गुर्वस्थकम्
GURVASHTAKAM

(1)
शरीरं सुरूवमं तथा वा कल्भ्रा।
दशश्राहू चित्रं धनं मेदृशुल्यम्म।
मनस्स्थेन लग्नं गुरोरंडप्रिपषोऽ
तत् किं तत् किं तत् किं तत् किम्॥

One’s body may be handsome, wife beautiful, fame, excellent and varied, and wealth like unto Mount Meru; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, when thence, what thence?

(2)
कल्भ्रा धनं पुनर्मोद्वदिवसि सर्वं
गुर्जं बानघण्ड: सर्वेषेत्ठदि जातम्।
मनस्स्थेन लग्नं गुरोरंडप्रिपषोऽ
तत् किं तत् किं तत् किं तत् किम्॥

Wife, wealth, sons, grandsons, etc., all these; home, relations - the host of all these there may be; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence? what thence? what thence?

(3)
षड्भ्राहिद्वेदो गुर्जं शास्त्रविद्या
कथितादि गर्यं सुपर्यं करोति।
मनस्स्थेन लग्नं गुरोरंडप्रिपषोऽ
तत् किं तत् किं तत् किं तत् किम्॥
The Vedas with their six auxiliaries and knowledge of sciences may be on the one’s lips; one may have the gift of poesy; and may compose good prose and poetry; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence?

(4)

दिदेशषु मान्यः सदेशषु धन्यः
सदाचारवृत्तेऽन्ततो न चान्यः
मनोचेतन लग्नं गुरोरंगड़प्रिपो
ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं

In other lands I am honoured; in my country I am fortunate; in the ways of good conduct there is none that the excels me’ thus one may think; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence?

(5)

क्षमामण्डले भूषभूमालवृत्तेः
सदा सेवित्य सत्य पादारकिदम्
मनोर्जेतन लग्नं गुरोरंगड़प्रिपो
ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं

One’s feet may be adored constantly by hosts of emperors and kings of the world; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence?

(6)

यशो मे गर्त दिश्यु दानप्रतापा
आगस्तसु वर्ज कर्म यत्र सावात्
मनोर्जेतन लग्नं गुरोरंगड़प्रिपो
ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं ततं चिं

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My fame has spread in all quarters by virtue of generosity and prowess; all the things of the world are in my hands as a reward of these virtues; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence.

(7)

न भोगे न योगे न वा वाजिराजो
न कान्तामुखे नेव वित्तेशु वित्तम्।
मन्नेत्या लम्बू गुरोरंढपिपधे
तत: कि तत: कि तत: कि तत: किम्॥

Not in enjoyment, not in concentration, not in the multitudes of horses; nor in the face of the beloved, nor in wealth does the mind dwell; but if that mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence?

(8)

अरण्ये न वा स्वस्य गेहे न कार्ये
न देहे मनो वर्तते मे त्वनध्ये।
मन्नेत्या लम्बू गुरोरंढपिपधे
तत: कि तत: कि तत: कि तत: किम्॥

Not in the forest, nor even in one’s own house, nor in what is-to-be-accomplished, nor in the body, nor in what is invaluable does my mind dwell; but if one’s mind be not attached to the lotus feet of the Guru, what thence, what thence, what thence, what thence?
That virtuous person who reads this octad on the Guru, and whose mind is fixed on the sayings of the Guru - whether he be an ascetic, king, student, or householder, attains the desired goal, the state which is called Brahman.

End of the Gurvashtakam