**Meaning of Lingaashtakam:**

I Salute that Eternal Shiva Lingam

\*Which is Adored by Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and the Gods, which is Pure, Shining, and well-Adorned, And which Destroys the Sorrows associated with Birth (and human life).

\*Which is Worshipped by the Gods and the Best of Sages, which Burns the Desires, which is Compassionate,

2.2: And which Destroyed the Pride of demon Ravana.

\*Which is beautifully Smeared with Various Fragrant pastes, which is the Cause behind the Elevation of a person's (Spiritual) Intelligence and Discernment, And which is Praised by the Siddhas, Devas and the Asuras.

\*Which is Decorated with Gold and other Precious Gems, which is Adorned with the Best of the Serpents Wrapped around it, And which Destroyed the Grand Sacrifice (Yajna) of Daksha.

\*Which is Anointed with Kumkuma (Saffron) and Chandana (Sandal Paste), which is Beautifully Decorated with Garlands of Lotuses, And which Destroys the Accumulated Sins (of several lives).

\*Which is Worshipped and Served by the Group of Devas (Gods) with True Bhava (Emotion, Contemplation) and Bhakti (Devotion), And which has the Splendour of Million Suns.

\*Which is Surrounded by Eight-Petalled Flowers, which is the Cause behind All Creation, And which Destroys the Eight Poverties

\*Which is Worshipped by the Preceptor of Gods (Lord Brihaspati) and the Best of the Gods, which is Always Worshipped by the Flowers from the Celestial Garden, Which is Superior than the Best and which is the Greatest.

\*Whoever Recites this Lingasthakam (hymn consisting of eight stanzas in praise of the Linga) near Shiva (Lingam), Will Attain the Abode of Shiva and enjoy His Bliss.