



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

GANESHA ASHTAKAM

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Ganesha Purana, Upasana Khanda

Eight verses sung by all beings together, followed by the five verses in which Ganesha names the fruits of the hymn.

VERSE 1

यतोऽनन्तशक्तेरनन्ताश्च जीवा यतो निर्गुणादप्रमेया गुणास्ते ।
यतो भाति सर्वं त्रिधा भेदभिन्नं सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him of endless power come the endless living beings; from him, who is beyond all qualities, come the immeasurable qualities; from him shines this whole world, divided in three ways. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 2

यतश्चविरासीज्जगत्सर्वमेतत्तथाब्जासनो विश्वगो विश्वगोप्ता ।
तथेन्द्रादयो देवसङ्घा मनुष्याः सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him this whole universe came into being, and so did Brahma seated on the lotus and Vishnu, the all-pervading protector of the world; so too Indra and the hosts of gods, and human beings. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 3

यतो वह्निभानू भवो भूर्जलं च यतः सागराश्चन्द्रमा व्योम वायुः ।
यतः स्थावरा जङ्गमा वृक्षसङ्घाः सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him come fire and the sun, Shiva, the earth and water; from him come the oceans, the moon, the sky and the wind; from him come things unmoving and moving, and the multitudes of trees. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 4

यतो दानवाः किन्नरा यक्षसङ्घा यतश्चारणा वारणाः श्वापदाश्च ।
यतः पक्षिकीटा यतो वीरुधश्च सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him come the Danavas, the Kinnaras and the hosts of Yakshas; from him the Charanas, the elephants and the wild beasts; from him the birds and insects, and from him the creepers and plants. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 5

यतो बुद्धिरज्ञाननाशो मुमुक्षोर्यतः सम्पदो भक्तसन्तोषिकाः स्युः ।
यतो विघ्ननाशो यतः कार्यसिद्धिः सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him the seeker of liberation gains understanding and the end of ignorance; from him come riches that bring joy to his devotees; from him comes the removal of obstacles and the success of every undertaking. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 6

यतः पुत्रसम्पद्यतो वाञ्छितार्थो यतोऽभक्तविघ्नास्तथाऽनेकरूपाः ।

यतः शोकमोहौ यतः काम एव सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him comes the blessing of children, from him the thing one longs for; from him come the many kinds of obstacles that meet those without devotion; from him come grief and delusion, and desire itself. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 7

यतोऽनन्तशक्तिः स शेषो बभूव धराधारणेऽनेकरूपे च शक्तः ।

यतोऽनेकधा स्वर्गलोका हि नाना सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

From him Shesha, the serpent of endless strength, came to be, able to bear the earth in its many forms; from him come the many heavenly worlds in their varied kinds. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

VERSE 8

यतो वेदवाचो विकुण्ठा मनोभिः सदा नेति नेतीति यत्ता गृणन्ति ।

परब्रह्मरूपं चिदानन्दभूतं सदा तं गणेशं नमामो भजामः ॥

Before him the words of the Vedas fall back, together with the mind, and can only declare, again and again, 'not this, not this'. He is the form of the supreme Brahman, made of consciousness and bliss. That Ganesha we always salute and worship.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

पुनरुच्चे गणाधीशः स्तोत्रमेतत्पठेन्नरः ।

त्रिसन्ध्यं त्रिदिनं तस्य सर्वकार्यं भविष्यति ॥

Then Ganesha, lord of the ganas, spoke again: the verse says that whoever recites this hymn at the three junctions of the day for three days will see all his tasks fulfilled.

PHALA SHRUTI 2

यो जपेदष्टदिवसं श्लोकाष्टकमिदं शुभम् ।

अष्टवारं चतुर्थ्यां तु सोऽष्टसिद्धीरवाप्नुयात् ॥

The verse says that one who repeats these eight auspicious verses for eight days, and eight times on Chaturthi, gains the eight siddhis.

PHALA SHRUTI 3

यः पठेन्मासमात्रं तु दशवारं दिने दिने ।
स मोचयेद्वन्धगतं राजवध्यं न संशयः ॥

The verse says that one who recites it ten times a day for a month can free a person held in bonds, even one condemned to death by the king, without doubt.

PHALA SHRUTI 4

विद्याकामो लभेद्विद्यां पुत्रार्थी पुत्रमाप्नुयात् ।
वाञ्छितौल्लभते सर्वानेकविंशतिवारतः ॥

The verse says that one who wants learning gains learning and one who wants a son gains a son; by reciting it twenty-one times one obtains everything one wishes for.

PHALA SHRUTI 5

यो जपेत्परया भक्त्या गजाननपरो नरः ।
एवमुक्त्वा ततो देवश्चान्तर्धानं गतः प्रभुः ॥

So it is for the person devoted to Gajanan who repeats it with the highest devotion. Having said this, the Lord vanished from sight.

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