

Shaastha Pancharathnam (The five gems on Shaastha)

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(Shaastha is the son born to Lord Vishnu when he took the form of a woman called Mohini and Lord Shiva. He is believed to have two wives Poorna and Pushkala and a son called Sathyaka. Ayyappa is his incarnation and was brought up by a king belonging to the Pandya dynasty and ruling over a small principality of Kerala called Pandalam.)

**Loka veeram, maha poojyam sarva rakshakaram vibhum,
Parvathi hrudayanandam Saasthaaram pranamamyaham. 1**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who is a the best warrior,
Who is greatly adored,
Who protects everybody,
And who gives happiness to Parvathy's heart.

**Viprapoojyam viswa vandhyam , Vishnu shambho priyam sutham,
Kshipra prasada niratham Saasthaaram pranamamyaham. 2**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who is worshipped by Vedic scholars,
Who is saluted by the entire world,
Who is the darling son of Vishnu and Shiva,
And who is pleased easily.

**Matha mathanga gamanam, karunyamrutha pooritham,
Sarva vigna haram devam, Saasthaaram pranamamyaham. 3**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who walks like an elephant in fury,
Who is full of the nectar of mercy,
And who removes all obstacles on the way.

**Asmath kuleshwaram devam, asmath shathru vinasanam,
Asmath ishta pradhatharam, Saasthaaram pranamamyaham. 4**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who is the god of my clan,
Who destroys my enemies,
And who satisfies all my wishes.

**Pandyesha vamsa thilakam , kerale keli vigraham,
Aartha thranaparam devam , Saasthaaram pranamamyaham. 5**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who is the greatest in the pandya dynasty,
Who took a playful form in Kerala,
And who protects the distressed.

**Pancharathnaakhya methadhyo nithyam shuddha padennara,
Thasya prasanno bhagwan Saastha vasathi manase. 6**

To the one who with purity,
Chants daily these five gems,
The God Shaastha would be pleased with him,
And live in his mind.

**Bhoothanadha sadananda sarva bhootha dayapara,
Raksha raksha maha baho, sashthre thubhyam namo Nama. 7**

My salutations to you Shaastha,
Who is the lord of all beings,
Who is forever happy,
And who takes mercy on all beings .
With a prayer,
“Oh , great one, please protect me.”

**Yasya dhanwantharir matha, pitha rudhraabhisikthama,
Tham sashtharamaham vande mahavaidyam dayanidhim. 8**

I salute that Shaastha,
Who is the greatest doctor,
Who is the treasure of mercy,
And whose mother is the great doctor Dhanwanthari,
And father the supreme physician, Rudra.