

# Hymn to Lord Shiva

(homage to the auspicious one, teacher and absolute)

## **Om Shivam Gurum Devam**

I bow to the Feet of the Naked Lord Shiva,  
Whose Body is Pure, Immaculate Consciousness.  
I bow to the Cosmic Power, Shiva-Shakti,  
Manifestation of the Cosmic Consciousness.  
I bow to Shankara, Lord of Mount Kailash,  
I bow to the Feet of His Consort, Uma Deee,  
I bow to the Feet of all Tantrik Gurus.

## **Om Namah Shivaya**

This is the sunset hour when the Lord Shiva,  
Mahadev, Lord of Destruction, Ghosts and Spirits,  
Riding the divine Nanda, His favorite bull,  
Goes through the World of men to observe  
And with His Three Eyes sees the souls of men.  
I worship the Lord in His form as the Shiva Lingam,  
Symbol of His creative energy and regeneration.  
There is none like Him, higher or greater  
In all the three worlds of His creation.

## **Om Namah Shivaya**

Those who wish to break the bonds of ignorance  
And seek the attainment of Atma-Jnana,  
Follow the pattern He has set for the disciples,  
Even to be naked as He, the Lord of All Souls.  
Though this fleshy and painful human body  
Is only fit to be the food of wild beasts,  
Foolish people still dress and adorn themselves  
With costly clothes, ornaments and perfumes,  
Mistaking the body for the real self or soul.  
Such as they laugh at Shiva and His saints  
Mock the Lord and His devoted followers  
Not understanding that the real purpose  
Is to teach the uselessness of the body,

That it is only like an impermanent temple  
Whereas, in reality, they are pure divine souls.  
Thus does the Lord Shiva go completely naked  
With the body smeared with sacred ashes  
Wearing matted hair and a garland of bones.  
He teaches men to lose their regard for body,  
Spurn the Quest for wealth, name and fame,  
Expect no reward for religious devotion,  
To seek only union with Shiva as Absolute.

**Om Namah Shivaya**

He, Mahadev, is the cause of the vast universe  
And Maya (Illusion) is His Eternal Slave.  
He is the Cosmic Absolute in visible form  
Whose consciousness and deeds are inscrutable.

**Om Namah Shivaya**

I bow to Shiva Vishvanath, Lord of the World,  
The Actionless Lord Beyond All Actions,  
Beyond the web of duties and obligations,  
Free and unattached like the Solar Orb,  
Dwelling in cemeteries rather than cities,  
In forest groves rather than temples  
His is the Natural World beyond all shame.

**Om Namah Shivaya**

His Thousand Names are inadequate to describe  
But when men know Him, they will have everything.

**Om Shakti Shakti Shakti**

—Shri Dadaji Mahendranath