



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

DURGA SAPTASHATI CHAPTER 13

Markandeya Purana

The meditation verse on the four-armed Goddess the colour of the rising sun, and all 29 numbered lines of the chapter in the standard numbering; the speaker of each passage is named above it.

DHYANAM 1

ॐ बालार्कमण्डलाभासां चतुर्बाहुं त्रिलोचनाम् ।
पाशाङ्कुशवराभीतीर्धारयन्तीं शिवां भजे ॥

Om. I worship Shiva, the auspicious Goddess, who glows like the disc of the rising sun, who has four arms and three eyes, and who holds the noose and the goad and shows the gestures of granting boons and of fearlessness.

VERSE 2

ऋषिरुवाच
एतत्ते कथितं भूप देवीमाहात्म्यमुत्तमम् । एवंप्रभावा सा देवी ययेदं धार्यते जगत् ॥

The sage said: O king, I have told you this supreme greatness of the Goddess. Such is the power of that Goddess by whom this world is upheld.

VERSE 3

विद्या तथैव क्रियते भगवद्विष्णुमायया ।
तया त्वमेष वैश्यश्च तथैवान्ये विवेकिनः ॥

Knowledge, too, is brought about by her, the Maya of the Lord Vishnu. By her you, this merchant, and other discerning people as well

VERSE 4

मोह्यन्ते मोहिताश्चैव मोहमेष्यन्ति चापरे ।
तामुपैहि महाराज शरणं परमेश्वरीम् ॥

are deluded, have been deluded, and others will yet fall into delusion. Great king, go to her, the supreme Goddess, for refuge.

VERSE 5

आराधिता सैव नृणां भोगस्वर्गापवर्गदा ॥

When she is worshipped, she alone gives people enjoyment, heaven and final liberation.

VERSE 7

मार्कण्डेय उवाच

इति तस्य वचः श्रुत्वा सुरथः स नराधिपः ॥

Markandeya said: Hearing these words of the sage, King Suratha

VERSE 8

प्रणिपत्य महाभागं तमृषिं शंसितव्रतम् ।

निर्विण्णोऽतिममत्वेन राज्यापहरणेन च ॥

bowed down to that great and praiseworthy sage, firm in his vows. He was weary of the world, worn down by his deep attachment and by the loss of his kingdom.

VERSE 9

जगाम सद्यस्तपसे स च वैश्यो महामुने ।

संदर्शनार्थमम्बाया नदीपुलिनसंस्थितः ॥

O great sage, he and the merchant went at once to practise austerity, staying on the sandy bank of a river in order to have a vision of the Mother.

VERSE 10

स च वैश्यस्तपस्तेपे देवीसूक्तं परं जपन् ।

तौ तस्मिन् पुलिने देव्याः कृत्वा मूर्तिं महीमयीम् ॥

The merchant too practised austerity, reciting the supreme hymn to the Goddess. On that river bank the two of them made an image of the Goddess out of earth

VERSE 11

अर्हणां चक्रतुस्तस्याः पुष्पधूपान्गितर्पणैः ।

निराहारौ यताहारौ तन्मनस्कौ समाहितौ ॥

and worshipped her with flowers, incense, fire offerings and libations. First eating little and then nothing at all, they kept their minds fixed on her, fully collected.

VERSE 12

ददतुस्तौ बलिं चैव निजगात्रासृगुक्षितम् ।

एवं समाराधयतोस्त्रिभिर्वर्षैर्यतात्मनोः ॥

They also gave offerings sprinkled with blood from their own bodies. When the two of them, self-controlled, had worshipped her in this way for three years,

VERSE 13

परितुष्टा जगद्धात्री प्रत्यक्षं प्राह चण्डिका ॥

Chandika, the sustainer of the world, was well pleased and appeared before them and spoke.

VERSE 15

देव्युवाच

यत्प्रार्थ्यते त्वया भूप त्वया च कुलनन्दन । मत्तस्तत्प्राप्यतां सर्वं परितुष्टा ददामि तत् ॥

The Goddess said: Whatever you ask for, O king, and you, O joy of your family, receive all of it from me. I am well pleased and I give it.

VERSE 17

मार्कण्डेय उवाच

ततो वब्रे नृपो राज्यमविभ्रंश्यन्यजन्मनि । अत्रैव च निजं राज्यं हतशत्रुबलं बलात् ॥

Markandeya said: Then the king chose a kingdom that would not be lost in another life, and in this very life his own kingdom back, with the power of his enemies destroyed by force.

VERSE 18

सोऽपि वैश्यस्ततो ज्ञानं वब्रे निर्विण्णमानसः ।

ममेत्यहमिति प्राज्ञः सङ्गविच्युतिकारकम् ॥

The wise merchant, whose mind had turned away from the world, chose knowledge, the knowledge that removes attachment in the form of 'mine' and 'I'.

VERSE 20

देव्युवाच

स्वल्पैरहोभिर्नृपते स्वं राज्यं प्राप्स्यते भवान् ॥

The Goddess said: O king, within a few days you will regain your own kingdom.

VERSE 21

हत्वा रिपूनस्खलितं तव तत्र भविष्यति ॥

Having slain your enemies, your rule there will stand unshaken.

VERSE 22

मृतश्च भूयः सम्प्राप्य जन्म देवाद्विवस्वतः ॥

And after death, taking birth again from the god Vivasvan, the Sun,

VERSE 23

सावर्णिको नाम मनुर्भवान् भुवि भविष्यति ॥

you will be the Manu named Savarnika on earth.

VERSE 24

वैश्यवर्य त्वया यश्च वरोऽस्मत्तोऽभिवाञ्छितः ॥

Best of merchants, the boon you have desired from me,

VERSE 25

तं प्रयच्छामि संसिद्धयै तव ज्ञानं भविष्यति ॥

I grant it: knowledge will be yours, for your final attainment.

VERSE 27

मार्कण्डेय उवाच

इति दत्त्वा तयोर्देवी यथाभिलषितं वरम् ॥

Markandeya said: Having given the two of them the boons each had wished for,

VERSE 28

बभूवान्तर्हिता सद्यो भक्त्या ताभ्यामभिष्टुता ।

एवं देव्या वरं लब्ध्वा सुरथः क्षत्रियर्षभः ॥

the Goddess, praised by them with devotion, vanished at once. Having thus received a boon from the Goddess, Suratha, the foremost of warriors,

VERSE 29

सूर्याज्जन्म समासाद्य सावर्णिर्भविता मनुः ॥

will be born of the Sun and become Savarni, the Manu.

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