

श्री बालमुकुन्दाष्टकम्

Śrī Bālamukundāṣṭakam



Text 1

करारविन्देन पदारविन्दं
मुखारविन्दे विनिवेशयन्तम् ।
वटस्य पत्रस्य पुटे शयानं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ १ ॥

*karāravindena padāravindam
mukhāravinde viniveśayantam ।
vaṭasya patrasya puṭe śayānam
bālam mukundam manasā smarāmi ॥ 1 ॥*

The one who keeps his lotus like feet on his lotus like mouth with his lotus like hand, I think of Balamukundan who sleeps on the vata pathra leaf. (1)

Text 2

संहृत्य लोकान् वटपत्रमध्ये
शयानमाद्यन्तविहीनरूपम् ।
सर्वेश्वरं सर्वहितावतारं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ २ ॥

*samhr̥tya lokān vaṭapatramadhye
śayānamādyantavihīnarūpam ।
sarveśvaraṁ sarvahitāvatāraṁ
bālaṁ mukundaṁ manasā smarāmi ॥2॥*

The one who sleeps on the vata pathra after the dissolution of the worlds, the one whose form is without beginning or end, the one who is Lord of all, I think of Balamukundan who incarnated for the good of all. (2)

Text 3

इन्दीवरश्यामलकोमलाङ्गं
इन्द्रादिदेवार्चितपादपद्मम् ।
सन्तानकल्पद्रुममाश्रितानां
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ ३ ॥

*indīvaraśyāmalakomalāṅgaṁ
indrādidevārcitapādapadmam ।
santānakalpadrumamāśritānām
bālaṁ mukundaṁ manasā smarāmi ॥3॥*

The one who has a beautiful body that is dark like the cerulean blue lotus, the one whose lotus feet is worshipped by Indra and other devas, I think of Balamukundan who is like the kalpaka vriksha tree giving santhana-bagyam to those who bow to Him. (3)

Text 4

लम्बालकं लम्बितहारयष्टिं
शृङ्गारलीलाङ्कितदन्तपङ्क्तिम् ।
बिम्बाधरं चारुविशालनेत्रं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ ४ ॥

*lambālakam lambitahārayaṣṭim
śṛṅgāralīlāṅkitadantapaṅktim |
bimbādharam cāruviśālanetram
bālam mukundam manasā smarāmi ||4||*

The one who has locks of hair falling in front of his face, the one who wears a long hanging chain, the one whose teeth rows shine with the nectar of shringaram, the one whose lips are like the red bimba fruit (kovai), I think of Balamukundan who has long and beautiful eyes. (4)

Text 5

शिक्ये निघायाद्यपयोदधीनि
बहिर्गतायां व्रजनायिकायाम् ।
भुक्त्वा यथेष्टं कपटेन सुप्तं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ ५ ॥

*śikye nidhāyādya payodadhīni
bahirgatāyām vrajanāyikāyām |
bhuktvā yatheṣṭam kapaṭena suptam
bālam mukundam manasā smarāmi ||5||*

The time when Yashoda has gone out after keeping milk, curds in the pot, the one who sleeps falsely after eating all this, I think of this Balamukundan. (5)

Text 6

कलिन्दजान्तस्थितकालियस्य
फणाग्ररङ्गे नटनप्रियन्तम् ।
तत्पुच्छहस्तं शरदिन्दुवक्रं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥ ६ ॥

*kalindajāntasthitakāliyasya
phaṇāgraraṅge naṭanapriyantam |
tatpucchahastam śaradinduvaktram
bālam mukundam manasā smarāmi ||6||*

From the rock of Kalindhi, the one who has the desire of dancing on the hoods of the snake kaliyan, the one who has the tip of the tail of kaliyan in his hand, the one whose face is like the moon during sarathrithu (december month), I think of this Balamukundan. (6)

Text 7

उलूखले बद्धमुदारशौर्यं
उत्तुङ्गयुग्मार्जुन भङ्गलीलम् ।
उत्फुल्लपद्मायत चारुनेत्रं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥७॥

*ulūkhale baddhamudāraśauryaṃ
uttuṅgayugmārjuna bhaṅgalīlam ।
utphullapadmāyata cārunetram
bālaṃ mukundaṃ manasā smarāmi ॥7॥*

The one who is tied to a round boulder, the one who is great, the one who has the playfulness of pushing two Maruthamaram (Arjuna-Trees) to the ground, the one who has eyes like a bloomed red lotus, I think of this Balamukundan. (7)

Text 8

आलोक्य मातुर्मुखमादरेण
स्तन्यं पिबन्तं सरसीरुहाक्षम् ।
सच्चिन्मयं देवमनन्तरूपं
बालं मुकुन्दं मनसा स्मरामि ॥८॥

*ālokyā mātur mukhamādareṇa
stanyaṃ pibantaṃ sarasīruhākṣam ।
saccinmayam devamanantarūpaṃ
bālaṃ mukundaṃ manasā smarāmi ॥8॥*

The one who looks affectionately at the mother's face while sucking milk from her breasts, the one who has eyes like the red lotus, the one whose form is Truth, Intelligence and the one who has other forms and is a Lord, I think of this Balamukundan. (8)

॥ इति श्री बालमुकुन्दाष्टकम् सम्पूर्णम् ॥
॥ iti śrī bālamukundāṣṭakam sampūrṇam ॥

- thus ends the 8-verse hymn called śrī bālamukundāṣṭakam –

