

Invocation to Patañjali

योगेन चित्तस्य पदेन वाचां
मलं शरीरस्य च वैद्यकेन।
योऽपाकरोत्तं प्रवरं मुनीनां
पतञ्जलिं प्राञ्जलिरानतोऽस्मि ॥

आबाहुपुरुषाकारं
शङ्खचक्रासिधारिणम्।
सहस्रशिरसं श्वेतं
प्रणमामि पतञ्जलिम् ॥

यस्त्यक्त्वा रूपमाद्यं प्रभवति जगतोऽनेकधानुग्रहाय
प्रक्षीणक्लेशराशिर्विषमविषधरोऽनेकवक्त्रः सुभोगी।
सर्वज्ञानप्रसूतिर्भुजगपरिकरः प्रीतये यस्य नित्यं
देवोऽहीशः स वोऽव्यात्सितविमलतनुर्योगदो योगयुक्तः ॥

श्रीमत्पतञ्जलिमहामुनये नमः

yogena cittasya padena vācāṃ
malaṃ śarīrasya ca vaidyakena |
yo 'pākarottam pravaram munīnām
patañjaliṃ prāñjalirānato 'smi ||

ābāhupuruṣākāraṃ
śaṅkhacakrāsīdhāriṇam |
sahasraśīrasaṃ śvetaṃ
praṇamāmi patañjalim ||

yastyaktvā rūpamādyam prabhavati jagato 'nekadhānugrahāya
prakṣīṇakleśarāśirviṣamaviṣadharo 'nekavaktraḥ subhogī |
sarvajñānaprasūtirbhujagaparikaraḥ prītaye yasya nityam
devo 'hīśaḥ sa vo 'vyātsitavimalatanuryogado yogayuktaḥ ||

śrīmatpatañjalimahāmunaye namaḥ

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With hands pressed together I am bowed to Patañjali, that Best of sages, Who removed impurity of the mind by yoga, of speech by grammar, and of the body by medical science.

I bow to Patañjali, Who has the form of a man as far as the arms, Who holds the conch shell, discus, and sword, Who is white with a thousand heads.

He, Who having abandoned His original form of a beautiful serpent with many mouths containing dangerous venom, manifested to benefit the world in many ways, Who removes a multitude of afflictions, Who produces all knowledge, Whose retinue of serpents eternally bring Him delight, may that divine Lord of serpents, the One with a pure white body, the Bestower of yoga, united in yoga, protect you all.

Salutations to the glorious, great sage Patañjali.