

1 yohanaḥ patraṁ

I ādito ya āsīd yasya vāg asmābhiraśrāvi yañca vayaṁ svanetrāi rdṛṣṭavanto yañca vīkṣitavantaḥ svakaraiḥ sprṣṭavantaśca taṁ jīvanavādaṁ vayaṁ jñāpayāmaḥ|

II sa jīvanasvarūpaḥ prakāśata vayañca taṁ drṣṭavantastamadhi sākṣyaṁ dadmaśca, yaśca pituḥ sannidhāvavarttatāsmākaṁ samīpe prakāśata ca tam anantajīvanasvarūpaṁ vayaṁ yuṣmān jñāpayāmaḥ|

III asmābhi ryad drṣṭaṁ śrutañca tadeva yuṣmān jñāpyate tenāsmābhiḥ sahāṁśitvaṁ yuṣmākaṁ bhaviṣyati| asmākañca sahāṁśitvaṁ pitrā tatputreṇa yīśukhrīṣṭena ca sārddhaṁ bhavati|

IV aparañca yuṣmākaṁ ānando yat sampūrṇo bhaved tadarthaṁ vayam etāni likhāmaḥ|

V vayaṁ yāṁ vārttāṁ tasmāt śrutvā yuṣmān jñāpayāmaḥ seyam| īśvaro jyotistasmin andhakārya leśo'pi nāsti|

VI vayaṁ tena sahāṁśina iti gaditvā yadyandhākāre carāmasterhi satyācāriṇo na santo 'nṛtavādino bhavāmaḥ|

VII kintu sa yathā jyotiṣi varttate tathā vayamapi yadi jyotiṣi carāmasterhi parasparaṁ sahabhāgino bhavāmastasya putrasya yīśukhrīṣṭasya rudhirañcāsmān sarvvasmāt pāpāt śuddhayati|

VIII vayam̐ niṣpāpā itī yadī vadāmastarhi svayameva svān vañcayāmaḥ satyamatañcāsmākam̐ antare na vidyate |

IX yadī svapāpāni svīkurmmahe tarhi sa viśvāsyō yāthārthikaścāsti tasmād asmākam̐ pāpāni kṣamiṣyate sarvvasmād adharmmāccāsmān̐ śuddhayiṣyati |

X vayam̐ akṛtapāpā itī yadī vadāmastarhi tam̐ anṛtavādīnam̐ kurmmastasya vākyañcāsmākam̐ antare na vidyate |

II

I he priyabālakāḥ, yuṣmābhi ryaṭ pāpaṃ na kriyeta tadarthaṃ yuṣmān̐ pratyetaṇī mayā likhyante | yadī tu kenāpi pāpaṃ kriyate tarhi pituḥ samīpe 'smākam̐ ekaḥ sahāyō 'rthato dhārm̐miko yīśuḥ khrīṣṭo vidyate |

II sa cāsmākam̐ pāpānām̐ prāyaścittam̐ kevalasmākam̐ nahi kintu likhīlasam̐sārasya pāpānām̐ prāyaścittam̐ |

III vayam̐ taṃ jānīma itī tadīyājñāpālanenāvagacchāmaḥ |

IV aham̐ taṃ jānāmīti vaditvā yastasyājñā na pālayati so 'nṛtavādī satyamatañca tasyāntare na vidyate |

V yaḥ kaścit tasya vākyaṃ pālayati tasmin̐ īśvarasya prema satyarūpeṇa sidhyati vayam̐ tasmin̐ varttāmahe tad etenāvagacchāmaḥ |

VI aham̐ tasmin̐ tiṣṭhāmīti yo gadati tasyedam̐ ucitam̐ yat khrīṣṭo yādṛg̐ ācaritavān̐ so 'pi tāḍṛg̐ ācāret |

VII he priyatamāḥ, yuṣmān̐ pratyaham̐ nūtanāmājñām̐ likhāmīti nahi kintvādīto

yuṣmābhi rlabdhām purātanāmājñāṁ likhāmi|
 ādito yuṣmābhi ryad vākyaṁ śrutam sā
 purātanājñā|

VIII punarapi yuṣmān prati nūtanājñā mayā
 likhyata etadapi tasmin yuṣmāsu ca satyaṁ,
 yato 'ndhakāro vyatyeti satyā jyotiścedānīm
 prakāśate;

IX ahaṁ jyotiṣi vartta iti gaditvā yaḥ sv-
 abhrātaraṁ dveṣṭi so 'dyāpi tamisre varttate|

X svabhrātari yaḥ prīyate sa eva jyotiṣi vart-
 tate vighnajanaṁ kimapi tasmin na vidyate|

XI kintu svabhrātaraṁ yo dveṣṭi sa timire
 varttate timire carati ca timireṇa ca tasya nayane
 'ndhīkriyete tasmāt kka yāmīti sa jñātuṁ na
 śaknoti|

XII he śīśavaḥ, yūyaṁ tasya nāmnā
 pāpakṣamām prāptavantastasmād ahaṁ
 yuṣmān prati likhāmi|

XIII he pitarāḥ, ya ādito varttamānastaṁ
 yūyaṁ jānītha tasmād yuṣmān prati likhāmi| he
 yuvānaḥ yūyaṁ pāpatmānaṁ jīvantastasmād
 yuṣmān prati likhāmi| he bālakāḥ, yūyaṁ
 pitarāṁ jānītha tasmādahaṁ yuṣmān prati likhi-
 tavān|

XIV he pitarāḥ, ādito yo varttamānastaṁ
 yūyaṁ jānītha tasmād yuṣmān prati likhitavān|
 he yuvānaḥ, yūyaṁ balavanta ādhve, īśvarasya
 vākyañca yuṣmadantare vartate pāpātmā ca
 yuṣmābhiḥ parājigye tasmād yuṣmān prati likhi-
 tavān|

XV yūyaṁ saṁsāre saṁsārasthaviṣayeṣu ca mā prīyadhvaṁ yaḥ saṁsāre prīyate tasyāntare pituḥ prema na tiṣṭhati|

XVI yataḥ saṁsāre yadyat sthitam arthataḥ śārīrikabhāvasyābhilāṣo darśanendriyasyābhilāṣo jīvanasya garvvaśca sarvvametat pitṛto na jāyate kintu saṁsāradeva|

XVII saṁsārastadiyābhilāṣaśca vyatyeti kintu ya īśvarasyeṣṭaṁ karoti so 'nantakālaṁ yāvāt tiṣṭhati|

XVIII he bālakāḥ, śeṣakālo'yaṁ, aparaṁ khriṣṭāriṇopasthāvyamiti yuṣmābhi ryathā śrutam tathā bahavaḥ khriṣṭāraya upasthitāstasmādayaṁ śeṣakālo'stīti vayaṁ jānīmaḥ|

XIX te 'smanmadhyān nirgatavantaḥ kintvasmadīyā nāsan yadyasmadiyā abhaviṣyan tarhyasmatsaṅge 'sthāsyān, kintu sarvve 'smadiyā na santyetasya prakāśa āvaśyaka āsīt|

XX yaḥ pavitrastasmād yūyaṁ abhiṣekaṁ prāptavantastena sarvvāṇi jānītha|

XXI yūyaṁ satyamataṁ na jānītha tatkāraṇād ahaṁ yuṣmān prati likhitavān tannaḥi kintu yūyaṁ tat jānītha satya-matācca kimapyanṛtavākyaṁ notpadyate tatkāraṇādeva|

XXII yīśurabhiṣiktastrātetī yo nāṅgīkaroti taṁ vinā ko 'paro 'nṛtavādī bhavet? sa eva khriṣṭāri ryaḥ pitaraṁ putraṅca nāṅgīkaroti|

XXIII yaḥ kaścit putraṃ nāṅgīkaroti
sa pitaramapi na dhārayati yaśca
putramaṅgīkaroti sa pitaramapi dhārayati|

XXIV ādito yuṣmābhi ryat śrutaṃ tad yuṣmāsu
tiṣṭhatu, āditaḥ śrutaṃ vākyam yadi yuṣmāsu
tiṣṭhati, tarhi yūyamapi putre pitari ca
sthāsyatha|

XXV sa ca pratijñayāsmabhyaṃ yat
pratijñātavān tad anantajīvanam|

XXVI ye janā yuṣmān bhrāmayanti
tānadyaham idaṃ likhitavān|

XXVII aparaṃ yūyam tasmād yam abhiṣekaṃ
prāptavantaḥ sa yuṣmāsu tiṣṭhati tataḥ ko'pi
yad yuṣmān śikṣayet tad anāvaśyakaṃ, sa
cābhiṣeko yuṣmān sarvvāṇi śikṣayati satyaśca
bhavati na cātathyaḥ, ataḥ sa yuṣmān yadvad
aśikṣayat tadvat tatra sthāsyatha|

XXVIII ataeva he priyabālakā yūyam tatra
tiṣṭhata, tathā sati sa yadā prakāśiṣyate
tadā vayam pratibhānvitā bhaviṣyāmaḥ,
tasyāgamanasamaye ca tasya sākṣānna
trapiṣyāmahe|

XXIX sa dhārmiko 'stīti yadi yūyam jānītha
tarhi yaḥ kaścīd dharmmācāraṃ karoti sa
tasmāt jāta ityapi jānīta|

III

I paśyata vayam īśvarasya santānā iti
nāmnākhyāmahe, etena pitāsmabhyaṃ kīdrk
mahāprema pradattavān, kintu saṃsāraṣṭaṃ
nājanāt tatkāraṇādasman api na jānāti|

II he priyatamaḥ, idānīm vayam īśvarasya
santānā āsmahe paścāt kiṃ bhaviṣyāmastad

adyāpyaparakāṣitaṁ kintu prakāśaṁ gate vyaṁ tasya sadṛśā bhaviṣyāmi iti jānīmaḥ, yataḥ sa yādṛśo 'sti tādṛśo 'smābhirdarśiṣyate|

III tasmin eṣā pratyāśā yasya kasyacid bhavati sa svaṁ tathā pavitraṁ karoti yathā sa pavitro 'sti|

IV yaḥ kaścit pāpam ācarati sa vyavasthālaṅghanaṁ karoti yataḥ pāpameva vyavasthālaṅghanaṁ|

V aparaṁ so 'smākaṁ pāpānyapaharttuṁ prakāśataitad yūyaṁ jānītha, pāpañca tasmin na vidyate|

VI yaḥ kaścit tasmin tiṣṭhati sa pāpācāraṁ na karoti yaḥ kaścit pāpācāraṁ karoti sa taṁ na dṛṣṭavān na vāvagatavān|

VII he priyabālakāḥ, kaścicid yuṣmākaṁ bhramaṁ na janayet, yaḥ kaścicid dharmmācāraṁ karoti sa tādṛg dhārmniko bhavati yādṛk sa dhārmniko 'sti|

VIII yaḥ pāpācāraṁ karoti sa śayatānāt jāto yataḥ śayatāna āditaḥ pāpācārī śayatānasya karmmaṇāṁ lopārthameveśvarasya putraḥ prakāśata|

IX yaḥ kaścicid īśvarāt jātaḥ sa pāpācāraṁ na karoti yatastasya vīryaṁ tasmin tiṣṭhati pāpācāraṁ karttuñca na śaknoti yataḥ sa īśvarāt jātaḥ|

X ityaneneśvarasya santānāḥ śayatānasya ca santānā vyaktā bhavanti| yaḥ kaścicid dharmmācāraṁ na karoti sa īśvarāt jāto nahi yaśca svabhrātari na prīyate so 'pīśvarāt jāto nahi|

XI yatastasya ya ādeśa ādīto yuṣmābhiḥ śrutāḥ sa eṣa eva yad asmābhiḥ parasparam prema karttavyaṃ|

XII pāpātmato jāto yaḥ kābil svabhrātaram hataṅvān tatsadṛśairasmābhi rna bhavitavyaṃ| sa kasmāt kāraṇāt taṃ hataṅvān? tasya karmmaṇi duṣṭāni tadbhrātuśca karmmaṇi dharmaṇyāsan iti kāraṇāt|

XIII he mama bhrātaraḥ, saṃsāro yadi yuṣmān dveṣṭi tarhi tad āścaryyaṃ na manyadhvaṃ|

XIV vayaṃ mṛtyum uttīryya jīvaṇaṃ prāptavantastad bhrātrṣu premakaraṇāt jānīmaḥ| bhrātari yo na prīyate sa mṛtyau tiṣṭhati|

XV yaḥ kaścit svabhrātaram dveṣṭi saṃ naraghātī kiñcānantajīvaṇaṃ naraghātinaḥ kasyāpyantare nāvatiṣṭhate tad yūyaṃ jānītha|

XVI asmākaṃ kṛte sa svaprāṇāṃstyaktavān ityanena vayaṃ premnastattvaṃ avagatāḥ, aparaṃ bhrātrṇāṃ kṛte 'smābhirapi prāṇāstyaktavyāḥ|

XVII sāmśarīkajīvikāprāpto yo janaḥ svabhrātaram dīnaṃ dṛṣṭvā tasmāt svīyadayāṃ ruṇaddhi tasyāntara īśvarasya prema kathaṃ tiṣṭhet?

XVIII he mama priyabālakāḥ, vākyena jihvayā vāsmābhiḥ prema na karttavyaṃ kintu kāryyeṇa satyatayā caiva |

XIX etena vayaṃ yat satyamatasambandhīyāstat jānīmastasya sāksāt svāntaḥkaraṇāni sāntvayitum śakṣyāmaśca|

XX yato 'smadantaḥkaraṇaṁ yadyasmān
dūṣayati tarhyasmadantaḥ karaṇād īśvaro
mahān sarvvajñaśca|

XXI he priyatamāḥ, asmadantaḥkaraṇaṁ
yadyasmān na dūṣayati tarhi vayam īśvarasya
sākṣāt pratibhānvitā bhavāmaḥ|

XXII yacca prārthayāmahe tat tasmāt
prāpnumaḥ, yato vayaṁ tasyājñāḥ
pālayāmastasya sākṣāt tuṣṭijanakam ācāraṁ
kurmmaśca|

XXIII aparaṁ tasyeyamājñā yad
vayaṁ putrasya yīśukhrīṣṭasya nāmni
viśvasimastasyājñānusāreṇa ca parasparaṁ
prema kurmmaḥ|

XXIV yaśca tasyājñāḥ pālayati sa tasmin tiṣṭhati
tasmin so'pi tiṣṭhati; sa cāsmān yam ātmānaṁ
dattavān tasmāt so 'smāsu tiṣṭhatīti jānīmaḥ|

IV

I he priyatamāḥ, yūyaṁ sarvveṣvātmasu
na viśvasita kintu te īśvarāt jātā na
vetyātmanaḥ parīkṣadhvaṁ yato bahavo
mṛṣābhaviṣyadvādino jaganmadhyam
āgatavantaḥ|

II īśvariyo ya ātmā sa yuṣmābhiranena
paricīyatām, yīśuḥ khrīṣṭo narāvatāro
bhūtvāgata etad yena kenacid ātmanā
svikriyate sa īśvariyaḥ|

III kintu yīśuḥ khrīṣṭo narāvatāro bhūtvāgata
etad yena kenacid ātmanā nāṅgikriyate sa
īśvariyo nahi kintu khrīṣṭārerātmā, tena
cāgantavyamiti yuṣmābhiḥ śrutaṁ, sa
cedānīmapi jagati varttate|

IV he bālakāḥ, yūyam īśvarāt jātāstān jī-tavantaśca yataḥ saṁsārādhiṣṭhānakāriṇo 'pi yuṣmadadhiṣṭhānakārī mahān|

V te saṁsārāt jātāstato hetoḥ saṁsārād bhāṣante saṁsāraśca teṣāṁ vākyāni gṛhlāti|

VI vayam īśvarāt jātāḥ, īśvaram yo jānāti so'smadvākyāni gṛhlāti yaśceśvarāt jāto nahi so'smadvākyāni na gṛhlāti; anena vayaṁ satyātmānaṁ bhrāmakātmānañca paricinumaḥ|

VII he priyatamāḥ, vayaṁ parasparaṁ prema karavāma, yataḥ prema īśvarāt jāyate, aparaṁ yaḥ kaścit prema karoti sa īśvarāt jāta īśvaram veti ca|

VIII yaḥ prema na karoti sa īśvaram na jānāti yata īśvaraḥ premasvarūpaḥ|

IX asmāsvīśvarasya premaitena prakāśata yat svaputrenāsmabhyaṁ jīvanadānārtham īśvaraḥ svīyam advitiyaṁ putraṁ jaganmadhyaṁ preṣitavān|

X vayaṁ yad īśvare prītavanta ityatra nahi kintu sa yadasmāsu prītavān asmatpāpānāṁ prāyaścirttārthaṁ svaputraṁ preṣitavāmścetyatra prema santiṣṭhate|

XI he priyatamāḥ, asmāsu yadīśvareṇaitādṛśāṁ prema kṛtaṁ tarhi parasparaṁ prema karttum asmākamapyucitaṁ|

XII īśvaraḥ kadāca kenāpi na dṛṣṭaḥ yadyasmābhiḥ parasparaṁ prema kriyate tarhiśvaro 'smanmadhye tiṣṭhati tasya prema cāsmāsu setsyate|

XIII asmabhyaṃ tena svakīyātmanom'śo datta ityanena vayaṃ yat tasmin tiṣṭhāmaḥ sa ca yad asmāsu tiṣṭhatīti jānīmaḥ|

XIV pitā jagatrātāraṃ putraṃ preṣitavān etad vayaṃ dr̥ṣṭvā pramāṇayāmaḥ|

XV yīsurīśvarasya putra etad yenāṅgīkriyate tasmīn īśvarastiṣṭhati sa ceśvare tiṣṭhati|

XVI asmāsvīśvarasya yat prema varttate tad vayaṃ jñātavantastasmin viśvāsītavantaśca| īśvaraḥ premasvarūpaḥ premnī yastiṣṭhati sa īśvare tiṣṭhati tasmīnśceśvarastiṣṭhati|

XVII sa yādṛśo 'sti vayamapyetasmin jagati tādṛśā bhavāma etasmād vicāradine 'smābhi ryā pratibhā labhyate sāsmatsambandhīyasya premnaḥ siddhiḥ|

XVIII premni bhīti rna varttate kintu siddham prema bhītiṃ nirākaroti yato bhītiḥ sayātanāsti bhīto mānavaḥ premni siddho na jātaḥ|

XIX asmāsu sa prathamam prītavān iti kāraṇād vayaṃ tasmīn prīyāmahe|

XX īśvare 'ham prīya ityuktvā yaḥ kaścit svabhrātaram dveṣṭi so 'nṛtavādī| sa yaṃ dr̥ṣṭavān tasmīn svabhrātari yadi na prīyate tarhi yaṃ īśvaram na dr̥ṣṭavān katham tasmīn prema kartum śaknuyāt?

XXI ata īśvare yaḥ prīyate sa svīyabhrātaryyapi prīyatām iyam ajñā tasmād asmābhi rlabdhā|

V

I yīsurabhiṣiktastrātetī yaḥ kaścid viśvāsīti sa īśvarāt jātaḥ; aparam yaḥ kaścit janayitari prīyate sa tasmāt jāte jane 'pi prīyate|

II vayam īśvarasya santāneṣu prīyāmahe tad anena jānīmo yad īśvare prīyāmahe tasyājñāḥ pālayāmaśca|

III yata īśvare yat prema tat tadīyājñāpālanenāsmābhiḥ prakāśayitavyam, tasyājñāśca kaṭhorā na bhavanti|

IV yato yaḥ kaścid īśvarāt jātaḥ sa saṁsāraṁ jayati kiñcāsmākaṁ yo viśvāsaḥ sa evāsmākaṁ saṁsārajayijayaḥ|

V yīśurīśvarasya putra iti yo viśvasiti taṁ vinā ko'paraḥ saṁsāraṁ jayati?

VI so'bhiṣiktastrātā yīśustoyarudhirābhyām āgataḥ kevalaṁ toyena nahi kintu toyarudhirābhyām, ātmā ca sākṣī bhavati yata ātmā satyatāsvarūpaḥ|

VII yato hetoḥ svarge pitā vādaḥ pavitra ātmā ca traya ime sākṣiṇaḥ santi, traya ime caiko bhavanti|

VIII tathā pṛthivyām ātmā toyam rudhirañca trīṇyetāni sākṣyam dadāti teṣāṁ trayāṇām ekatvaṁ bhavati ca|

IX mānavānām sākṣyam yadyasmābhi rgrhyate tarhīśvarasya sākṣyam tasmādapi śreṣṭhaṁ yataḥ svaputramadhīśvareṇa dattaṁ sākṣyamidaṁ|

X īśvarasya putre yo viśvāsiti sa nijāntare tat sākṣyam dhārayati; īśvare yo na viśvasiti sa tam anṛtavādinaṁ karoti yata īśvaraḥ svaputramadhi yat sākṣyam dattavān tasmin sa na viśvasiti|

XI tacca sākṣyamidaṁ yad īśvaro 'smabhyam anantajīvanam dattavān tacca jīvanam tasya putre vidyate |

XII yaḥ putram dhārayati sa jīvanam dhāriyati, īśvarasya putram yo na dhārayati sa jīvanam na dhārayati |

XIII īśvaraputrasya nāmni yuṣmān pratyetāni mayā likhitāni tasyābhiprāyo 'yaṁ yad yūyam anantajīvanaprāptā iti jānīyāta tasyeśvaraputrasya nāmni viśvaseta ca |

XIV tasyāntike 'smākaṁ yā pratibhā bhavati tasyāḥ kāraṇamidaṁ yad vyaṁ yadi tasyābhimataṁ kimapi taṁ yācāmahe tarhi so 'smākaṁ vākyaṁ śṛṇoti |

XV sa cāsmākaṁ yat kiñcana yācanaṁ śṛṇotīti yadi jānīmastarhi tasmād yācitā varā asmābhiḥ prāpyante tadapi jānīmaḥ |

XVI kaścīd yadi svabhrātaram amṛtyujanakaṁ pāpaṁ kurvantam paśyati tarhi sa prārthanāṁ karotu teneśvarastasmāi jīvanam dāsyati, arthato mṛtyujanakaṁ pāpaṁ yena nākāritasmāi | kintu mṛtyujanakam ekaṁ pāpam āste tadadhi tena prārthanā kriyatāmityahaṁ na vadāmi |

XVII sarvva evādharmmaḥ pāpaṁ kintu sarv-vapāmpa mṛtyujanakaṁ nahī |

XVIII ya īśvarāt jātaḥ sa pāpācāram na karoti kintviśvarāt jāto janaḥ svaṁ rakṣati tasmāt sa pāpātmā taṁ na spṛśatīti vyaṁ jānīmaḥ |

XIX vyaṁ īśvarāt jātaḥ kintu kṛtsnaḥ saṁsāraḥ pāpātmano vaśam gato 'stīti jānīmaḥ |

XX aparam īśvarasya putra āgatavān
vayañca yayā tasya satyamayasya jñānam
prāpnuyāmastādṛśīm dhiyam asmabhyaṃ dat-
tavān iti jānīmastasmin satyamaye 'rthatastasya
putre yīśukhrīṣṭe tiṣṭhāmaśca; sa eva satyamaya
īśvaro 'nantajīvanasvarūpaścāsti|

XXI he priyabālakāḥ, yūyaṃ devamūrttibhyaḥ
svān rakṣata| āmen|

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