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SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Gaja Lakshmi Mantra

From Shri Suktam and Sharada Tilaka

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The Shri Suktam's elephant verse comes first, followed by three meditation verses in which elephants bathe the goddess.

VERSE 1

अश्वपूर्वां रथमध्यां हस्तिनादप्रबोधिनीम् ।
श्रियं देवीमुपह्वये श्रीर्मा देवी जुषताम् ॥

I call on the goddess Shri, who comes with horses in front and rides in the middle of the chariot, and who is woken by the trumpeting of elephants. May the goddess Shri be pleased with me.

DHYANAM 1

या सा पद्मासनस्था विपुलकटितटी पद्मपत्रायताक्षी गम्भीरावर्तनाभिः स्तनभर नमिता शुभ्र वस्त्रोत्तरीया ।
लक्ष्मीर्दिव्यैर्गजेन्द्रैर्मणिगणखचितैः स्नापिता हेमकुम्भैः नित्यं सा पद्महस्ता मम वसतु गृहे सर्वमाङ्गल्ययुक्ता ॥

Lakshmi sits on a lotus, broad of hip, with eyes long like lotus petals and a navel deep as an eddy, bending under the weight of her breasts and wearing a white upper cloth. Divine lordly elephants bathe her from golden pots set with clusters of gems. May she, lotus in hand and full of every blessing, always live in my home.

DHYANAM 2

कान्त्या काञ्चनसन्निभां हिमगिरिप्रख्यैश्चतुर्भिर्गजैर्हस्तोत्क्षिप्तहिरण्मयामृतघटैरासिच्यमानां श्रियम् ।
बिभ्राणां वरमब्जयुग्ममभयं हस्तैः किरीटोज्ज्वलां क्षौमाबद्धनितम्बबिम्बलसितां वन्देऽरविन्दस्थिताम् ॥

I bow to Shri, who shines like gold and is bathed with nectar by four elephants as large as snowy mountains, lifting golden pots in their trunks. In her hands she holds the boon gesture, a pair of lotuses and the gesture of fearlessness; she is bright with a crown, lovely in silk tied about her rounded hips, and she stands on a lotus.

DHYANAM 3

माणिक्यप्रतिमप्रभां हिमनिभैस्तुङ्गैश्चतुर्भिर्गजैर्हस्ताग्राहितरत्नकुम्भसलिलैरासिच्यमानां मुदा ।
हस्ताब्जैर्वरदानमम्बुजयुगाभीतीर्दधानां हरेः कान्तां काङ्क्षितपारिजातलतिकां वन्दे सरोजासनाम् ॥

I bow to the lotus-seated beloved of Hari (Vishnu), whose glow is like a ruby, joyfully bathed by four tall snow-white elephants with water from jewelled pots held at the tips of their trunks. With her lotus hands she grants boons and holds two lotuses and the sign of fearlessness; she is like a wish-fulfilling Parijata vine for what devotees long for.

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