

### 3 yōhanaḥ patraṁ

<sup>I</sup> prācīnō 'ham satyamatād yasmin priyē taṁ priyatamaṁ gāyaṁ prati patraṁ likhāmi|

<sup>II</sup> hē priya, tavātmā yādṛk śubhānvitastādṛk sarvvaviṣayē tava śubhaṁ svāsthyañca bhūyāt|

<sup>III</sup> bhrātṛbhirāgatya tava satya-  
matasyārthatastvaṁ kīdṛk satya-  
matamācarasyētasya sākṣyē dattē mama  
mahānandō jātaḥ|

<sup>IV</sup> mama santānaḥ satya-  
matamācarantītivārttātō mama ya ānandō  
jāyatē tatō mahattarō nāsti|

<sup>V</sup> hē priya, bhrātṛn prati viśēṣatastān vidēśinō  
bhr̥ṭṛn prati tvayā yadyat kṛtaṁ tat sarvvaṁ  
viśvāsinō yōgyaṁ|

<sup>VI</sup> tē ca samitēḥ sākṣāt tava pram-  
naḥ pramāṇaṁ dattavantaḥ, aparaṁ  
īśvarayōgyarūpēṇa tān prasthāpayatā tvayā  
satkarma kāriṣyatē|

<sup>VII</sup> yatastē tasya nāmnā yātrāṁ vidhāya bhin-  
najātīyēbhyaḥ kimapi na gṛhītavantaḥ|

<sup>VIII</sup> tasmād vayaṁ yat satyamatasya  
sahāyā bhavēma tadarthamētādṛśā lōkā  
asmābhiranugrahītavyāḥ|

<sup>IX</sup> samitiṁ pratyahaṁ patraṁ likhitavān kintu  
tēṣāṁ madhyē yō diyatriphiḥ pradhānāyatē sō  
'smān na gṛhlāti|

<sup>X</sup> atō 'ham yadōpasthāsyāmi tadā tēna yadyat  
kriyatē tat sarvvaṁ taṁ smārayiṣyāmi, yataḥ sa

durvvākyairasmān apavadati, tēnāpi tṛptim  
na gatvā svayamapi bhrātṛn nānugṛhlāti  
yē cānugrahītumicchanti tān samititō 'pi  
bahiṣkarōti|

<sup>XI</sup> hē priya, tvayā duṣkarmma nānukriyatām  
kintu satkarmmaiva| yaḥ satkarmmācārī sa  
īśvarāt jātaḥ, yō duṣkarmmācārī sa īśvaram na  
dṛṣṭavān|

<sup>XII</sup> dīmītriyasya pakṣē sarvvaiḥ sākṣyam  
adāyi viśēṣataḥ satyamātēnāpi, vayamapi  
tatpakṣē sākṣyam dadmaḥ, asmākañca sākṣyam  
satyamēvēti yūyam jānītha|

<sup>XIII</sup> tvām prati mayā bahūni lēkhitavyāni kintu  
masilēkhanībhyām lēkhitum nēcchāmi|

<sup>XIV</sup> acirēṇa tvām drakṣyāmīti mama  
pratyāśāstē tadāvām sammukhībhūya  
parasparam sambhāṣiṣyāvahē|

<sup>XV</sup> tava śānti rbhūyāt| asmākaṁ mitrāṇi tvām  
namaskāraṁ jñāpayanti tvamapyēkaikasya  
nāma prōcyā mitrēbhyō namaskuru| iti|

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