

1 yohanaH patraM

^I Adito ya AsId yasya vAg asmAbhirazrAvi yaJca vayaM svanetraI rdRSTavanto yaJca vIkSi-tavantaH svakaraiH sprSTavantazca taM jI-
vanavAdaM vayaM jJApayAmaH |

^{II} sa jIvanasvarUpaH prakAzata vayaJca taM dRSTavantastamadhi sAkSyAM dadmazca, yazca pituH sannidhAvavarttatAsmAkaM samIpe prakAzata ca tam anantajIvanasvarUpaM vayaM yuSmAn jJApayAmaH |

^{III} asmAbhi ryad dRSTaM zrutaJca tadeva yuSmAn jJApayate tenAsmAbhiH sahAMzitvaM yuSmAkaM bhaviSyati | asmAkaJca sahAMzitvaM pitra tatputreNa yIzukhrISTena ca sArddhaM bhavati |

^{IV} aparaJca yuSmAkam Anando yat sampUrNo bhaved tadarthaM vayam etAni likhAmaH |

^V vayaM yaM vArttAM tasmAt zrutvA yuSmAn jJApayAmaH seyam | Izvaro jyotistasmin andhakArasya lezo'pi nAsti |

^{VI} vayaM tena sahAMzina iti gaditvA yadyandhAkAre carAmastarhi satyAcAriNo na santo 'nR-tavAdino bhavAmaH |

^{VII} kintu sa yathA jyotiSi varttate tathA vayamapi yadi jyotiSi carAmastarhi parasparaM sahabhAgino bhavAmastasya putrasya yIzukhrISTasya rudhiraJcAsmAn sarvvasmAt pApAt zuddhayati |

VIII vAyAM niSpApA iti yadi vadAmastarhi svayameva svAn vaJcayAmAH satyamataJcAsmAkam antare na vidyate |

IX yadi svapApAni svIkurmmahe tarhi sa vizvAsyo yAthArthikazcAsti tasmAd asmAkAM pApAni kSamiSyate sarvvasmAd adharmmAccAsmAn zuddhayiSyati |

X vAyAM akRtapApA iti yadi vadAmastarhi tam anRtavAdinaM kurmmastasya vAkyaJcAsmAkam antare na vidyate |

II

I he priyabAlakAH, yuSmAbhi ryat pApAM na kriyeta tadarthaM yuSmAn pratyetAni mayA likhyante | yadi tu kenApi pApAM kriyate tarhi pituH samIpe 'smAkAM ekaH sahAyo 'rthato dhArmmiko yIzuH khriSTo vidyate |

II sa cAsmAkAM pApAnAM prAyazcittaM kevalasmAkAM nahi kintu likhilasaMsArasya pApAnAM prAyazcittaM |

III vAyAM taM jAnIma iti tadIyAjJApAlanenAvagacchAmAH |

IV ahaM taM jAnAmIti vaditvA yastasyAjJA na pAlayati so 'nRtavAdI satyamataJca tasyAntare na vidyate |

V yaH kazcit tasya vAkyaM pAlayati tasmin Izvarasya prema satyarUpeNa sidhyati vAyAM tasmin varttAmahe tad etenAvagacchAmAH |

VI ahaM tasmin tiSThAmIti yo gadati tasyedam ucitaM yat khriSTo yAdRg AcaritavAn so 'pi tAdRg Acaret |

VII he priyatamaH, yuSmAn pratyahaM nUtanAmAjJAM likhAmIti nahi kintvAdito yuSmAbhi rlabdhAM purAtanAmAjJAM likhAmi| Adito yuSmAbhi ryad vAkyam zrutaM sa purAtanAjJA|

VIII punarapi yuSmAn prati nUtanAjJA mayA likhyata etadapi tasmin yuSmAsu ca satyAM, yato 'ndhakAro vyatyeti satyA jyotizedAnIM prakAzate;

IX ahaM jyotiSi vartta iti gaditvA yaH svabhrAtaram dveSTi so 'dyApi tamisre varttate|

X svabhrAtari yaH prIyate sa eva jyotiSi varttate vighnajanakaM kimapi tasmin na vidyate|

XI kintu svabhrAtaram yo dveSTi sa timire varttate timire carati ca timireNa ca tasya nayane 'ndhIkriyete tasmAt kka yAmIti sa jJAtuM na zaknoti|

XII he zizavaH, yUyaM tasya nAmna pApakSamAM prAptavantastasmAd ahaM yuSmAn prati likhAmi|

XIII he pitaraH, ya Adito varttamAnastaM yUyaM jAnItha tasmAd yuSmAn prati likhAmi| he yuvAnaH yUyaM pApatmAnaM jitavantastasmAd yuSmAn prati likhAmi| he balakAH, yUyaM pitaram jAnItha tasmAdahaM yuSmAn prati likhitavan|

XIV he pitaraH, Adito yo varttamAnastaM yUyaM jAnItha tasmAd yuSmAn prati likhitavan| he yuvAnaH, yUyaM balavanta Adhve, Izvarasya vAkyajca yuSmadantare varttate pApAtma ca yuSmAbhiH parAjigye tasmAd yuSmAn prati likhitavan|

XV yUyaM saMsAre saMsArasthaviSayeSu ca ma prIyadhvaM yaH saMsAre prIyate tasyAntare pituH prema na tiSThati |

XVI yataH saMsAre yadyat sthitam arthataH zArIrikabhAvasyAbhilASo darzanendriyasyAbhilASo jIvanasya garvvazca sarvvametat pitRto na jAyate kintu saMsAradeva |

XVII saMsArastadIyAbhilASazca vyatyeti kintu ya IzvarasyeSTaM karoti so 'nantakAlaM yAvat tiSThati |

XVIII he bAlakAH, zeSakAlo'yaM, aparaM khrIS-TARiNopasthAvyamiti yuSmAbhi ryathA zrutaM tathA bahavaH khrISTAraya upasthitAstasmaDayaM zeSakAlo'stIti vayaM jAnImaH |

XIX te 'smanmadhyAn nirgatavantaH kintvasmadIya nAsan yadyasmadIya abhaviSyAn tarhyasmatsaGge 'sthAsyan, kintu sarvve 'smadIya na santyetasya prakAza Avazyaka AsIt |

XX yaH pavitrastasmAd yUyam abhiSekaM prAptavantastena sarvvANi jAnItha |

XXI yUyaM satyamataM na jAnItha tatKArANAd ahaM yuSmAn prati likhitavAn tannahi kintu yUyaM tat jAnItha satyamatacca kimapyanR-tavAkyaM notpadyate tatKArANadeva |

XXII yIzurabhiSiktastrAteti yo nAGgIkaroti taM vina ko 'paro 'nRtavAdI bhavet? sa eva khrISTARi ryaH pitaraM putraJca nAGgIkaroti |

XXIII yaH kazcit putraM nAGgIkaroti sa pitaramapi na dhArayati yazca putramaG-gIkaroti sa pitaramapi dhArayati |

XXIV Adito yuSmAbhi ryat zrutaM tad yuSmAsu tiSThatu, AditaH zrutaM vAkyam yadi yuSmAsu tiSThati, tarhi yUyamapi putre pitari ca sthAsyatha |

XXV sa ca pratijJayAsmabhyaM yat pratijJAtavAn tad anantajIvanaM |

XXVI ye janA yuSmAn bhrAmayanti tAnadhya-ham idaM likhitavAn |

XXVII aparaM yUyaM tasmAd yam abhiSekaM prAptavantaH sa yuSmAsu tiSThati tataH ko'pi yad yuSmAn zikSayet tad anAvazyakaM, sa cAbhiSeko yuSmAn sarvvaNi zikSayati satyazca bhavati na cAtathyaH, ataH sa yuSmAn yadvad azikSayat tadvat tatra sthAsyatha |

XXVIII ataeva he priyabAlakA yUyaM tatra tiSThata, tathA sati sa yadA prakAziSyate tadA vayaM pratibhAnvita bhaviSyAmaH, tasyAga-manasamaye ca tasya sAkSAnna trapiSyAmahe |

XXIX sa dhArmmiko 'stIti yadi yUyaM jAnItha tarhi yaH kazcid dharmmAcAraM karoti sa tas-mAt jAta ityapi jAnIta |

III

I pazyata vayam Izvarasya santAnA iti nAm-nAkhyAmahe, etena pitAsmabhyaM kiDrk ma-hAprrema pradattavAn, kintu saMsArastaM nA-jAnAt tatKArANAdasmAn api na jAnAti |

II he priyatamaH, idAnIM vayam Izvarasya santAnA Asmahe pazcAt kiM bhaviSyAmastad adyApyaprakAzitaM kintu prakAzam gate vayaM tasya sadRzA bhaviSyAmi iti jAnImaH, yataH sa yAdRzo 'sti tAdRzo 'smAbhirdarziSyate |

III tasmin eSA pratyAzA yasya kasyacid bhavati sa svaM tathA pavitraM karoti yathA sa pavitro 'sti|

IV yaH kazcit pApam Acarati sa vyavasthAlaGghanaM karoti yataH pApameva vyavasthAlaGghanaM|

V aparaM so 'smAkaM pApAnyapaharttuM prAkAzataitad yUyaM jAnItha, pApajca tasmin na vidyate|

VI yaH kazcit tasmin tiSThati sa pApAcAraM na karoti yaH kazcit pApAcAraM karoti sa taM na dRSTavAn na vAvagatavAn|

VII he priyabAlakAH, kazcid yuSmAkaM bhramaM na janayet, yaH kazcid dharmmAcAraM karoti sa tAdRg dhArmmiko bhavati yAdRk sa dhAmmiko 'sti|

VIII yaH pApAcAraM karoti sa zayatAnAt jAto yataH zayatAna AditaH pApAcArI zayatAnasya karmmaNAM lopArthamevezvarasya putraH prAkAzata|

IX yaH kazcid IzvarAt jAtaH sa pApAcAraM na karoti yatastasya vIryyaM tasmin tiSThati pApAcAraM karttuJca na zaknoti yataH sa IzvarAt jAtaH|

X ityanenezvarasya santAnAH zayatAnasya ca santAnA vyaktA bhavanti| yaH kazcid dharmmAcAraM na karoti sa IzvarAt jAto nahi yazca svabhrAtari na prIyate so 'pIzvarAt jAto nahi|

XI yatastasya ya Adeza Adito yuSmAbhiH zru-taH sa eSa eva yad asmAbhiH parasparaM prema karttavyaM|

XII pApAtmato jAto yaH kAbil svabhrAtaram hatavAn tatsadRzairasmAbhi rna bhavitavyaM | sa kasmAt kAraNAt taM hatavAn? tasya karmANi duSTAni tadbhrAtuzca karmmANi dharmANyAsan iti kAraNAt |

XIII he mama bhrAtaraH, saMsAro yadi yuS-mAn dveSTi tarhi tad AzcaryyaM na manyadhvaM |

XIV vayaM mRtyum uttIryya jIvanaM prAptavantastad bhrAtRSu premakaraNAt jAnImaH | bhrAtari yo na priyate sa mRtyau tiSThati |

XV yaH kazcit svabhrAtaram dveSTi saM naraghAtI kiJcAnantajIvanaM naraghAtinaH kasyApyantare nAvatiSThate tad yUyaM jAnItha |

XVI asmAkaM kRte sa svaprANAMstyaktavAn ityanena vayaM premnastattvam avagataH, aparaM bhrAtRNaM kRte 'smAbhirapi prANASTyaktavyaH |

XVII sAMsArikajIvikAprApto yo janaH svabhrAtaram dInaM dRSTvA tasmAt svIyadayAM ruNaddhi tasyAntara Izvarasya prema kathaM tiSThet?

XVIII he mama priyabAlakaH, vAkyena jihvayA vAsmAbhiH prema na karttavayaM kintu kAryyeNa satyatayA caiva |

XIX etena vayaM yat satyamatasambandhiyastat jAnImastasya sAkSAT svAntaHkaraNani sAntvayituM zakSyAmazca |

XX yato 'smadantaHkaraNaM yadyasmAn dUSayati tarhyasmadantaH karaNAd Izvaro mahAn sarvvajJazca |

XXI he priyatamaH, asmadantaHkaraNaM yadyasmaN na dUSayati tarhi vayam Izvarasya sAkSAt pratibhAnvita bhavamaH |

XXII yacca prArthayamahe tat tasmAt prApnumaH, yato vayam tasyAjJAH pAlayAmastasya sAkSAt tuSTijanakam AcAraM kurmmazca |

XXIII aparaM tasyeyamAjJA yad vayam putrasya yIzukhrISTasya nAmni vizvasimastasyAjJAnusAreNa ca parasparaM prema kurmmaH |

XXIV yazca tasyAjJAH pAlayati sa tasmin tiSThati tasmin so'pi tiSThati; sa cAsmaN yam AtmAnaM dattavAn tasmAt so 'smAsu tiSThatIti jAnImaH |

IV

I he priyatamaH, yUyaM sarvveSvAtmasu na vizvasita kintu te IzvarAt jAta na vetyAtmanaH parIkSadhvaM yato bahavo mRSAbhaviSyadvAdino jaganmadhyam AgatavantaH |

II IzvarIyo ya Atma sa yuSmAbhiraNena pariciyatAM, yIzuH khrISTo narAvatAro bhUtvAgata etad yena kenacid AtmanA svIkriyate sa IzvarIyaH |

III kintu yIzuH khrISTo narAvatAro bhUtvAgata etad yena kenacid AtmanA nAGgIkriyate sa IzvarIyo nahi kintu khrISTArerAtma, tena cAgantavyamiti yuSmAbhiH zrutaM, sa cedAnImapi jagati varttate |

IV he bAlakAH, yUyam IzvarAt jAtAstAn jItavantzca yataH saMsArAdhiSThAnakAriNo 'pi yuSmadadhiSThAnakArI mahAn |

V te saMsArAt jAtAstato hetoH saMsArAd bhASante saMsArazca teSAM vAkyAni gRhIAti |

VI vayam IzvarAt jAtAH, IzvaraM yo jAnAti so'smadvAkyAni gRhIAti yazcezvarAt jAto nahi so'smadvAkyAni na gRhIAti; anena vayaM saty-AtmAnaM bhrAmakAtmAnaJca paricinumAH |

VII he priyatamAH, vayaM parasparaM prema karavAma, yataH prema IzvarAt jAYate, aparaM yaH kazcit prema karoti sa IzvarAt jAta IzvaraM veti ca |

VIII yaH prema na karoti sa IzvaraM na jAnAti yata IzvaraH premasvarUpaH |

IX asmAsvIzvarasya premaitena prAkAzata yat svaputreNAsmabhyaM jIvanadAnArtham IzvaraH svIyam advitIyaM putraM jaganmadhyaM preSitavAn |

X vayaM yad Izvare prItavanta ityatra nahi kintu sa yadasmAsu prItavAn asmatpApAnAM prAyazcirttArthaM svaputraM preSitavAMzccetyatra prema santiSThate |

XI he priyatamAH, asmAsu yadIzvare-NaitAdRzaM prema kRtaM tarhi parasparaM prema karttum asmAkamapyucitaM |

XII IzvaraH kadAca kenApi na dRSTaH yadyas-mAbhiH parasparaM prema kriyate tarhIzvaro 'smanmadhye tiSThati tasya prema cAsmAsu setsyate |

XIII asmabhyaM tena svakIyatmanoM'zo datta ityanena vayaM yat tasmin tiSThamaH sa ca yad asmAsu tiSThatIti jAnImaH |

XIV pitA jagatrAtAraM putraM preSitavAn etad vayaM dRSTvA pramaNayamaH |

XV yIzurIzvarasya putra etad yenAGgIkriyate tasmin IzvarastiSThati sa cezvare tiSThati |

XVI asmAsvIzvarasya yat prema varttate tad vayaM jJAtavantastasmin vizvAsitavantazca | IzvaraH premasvarUpaH premnI yastiSThati sa Izvare tiSThati tasmIMzcezvarastiSThati |

XVII sa yAdRzo 'sti vayamapyetasmin jagati tAdRzA bhavAma etasmAd vicAradine 'smAbhi ryA pratibhA labhyate sAsmatsambandhIyasya premnaH siddhiH |

XVIII premni bhIti rna varttate kintu siddhaM prema bhItiM nirAkaroti yato bhItiH sayAtanAsti bhIti mAnavaH premni siddho na jAtaH |

XIX asmAsu sa prathamam prItavAn iti kArANad vayaM tasmin prIyAmahe |

XX Izvare 'haM prIya ityuktva yaH kazcit svabhrAtaram dveSTi so 'nRtavAdi | sa yaM dRSTavAn tasmin svabhrAtari yadi na prIyate tarhi yam Izvaram na dRSTavAn katham tasmin prema karttuM zaknuyAt?

XXI ata Izvare yaH prIyate sa svIyabhrAtaryyapi prIyatAm iyam AjJA tasmAd asmAbhi rlabdhA |

V

I yIzurabhiSiktastrAteti yaH kazcid vizvAsiti sa IzvarAt jAtaH; aparam yaH kazcit janayitari prIyate sa tasmAt jAte jane 'pi prIyate |

II vayam Izvarasya santAneSu prIyAmahe tad anena jAnImo yad Izvare prIyAmahe tasyAjJAH pAlayAmazca |

III yata Izvare yat prema tat tadIyAjJApAlanenAsmAbhiH prakAzayitavyaM, tasyAjJAzca kaThorA na bhavanti |

IV yato yaH kazcid IzvarAt jAtaH sa saMsAraM jayati kiJcAsmAkaM yo vizvAsaH sa evAsmAkaM saMsArajayijayaH |

V yIzurIzvarasya putra iti yo vizvasiti taM vina ko'paraH saMsAraM jayati?

VI so'bhiSiktastrAtA yIzustoyarudhirAbhyAm AgataH kevalaM toyena nahi kintu toyarudhirAbhyAm, AtmA ca sAkSI bhavati yata AtmA satyatAsvarUpaH |

VII yato hetoH svarge pitA vAdaH pavitra AtmA ca traya ime sAkSiNaH santi, traya ime caiko bhavanti |

VIII tathA pRthivyAm AtmA toyaM rudhiraJca trINyetAni sAkSyaM dadAti teSAM trayANAm ekatvaM bhavati ca |

IX mAnavAnAM sAkSyaM yadyasmAbhi rgRhyate tarhIzvarasya sAkSyaM tasmAdapi zreSThaM yataH svaputramadhIzvoreNa dattaM sAkSyamidaM |

X Izvarasya putre yo vizvAsiti sa nijAntare tat sAkSyaM dhArayati; Izvare yo na vizvasiti sa tam anRtavAdinaM karoti yata IzvaraH svaputramadhi yat sAkSyaM dattavAn tasmin sa na vizvasiti |

XI tacca sAkSyamidaM yad Izvaro 'smabhyam anantajIvanaM dattavAn tacca jIvanaM tasya putre vidyate |

XII yaH putraM dhArayati sa jIvanaM dhAriyati, Izvarasya putraM yo na dhArayati sa jIvanaM na dhArayati |

XIII Izvaraputrasya nAmni yuSmAn pratyetAni mayA likhitAni tasyAbhiprAyo 'yaM yad yUyam

anantajIvanaprAptA iti jAnIyAta tasyezvarapu-
trasya nAmni vizvaseta ca |

^{XIV} tasyAntike 'smAkaM yA pratibhA bhavati
tasyAH kAraNamidaM yad vayaM yadi tasyAbhi-
mataM kimapi taM yAcAmahe tarhi so 'smAkaM
vAkyam zRNoti |

^{XV} sa cAsmAkaM yat kiJcana yAcanaM zRNotIti
yadi jAnImastarhi tasmAd yAcitA varA asmAb-
hiH prApyante tadapi jAnImaH |

^{XVI} kazcid yadi svabhrAtaram amRtyujanakaM
pApaM kurvvantaM pazyati tarhi sa
prArthanAM karotu tenezvarastasmai jIvanaM
dAsyati, arthato mRtyujanakaM pApaM
yena nAkAritasmai | kintu mRtyujanakam
ekaM pApam Aste tadadhi tena prArthana
kriyatAmityahaM na vadAmi |

^{XVII} sarvva evAdharmmaH pApaM kintu sarv-
vapAMpa mRtyujanakaM nahi |

^{XVIII} ya IzvarAt jAtaH sa pApAcAraM na karoti
kintvIzvarAt jAto janaH svaM rakSati tasmAt sa
pApAtmA taM na spRzatIti vayaM jAnImaH |

^{XIX} vayam IzvarAt jAtaH kintu kRtsnaH saM-
sAraH pApAtmano vazaM gato 'stIti jAnImaH |

^{XX} aparam Izvarasya putra AgatavAn vayaJca
yayA tasya satyamayasya jJAnaM prApnuyA-
mastAdRzIM dhiyam asmabhyaM dattavAn iti
jAnImastasmin satyamaye 'rthatastasya putre
yIzukhrISTe tiSThAmazca; sa eva satyamaya
Izvaro 'nantajIvanasvarUpazcAsti |

^{XXI} he priyabAlakAH, yUyaM devamUrttibhyaH
svAn rakSata | Amen |

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