

Śrī kṛṣṇavāgīśa yatīśvarābhyām
Saṃprāpta cakrāṅkaṇa bhyāṣyasāram |

Śrī nūtnaraṅendra yatau samarpitsvam
Śrī kṛṣṇamāryaṃ guruvaryamīde |

Virodhe kārtike māse śatatārā kṛtodayam
Yogācāryaṃ kṛṣṇamāryaṃ
Guruvaryamahaṃ bhaje ||

Kṛṣṇasūṛidayāpātraṃ jñānavairāgyabhūsanam
Śrīmad veṅkaṭanātrayaṃ vandehaṃ yogadeśikam |

Śrī gurubhyo namaḥ |

The convention when invoking specific teachers is to speak of the guruparamparā and not describe or speak about the teacher's contributions.

These verses offer praise and commitment to śrī Krishnamacharya and his son TKV Desikachar, and are used when the specific teachings of these teachers are being transmitted or to recall - in personal sādhana, one's relationship to the lineage.

A loose translation:

“I offer praise to the one who is disciplined in yoga, Guru Śrī Krishnamacharya, whose great teachers were Śrī Kṛṣṇa who taught him mantra and initiated him into Cakrāṅkaṇam (the ritual

of prostrating and receiving śaṅkha right side and Cakra left side). Śrī Vāgīśa taught him the essence of Śrī Bhyāṣyam (Vedānta) and Śrī Raṅganātha who initiated him into Bharṇyāsam (to place at the lord's feet or surrender to God). Born in the year of Virodha, during the month of Kṛtika, under the star Śatatāra, this teacher of Yoga, Guru Krishnamacharya.

To the teacher of yoga, Desikchar.

To the light and weight of the teachers, I bow, I bow.

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