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Saluatations are to that guru who showed me the abode-the one who is to be known--whose form is the entire universe and by whom all the movables (animals) and immovables are pervaded . (1)

Salutations to that guru who opened the eyes of the one blind due to the darkness (cover) of ignorance with the needle (coated) with the ointment of knowledge . (2)

Salutations to that guru, who is the Creator, Sustainer, and Destroyer and who indeed is the limitless Brahman . (3)

Salutations to that teacher who showed me the one to be known, who permeates whatever that is movable and immovable, sentient and insentient . $\left(4\right)$

Salutations to that teacher who showed me (by teaching) the pervader of all three worlds comprising the sentient and insentient . (5)

Salutations to that guru who is the sun to the lotus of Vedaanta and whose lotus feet are made radiant by the jewel of all Shrutis (Upanishhads). (The guru is established in the vision of the Shruti and is the one by whom the Shruti blossoms forth.) (6)

Salutations to that guru who is Awareness, changeless (beyond time), who is peace, beyond space, pure (free from raaga and dveshha) and who is beyond the manifest and unmanifest (Naada, Bindu, etc.) (7)

Salutations to that guru who is rooted in knowledge that is power, adorned with the garland of Truth and who is the bestower of the joy of liberation . (8)

Salutations to that guru who by bestoying the knowledge of the Self burns up the bondage created by accumulated actions of innumerable births . (9)

Salutations to that guru; the perennial flow of wisdom from the one rooted in the vision of the Shhruti dries up totally the ocean of transmigration (saMsaara) and reveals (teaches) the essence of all wealth (the fullness, freedom from want). (10)

There is nothing superior to knowledge of truth; no truth higher than the truth, and there is no purifying austerity better than the truth; salutations to that guru . (11)

Prostrations to that guru who is my Lord and who is the Lord of the Universe, my teacher who is the teacher of the Universe, who is the Self in me, and the Self in all beings . (12)

Salutations to that guru who is the beginning and the beginningless, who is the highest Deity and to whom there is none superior . (13)

Oh God of all Gods! You alone are my mother, father, kinsman, friend, the knowledge, and wealth . You are to me everything . (14)

Meaning: Courtesy of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg, PA. aarshha = the Vedas, sacred; vidyaa = knowledge, learning; guru = teacher, spiritual preceptor; kulaM = residence, an abode;

Roughly speaking, it is a place where Vedic knowledge is taught by a qualified teacher.

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