

## Rainbows on the Road

In silence may i hope to convey my reverence to You, my Guru. In silence, my devotion. For is it not through silence that You teach? A Silent Invisible Guide that has changed an ordinary life into a vibrant one of discovery. On this day, Guru Poornima, our pranams to You, Param Poojya Swamiji... and a prayer...that we may always lead our lives in tune with You.

The Guru Shakti works in wondrous ways. Right on the heels of the "Origin of the Varnamala," came another discovery. We found numerous references to the Varnamala in various stotras. The funny thing is that it had escaped our attention all this time and gained significance only when the interest had developed. Do you recall the lines in the Gouri Dashakam stotra... आदिक्षान्तामक्षरमूर्त्या विलसन्तीं....(८) ?

It so clearly states अ आदि and क्ष अन्त ।

And what about that lovely reference to the japamala in one of Param Poojya Swamiji's Dhyana Shlokas....

स्फटिकरजतवर्णं मौक्तिकीमक्षमाला-

ममृतकलशविद्यां ज्ञानमुद्रां कराब्जैः ।

दधतमुरगकक्षं चन्द्रचूडं त्रिनेत्रं

विधृतविविधभूषं दक्षिणामूर्तिमीडे ॥

The अक्षमाला , incorporating the अ to the क्ष ।

क्ष is clearly the last letter...and based on this, our varnamala ( refer to Swaras and Vyanjanas at a glance)now has the ँ first and then the क्ष ।

Silently did The Guru Shakti bring about a situation where we made wonderful discoveries. To You, Param Poojya Swamiji, our deepest gratitude...and a prayer to make us sensitive enough to recognize Your Silent Invisible Constant Guiding Presence.

May every letter, every word, all that i think and speak, always be connected to the Divine. May every step that i take, be guided by You. Secure that You are there for me, that You will protect and guide me, i will lead my life free of worries and cares. And in that fearless state, i will be free to notice the clouds in the sky and the rainbows on the road.

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