

Sri:mathe: Ra:ma:nuja:ya Namaha
Sri: Ranga:rya Virachitha

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Oh people frightened by the merciless Bondage of Material Existence! Find refuge in the King of Ascetics with surrender and praises!

अनु पल्लवि:

श्री रंगेश जयाश्रयकेतुः श्रितजन संरक्षण जीवातुः ।
भवभय जलधे रेषहिसेतुः पद्मानेतुः प्रणतौहेतुः॥

Glorify such Ra:ma:nuja who has emphatically established the Supremacy of Lord of Sri:rangam, who protects and nourishes all those surrendered unto him, who is like the safe bridge in the deep ocean of ghastly bondage of material existence, and the one who gives us the knowledge of surrender unto the Lotus feet of the Consort of Sri (Sri:ma:n Na:ra:yana).

आदौ जगदाधारश्लेषस्तदनु सुमित्रानंदन वेषः।
तदुपरि धृतहल मुसलविशेष स्तदनंतरमभवद् गुरु रेषः॥

Since the beginning, He held all universes in tact as A:di Se:sha, then incarnated as the son of Sumithra called as Lakshmana, then as Balara:ma who holds the plough and a mortar, and finally incarnated as the teacher of the Universe.

भुंक्तेवैषयिकं सुखमन्यः प्रचकास्त्येवा नश्रन्नन्यः।
इति यस्तत्त्वं प्राहवदान्य स्तस्मादधिकः कोनुवदान्यः ॥

The finite being (ji:va) is enjoying pleasures and pains, and The Supreme being is shining without such attachments. Who else is more kind than this Ra:ma:nuja who thus explained the meanings of Ve:das comprehensively.

नष्टे नयने कस्यालोकः? चित्तेमत्ते कस्यविवेकः?

क्षीणे पुण्ये कस्सुरलोकः? कामेधूतेक स्तव शोकः?॥

Where is vision faculty for the one who lost eyes? Where is the opportunity of going to heaven for the one whose pious activities have been reimbursed already? Where from sorrow arises for the one who has no material desires?

निशिवनितासुख निद्रालोलः, प्रातः परदूषणपटुशीलः।

अन्तर्याति निजायुः कालः किम् जानाति नरः पशुलीलः॥

Humans, who are supposedly capable of rational thinking, are wasting their life with the pleasure of women and sleep in the night and, by abusing others during the day time. Such human animals are not grasping that their life span is diminishing every moment.

केचिल्लीला लालस गतयः केचिद्दाला लालित रतयः।

केचिद्दुलायित हतमतयः केऽपिन संत्यर्चित यतिपतयः॥

Some are engrossed in games and sports, some are immersed in the love of their children and some others are fickle minded without any sharpness in thinking. Alas! These fools are not taking the opportunity to eulogize Sri Ra:ma:nuja.

या वा नबलो जरया देहस्तावान्प्रबलो विषयेमोहः।

वचसि विरक्ति श्रुतिपरिवाहो मनसि हि तत्वपरोऽपि विवाहः॥

Until the body renders useless by virtue of age, people are not interested in topics of welfare. Even after that, they speak of dispassion in words, but firmly contemplating over marriage in mind.

कलुष निकायं ललनाकायं, पश्यन्मुह्यसि सायंसायम्।
जहि जहि हेयंतद्ववसायं भज निरपायं चरमोपायम्॥

With intentions that plunge one to depths of sins, you desire to enjoy woman's body night after night. Relinquishing such heinous thinking, perform the peerless complete surrender unto the Supreme Lord.

रात्रंदिवमपि भिक्षाचर्या, कलहायै वागच्छति भार्या।
मध्येबांधव सेवाकार्या, कथयकदा तव देवसपर्या॥

Every moment of your life is hallmarked with begging to others. Your wife approaches you for quarrel alone. You are forced to please all your relatives. After all these works, where do you find time for worshipping the Lord?

अंधं नयनम्, भूमौ शयनम्, मंदं वचनम्, मलिनं वदनम्।
तस्मिन्काले गोप्तुं सदनम् वांछसि दत्त तनूजा नयनम्॥

Even in the last moment of one's life when the vision is lost, made to lay on the floor and mouth is smelling bad with saliva, one waits for one's adopted son, so that property such as house wont be occupied by some third person. Such is the nature of binding attachments.

ताळच्छदकृत कुब्जकुटीर स्सायम् सन्ध्या कबळाहारः।
विविधपटञ्चरधारः क्रूरः सोपिविरिञ्चि समाहङ्कारः॥

Although he lived in the hut made of palm leaves, not even managing a square meal, and wearing torn clothes, he exhibits ego equivalent to that of brahma (the engineer of the entire universe, and the first manifested finite being). Such person is definitely very cruel.

मन्त्रद्रव्य विशुद्धोयागः सर्वारंभ विरागस्त्यागः।
कर्तुं शक्यो नकलौ योगः किंतु यतीश गुणामृत भोगः ॥

Even though one cannot do worshipful services to the Lord with all clean and auspicious objects, even though one cannot do activities with dispassion, it is enough for attaining welfare if one can enjoy the auspicious qualities of Lord Ra:ma:nuja.

उपरि महोपल वर्षा सारः, मर्गेकंटक कर्दमपूरः ।
कक्षेभारशिशरसि किशोरः सुखयति घोरः कस्संसारः॥

Who in the world is happy with this samsa:ra (bondage) with ice rain on the top, thorns and mud on the way, a heavy baggage on the shoulders, and a child on the head?

भजसि वृथा विषयेषु दुराशां विविध विचित्र मनोरथकोशाम्।
कियदपि लभसे नहितत्रैकम् किंतु ब्रजसि महांतं शोकम्॥

For no good reason you are optimistic about this life of bondage. You desire possessions. Are you gaining any of these anyway? Why are you so entangled to all these?

कश्चन लोके करपुट पात्रः, पातुंसुतमाश्रित मठसत्रः।
तस्मिन्वृद्धे सति सकळत्रशपतिहि "रंडासुत" इति पुत्रः।

In this world, someone is half eating and taking refuge in a choultry to protect his son. But when the son grows bigger, abuses his old father along with his wife with words as bad as 'Son of a prostitute'. Is such a son of any use to you?

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मनुजपतिं वा दिग्धिपतिं वा जलजभवं वा जगदधिकं वा।
ममताहं कृति मलिनोलोको निंदति निंदति निंदत्येव॥

Let it be a king or the ruler of a direction or let it even be Brahma himself who is the head of the universe, or Rudra who is very famous as a very powerful person, if they are caught in misconduct, the world accuses such people without any doubt.

पापहतो वा पुन्ययुतो वा, सुरनर तिर्यग्जाति गतो वा।
रामानुज पदतीर्थान्मुक्तिं विंदतिविंदति विंदत्येव॥

Even if one is enjoying punishments due to one's own sins, and even if one has taken the body of any species, one will be liberated from material bondage for sure, if one consumes the holy water that washed the lotus feet of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja.

गुणगुणिनोर्भेदः किल नित्यः चिदचिद्व्यपर भेद स्सत्यः।
तद्व्यदेहो हरिरिति तत्त्वम् पश्यविशिष्टाद्वैतं तत्त्वम्॥

Attribute and possessor of attribute are distinct eternally. The distinction between infinitely many Finite beings, Nature and the Infinite Supreme Being is real. Both the sentient finite beings and insentient nature are none but the body of the Infinite Supreme Being, Sri:ma:n Na:ra:yana, and this one organic unit is called as Brahma attributed with finite beings and nature. That is to say, both the attributes are inseparable from the Lord, hence the name Visishta Advaitam (Monism with attributes)

यतिपतिपद जलकणिकानेकः चतुरक्षर पदयुग्म विवेकः।
यस्य तु सालनगर्यवलोकस्तस्यपदेन हतो यमलोकः॥

Those who have sipped even a little of the water from the feet of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja, learnt the meanings of the four syllabled words 'Na:ra:yana' and 'Ra:ma:nuja', and worship the Paragon form 'Sa:lagra:mam' can vanquish hell with the touch of their lotus feet.

चिंतय सर्वं चिदचिद्रूपं तनुरिति तस्यहरेरनुरूपम्।
तस्मात्कस्मिन्कलयसि कोपम् पश्चाद्भुजसि दुरापम् तापम्॥

When you understand that the entire universe to have constituted with sentient and insentient beings, and it is the holy body of the Supreme Lord Sri:ma:n Na:ra:yana Himself, then where is the need for you to exercise anger on anything? And you will develop a great taste to serve it.

यश्चतुरक्षर मन्त्ररहस्यं वेद तमेव वृणीहि सदस्यम्।
तच्चरणद्वय दास्यमुपास्यं तद्विपरीतं मतमपहास्यम्॥

One who learnt the confidential cryptic meaning of the four syllabled word 'Ra:ma:nuja', has known the meanings of all secrets. Such a great person's lotus feet are worthy of being served and worshipped by all. And any religion against to this view is substance-less, ridiculous and is not worthy of any respect.

वैष्णव कुलगुण दूषण चिंतां माकुरु निजकुल शीलहन्ताम्।
यतिपतिरेवहि गुरुरेतेषा मिति जानीहि महत्त्वम् तेषाम्॥

Never dishonor a Sri: Vaishnava in the name of ethnic group, family ancestry, or qualities. Never try to curb their traditions. Know that Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja himself is direct preceptor for them. And always be mindful of their greatness.

विद्यानिपुणा वयमित्यन्ये हृद्या धनिनो वयमित्यन्ये।
सत्कुलजाता वयमित्यन्ये तेषु कलिंपरिपूर्णं अन्ये॥

Know that those who claim to be well educated, or claim to be wealthy or to have been born in high family progeny, are completely under the influence of kali purusha (the personification of evil).

यमकिंकर करशूले लोले पत दभिघात विफाले फाले।
दहति तनुं प्रतिकूले काले किम् रमयसि तत्काले बाले॥

Why do you develop love for this body childishly ignoring the fact that it is inevitable for this body to be a victim of the weapons of Yama's (demigod of death) servants at the time of death?

सुमसुकुमार सुशोभितमारं रतिसुखसारं युवति शरीरम्।
गतजीवित मति घोरविकारं दृष्ट्वा गच्छति दूरंदूरम्॥

Even those who think that woman's body is tender, bright and gives the pleasure of sex will run away from the dead body of a woman. On top of that they will even consider all the past with the lady to be a shadow.

नरवाहन गजतुरगारूढाः नारीसुतपोषण गुण गूढाः।
नानारंजक विद्या प्रौढा नागरिकाः किंयतयोमूढाः॥

Why even the educated people who enjoy various types of services such as palanquins and horse rides lose all the knowledge in attachments and are engrossed in protecting their wife and children, and behave stupidly?

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यस्य मुखे सा यतिपति सूक्तिस्तस्यकरस्था विलसति मुक्तिः।
नरके पतितं नवनवयुक्तिर्नहि रक्षति सामान्य निरुक्तिः॥

That one has liberation at hand whose mouth repeats the teachings of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja. Remaining all sciences such as grammar is futile in yielding liberation.

श्रुतिशिरसामत्यंत विदूष्यं सूत्रानभिमतमति वैदूषः।
प्रथम ममङ्गळमनृत विशेष्यं प्रलपसि किम् प्राकृत कृत भाष्यम्॥

Ma:ya:va:dam (the theory that says that the phenomenal world and multiple beings is just an illusion) is an abuse to veda:ntha, against the spirit of the cryptic formulae of Veda:ntha Su:thras, and self contradicting. Why don't you relinquish such words of pra:kruthas?

तस्करजारविदूषक धूर्तामस्करमौनि दिगंबर वृत्ताः।
गुप्त सतीसुत धनमदमत्ताः गुरवः किम् परवञ्चक चित्ताः॥

What purpose do you achieve by associating with the so called preceptors with traditions of stealing other's property, desiring women illicitly, stay naked with a staff in the hand and maintain wife and children secretly? Why don't you resort to praising Lord Ra:ma:nuja?

कांतिमती सुकुमार कुमारं, केशवसिंह किशोरमुदारम्।
रामानुज महिराडवतारं मूकांधानपि मोक्षयितारम्॥

Worship Ra:ma:nuja who is the tender son of Sri:mathi Ka:nthimathi and the lion cub of Sri:ma:n Ke:sava:cha:rya, who is the benevolent , being the very

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incarnation, the very incarnation of A:di Se:sha and one who has given liberation to even dumb and blind.

कषायांबर कवचितगात्रं कलितकमंडलु दंडपवित्रम्।
विधृत शिखाहरिणाजिन सूत्रं व्याख्यात द्वैपायन सूत्रम्॥

Worship that Sri: Bhashyaka:ra (The supreme Interpreter, Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja) whose body is covered with saffron clothing, whose hands carry kamandalam(water carrying pot) and tridandam with a cloth at the top (danda pavithram), adorned with yagnopaveetham, and one who has graced commentaries to Sri: Ve:da Vya:sa's Bramha Su:thrams.

यामून पूर्णकृपोज्ज्वलगात्रं रामाब्जाक्ष मुनीक्षण पात्रम्।
कोमल शठरिपु पदयुगमात्रं श्री माधवसेनापतिमित्रम्॥

Sri: Ra:ma:nuja is resplendent by the receipt of 'complete grace' of Swa:mi Ya:muna:cha:rya, Sri:Ra:ma Misra, Sri Pundari:ka:ksha, and Sri:ma:n Na:thamuni, and is shining as the lotus feet of Srimad Namma:zhwa:r and is very dear to Sri Vishvakse:na and Sri:ma:n Na:ra:yana. Hence worship him.

सालग्रामे सर्वहितार्थं येनास्थापिगुरोः पदतीर्थम्।
तत्कुल दैवतमिह पुरुषार्थं सकलोपायाधिक चरमार्थम्॥

Ra:ma:nuja Sri:pa:da Theertham is established in Thirunarayanapuram by Vaduganambi for the well being of all sentient beings. The family deity of such Vaduga nambi, Sri Ra:ma:nuja's Sri:pa:da theertham is above the leagues of karma, jna:na, bhakthi. For it is the highest attainable fruit, worship Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja.

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प्रवचनशक्तः प्रङ्ग्यायुक्तः परहितसक्तः परम विरक्तः।
नानादैवत भक्तोऽप्युक्तो न भवति मुक्तो न भवति मुक्तः॥

Even if one is a very good orator, very skillful, very much into social welfare activities, is very dispassionate and is very devoted to all demigods, the person cannot attain liberation without getting the grace of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja.

संत्यज सकलमुपायाचरणं ब्रजरामानुज चरणौ शरणम्।
पश्यसि तमसः पारं नित्यं सत्यं सत्यं पुनरपि सत्यम्॥

Relinquish the belief that paths such as karma, jna:na, bhakthi will yield Liberation. Take refuge in the lotus feet of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja. You will be able to witness Sri Paramapadam which is without even a tinge of influence of passion and ignorance (rajah, tamas). This is truth. This is truth.

भगवद्रामानुजषड्विंशत् सालग्रामगुरुत्तमवंशः।
कौंडिन्यः कविराह पवित्रं रंगार्यो यतिराजस्तोत्रम्॥

Swa:mi Ranga:rya who is born in Mithila Sa:lagramam, in the dynasty of Swa:mi Vaduganambi, and belonging to koundinya go:thra has composed this 36 poemed eulogy of Swa:mi Ra:ma:nuja "Sri Bhaja yathi Ra:jam stho:thram" with purity in every respect.

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इति श्रीमत्सालग्राम स्थलाचार्य पुरुषोद्दंड वेदांत
रंगनाथाचार्य विरचित भजयतिराजस्तोत्रं संपूर्णम्।

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