

## Meditations of Allama Prabhu

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### BHAKTA STHALA

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**Transliteration :** Bhaviya tandu bhaktana madi poorvashrayava  
Kaleda balika marali poorvavanetti nudida  
Guru-drohiya mata kelalagadu. Hesarillada  
Lingakke hesariduva Linga-drohiya mata  
kelalagadu. Poorvadalli namavillada Guru,  
hesarillada Linga, hesarillada Shishya; intee  
trividhasthalavanariyade kettaru-Guheshwara.

**Translation :** Listen not to those betrayers of Guru who  
harp on the past of a wordling even after he  
is transformed into a devotee after obliterating  
his previous state. Listen not to those  
betrayers of Linga who name the nameless  
Linga. Nameless was Guru, nameless Linga,  
nameless Shishya; lost are they not knowing  
this triad—Guheshwara.

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**Transliteration :** Bevasayava madi maneya beeyakke  
battavilladiddare a bevasayada ghora-  
vetakayya? Kraya-Vikrayava madi maneya  
sanchu nadeyadannakka a kraya-vikrayada  
ghoravetakayya? Odeyananolaisi tanuvinge

ashta bhogava padeyadiddare a olagada  
ghoravetakayya ? Bhaktanagi bhavam nasti-  
yagadiddare a upadeshava kotta Guru, Konda  
Shishya, ivaribbara maneyalli mari hogali,  
Guheshwara Lingavattale hogali !

**Translation** : If paddy is unavailable for domestic use  
even after cultivation of land, why then the  
torture of agriculture ? If home needs cannot  
be met even after buying and selling things,  
why then the trouble of trade and commerce ?  
If eight fold physical comforts do not accrue  
even after serving the overlord, why then the  
drudgery of a courtier ? If worldiness  
vanishes not even after becoming a devotee,  
the Guru that initiated and the Shishya who  
received that initiation, let monster enter  
both their abodes and at Guheshwaralinga  
yonder go !



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**Transliteration :** Meruva sarida Kage hambannavagadiddare  
a meruvindattanna hulumoradiye salade ?  
Deva, nimma poojisi dhavati gombade,  
a dhavatiyinda munnina vidhiye salade ?  
Guheshwara, nimma poojisi savade,  
niminda horagan javane salade ?

**Translation :** If the crow that alights on the Meru does  
not attain the golden colour, is not a grassy  
hill good enough rather than the Meru ?  
Lord, if affliction results from your worship,  
is not the earlier state good enough rather  
than your worship ?

Guheshwara, if death is the outcome of  
your worship, is not the God of death  
external to you good enough rather than  
your worship ?

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**Transliteration :** Enne bere batti bere : eradoo koodi  
sodarayittu ;  
Punya bere papa bere, eradoo koodi,  
odalayittu  
Migabaradu, migadirabaradu, odalichcheya  
salisade nimishavirabaradu ;  
Kayagunavalidu maya jyothi vayuva  
koodada munna,  
bhaktiya mada ballatane Deva, Guheshwara!

Oil is separate, thread is separate ;  
   if these two unite, lamp results ;  
 Virtue is separate, vice is separate ;  
   if the two mingle, body is born ;  
 Shouldn't be exceeded ; shouldn't be  
   unexceeded ;  
 Shouldn't for a moment exist without  
 satisfying the body's desire. Guheshwara,  
 he is divine who practises devotion before  
 the body dissolves and the magic lamp  
 mingles with the wind.

**Transliteration :** Honnu maye embaru, honnu mayeyalla ;  
Hennu maye embaru, hennu mayeyalla ;  
Mannu maye embaru, mannu mayevalla ;  
Manada mundana asheye maye kana,  
Guheshwara ;

They say gold is maya,  
Gold is not maya ;  
They say woman is maya,  
Woman is not maya ;  
They say earth is maya,  
Earth is not maya,  
Behold, the desire emanating from the  
mind is maya, Guheshwara.