



That Is The Hidden Essence Of All Things

Homage unto Thee, Thou Infinite One, who hast manifested Thyself into the countless names and forms that constitute Your temporary outer appearance! Thou art also the hidden, inner Divine Essence of all things; the world is pervaded by Thy Divinity. Within these innumerable names and forms that Thou hast manifested as Thy outer *darshan*, Thou abidest as the hidden, inner Reality, the one common Consciousness uniting all existence into a homogenous, inner spiritual unity.

Thy innumerable and diverse forms in which Thou hast manifested Thyself constitute Thy grandeur, Thy beauty, Thy endlessness. We pay homage and we pay worshipful adorations both to Thee as the inner Reality, the hidden inner Essence as well as to Thy manifestations. “*Namo Satvantaye Sahastra Murtye Sahastra Pada Shariro Bahve* | - We worship Thee as innumerable forms, innumerable feet, eyes, heads and hands.” We worship Thee also as “*Eko Devah Sarvabhuteshu Gudhah* | - God, who is One only, hidden in all beings.” [Sve. Up 6.11]

Grant us the supreme privilege and blessedness of recognising Thee in both Thy manifestations as well as the unmanifest essential Presence with all Thy diverse manifestations. Thus granting us this boon and blessing us, enable us to abide in Thee at all times seeing Thy inner oneness in Thy multifarious manifestations. Help us and enable us to ever abide in the consciousness and awareness of Thy Being and in the awareness of Thee being all in all, in whom we live, move and have our being. There is no greater blessedness, than this recognition, this vision, this awareness. We shall ever abide in Thee. We shall never be away from Thee at any time, at any moment.

This we ask of Thee at this moment: The living of the truth that Thou art the One as well as the many, Thou art the self-pervading, indwelling hidden Reality as well as the multifarious, infinite appearance. May we be found worthy of receiving from Thee the gift of this awareness of Thy non-dual Absolute Form as well as Thy Cosmic manifest Form! Help us to be worthy of this vision, even as Thou didst help Arjuna to be worthy of Thy vision of the Cosmic Form by granting him the boon of a divine sight.

God Bless You!

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