

## गुरुवन्दनम्

Guru Vandanam – Salutations to the Guru

सदाशिवसमारम्भां शङ्कराचार्यमध्यमाम् ।  
अस्मदाचार्यपर्यन्तां वन्दे गुरुपरम्पराम् ॥

sadāśiva samārambhāṃ śaṅkarācārya madhyamām |  
asmadācārya paryantāṃ vande guru paramparām ||

I salute the lineage of teachers, beginning with Śiva, with Śaṅkarācārya in the middle, down to my teacher.

श्रुतिस्मृतिपुराणानामालयं करुणालयम् ।  
नमामि भगवत्पादशङ्करं लोकशङ्करम् ॥

śruti smṛti purāṇānām ālayaṃ karuṇālayam |  
namāmi bhagavatpāda śaṅkaraṃ loka śaṅkaram ||

I salute Śaṅkara bhagavatpāda, the abode of the śruti, smṛti and purāṇas, a repository of compassion, the one who bestows peace on the world.

शङ्करं शङ्कराचार्यं केशवं बादरायणम् ।  
सूत्रभाष्यकृतौ वन्दे भगवन्तौ पुनः पुनः ॥

śaṅkaraṃ śaṅkarācāryaṃ keśavaṃ bādarāyaṇam |  
sūtra bhāṣya kṛtau vande bhagavantau punaḥ punaḥ ||

I salute, again and again, Śaṅkarācārya, who is Lord Śiva, and Bādarāyaṇa (Vyāsa) who is Lord Viṣṇu, the venerable ones who wrote the aphorisms (Brahma sūtras) and commentaries (Brahma sūtra bhāṣya).

ईश्वरो गुरुरात्मेति मूर्तिभेदविभागिने ।  
व्योमवद्व्याप्तदेहाय दक्षिणामूर्तये नमः ॥

īśvaro gururātmeti mūrtibheda vibhāgine |  
vyomavad vyāpta dehāya dakṣiṇāmūrtaye namaḥ ||

Salutations to Lord Dakṣiṇāmūrti, who is all-pervasive, like space, but who appears as though divided as the Lord, guru and self.