदान्ताचार्य पादाङ्ज भक्तिरत्नाकरो भवेत् ॥

sAdaram vyAharannetat pratyaham prArthAnAshTakam |

vedAntAcArya pAdAbja bhaktirAthAkaro bhavet ||

பொருள்:

'ப்ரார்த்தனாஷ்டகம்' என்ற எட்டு ஶ்லோகங்கள் கொண்ட இந்நூலை அன்புடன் தினமும் சொல்பவர்கள் ஸ்ரீதேசிகன் திருவடிகளில் திலையான பக்தியைப் பெறுவார்கள்.

விளக்கம்:

இந்த எட்டு ஶ்லோகங்களைக் கொண்ட இந்த ப்ரார்த்தனாஷ்டக பாராயணம் விஷயமறிக்த ஸ்வாமியின் சிஷ்யர்களுக்கும் மற்றும் சம்சாரத்தில் உழன்று கஷ்டப்படும் பக்தர்களுக்கும் ஆசார்யனின் அனுக்ரஹத்தைப் பெற்றுத் தரும். அதனால் பரமகாருணிகனான பாகவதப்ரியனான எம்பெருமான் தன் வாத்ஸல்யாதி குணங்களால் அனுக்ரஹத்தை வாரி வழங்குவான் என்பதில் துளியும் ஸந்தேகமில்லை.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

Aapasthambha Soothram instructs us "dEvamiva AcAryam upAseeta" (Meditate on AcAryan as you would BhagavAn). SaanDilya Samhithai states that it is impossible to do prathyupakAram to the SadAchAryan, who has blessed us with Brahma VidhyA. Even the powerful dEvAs can not succeed in such efforts. In spite of it, the sishyan should make a samarpaNam to his AchAryan YathA Sakthi. One such samarpaNam is creating and presenting an eulogy for that AchAryan in the spirit of AchArya Prasamsai. KumAra VaradAcchAr created this PrArthAnA ashTakam in this context and placed at the sacred feet of his

Father and AchAryan.



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"dEvaMiva AcAryam upAseeta" - Swami Desikan - Satyagalām

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sarva sampanna sreemAn

SLOKAM 10

जयति श्रुतिचूडार्यः श्रीमान् अद्भुतचन्द्रमाः ।

सकला यत्र हि कलाः निर्मला नित्यपुष्कलाः ॥

jayati SruticooDaarya: SrImAn adbhutacandramA: |

sakalA yatra hi kalA: nirmalA nityapushkala: ||

பொருள்:

ஒப்பற்ற சந்திரன் போன்று வேதாந்தகுரு விளங்குகின்றார். இவரை அடைஞ்துள்ள கலைகள் என்றும் களங்கமின்றியும் சிறைஞ்தும் விளங்குகின்றன.

விளக்கம்:

ஸ்வாமி தேசிகனின் திவ்யமங்கள் திருமேனியின் ப்ரபாவத்தைப் போற்றும் படியான ஸ்லோகம். பலக்ருதிக்குப் பிறகு வருவது புதிய அனுபவம். ஸ்வாமி தேசிகனின் திவ்ய திருமேனியும் அவர் தம் ஸ்ரீஸ்ரூபத்திகளும் அப்பழக்கற்றவை, குருபரம்பரையாக ஸதாசார்யர்கள் மூலமாகக் கற்றவை. "மடைப்பள்ளி மணம் கொண்டவை" என்று ஸ்வாமி தேசிகனே தன் திருவாக்கால் "ஸ்ரணாகதி தீபிகா" எனும் ஸ்தோத்ரத்தில் கூறுகிறார். மேலும் ஸ்ரீபாஷ்யகாரிரமிருந்து ஸ்ரீ கிடாம்பியாச்சான் வழியாக தன் மாதுலரான கிடாம்பி அப்புள்ளார் மூலமாக தான் பெற்ற ஞானத்தின் ஏற்றத்தை ரஹஸ்யத்ரயஸாரத்திலும் உரைக்கிறார். சந்திரன் அனைத்து ப்ராணிகளில் மனதில் உள்ள தாபங்களை போக்குபவன். ஆசார்யன் ஸம்ஸாரம் எனும் கடலில் சிக்கித் தவிக்கும் ஸம்ஸாரிகளின் கவலைகளை போக்குபவார். இதில் 15 கலைகளைக் கொண்ட சந்திரனுக்கும் களங்கம் உண்டு. ஆனால் ஸகல கலைகளையும் ஸதாசார்யன் மூலமாகக் கற்றறிந்து சந்திரன் போல் ஒளி மிகுந்து ஸேவை தரும் நம் ஆசார்யன் ஸ்வாமி தேசிகன் எனும் சந்திரனுக்கு களங்கம் ஏதும் இல்லை. கலை என்பதில் உள்ள இரு பொருளைக் காண்க.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY VS:

This is a dhivya Mangala vigeSham coming after the Previous Phala Sruthi slokam. This slokam begins majestically with "jayati Sruti cooDaarya". Sri Vedantha Desikan known also as trayyanta DeSikan is the "Sruti cUDArYan". In a declarative statement, KumAra VaradAchArya says that the Sarva tantra Svatanatra Vedanta DeSikan is victorious in defeating Paramatha Vaadhins and in establishing Bhagavath RaamAnuja darsanam for all times to come. Next, KumAra Varadhar salutes his AchAryan as "SrImAn". The Taniyan created by KumAra NayinArAcchAryar starts appropriately as:

श्रीमान् वेङ्कटनाथार्यः कवितार्किकेसरी ।

वेदान्ताचार्यवर्यो मे सन्निधत्तां सदाहृदि ॥

SrImAn venkaTanAthArya: kavitArkika kesari |

vedAntAcAryavaryO me sannidhattAm sadAhrudi ||

VedAntAcArya Varya VenkaTanAthArya: is indeed SrImAn (filled with all auspicious attributes). He is sarva sampangan (tamimam sarva sampangan AcAryam pitaram gurum → BhAratam SabhA Parvam: 41.3). Here during the time of RaajasooYa Yaagam SahadEvan performs agra poojA for Lord KrishNa with the words: "tamimam sarva sampangan AcAryam pitaram Gurum". For KumAra VaradAcchAr, Swamy Vedanta Desikan was indeed that Pita, Guru and AcAryan and as such sarva sampanna SrImAn.

Next KumAra VaradAcchAr salutes his AchAryan as "(SrimAn) adbhu-tacandramA:". He is a rare and wonderous Moon. What is unique about this chandran? Besides cooling the Taapam of people like the regular Moon, this special Moon chases away the Taapams of the SamsAris. Another aspect of the adbhu-tacandramA is that is described in the second pAdham of this concluding

slOkam "sakalA yatra hi kalA: nirmalA nityapushkalA:"

The Moon that we know has blemishes and its kalAs wane during KrishNa paksham. The KalAs that are associated with Swamy Desika are blemishless (**nirmalA:**) and are always full in the spirit of IsvAsya Upanishad: "**PoorNasya PoormAdAya PoorNamEvAavSishyatE**". Swamy Desikan is saluted by KumAra VaradAcchAr here as ParipoorNan (nitya Pushkala nambi) and nirmalan. One can not but admire and emulate the AchArya Bhakthi of KumAra VaradAcchAr expressed in his PrArthanAshTakam.



adbhuta chandran!

శ్రీ వేతాంత త్రైలికాలు తీయానమ్ - SrI vedAnta deSika dhyAnam

కవితార్కికసింహాయ కల్యాణగుణశాలినె ।

శ్రీమతే వెఙ్కటేశాయ వెదాంతగురువే నమః ॥

kavitArkikasimhAya kalyaaNaguNaSaaline |

SrImate venkaTeSaaya vedAntagurave nama: ||

శ్రీ కుమారవర్తాచార్యాలు తీయానమ్ - SrI KumAravaradAcAriyA dhyAnam

వాదిద్విపశిరోభఙ్గ పఞ్చానన పరాక్రమః ।

శ్రీమాన్ వెఙ్కటనాథార్యః చిరం విజయతాం భువి ॥

vAdidvipaSirO bhanga pancAnana parAkrama: |

SrImAn venkaTanAthArya: ciram vijayatAm bhuvi ||

॥ ఇతి శ్రీమద్వేదాంతదేశికప్రార్థనాష్కమ్ సంపూర్ణమ్ ॥

SrImad vedAntadeSika prArthanAshTakam sampoornam

శ్రీమతే నిగమాంతమహాదేశికాయ నమః:

SrImate nigamAntamahA deSikAya nama:

Swamy Desikan tiruvadigaLE Saranam

dAsan, Villiambakkam Govindarajan

dAsan, Oppiliappan Koil VaradAcchAri Sadagopan

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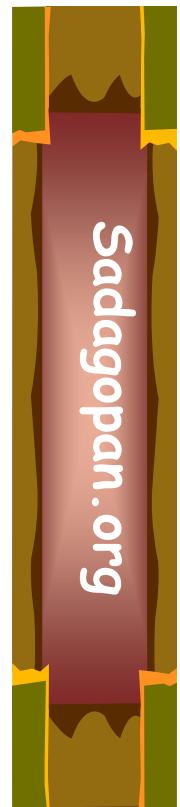
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