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*Just an other vessel, as He ferries us towards the golden shores....
As we sail our way from the darkness of ignorance to Light...*



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svāgatam

*On the eve of the auspicious Chitra Nakshathra, Chathurthi, **Charanāmṛth** is here carrying Śrīpāda's message of Love and compassion.*

We are all in this sail together, as we stride our way from the petty circles we envelop ourselves in, transcending the ego mind... to the vast shore of Cosmic Consciousness.

The whole message of Sripada's incarnation is to preach Love – Compassion, Selflessness and Forgiveness. Have no hatred, as all hatred eventually reaches Me, says our Maha Guru, the first incarnation of Adi Guru Dattatreya.

For those who love Him sincerely, how difficult should this simple step be? Not troublesome at all!

For those who can follow this simple step, accessing the subtler dimensions or higher realms of existence is not at all difficult. The key to the door to higher planes of existence, is right here, within Charithamrtha.

As a humble endeavour, let us strive to follow one message at a time – until it imbibes within us. Can there be a better offering to Sripada Vallabha on His auspicious Jayanthi thithi!

Let's sail our ways back home... as we constantly remember and celebrate His presence!

Together, let's prostrate to Maha Ganapathi, the Source of all Strength and auspiciousness! Let's hail His constant presence.

We are here to love, not hate!

Digambara Digambara Sripada Vallabha Digambara!



Ganapathi Tatvam in Śrīpāda Śrī Vallabha

“**Śrīpāda** Srivallabha is a Brahmagnyaana Sampanna (One Who is affluent with the complete wisdom of Paramaatma) from the very birth. As He incarnated with complete, undivided and infinite non-dualistic Sat Chit Ananda (Source of True Beingness, Wisdom and undiluted bliss) there is no preceptor for Him. Sreepada was born on Ganesh Chaturdhi in Chitta star under Tula Raasi in Simha Lagna. **In reality He is not the combined form of the Trimurthi, but a special phenomenon much beyond them.**” - From the Charithamrutham.

Ganesha or Ganapathi, as a Name has a deeper meaning in itself.

Gana represents a group and Isha or Pati means the head, Master or the Lord.

The ancient lesson, subject to misinterpretations and interpretations, passed down through the winds of time grossly speaks of how Lord Shiva initially cut off Ganesha's head, replacing it with an elephant's head.

Parameshwara is Supreme Consciousness.

The soul has to move beyond its limitations and merge with the Universal Consciousness. This is possible only when the 'ahankara' or the ego self, is cut.

The head represents the ego self. The Supreme Isvara destroys the 'ahankara' of the jivatma, before preparing it to raise to its original (higher) state.

The Trunk of Maha Ganapathi represents its role in upward ascension. From the Muladhara chakra, Ganapathi is required to lead the way upwards, clearing the blockages in the channel, for the energy to ascend upwards.

Ganesha is the Gate Keeper of the Ultimate Energy of the being, on an individual and Cosmic level.

As no spiritual progression is ever possible without the chopping of the ego, Ganesha is worshipped foremost. Only with His grace, can any beginning be rendered auspicious.



Ganesha is the embodiment of auspiciousness.

Sripada Vallabha is 'Mangala rupa' ~ the storehouse of all auspiciousness.

All noble deeds find its commencement at HIS Feet.

He is the remover of all obstacles.

He rules over all faculties, speech, writing and all forms of art and branches of sciences.

"I am the repository of all powers. I am omnipotent. Divine forces as well as devilish forces are within Me. I cause all obstacles. I am also the remover of all obstacles."

As an indication that Maha Ganapathi is in the form of Sreepada Sreevallabha, His incarnation takes place on Ganesha Chaturdhi."

– Sripada Vallabha Charithamrutham.



Subramanya Tatvam in Śrīpāda Śrī Vallabha

Skanda is the principal Deity for the planet Mars and is associated with solar energy on a cosmic level and Agni or Fire, on the universal level. The solar energy is reflected through Mars and the presiding form is worshipped as 'Skanda' or Subramanya or Karthikeya or Muruga and in earlier eras, as Sanat Kumara.

It is often believed that HIS manifestation represents the resultant Divine energy from the flow of Supreme Consciousness. Hence, for grosser understanding this Divine energy is addressed as 'the heir or son of Paramesvara (Supreme Consciousness)'.

HE is invoked to destroy the army of dark forces of ignorance. HE is invoked to bless the aspirant with rays of illumination.

From Charithamrutham, ***"Be it known that because of the Subrahmanya tatvam in Sreepada Sreevallabha, His manifestation will be a 'Gnana avatharam' (an Incarnation of Wisdom)."***

Subramanya is also addressed as Shanmukha – Referring Him to having 'six faces'. There is a deeper aspect behind this subtle addressing. A diagrammatic representation of two intersecting equilateral triangles, one pointing upwards and the other, downwards, symbolise the masculine and feminine aspect of Universe. When there is a balance in the Ida and Pingala nadi, the energy channels carrying the solar and lunar energy, the central pathway (Sushumna) facilitates the ascension of Divine energy. This birthing of the inner Divine Energy, represents the Divine Child.

No wonder, Skanda is addressed as the 'Divine Child' of Lord Isvara and Shakthi (representing the father and mother principle).



To remind yet again, let us recall the following line from Chapter 5 of Charithamrutham:

***“His ensuing incarnation is not the result of coition between parents.
Illuminating Light takes a human form!”***

ŚrīPāda ŚrīVallabha is the embodiment of 'undiluted bliss' of the highest order- 'Paramanandam'. That bliss born of the union of Shakthi and Shiva at the 'Sahasrara' (energy centre at the Crown of the energy system/body) - which is beyond the confines of human terms!

HE is that wisdom which has always been present - which contains the knowledge of eternity and the Source! Hence, HE is also referred to as the 'Gnyana Avatar' revealing HIS Oneness with Skanda or Muruga. **He represents the eternal and live cosmic power, inherent within human consciousness.** To merely consider Him as an incarnation, reflects our limited perception.

Aum Skanda Namah! Aum Sripada Vallabha Namoh Namah!



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Drinking of the waters that pass through the Guru's Feet – bestows us with 'gnyana', wisdom which shall help one realise the real nature of the Self or Atman.

*Ajñāna mūlaharaṇam janmakarmanivāraṇam/
Jñānavairāgyasiddhyartham gurupādodakam pibet*

Guru Gita says: One should drink (pibet) the water (udakam) of the Guru's (guru) feet (pāda) in order to obtain (siddhi-artham) knowledge (jñāna) (and) renunciation (vairāgya). (That water) destroys (haraṇam) the root (mūla) of ignorance (ajñāna) (and) suppresses (nivāraṇam) the karma-s (karma) (bringing about) birth (janma)..



Ardhanarisvara Tatvam in Śrī Pāda Śrī Vallabha

“The inner meaning of Ardhanaareeswara tattwa is that the life force (praana shakthi) exists as ‘purusha shakthi’ (masculine power) on the right side of the body and as ‘sthri shakthi’ (feminine power) on the left side. The female and male ‘tatwams’ will be present in humans irrespective of the gender of the physical body. It should be recognized that the power in the form of breath that circulates on the right side is ‘pingala-naadi’, and that which circulates on the left side is ‘ida-naadi’. During the breath control exercise when breath is inhaled on the right side, heat is generated. So, it is called Surya-naadi. When breath is inhaled on the left side, body cools down. So, it is called Chandra-naadi.” – Charithamrutham.

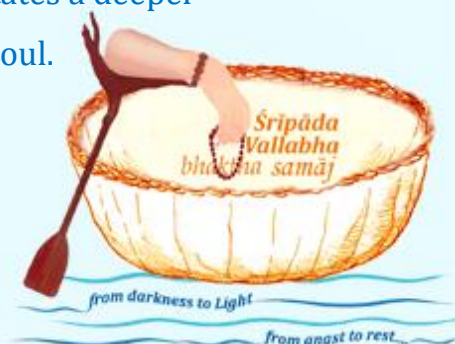
With the power of protection and the all-encompassing love for all His devotees, Sri Sripada Vallabha shines gloriously – the most powerful, the first and last point of Creation!

Anaghaa along with Sree Anaghaa Devi incarnated on the earth in the form of Sreepada Sreevallabha.

In the form of Sripada Vallabha, HE represents the Cosmic Power of Datta on the right; and the embodiment of Compassion, Anagha Devi on the left.

Anagha is NOT a separate entity. She is the ‘Yoga Shakthi’ of Lord Datta, intrinsic and existent within Lord Dattatreya. Anaagha is the personification of Dattatreya’s Supreme Compassion – guiding His devotees to higher states. From being human to realizing one’s nature has Divine (which is filled with pure love for all beings, devoid of hatred, anger, arrogance, ego or any other asura Shakthi).

If one attempts to understand Sripada Charithamrutham as we read, the Ardhanarisvara Tatvam which Sripada often mentions, it facilitates a deeper realization of the realistic androgenous nature of every living soul.



Divyāambarāya cha Digambarāya, ŚrīPāda Vallabha Nama Shivāya

Ambara : In Sanskrit, it is often referred to as sky; and the skies symbolise purity.

It also refers to an apparel used to cover the gross body.

Divya : In fact the word, 'Divine' birthed from Sanskrit's 'deva' or 'divya'. For anything Divine, the term is used. The prime attribute of Divinity is Compassion, as per our Scriptures and ancient records.

Divyāambarā is used to address Devi or Shakthi, Whose ornament is Her endless compassion.

Dik : the endless directions

Digambara : Denotes the vast expanse of purity of the sky itself. Sky's attribute is directionless and endless – Infinity.

Also refers to wearing the endless directions of the skies – One Who wears Infinity or Eternity (here also symbolises purity) as His apparel.

Adorned with the Divine ornament of Compassion; She is Shakthi!

Wearing the directionless skies as His robe, He embodies pristine purity & eternity.

Sripada Vallabha is Shakthi and Shiva, representing the Ardhanarisvara Tatva!



Anjaneya Tatvam in Śrī Pāda Śrī Vallabha

Science has indeed in the recent years, learnt to tap the latent powers of nature to transform human lives for the better. It has been proved that at a cosmic level, a deeper energy permeates all beings, pulsates all over.

This was identified in our ancient Scriptures and worshipped as the 'Vayu'. This is not just a force of the wind or air element, but the Kriya Shakti or internal force of action that governs all inanimate and animate forces. It is the source of all cosmic powers. Vayu is inherent in space or Akasha externally; and individually is vital as the 'prana'.

This is not just the breath but the vital force that sustains and operates at the level of consciousness.

Once, a jivatma is able to observe and balance his own prana, it denotes his surrender to the Higher Consciousness within him. That is why, if Sri Ram (Supreme Consciousness) is mentioned, the mention of Hanuman invariably follows. The power of Hanuman is told in grosser terms, as the One most powerful, Who is flexible and Who helped Sita (jivatma) reunite with Sri Ram. For the individual self to retrace its path back to the Supreme Self, the power of 'prana' within is important. This lesson was brought to understanding, with the power of 'Vayu' in Universal terms; and the Deity worshipped as Lord Hanuman.

In reality, Lord Rama Himself wills and incarnates as Lord Hanuman, and teaches the world, the lessons of subtlety and wisdom. When Sripada embraces Hanuman, and declares Him to be One and the same as Him – it is evident, the aspect of one eternal reality - The Paramatman! The One Supreme Force Who was thus far sporting as Rudra, expresses His role as Rama and embracing Hanuman,



calls Him not merely a spark of His own Self, but as the Divine Entity, in complete merger and perfect Oneness with Him.

HE is the Only One Who has won over Time!

He alone has emerged victorious through the aeons.

HE has become a form of fire. HE is the One Who wears apparels of fire.

To realize the perfect oneness of that Supreme Consciousness playing a variety of roles with varied names, of course, the wisdom of Hanuman, absolute surrender and constant remembrance, undemanding love are the prime requisites for a devotee.

Sripada Vallabha is not different from Anjaneya. He Himself is the Vayu Putra! Himself the One Who carries the Divine Sanjeevani. He Himself has the cure for all illness. His one glance, can heal all ailments. He is the most powerful!

In one body of Consciousness, if HE appeared as Sri Ram, in another body of consciousness He took on the form of Lord Hanuman.

Yet in a different age, He appeared as Sripada Vallabha and made sure to include the role of Lord Hanuman.

He is that endless force which pulsates within every living being. He is that vibrant force, which illuminates all directions and permeates all over the Universe.

Jai Anjaneya! Jai Sreepada Vallabha!



Isvara Tatvam in Śrī Pāda Śrī Vallabha

Sripada Vallabha is 'saakshat' (absolute) Lord Shiva Himself, without a difference.

Isvara Tatvam in Sripada Vallabha is evident and shines gloriously all throughout Charithamrutham.

“To indicate the Kundalini which is in the shape of a serpent, Sree Shankar Bhagavan is named as 'Naagaabharana'. Shiva is also named as Isvara. All these 'great siddhis' are dangerous like serpents. As He keeps them under His control and utilizes them for the welfare of the world, Shiva has got the name 'Isvara'.

Parameswara exists in Arunachala in the forms of Arunachaleswara. The same Arunachaleswara has incarnated in human form in Pithikapuram as Sreepada Sreevallabha. Now He is brilliantly shining in Divine glory in Kurungadda with a view to liberate us.

Kurungadda equals Arunachala Mountain. Arunachaleswara in the form of Ardhanareeswara is Sreepada Sreevallabha. On the left side of Sreepada's body Shakti travels and on the right side Shiva moves. Therefore, He is the personification of Shiva-Shakti. HE is Ardhanarisvara in the form of an Avadhutha, in the name of Sripada Vallabha.” – Charithamrutham.

HIS Oneness with Lord Shiva is revealed every now and then, as one journeys through Charithamrutham. Yet, the sport is that HE having taken a form in the name of Sripada Vallabha, extolls of Shiva worship. And the contented devotee as he progresses through the states of awareness, realizes Sripada to be Paramesvara Himself!

Aum Namah Shivaya



Krishna Tatvam in Śrī Pāda Śrī Vallabha

Sripada Charithamrutham remains the most important and foundational Text, leading the devotees of a Guru to a higher state of consciousness.

To understand the ‘bhakthi bhava’ or yoga marga, prescribed in Charithamrutham, one must understand Sripada Vallabha.

In chapter 4, there is a mention where Sripada says,

“If you are following your path with righteousness, if you remember My Name, I will protect you like the eye lid to the eye. I am the embodiment of Love. You will know Me through Love only. The nectar of grace was showering from His eyes. Sricharana’s form had in it, the limitless power and endless love.”

Without whole heartedly offering an iota of love, it is not comprehensible the all-encompassing boundless love of HIS’, which pales the love of a thousand mothers put together. Like the flute of Sri Krishna’s music, which stirs the hearts of loving devotees, Sripada’s call echoes all throughout Charithamrutham. This subtle call, is tender and loud; it caresses the heart of a simple, trusting devotee who is willing to offer pure, undemanding love unto Him.

‘Prema marg’ is the path of Sri Krishna. The easiest path unto Oneself, or to Supreme Consciousness. Sripada has clearly stated in Chapter 4, that the path unto HIM is through pure love only. HE can be known only by selfless love.

He enchants the devotees’ hearts; playing like the swan in the lake of nectar. When the heart is saturated and free from desires, love for the Guru overwhelms and drenches one in ‘ananda’. This is the state of Supreme Joy, the original state of Being!

Thus, Sripada Vallabha through His many playful sports leads His loving ones to Himself, resident within their own hearts; as a charming Child, playing his endless tune of love.



punar darshanāya

punar darshanāya punar harshanāya

Śrī Guru kripā varshanāya

Until we meet again, in a peaceful manner (on a note of contentment) Let us all be showered with Sri Guru's blessings! Closing this note with one of the most wonderful verses illustrating the essence of universal harmony and wellbeing.

sarve bhavantu sukhinaḥ sarve santu nirāmayāḥ |

sarve bhadraṇi paśyantu mā kaścidduḥkhabhāg bhavet ||

May all be fine; May all be free from infirmities;

May all see good; May none partake suffering.

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Jai Guru Datta Digambara

Jai Sainatha Digambara

Digambar a Digambara ŚrīPāda Vallabha Digambara

