

Gurvashtakam

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Eight refrains on the futility of worldly attainment without the mind fixed on the Guru's lotus feet.

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Beauty, spouse, fame, and vast wealth avail nothing without the mind fixed on the Guru's feet. Outer perfection cannot substitute for the inward turn toward the teacher of the Self.

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Family, home, and kindred are born and pass away. Without devotion to the Guru's feet, even the dearest bonds cannot free one from the cycle of becoming.

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Mastery of Vedas and poetic skill is empty if the mind is not anchored at the Guru's feet. Learning that does not lead to the Self remains ornament on the surface of bondage.

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Honour abroad and righteous reputation still leave one bereft without the Guru's feet. Reputation is another form of bondage when the mind has not found its true ground.

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Kings may bow at one's feet, yet without the Guru's feet the mind remains unfulfilled. Worldly sovereignty over others means little without sovereignty over one's own mind through the Guru's grace.

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Fame, generosity, and worldly power do not secure liberation without the Guru's feet. The whole world in one's hand is still a handful of dream until the Self is known.

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Neither pleasure, yoga, horses, beloved, nor riches satisfy if the mind avoids the Guru's feet. Even spiritual practice becomes another object of attachment without devotion to the teacher of truth.

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The mind may wander forest, home, body, or duty, yet only the Guru's feet complete the path. Renunciation and engagement alike are fruitless until the mind rests where the Self is taught.