

1 pitarasya patraṁ

I panta-gālātiyā-kappadakiyā-āśiyā-bithuniyādeśeṣu pravāsino ye vikīrṇalokāḥ

II piturīśvarasya pūrvvanirṇayād ātmanaḥ pāvanena yīśukhrīṣṭasyājñāgrahaṇāya śoṇitaprokṣaṇāya cābhirucitāstān prati yīśukhrīṣṭasya preritaḥ pitarāḥ patraṁ likhati | yuṣmān prati bāhulyena śāntiranugrahaśca bhūyāstām|

III asmākaṁ prabho ryīśukhrīṣṭasya tāta īśvaro dhanyaḥ, yataḥ sa svakīyabahukr̥pāto mṛtagaṇamadhyād yīśukhrīṣṭasyotthānena jīvanapratyāśārtham arthato

IV 'kṣayanīṣkalaṅkāmlānasampattiprāptyartham asmān puna rjanayāmāsa| sā sampattiḥ svarge 'smākaṁ kṛte sañcitā tiṣṭhati,

V yūyañceśvarasya śaktitaḥ śeṣakāle prakāśyaparitrāṇārtham viśvāsena rakṣyadhve|

VI tasmād yūyaṁ yadyapyānandena praphullā bhavatha tathāpi sāmprataṁ prayojanahetoḥ kiyatkālaparyyantaṁ nānāvidhaparīkṣābhiḥ klīsyadhve|

VII yato vahninā yasya parīkṣā bhavati tasmāt naśvarasuvanṇādapi bahumūyaṁ yuṣmākaṁ viśvāsarūpaṁ yat parīkṣitaṁ svarṇaṁ tena yīśukhrīṣṭasyāgamanasamaye praśaṁsāyāḥ samādarasya gauravasya ca yogyatā prāptavyā|

VIII yūyam taṁ khrīṣṭam adṛṣṭvāpi
tasmin priyadhve sāmprataṁ taṁ na
paśyanto'pi tasmin viśvasanto 'nirvvacanīyena
prabhāvayuktena cānandena praphullā
bhavatha,

IX svaviśvāsasya pariṇāmarūpam ātmanāṁ
paritrāṇaṁ labhadhve ca |

X yuṣṁāsu yo 'nugraho varttate
tadviṣaye ya īsvariāvākyaṁ kathitavantaste
bhaviṣyadvādinastasya paritrāṇasyānveṣaṇam
anusandhānaṁca kṛtavantaḥ |

XI viśeṣatasteṣāmantarvvāsī yaḥ
khrīṣṭasyātmā khrīṣṭe varttiṣyamānāni
duḥkhāni tadanugāmiprabhāvaṁca pūrvvaṁ
prākāśayat tena kaḥ kīdrśo vā samayo
niradiśyataitasyānusandhānaṁ kṛtavantaḥ |

XII tatastai viṣayaiste yanna svān kintvasmān
upakurvantyetaḥ teṣāṁ nikaṭe prākāśyata |
yāmśca tān viṣayān divyadūtā apyavanataśīraso
nirīkṣitum abhilaṣanti te viṣayāḥ sāmprataṁ
svargāt preṣitasya pavitrasyātmanaḥ sahāyyād
yuṣmatsamīpe susānvādapracārayitṛbhiḥ
prākāśyanta |

XIII ataeva yūyam manaḥkaṭibandhanam
kṛtvā prabuddhāḥ santo yīśukhrīṣṭasya
prākāśasamāye yuṣṁāsu vart-
tiṣyamānasyānugrahasya sampūrṇāṁ
pratyāśāṁ kuruta |

XIV aparaṁ pūrvvīyājñānatāvasthāyāḥ kut-
sitābhilāṣaṇāṁ योग्याम ācāraṁ na kurvvanto
yuṣmadāhvānakārī yathā pavitro 'sti

XV yūyamapyājñāgrāhisantānā iva sarvvas-
min ācāre tādrk pavitrā bhavata |

XVI yato likhitam āste, yūyaṁ pavitrāstiṣṭhata
yasmādahaṁ pavitraḥ|

XVII aparāñca yo vināpakṣapātam
ekaikamānuṣasya karmmānusārād vicāraṁ
karoti sa yadi yuṣmābhistāta ākhyāyate
tarhi svapravāsasya kālo yuṣmābhi rbhītyā
yāpyatām|

XVIII yūyaṁ nirarthakāt paitṛkācārāt
kṣayaṇīyai rūpyasuvarṇādibhi rmuktiṁ na
prāpyā

XIX niṣkalaṅkanirmmalameṣaśāvakasyeva
khrīṣṭasya bahumūlyena rudhireṇa muktiṁ
prāptavanta iti jānītha|

XX sa jagato bhittimūlasthāpanāt pūrvvaṁ
niyuktaḥ kintu caramadīneṣu yuṣmadarthaṁ
prakāśito 'bhavat|

XXI yatastenaiva mṛtagaṇāt tasyotthāpayitari
tasmai gauravadātari ceśvare viśvasitha tasmād
īśvare yuṣmākaṁ viśvāsaḥ pratyāśā cāste|

XXII yūyam ātmanā satyamata-
syājñāgrahaṇadvārā niṣkapaṭāya
bhrātṛpreme pāvitamanaso bhūtvā
nirmmalāntaḥkaraṇaiḥ parasparaṁ gādhaṁ
prema kuruta|

XXIII yasmād yūyaṁ kṣayaṇīyavīryyāt
nahi kintvakṣayaṇīyavīryyād īśvarasya
jīvanadāyakena nītyasthāyinā vākyena
punarjanma grhītavantaḥ|

XXIV sarvvaprāṇī tṛṇaistulyastattejastṛṇapuṣpavat|
tṛṇāni pariśuṣyati puṣpāni nipatanti ca|

XXV kintu vākyam pareśasyānantakālaṁ
vitiṣṭhate| tadeva ca vākyam susaṁvādena
yuṣmākaṁ antike prakāśitaṁ|

II

I sarvvān dveṣān sarvvāmśca chalān
kāpaṭyānīrṣyāḥ samastaglānikathāśca
dūrīkr̥tya

II yuṣmābhiḥ paritrāṇāya vṛddhiprāptyartham
navajātaśīsubhīriva prakṛtam vāgdugdham
pipāsyatām|

III yataḥ prabhu rmadhura etasyāsvādam
yūyam prāptavantah|

IV aparam mānuṣairavajñātasya
kintvīsvareṇābhirucitasya bahumūlyasya
jīvatprastarasyeva tasya prabhoḥ sannidhim
āgatā

V yūyamapi jīvatprastarā iva nicīyamānā
ātmikamandiram khrīṣṭena yīsunā
ceśvaratoṣakāṇām ātmikabalīnām dānārtham
pavitro yājakavargo bhavatha|

VI yataḥ śāstre likhitamāste, yathā, paśya
pāṣāṇa eko 'sti sīyoni sthāpito mayā|
mukhyakoṇasya yogyaḥ sa vṛtaścātīva
mūlyavān| yo jano viśvaset tasmin sa lajjām
na gamiṣyati|

VII viśvāsinām yuṣmākameva samīpe sa
mūlyavān bhavati kintvaviśvāsinām kṛte
nicetr̥bhiravajñātaḥ sa pāṣāṇaḥ koṇasya
bhittimūlam bhūtvā bādḥājanakaḥ pāṣāṇaḥ
skhalanakārakaśca śailo jātaḥ|

VIII te cāviśvāsād vākyena skhalanti skhalane
ca niyuktāḥ santi|

IX kintu yūyam yenāndhakāramadhyāt
svakīyāścaryadīptimadhyam āhūtāstasya
guṇān prakāśayitum abhirucito vaṁśo rājakīyo

yājakavargaḥ pavitrā jātiradhikarttavyaḥ
prajāśca jātāḥ|

X pūrvvaṁ yūyaṁ tasya prajā nābhavata
kintvidānīm īśvarasya prajā ādhve| pūrvvam
ananukampitā abhavata kintvidānīm
anukampitā ādhve|

XI he priyatamaḥ, yūyaṁ pravāsino
videśinaśca lokā iva manasaḥ prātikūlyena
yodhibhyaḥ śārīrikasukhābhilāṣebhyo
nivarttadhvam ityahaṁ vinaye|

XII devapūjakānām madhye yuṣmākam
ācāra evaṁ uttamo bhavatu yathā te yuṣmān
duṣkarmmakārilokāniva puna rna nindantaḥ
kṛpādrṣṭidīne svacaḥsurgocarīyasatkriyābhya
īśvarasya praśaṁsām kuryyuh|

XIII tato heto ryūyaṁ prabhoranurodhāt
mānavasṛṣṭānām kartṛtvapadānām
vaśībhavata viśeṣato bhūpālasya yataḥ sa
śreṣṭhaḥ,

XIV deśādhyakṣāṇāñca yataste
duṣkarmmakāriṇām daṇḍadānārthaṁ
satkarmmakāriṇām praśaṁsārthañca tena
preritāḥ|

XV itthaṁ nirbbodhamānuṣāṇām ajñānatvaṁ
yat sadācāribhi ryaṣmābhi nruttarikriyate tad
īśvarasyābhimataṁ|

XVI yūyaṁ svādhīnā ivācarata tathāpi
duṣṭatāyā veśasvarūpām svādhīnatām
dhārayanta iva nahi kintvīśvarasya dāsā iva|

XVII sarvvān samādriyadhvaṁ bhrātṛvarge
prīyadhvam īśvarād bibhīta bhūpālaṁ sam-
manyadhvaṁ|

XVIII he dāsāḥ yūyaṁ sampūrṇādareṇa
prabhūnām vaśyā bhavata kevalaṁ bhadrāṇām
dayālūnāṅca nahi kintvanṛjūnāmapi|

XIX yato 'nyāyena duḥkhabhogakāla
īśvaracintayā yat kleśasahaṇaṁ tadeva priyaṁ|

XX pāpaṁ kṛtvā yuṣmākaṁ
capeṭāghātasahaṇena kā praśaṁsā?
kintu sadācāraṁ kṛtvā yuṣmākaṁ yad
duḥkhasahaṇaṁ tadeveśvarasya priyaṁ|

XXI tadarthameva yūyam āhūtā yataḥ
khrīṣṭo'pi yuṣmannimittaṁ duḥkhaṁ bhuktvā
yūyaṁ yat tasya padacihnai rvrajeta tadarthaṁ
dṛṣṭāntamekaṁ darśitavān|

XXII sa kimapi pāpaṁ na kṛtavān tasya vadane
kāpi chalasya kathā nāsīt|

XXIII nindito 'pi san sa pratinindām na kṛtavān
duḥkhaṁ sahaṁāno 'pi na bhartsitavān kintu
yathārthavicārayituḥ samīpe svaṁ samarpi-
tavān|

XXIV vayaṁ yat pāpebhyo nivṛtya
dharmmārthaṁ jīvāmastadarthaṁ sa
svaśarīreṇāsmākaṁ pāpāni kruśa ūdhavān
tasya prahārai ryūyaṁ svasthā abhavata|

XXV yataḥ pūrvvaṁ yūyaṁ bhra-
maṇakārimeṣā ivādhvaṁ kintvadhunā
yuṣmākaṁ ātmanāṁ pālakasyādhyakṣasya
ca samīpaṁ pratyāvarttitāḥ|

III

I he yoṣitaḥ, yūyamapi nijasvāminām vaśyā
bhavata tathā sati yadi kecid vākye viśvāsino na
santi tarhi

II te vināvākyaṃ yoṣitām
 ācāreṅārthatasteṣāṃ pratyakṣeṇa yuṣmākaṃ
 sabhayasatītvācāreṅākraṣṭuṃ śakṣyante|

III aparaṃ keśaracanayā svarṇālaṅkāradhāraṇona
 paricchadaparidhānena vā yuṣmākaṃ
 vāhyabhūṣā na bhavatu,

IV kintviśvarasya sākṣād bahumūlyakṣamāsāntibhāvākṣaya
 yukto gupta āntarikamānava eva |

V yataḥ pūrvvakāle yāḥ pavitrastriya īsvare
 pratyāsāmakurvvan tā api tādrśīmeva bhūṣāṃ
 dhārayantyo nijasvāmināṃ vaśyā abhavan |

VI tathaiva sārā ibrahīmo vaśyā satī taṃ pa-
 timākhyātavatī yūyañca yadi sadācāriṇyo bha-
 vatha vyākulatayā ca bhītā na bhavatha tarhi
 tasyāḥ kanyā ādhve|

VII he puruṣāḥ, yūyaṃ jñānato durbbal-
 atarabhājanairiva yoṣidbhiḥ sahavāsaṃ kuruta,
 ekasya jīvanavarasya sahabhāginibhyatābhyāḥ
 samādaraṃ vitarata ca na ced yuṣmākaṃ
 prārthanānāṃ bādḥa janiṣyate|

VIII viśeṣato yūyaṃ sarvva ekamanasaḥ
 paraduḥkhai rduḥkhitā bhrātrpramiṇaḥ
 kṛpāvantaḥ prītibhāvāśca bhavata |

IX aniṣṭasya pariśodhenāniṣṭaṃ nindāyā vā
 pariśodhena nindāṃ na kurvvanta āśiṣāṃ datta
 yato yūyam āśiradhikāriṇo bhavitumāhūtā iti
 jānītha|

X aparañca, jīvane prīyamāṇo yaḥ sudināni
 didṛkṣate| pāpāt jihvāṃ mṛṣāvākyāt svādharau
 sa nivarttayet|

XI sa tyajed duṣṭatāmārgaṃ satkriyāñca samācaret| mṛgayāṇaśca śāntiṃ sa nityamevānudhāvatu|

XII locane parameśasyonmīlite dhārmikān prati| prārthanāyāḥ kṛte teṣāḥ tacchrotre sugame sadā| krodhāśyañca pareśasya kadācāriṣu varttate|

XIII aparaṃ yadi yūyam uttamasyānugāmino bhavatha tarhi ko yuṣmān hiṃsiṣyate?

XIV yadi ca dharmmārthaṃ kliśyadhvaṃ tarhi dhanyā bhaviṣyatha| teṣāṃ āśaṅkayā yūyaṃ na bibhīta na viṅkta vā|

XV manobhiḥ kintu manyadhvaṃ pavitraṃ prabhumiśvaraṃ| aparañca yuṣmākam āntarikapratyāśāyāstattvaṃ yaḥ kaścit pṛcchati tasmai śāntibhītibhyām uttaraṃ dātuṃ sadā susajjā bhavata|

XVI ye ca khriṣṭadharmme yuṣmākam sadācāraṃ dūṣayanti te duṣkarmmakāriṇāmiva yuṣmākam apavādena yat lajjitā bhaveyus-tadarthaṃ yuṣmākam uttamaḥ saṃvedo bhavatu|

XVII īśvarasyābhimatād yadi yuṣmābhiḥ kleśaḥ soḍhavyastarhi sadācāribhiḥ kleśasahanam varam na ca kadācāribhiḥ|

XVIII yasmād īśvarasya sannidhim asmān ānetum adhārmikāṇāṃ vinimayena dhārmikaḥ khriṣṭo 'pyekakṛtvaḥ pāpānāṃ daṇḍam bhuktavān, sa ca śarīrasambandhe mārītaḥ kintvātmanaḥ sambandhe puna rjivito 'bhavat|

XXIX tatsambandhe ca sa yātrām vidhāya
kārābaddhānām ātmanām samīpe vākyam
ghoṣitavān|

XX purā nohasya samaye yāvat pota
niramīyata tāvad īśvarasya dīrghasahiṣṇutā
yadā vyalambata tadā te'nājñāgrāhiṇo'bhavan|
tena potonālpe'rthād aṣṭāveva prāṇinastoyam
uttīrṇāḥ|

XXI tannidarśanañcāvagāhanam (arthataḥ
śārīrikamalinatāyā yastyāgaḥ sa nahi
kintvīśvarāyottamasamvedasya yā pratajñā
saiva) yīśukhrīṣṭasya punarutthānenedānīm
asmān uttārayati,

XXII yataḥ sa svargaṁ gatveśvarasya dakṣiṇe
vidyate svargīyadūtāḥ śāsakā balāni ca tasya
vaśībhūtā abhavan|

IV

I asmākaṁ vinimayena khriṣṭaḥ
śārīrasambandhe daṇḍam bhuktavān ato hetoḥ
śārīrasambandhe yo daṇḍam bhuktavān sa
pāpāt mukta

II itibhāvena yūyamapi susajjibhūya
dehavāsasyāvaśiṣṭam samayaṁ pun-
armānavānām icchāsādhanārtham nahi
kintvīśvarasyecchāsādhanārtham yāpayata|

III āyuso yaḥ samayo vyatītasmin
yuṣmābhi ryad devapūjakānām icchāsādhanam
kāmakutsitābhilāṣamadyapānaraṅgarasamattatāghṛṇārha
tena bāhulyam|

IV yūyam taiḥ saha tasmin sarvvanāśapaṅke
majjituṁ na dhāvatha, ityanenāścaryyam
vijñāya te yuṣmān nindanti|

V kintu yo jīvatām mṛtānāñca vicāraṁ kartum udyato'sti tasmai tairuttaraṁ dāyiṣyate|

VI yato heto rye mṛtāsteṣāṁ yat mānavoddeśyaḥ śārīrikavicāraḥ kintvīśvaroddeśyam ātmikajīvanam bhavat tadarthaṁ teṣāmapī sannidhau susamācāraḥ prakāśito'bhavat|

VII sarvveṣāṁ antimakāla upasthitastasmād yūyaṁ subuddhayaḥ prārthanārthaṁ jāgrataśca bhavata |

VIII viśeṣataḥ parasparaṁ gādham prema kuruta, yataḥ, pāpānāmapī bāhulyaṁ premanaiścchādayiṣyate|

IX kātaroktiṁ vinā parasparam ātithyaṁ kṛruta|

X yena yo varo labdhastenaiva sa param upakarotṛ, itthaṁ yūyam īśvarasya bahuvidhaprasādasyottamā bhāṇḍāgārādhipā bhavata |

XI yo vākyaṁ kathayati sa īśvarasya vākyaṁiva kathayatu yaśca param upakaroti sa īśvaradattasāmarthyādivopakarotu| sarvvaviṣaye yīśukhrīṣṭeneśvarasya gauravaṁ prakāśyatām tasyaiva gauravaṁ parākramaśca sarvvadā bhūyāt| āmena|

XII he priyatamāḥ, yuṣmākaṁ parīkṣārthaṁ yastāpo yuṣmāsu varṭtate tam asambhavaḥghaṭitaṁ matvā nāścaryyaṁ jānīta,

XIII kintu khrīṣṭena kleśānām sahabhāgitvād ānandata tena tasya pratāpaprakāśe'pyānanandena praphullā bhaviṣyatha|

XIV yadi khrīṣṭasya nāmahetunā
 yuṣmākaṁ nindā bhavati tarhi yūyaṁ
 dhanyā yato gauravadāyaka īśvarasyātmā
 yuṣmāsvadhitiṣṭhati teṣāṁ madhye sa nindyate
 kintu yuṣmanmadhye praśaṁsyate|

XV kintu yuṣmākaṁ ko'pi hantā vā cairo
 vā duṣkarmmakṛd vā parādhikāracarccaka iva
 daṇḍaṁ na bhuñktāṁ|

XVI yadi ca khrīṣṭīyāna iva daṇḍaṁ bhuñkte
 tarhi sa na lajjamānastatkāraṇād īśvaraṁ
 praśaṁsatu|

XVII yato vicārasyārambhasamaye īśvarasya
 mandire yujyate yadi cāsmatsvārabhate
 tarhīśvariyaśusaṁvādāgrāhiṇāṁ śeṣadaśā kā
 bhaviṣyati?

XVIII dhārmmikenāpi cet trāṇam atikṛcchreṇa
 gamyate| tarhyadhārmmikapāpibhyāṁ
 āśrayaḥ kutra lapsyate|

XIX ata īsvarecchāto ye duḥkhaṁ bhuñjate
 te sadācāreṇa svātmāno viśvāsyasraṣṭurīśvasya
 karābhyāṁ nidadhatāṁ|

V

I khrīṣṭasya kleśānāṁ sākṣī
 prakāśīyamāṇasya pratāpasyāṁśī
 prācīnaścāhaṁ yuṣmākaṁ prācīnān vinīyedaṁ
 vadāmi|

II yuṣmākaṁ madhyavartti ya īśvarasya
 meṣavṛndo yūyaṁ taṁ pālayata tasya vikṣaṇaṁ
 kuruta ca, āvaśyakatvena nahi kintu svecchāto
 na va kulobhena kintvicchukamanasā|

III aparam aṁśānāṁ adhikāriṇa iva na prabha-
 vata kintu vṛndasya dṛṣṭāntasvarūpā bhavata|

IV tena pradhānapālaka upasthite yūyam
amlānaṃ gauravakirīṭaṃ lapsyadhve |

V he yuvānaḥ, yūyamapi prācīnalokānāṃ
vaśyā bhavata sarvve ca sarvveṣāṃ
vaśībhūya namratābharaṇena bhūṣitā
bhavata, yataḥ, ātmābhīmānilokānāṃ vipakṣo
bhavatiśvaraḥ | kintu tenaiva namrebhyaḥ
prasādād diyate varaḥ |

VI ato yūyam īśvarasya balavatkarasyādho
namrībhūya tiṣṭhata tena sa ucitasamaye
yuṣmān uccīkariṣyati |

VII yūyaṃ sarvvacintāṃ tasmin nikṣipata yataḥ
sa yuṣmān prati cintayati |

VIII yūyaṃ prabuddhā jāgrataśca tiṣṭhata yato
yuṣmākaṃ prativādī yaḥ śayatānaḥ sa garj-
janakārī simha iva paryyaṭan kaṃ grasiṣyāmīti
mṛgayate,

IX ato viśvāse susthirāstiṣṭhantastena
sārdham yudhyata, yuṣmākaṃ jagan-
nivāsibhrātrṣvapi tādrśāḥ kleśā varttanta iti
jānīta |

X kṣaṇikaduḥkhabhogāt param
asmabhyaṃ khrīṣṭena yīśunā
svakīyānantagauravadānārthaṃ yo'smān
āhūtavān sa sarvvānugrāhīśvaraḥ svayaṃ
yuṣmān siddhān sthirān sabalān niścalāmśca
karotu |

XI tasya gauravaṃ parākramaścānantakālaṃ
yāvad bhūyāt | āmen |

XII yaḥ silvāno (manye) yuṣmākaṃ viśvāsyo
bhrātā bhavati tadvārāhaṃ saṃkṣepeṇa
likhitvā yuṣmān vinītavān yūyañca yasmin

adhitiṣṭhatha sa eveśvarasya satyo 'nugraha iti
pramāṇam dattavān|

XIII yuṣmābhiḥ sahābhirucitā yā samiti rbābili
vidyate sā mama putro mārkaśca yuṣmān na-
maskāraṁ vedayati|

XIV yūyam premacumbanena parasparam
namaskuruta| yīsukhrīṣṭāśritānām yuṣmākam
sarvveṣām śānti rbhūyāt| āmen|

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