

Prayer to Patañjali (Vyāsa)

यस्त्यक्त्वा रूपमाद्यं प्रभवति जगतः अनेकधा अनुग्रहाय
प्रक्षीणक्लेशराशिः विषमविषधरः अनेकवक्त्रस्सुभोगी ॥
सर्वज्ञानप्रसूतिः भुजगपरिकरः प्रीतये यस्य नित्यं
देवो हीशः स वोऽव्यात् सितविमलतनुः योगदो योगयुक्तः ॥

yastyaktvā rūpamādyam prabhavati jagataḥ anekadhā
anugrahāya

prakṣīṇakleśarāṣiḥ viṣamaviṣadharāḥ anekavaktrassubhogī ॥
sarvajñānaprasūtiḥ bhujagaparikarāḥ prītaye yasya nityam
devo hīśaḥ sa vo'vyāt sitavimalatanuḥ yogado yogayuktaḥ ॥

He incarnated, forsaking his primal form, to bless the world in many ways.

Himself free of all afflictions, his poison is deadly. He has many mouths and beautiful hoods.

The source of all knowledge is he, surrounded by serpentine attendants who please him constantly.

May that divine Lord, who possesses a flawless white body bereft of any defect, protect you, for he is the giver of Yoga (Yogic Knowledge), being [himself] established in Yoga [the Yogic state of mind].

Prayer to Patañjali (Bhoja)

योगेन चित्तस्य पदेन वाचां
मलं शरीरस्य च वैद्यकेन ।
योऽपाकरोत् तं प्रवरं मुनीनां
पतञ्जलिं प्राञ्जलिरानतोऽस्मि ॥

yogena cittasya padena vācāṁ
malam śarīrasya ca vaidyakena ।
yo'pākarot taṁ pravaram munīnām
patañjalim prañjalirānato'smi ॥

I salute with folded hands, the greatest among seers, Patañjali, who removed the impurities of the mind, speech and body by composing texts on yoga, grammar and medicine respectively.

A Traditional Prayer to Patañjali

आबाहु पुरुषाकारं शङ्खचक्रासि धारिणं
सहस्रशिरसं श्वेतं प्रणमामि पतञ्जलिम् ॥

ābāhu puruṣākāraṁ śaṅkhaçakrāsi dhāriṇam
sahasraśiraśam śvetam praṇamāmi patañjalim ॥

To the one who is human in form till the shoulders, who holds in his hands a conch, discus and a sword, who is thousand-headed, and white in hue, I offer my salutations.

श्रीमते अनन्ताय नागराजाय नमो नमः ॥

śrīmate anantāya nāgarājāya namo namaḥ ॥

Salutations to Ananta, the king of serpents.