नीतिसारः प्रणम्य सर्वलोकेशं देवदेवश्वरं हरिम्। नीतिसारं प्रवक्ष्यामि सर्वशास्त्रसमाहतम्॥

nītisārah

praṇamya sarvalokeśaṁ devadevaśvaraṁ harim | nītisāraṁ pravakṣyāmi sarvaśāastrasamāhatam ||

I bow to The Lord Almighty of all the Universe, and deliberating on the meaning of all 'sastras', I am giving herein their essence, titled 'Neetisara'.

श्रूयतां धर्मसर्वस्वं श्रुत्वा चैव विचार्यताम्। आत्मनः प्रतिकूलानि परेषान्न विचारयेत्॥

śrūyatām dharmasarvasvam śrutvā caiva vicāryatām | ātmanaḥ pratikūlāni pareṣānna vicārayet ||

After listening to all 'dharma sastras' and contemplating on them, please do not even think of anything harmful to others.

अगुणस्य हतं रूपं दुश्शीलस्य हतम् कुलम्। असिद्धस्यहतं विध्या अभोगेन हतं धनम्।।१॥

aguṇasya hatam rūpam duśśīlasya hatam kulam | asiddhasyahatam vidhyā abhogena hatam dhanam | |1||

The beauty of a person who does not respect values, the family of a person who has bad habits, the bookish knowledge of a person without discrimination and the wealth of a person who does not enjoy, are of no use. (1)

To be continued...