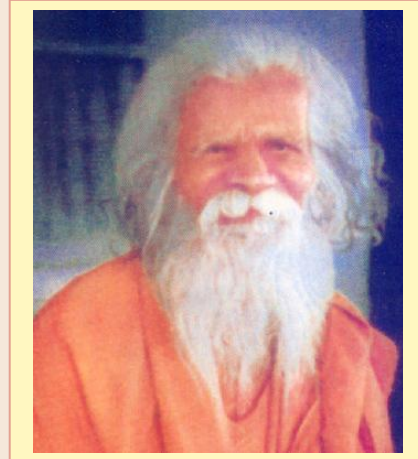


Guru Ashtottara

The 108 Names of Guru With their meaning in English

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Meanings of 108 NAMES OF THE GURU

1. I bow to the guru whose entire body is made up of bliss. An enlightened guru is one with supreme being whose attribute is bliss.
2. I bow to the master who will instruct me on the highest truth, the scriptures and the subsidiary texts.
3. I bow to the great master who had no beginning (birth), no middle or end (death).
4. I bow to my guru who is the treasure house of compassion.
5. I bow to the guru who is of the form of the truth, the ultimate knowledge and bliss.
6. I bow to my guru who never swerves from the right conduct.
7. I bow to my 'Sadguru' from whom all the paths of yoga have become manifest. The guru gives to various disciples various paths of sadhana for reaching the Lord. So he is the source of all yogas.
8. I bow to the guru who is all consciousness.
9. I bow to the guru who is beyond the five sheaths. The self in each individual is not easily seen because he is covered by five Sheaths. As for example, the sheath of matter, the sheath of the mind, the sheath of the vital force (life energy), the sheath of intellect and the sheath of relative bliss. So one has to remove them by sadhana in order to understand the true nature of the Guru.

10. I bow to the Guru who is as beautiful as crores of gods of love. (Manmatha/Cupid).
11. I bow to the Guru whose eyes are full of compassion.
12. I bow to the Guru who has no body sense (not aware of his own body).
13. I bow to the Master who has no boundary or end
14. I bow to the Master who is unborn (had no birth in the real sense)
15. I bow to the Guru who is free from likes and dislikes
16. I bow to the Guru who, though doing actions does not experience their results
17. I bow to the Guru who is free from the pair of opposites like hot and cold, joy and sorrow etc.
18. I bow to the Guru who is beyond all mental concepts
19. I bow to the Guru who is bereft of all the three modes viz - satwa Guna (the quality of light and harmony), RajoGuna (the dynamic qualities of aggression involving desires, anger etc.) and Tamo Guna (procrastination, laziness etc.)
20. I bow to the Guru who lives in the cave of my heart
21. I bow to the Guru who is a witness to the knower, knowledge and the objects to be known
22. I bow to the Guru who is untainted by any of the objects of the world
23. I bow to the Sadguru who is always awake and alert
24. I bow to the Guru who is to be counted as foremost among all the people
25. I bow to the Sadguru who cannot be destroyed
26. I bow to the Sadguru who remains indifferent and on whom no effect of any object takes place
27. I bow to the Guru who gives all spiritual instructions
28. I bow to the Guru who is pure
29. I bow to the Guru who guides us to the real knowledge
30. I bow to the Guru who is revealed by the statements like, "You are that"
31. I bow to the Guru who is indivisible and has no parts
32. I bow to the Guru who is adept in making us cross the ocean of Samsara
33. I bow to the Guru who teaches the ultimate reality of the Oneness of the Atman and the Paramatman
34. I bow to the Guru who is always Holy
35. I bow to the Guru who is ever liberated. All are divine and ever liberated but most of us are not aware of it. The person who is enlightened realises that he was never bound and was ever liberated
36. I bow to the Guru who can be understood only by the ultimate knowledge he possesses
37. I bow to the Guru who is self effulgent
38. I bow to the Guru who prevents all further birth, old age and death ; that is who bestows Moksha
39. I bow to the Sadguru who is bereft of all attachments
40. I bow to the Guru whose behavior and conduct causes amazement
41. I bow to the Guru who is bereft of all enmity or hatred

42. I bow to the Guru whose sexual energy is sublimated and made to flow upwards
43. I bow to the Guru who is bereft of cause and effect
44. I bow to the Guru who is easy of access to the holy people
45. I bow to the Guru who is in the form of the self of all
46. I bow to the Guru who is full of peace
47. I bow to the Guru who possesses boundless powers
48. I bow to the Guru on whom the phenomenal world does not have any effect
49. I bow to the Guru who is the head of the various Godlike Brahma, Vishnu etc.
50. I bow to the Guru who can only be known through the philosophy (Vedanta) and the Upanishads
51. I bow to the Guru in whom the six waves like thirst and hunger, joy and sorrow etc do not rise up.
52. I bow to the Guru in whom the six changes like birth, growth, decline, death etc. do not arise
53. I bow to the Guru who is either himself immortal or makes his devotees Immortal
54. I bow to the Guru who is the Indweller who is in the hearts of all
55. I bow to the Guru who is not limited by space, time and object
e.g. A normal person never existed before his birth, nor will he exist after the day of his death. Time limits him, as a guru is self himself who is existing at all times, he is not bound by time.
56. I bow to the Guru who forgives all and is able to bear all sufferings and unhappiness
57. I bow to the Guru who remains firm in the heart, immoveable like the peak of a mountain
58. I bow to the Guru who is capable of bestowing liberation
59. I bow to the Guru who has no crookedness
60. I bow to the Guru who has transcended time
61. I bow to the Guru who is the only witness to all the three states, namely - waking, dream, sleeping state
62. I bow to the Guru whose glory is incapable of being measured
63. I bow to the Guru who is second to none
64. I bow to the Guru who is unmanifest
65. I bow to the Guru who is hidden in our heart
66. I bow to the Guru who liberates us from the three types of knots-For instance the most important knot is that of the supreme consciousness And the insentient body (Chid-jada-granthi)
67. I bow to the Guru who is all consciousness
68. I bow to the Guru who is easy of access through the ultimate knowledge
69. I bow to the Guru who is of the form of supreme bliss
70. I bow to the Guru who is capable of making us cross the ocean of samsara (phenomenal world)
71. I bow to the Guru who is greater than any object

72. I bow to the Guru who constitutes the meaning of the mahavakyas (mega statements-like YOU ARE THAT)
73. I bow to the Guru who is far away from the wicked persons (i.e. they will not be able to approach him)
74. I bow to the Guru who can destroy all our bad habits
75. I bow to the Guru who is shining in all directions
76. I bow to the Guru who has taken the form of Brahma, Vishnu, Shiva
77. I bow to the Guru who is completely different from the qualities of the non existing objects of the world
78. I bow to the Guru whose consciousness is not revealed out side
79. I bow to the Guru who destroys the illusion of this phenomenal world which looks boundless
80. I bow to the Guru who is bereft of any anger
81. I bow to the Guru whose glory never becomes futile
82. I bow to the Guru who frees us from all fears
83. I bow to the Guru who can grant us all boons
84. I bow to the Guru who is of the form of liberation
85. I bow to the Guru who remains permanently
86. I bow to the Guru who is Verily an ocean of unbroken glory
87. I bow to the Guru who is of the form of an unbroken and integrated consciousness
88. I bow to the Guru who is beyond the jurisdiction of the mind and the speech
89. I bow to the Guru who is completely plenary and is fully satisfied
90. I bow to the Guru who pervades both the inside and the outside
91. I bow to the Guru who can be obtained through devotion, faith and meditation
92. I bow to the Guru who is free of ego
93. I bow to the Guru who undergoes no changes
94. I bow to the Guru who has no enmity
95. I bow to the Guru who makes no distinction between objects worthy of seeing and not worthy of seeing
96. I bow to the Guru who is free from all differentiation
97. I bow to the Guru who is beyond destruction
98. I bow to the Guru who has infinite forms
99. I bow to the Guru who cannot be surpassed in his greatness by anybody
100. I bow to the Guru who is in the form of Dakshinamurthi, the first divine master who revealed the ultimate knowledge.
101. I bow to the Guru who is all wonder
102. I bow to the Guru who cannot be recognised by any symbols or signs
103. I bow to the Guru who is free from all attachment
104. I bow to the Guru the one who can bestow on us the bliss of liberation
105. I bow to the Guru who has transcended the scriptures
106. I bow to the Guru who is eternal and has no end

107. I bow to the Guru who is the best among those who follow the righteous conduct
108. I bow to the Guru who is shining in the form of a Sadguru.

****Hari OM****