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महावीराष्टक स्तोत्र
MAHAVIRASHTAKA STOTRA
Eight-Part Eulogy to Lord Mahāvīra

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Verse 1

यदीये चैतन्ये मुकुर इव भावाश्चिदचितः
समं भ्रान्ति धौव्यै व्यजनिन सन्तोऽन्तरहिताः
जगत्साक्षी मार्गप्रगटन परो भानुरिव यो
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

yadīye caitanye mukura iva bhāvāścīdacitaḥ
samaṁ bhrānti dhrauvyai vyajanila santo'ntarahitāḥ
jagatsākṣī mārgapragatana paro bhānuriva yo
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

Your consciousness mirrors infinite substances, both living and nonliving,
Simultaneously in all their modifications.
You are omniscient and like the sun, you light up the path of liberation
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

Verse 2

अताम्रं यच्चक्षु कमलयुगलं स्पन्दरहितम्
जनान् कोपापायं प्रकटयति वाभ्यन्तरमपि
स्फुटं मूर्तियस्य प्रशमितमयी वातिविमला
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

atāmrāṃ yaccakṣu kamalayugalaṃ spandarahitam
janān kopāpāyaṃ prakāṣayati vābhyantaramapi
sphutaṃ mūrtiyasya praśamitamayī vātivimalā
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

Your eyes are without the redness that arises out of anger.
They are like twin lotuses.
Your gaze is steady and unblinking, signifying the complete absence of anger.
Your calm and tranquil posture reflects the highest purity.
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

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Verse 3

नमन्नाकेन्द्राली मुकुटमणिभाजाल जटिलम्
लसत्पादाम्भोजद्वयमिह यदीयं तनुभृताम्
भवज्ज्वालाशान्त्यै प्रभवति जलं वा स्मृतमपि
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

namannākendrālī mukuṭamaṇibhājāla jaṭilam
lasatpādāmbhojadvayamiha yadīyaṃ tanubhṛtām
bhavajjvālāśāntyai prabhavati jalaṃ vā smṛtamapi
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

Your feet, glowing with the lustre of the crown jewels of demigods paying obeisance,
Are capable of giving respite to worldly beings from the fire of rebirth.
Just remembering your feet douses the flames of rebirth like sprinkling water on them.
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

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Verse 4

यदर्च्चा भावेन प्रमुदितमना दर्दुर इह
क्षणादासीत्स्वर्गी गुणगणसमृद्धः सुख निधिः
लभन्ते सद्भक्ता शिवसुख समाजं किमुतदा
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

yadarccā bhāvena pramuditamanā dardura iha
kṣaṇādāsītsvargī guṇagaṇasamṛddhaḥ sukha nidhiḥ
labhante sadbhaktā śivasukha samājaṃ kimutadā
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

The desire of worshipping you with great devotion and joy,
Earned a frog instantaneous birth in heaven.

Hence, it is no surprise that your true devotees attain liberation
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

Verse 5

कनत्स्वर्णाभासोऽप्यपगततनुर्ज्ञाननिवहो
विचित्रात्माप्येको नृपतिवरसिद्धार्थतनयः
अजन्मापि श्रीमान् विगतभवरागोद्भुतगतिः
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

kanatsvarṇābhāso'pyapagatatānurjñānanivaho
vicitrātmāpyeko nṛpativarasiddhārthatanayaḥ
ajanmāpi śrīmān vigatabhavarāgodbhutagatiḥ
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

You are blessed with a body that glows like burnished gold yet unattached to it. ,
You are beyond birth but were born to the great King Siddhārtha
You are beyond attachment but incredibly wealthy
You have attained the ultimate state
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

Verse 6

यदीया वाग्गङ्गा विविधनयकल्लोलविमला
बृहज्ज्ञानाम्भोभिर्जगति जनतां या स्नपयति
इदानीमप्येषा बुधजनमरालैः परिचिता
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

yadīyā vāggaṅgā vividhanayakallolavimalā
bṛhajjñānāmbhobhirjagati janatām yā snapayati
idānīmapyeṣā budhajanamarālaiḥ paricitā
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

Your doctrine is like a vast, deep and pure Gaṅgā of knowledge,
The many viewpoints are her waves.
Her cool waters enable worldly people to diffuse their miseries.
Even today, savants take a dip in that wisdom like swans on a river.
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

Verse 7

अनिर्वारोद्रेकस्त्रिभुवनजयी कामसुभट

कुमारावस्थायामपि निजबालाद्येन विजितः
स्फुरन्नित्यानन्दप्रशमपदराज्याय सजिनः
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

anirvārodraṣṭakāstribhuvanajayī kāmasubhaṭa
kumārāvasthāyāmapi nijabālādyena vijitaḥ
sphurannityānandapraśamapadarājyāya sajinah
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

As a child, in order to attain the eternal, beatific and immensely peaceful kingdom of liberation,
With the strength of your pure soul,
You conquered cupid, the god of love
Who holds the inhabitants of the three worlds under his sway.
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

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Verse 8

महामोहातङ्कप्रशमनपराकस्मिकभिषक्
निरापेक्षो बन्धुर्विदितमहिमा मङ्गल करा
शरण्यः साधूनां भवभयभृतामुत्तमगुणो
महावीरस्वामी नयनपथगामी भवतु मे

mahāmohātāṅkapraśamanaparākasmikabhiṣak
nirāpekṣo bandhurviditamahimā maṅgala karā
śaraṇyaḥ sādḥūnāṃ bhavabhayabhṛtāmuttamaguṇo
mahāvīrasvāmī nayanapathagāmī bhavatu me

You conquered the great affliction of delusion and are free from all desire.
You are the friend who does not expect anything from others.
Your greatness and auspiciousness is well known.
You are a safe haven for sages who fear transmigration.
You are abode to all the finest virtues.
O Lord Mahāvīra, please guide me.

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Colophon

महावीराष्टकस्तोत्रं भक्त्याभागेन्दुना कृतम्
यः पठेच्छृणुयाच्चापि स याति परमां गतिम्

mahāvīrāṣṭakastotraṃ bhaktyābhāgendunā kṛtam
yaḥ paṭhecchrṇuyāccāpi sa yāti paramāṃ gatim

This eight-part eulogy to Lord Mahāvīra

Has been composed with devotion by Bhāgendu.
Those who recite it shall attain the ultimate state of liberation.