



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

DURGA SAPTASHATI CHAPTER 7

Markandeya Purana

The Matangi meditation verse and all 27 numbered lines of the chapter in the standard numbering;
the speaker of each passage is named above it.

DHYANAM 1

ॐ ध्यायेयं रत्नपीठे शुक्कलपठितं शृण्वतीं श्यामलाङ्गीं न्यस्तैकाङ्घ्रिं सरोजे शशिशकलधरां वल्लकीं वादयन्तीम् ।
कह्लाराबद्धमालां नियमितविलसच्चोलिकां रक्तवस्त्रां मातङ्गीं शङ्खपात्रां मधुरमधुमदां चित्रकोद्भासिभालाम् ॥

I meditate on Matangi, seated on a jewelled throne, listening to the sweet speech of a parrot, dark of body, one foot resting on a lotus, wearing the crescent moon and playing the vina. She wears a garland of white water-lilies, a close-fitting bodice and red garments, holds a vessel of conch, is gently intoxicated with sweet wine, and has a bright mark shining on her forehead.

VERSE 2

ऋषिरुवाच

आज्ञप्तास्ते ततो दैत्याश्चण्डमुण्डपुरोगमाः । चतुरङ्गबलोपेता ययुरभ्युद्यतायुधाः ॥

The sage said: Then the demons, so commanded, with Chanda and Munda at their head, set out with an army of four divisions and weapons raised.

VERSE 3

ददृशुस्ते ततो देवीमीषद्भासां व्यवस्थिताम् ।
सिंहस्योपरि शैलेन्द्रशृङ्गे महति काञ्चने ॥

Then they saw the Goddess, smiling slightly, seated on the lion on a great golden peak of the king of mountains.

VERSE 4

ते दृष्ट्वा तां समादातुमुद्यमं चक्रुरुद्यताः ।
आकृष्टचापासिधरास्तथान्ये तत्समीपगाः ॥

Seeing her, they made ready and set about seizing her; some drew their bows and held up swords, and others came up close to her.

VERSE 5

ततः कोपं चकारोच्चैरम्बिका तानरीन् प्रति ।
कोपेन चास्या वदनं मषीवर्णमभूत्तदा ॥

Then Ambika grew fiercely angry with those enemies, and in her anger her face turned black as ink.

VERSE 6

भ्रुकुटीकुटिलात्तस्या ललाटफलकाद्द्रुतम् ।
काली करालवदना विनिष्क्रान्तासिपाशिनी ॥

From the surface of her forehead, knitted in a frown, there swiftly sprang Kali, with a dreadful face, armed with sword and noose.

VERSE 7

विचित्रखट्वाङ्गधरा नरमालाविभूषणा ।
द्वीपिचर्मपरीधाना शुष्कमांसातिभैरवा ॥

She carried a strange skull-topped staff, wore a garland of human heads, was clad in a tiger's skin, and looked most terrible with her withered flesh.

VERSE 8

अतिविस्तारवदना जिह्वाललनभीषणा ।
निमग्नारक्तनयना नादापूरितदिङ्मुखा ॥

Her mouth was gaping wide, she was fearful with her lolling tongue, her eyes were sunken and reddish, and she filled the quarters with her roar.

VERSE 9

सा वेगेनाभिपतिता घातयन्ती महासुरान् ।
सैन्ये तत्र सुरारीणामभक्षयत तद्वलम् ॥

Rushing on at speed and slaughtering the great demons, she devoured that army of the enemies of the gods.

VERSE 10

पार्ष्णिग्राहाङ्कुशग्राहियोधघण्टासमन्वितान् ।
समादायैकहस्तेन मुखे चिक्षेप वारणान् ॥

Seizing elephants with one hand, together with their rear-guards, the drivers with their goads, the warriors and the bells, she flung them into her mouth.

VERSE 11

तथैव योधं तुरगै रथं सारथिना सह ।
निक्षिप्य वक्त्रे दशनैश्चर्वयन्त्यतिभैरवम् ॥

In the same way she threw into her mouth the warriors with their horses and the chariots with their charioteers, and chewed them up most fearfully with her teeth.

VERSE 12

एकं जग्राह केशेषु ग्रीवायामथ चापरम् ।
पादेनाक्रम्य चैवान्यमुरसान्यमपोथयत् ॥

She seized one by the hair and another by the neck; one she trampled under foot and another she crushed against her chest.

VERSE 13

तैर्मुक्तानि च शस्त्राणि महास्त्राणि तथासुरैः ।
मुखेन जग्राह रुषा दशनैर्मथितान्यपि ॥

The weapons and great missiles hurled by the demons she caught in her mouth in fury and ground them with her teeth.

VERSE 14

बलिनां तद् बलं सर्वमसुराणां दुरात्मनाम् ।
ममर्दाभक्षयच्चान्यानन्यांश्चाताडयत्तथा ॥

That whole army of mighty, evil-minded demons she crushed; some she devoured and others she struck down.

VERSE 15

असिना निहताः केचित्केचित्खट्वाङ्गताडिताः ।
जग्मुर्विनाशमसुरा दन्ताग्राभिहतास्तथा ॥

Some were killed by the sword, some beaten with the skull-staff, and so the demons met their end, struck also by the points of her teeth.

VERSE 16

क्षणेन तद् बलं सर्वमसुराणां निपातितम् ।
दृष्ट्वा चण्डोऽभिदुद्राव तां कालीमतिभीषणाम् ॥

Seeing that whole army of demons felled in a moment, Chanda rushed at Kali, who was most terrifying.

VERSE 17

शरवर्षैर्महाभीमैर्भीमाक्षीं तां महासुरः ।
छादयामास चक्रैश्च मुण्डः क्षिप्तैः सहस्रशः ॥

The great demon covered the terrible-eyed Goddess with showers of very dreadful arrows, and Munda with discuses hurled by the thousand.

VERSE 18

तानि चक्राण्यनेकानि विशमानानि तन्मुखम् ।
बभुर्यथार्कबिम्बानि सुबहूनि घनोदरम् ॥

Those many discs, entering her mouth, looked like many orbs of the sun entering the belly of a cloud.

VERSE 19

ततो जहासातिरुषा भीमं भैरवनादिनी ।
काली करालवक्त्रान्तर्दुर्दर्शदशनोज्ज्वला ॥

Then Kali, roaring terribly, laughed fearfully in great fury, her dreadful mouth gleaming with teeth hard to look upon.

VERSE 20

उत्थाय च महासिं हं देवी चण्डमधावत ।
गृहीत्वा चास्य केशेषु शिरस्तेनासिनाच्छिनत् ॥

Then the Goddess raised her great sword and, crying out 'ham', rushed at Chanda; seizing him by the hair, she cut off his head with that sword.

VERSE 21

अथ मुण्डोऽभ्यधावत्तां दृष्ट्वा चण्डं निपातितम् ।
तमप्यपातयद्भूमौ सा खड्गाभिहतं रुषा ॥

Then Munda, seeing Chanda felled, ran at her; and she too, in her fury, struck him with the sword and threw him to the ground.

VERSE 22

हतशेषं ततः सैन्यं दृष्ट्वा चण्डं निपातितम् ।
मुण्डं च सुमहावीर्यं दिशो भेजे भयातुरम् ॥

Seeing Chanda felled, and the very mighty Munda too, what was left of the army fled in all directions, overcome with fear.

VERSE 23

शिरश्चण्डस्य काली च गृहीत्वा मुण्डमेव च ।
प्राह प्रचण्डाट्टहासमिश्रमभ्येत्य चण्डिकाम् ॥

Kali took the heads of Chanda and Munda, came to Chandika and spoke, mingling her words with fierce, loud laughter.

VERSE 24

मया तवात्रोपहृतौ चण्डमुण्डौ महापशू ।
युद्धयज्ञे स्वयं शुम्भं निशुम्भं च हनिष्यसि ॥

I have brought you here Chanda and Munda, two great beasts for sacrifice. In the sacrifice of battle you yourself will slay Shumbha and Nishumbha.

VERSE 26

ऋषिरुवाच

तावानीतौ ततो दृष्ट्वा चण्डमुण्डौ महासुरौ । उवाच कालीं कल्याणी ललितं चण्डिका वचः ॥

The sage said: Seeing the two great demons Chanda and Munda brought before her, the auspicious Chandika spoke gentle words to Kali.

VERSE 27

यस्माच्चण्डं च मुण्डं च गृहीत्वा त्वमुपागता ।
चामुण्डेति ततो लोके ख्याता देवि भविष्यसि ॥

Because you have seized Chanda and Munda and come to me, O Goddess, you will be famed in the world by the name Chamunda.

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