

॥ तोटकाष्टकम् ॥
Hymn of Eight Verses by Totaka

विदिताखिलशास्त्रसुधाजलधे
महितोपनिषत्कथितार्थनिधे।
हृदये कलये विमलं चरणं
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। १ ॥

1. O Knower of the ocean of nectar of all scriptures, O Narrator of the storehouse of wealth of the revered Upaniṣads, I hold Your pure feet in my heart. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

करुणावरुणालय पालय मां
भवसागरदुःखविदूनहृदम्।
रचयाखिलदर्शनतत्त्वविदं
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। २ ॥

2. O Ocean of compassion, protect me whose heart is afflicted with suffering in the ocean of worldly existence. Make me a knower of the truth of all systems of philosophy. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

भवता जनता सुखिता भविता
निजबोधविचारणचारुमते।
कलयेश्वरजीवविवेकविदं
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ३ ॥

3. Mankind has been made happy by You, O One with a beautiful intellect for the investigation of self knowledge. Impel me to be a knower of the distinction between Īsvara and Jīva. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

भव एव भवानिति मे नितरां
समजायत चेतसि कौतुकिता।
मम वारय मोहमहाजलधिं
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ४ ॥

4. The desire to know that “You are indeed the Lord” has continuously arisen in my mind. Remove my great ocean of delusion. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

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सुकृतेऽधिकृते बहुधा भवतो
भविता समदर्शनलालसता।

अतिदीनमिमं परिपालय मां
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ५ ॥

5. When virtuous acts are performed in many ways due to You, the state of enjoying evenness of vision arises. Protect me, this very distressed person. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

जगतीमवितुं कलिताकृतयो
विचरन्ति महामहसञ्चलतः।

अहिमांशुरिवात्र विभासि गुरो
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ६ ॥

6. Those who assume the form of a great light that moves, wander about to protect the earth. In this role You shine like the sun, O Guru. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

गुरुपुंगव पुंगवकेतन ते
समतामयतां नहि कोऽपि सुधीः।

शरणागतवत्सल तत्त्वनिधे
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ७ ॥

7. O Best of Gurus, O Bearer of the bull emblem, no wise man is Your equal. O One who is affectionate to those who come for refuge, O Storehouse of truth, O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

विदिता न मया विशदैककला
न च किञ्चन काञ्चनमस्ति गुरो।

द्रुतमेव विधेहि कृपां सहजां
भव शंकर देशिक मे शरणम्। ८ ॥

8. I am not skilled in a single art and I have no gold, O Guru. Quickly bestow on me Your innate compassion. O Śaṅkara, O Teacher, be my refuge.

इति तोटकाष्टकं संपूर्णम्