

GOVINDA DĀMODARA STOTRAM

Ch: govinda daamodara maadhaveti, govinda daamodara maadhaveti |

1. karaa-ravindena padaa-ravindam, mukhaa-ravinde vinivesha-yantam |
vaṭasya patrasya puṭe shayaanam, baalam mukundam manasaa smaraami ||
2. shree-kriṣhṇa govinda hare muraare, he naatha naaraayaṇa vaasudeva |
jihve! pibasvaa-mritam-eta-deva, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
3. vikretu-kaamaa-khila-gopa-kanyaa, muraari-paadaar-pita-chitta-vrittihi |
dadhyaa-dikam mohava-shaada-vochad, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
4. grihe grihe gopa-vadhoo-kadambaah, sarve militvaa sama-vaaya-yoge |
puṇyaani naamani paṭhanti nityam, govinda daamodara maadhaveti
5. sukham shayaanaa nilaye nije'pi, naamaani viṣhṇoh prava-danti martyaah |
te nish-chitam tanmaya-taam vrajanti, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
6. jihve! sadaivam bhaja sundaraaṇi, naamaani kriṣhṇasya mano-haraaṇi |
samasta-bhaktaarti-vinaasha-naani, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
7. sukhaa-vasaane idam-eva saaram, dukhaa-vasaane idam-eva gyeyam |
dehaa-vasaane idam-eva jaapyam, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
8. shree-kriṣhṇa raadhaa-vara gokul-asha, gopaala govardhana naatha viṣhṇo |
jihve! pibasvaa-mritam-eta-deva, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
9. tvaameva yaache mama dehi jihve, samaa-gate daṇḍa-dhare kritaante |
vaktavyam-evam madhuram su-bhaktyaa, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||
10. jihve! rasagye madhura-priyaa tvam, satyam hitam tvaam paramam vadaami |
aavarṇa-yethaa madhuraa-ksharaaṇi, govinda daamodara maadhaveti ||

1. With all my mind I think of that baby, Krishna, who lies on a banyan leaf, holding his lotus-like feet with his lotus-like hands, and touching his lotus-like face with his lotus-like feet, and who attracts all by his lotus-like face.
 2. Oh Lord with the names of Krishna, Govinda, Hari, Murari, Narayana and Vasudeva! Let my tongue drink only the nectar of your names, Govinda, Damodara and Madhava.
 3. Although desiring to sell milk and butter, etc., the mind of a young gopi (dairymaid) was so absorbed in the lotus-feet of Krishna that instead of calling out "milk for sale," she bewilderedly said, "Govinda!", "Damodara!", and "Madhava!"
 4. In house after house, groups of gopis gather on various occasions, and together they always chant the transcendental names of Krishna—"Govinda", "Damodara", and "Madhava."
 5. Sage Narada and other munis are always surrendered to Lord Vishnu, who incarnated as Krishna, and who happily rests upon his couch. They always chant the names of "Govinda," "Damodara," and "Madhava," and thus attain spiritual forms similar to his own.
 6. Let my tongue always worship these beautiful, enchanting names of Krishna, "Govinda", "Damodara," and "Madhava", which destroy all the obstacles of the devotee.
 7. The names of the Lord are the essence found upon ceasing the affairs of mundane happiness. And this too is to be sung after the cessation of all sufferings. This alone is to be chanted at the time of the death of one's material body, "Govinda, Damodara, Madhava!"
 8. Let my tongue drink only these nectar-like names of Krishna, the beloved of Radha, Lord of Gokula, Gopala, Lord of Govardhana, Vishnu, Govinda, Damodara, and Madhava.
 9. My tongue, I ask only that upon my meeting the bearer of the sceptre of chastisement (Yamaraja, the God of death), you will utter this sweet phrase with great devotion: "Govinda, Damodara, Madhava!"
 10. My tongue, you are fond of sweet things and are of discriminating taste. I tell you the highest truth, which is also the most beneficial. Please just recite these sweet syllables: "Govinda," "Damodara," and "Madhava."
-