

3 yohanaḥ patraṁ

I prācīno 'haṁ satyamātād yasmin prīye taṁ priyatamaṁ gāyaṁ prati patraṁ likhāmi|

II he priya, tavātmā yādṛk śubhānvitastādṛk sarvvaviṣaye tava śubhaṁ svāsthyañca bhūyāt|

III bhrātr̥bhirāgatya tava satya-
matasyārthatastvaṁ kīdṛk satya-
matamācarasyetasya sākṣye datte mama
mahānando jātaḥ|

IV mama santānāḥ satya-
matamācarantītivārttāto mama ya ānando
jāyate tato mahattaro nāsti|

V he priya, bhrātr̥n prati viśeṣatastān videśino
bhr̥t̥r̥n prati tvayā yadyat kṛtaṁ tat sarvvaṁ
viśvāsino yogyaṁ|

VI te ca samiteḥ sākṣāt tava pram-
naḥ pramāṇaṁ dattavantaḥ, aparaṁ
īśvarayogyarūpeṇa tān prasthāpayatā tvayā
satkarma kāriṣyate|

VII yataste tasya nāmnā yātrāṁ vidhāya bhin-
najātīyebhyaḥ kimapi na gṛhītavantaḥ|

VIII tasmād vayaṁ yat satyamatasya
sahāyā bhavema tadarthametādṛśā lokā
asmābhiranugrahītavyāḥ|

IX samitiṁ pratyahaṁ patraṁ likhitavān kintu
teṣāṁ madhye yo diyatriphiḥ pradhānāyate so
'smān na gṛhlāti|

X ato 'haṁ yadopasthāsyāmi tadā tena yadyat
kriyate tat sarvvaṁ taṁ smārayiṣyāmi, yataḥ sa

durvvākyairasmān apavadati, tenāpi tṛptim
na gatvā svayamapi bhrātr̥n nānugṛhlāti
ye cānugrahītumicchanti tān samitito 'pi
bahiṣkaroti|

^{XI} he priya, tvayā duṣkarma nānukriyatām
kintu satkarmaiva| yaḥ satkarmmacārī sa
īśvarāt jātaḥ, yo duṣkarmmacārī sa īśvaram na
dṛṣṭavān|

^{XII} dīmītriyasya pakṣe sarvvaiḥ sākṣyam
adāyi viśeṣataḥ satyamatenāpi, vayamapi
tatpakṣe sākṣyaṁ dadmaḥ, asmākañca sākṣyaṁ
satyameveti yūyaṁ jānītha|

^{XIII} tvām prati mayā bahūni lekhitavyāni kintu
masilekhanībhyām lekhituṁ necchāmi|

^{XIV} acireṇa tvām drakṣyāmīti mama
pratyāśāste tadāvām sammukhībhūya
parasparam sambhāṣiṣyāvahe|

^{XV} tava śānti rbhūyāt| asmākaṁ mitrāṇi tvām
namaskāraṁ jñāpayanti tvamapyekaikasya
nāma procya mitrebhyo namaskuru| iti|

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