



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

# GARUDA MANTRA

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Seven verses: a salutation, the four long dandaka sections that form a single verse, a verse describing the metre, and the poet's closing signature.

## VERSE 1

नमः पन्नगनद्धाय वैकुण्ठवशवर्तिने ।  
श्रुतिसिन्धुसुधोत्पादमन्दराय गरुत्मते ॥

Salutations to Garuda, who wears serpents bound upon him, who always moves at the will of the Lord of Vaikuntha, and who was the churning mountain Mandara that brought up nectar from the ocean of the Vedas.

## VERSE 2

गरुडमखिलवेदनीडाधिरूढं द्विषत्पीडनोत्कण्ठिताकुण्ठवैकुण्ठपीठीकृतस्कन्धमीडे  
स्वनीडागतिप्रीतरुद्रासुकीर्तिस्तनाभोगगाढोपगूढस्फुरत्कण्टकव्रात वेधव्यथावेपमान द्विजिह्वाधिपाकल्पविष्कार्यमाण स्फटावाटिका  
रत्नरोचिश्छटा राजिनीराजितं कान्तिकल्लोलिनीराजितम् ॥

I praise Garuda, who sits on the Vedas as his nest, whose shoulder becomes the seat of Vishnu when the Lord sets out eager to crush his foes. When his consorts Rudra and Sukirti, glad at his return home, hold him close, his feathers stand on end and prick the serpent-kings he wears; as they writhe and spread their hoods, the rays of their gems seem to wave lamps before him, and he shines in waves of radiance.

## VERSE 3

जय गरुड सुपर्ण दर्वीकराहार देवाधिपाहारहारिन् दिवौकस्पतिक्षिप्तदम्भोळिधाराकिणाकल्प कल्पान्तवातूल  
कल्पोद्यानल्पवीरायितोद्यच्चमत्कार दैत्यारि जैत्रध्वजारोहनिर्धारितोत्कर्ष संकर्षणात्मन् गरुत्मन् मरुत्पञ्चकाधीश सत्यादिमूर्ते न  
कश्चित् समस्ते नमस्ते पुनस्ते नमः ॥

Victory to you, Garuda, Suparna, eater of serpents, who carried away the nectar from the king of the gods; the scar left by Indra's thunderbolt is your ornament, and you are like the wind at the end of an age. Your wondrous valour, your greatness proven by riding on the victory banner of Vishnu, foe of the demons; you are a form of Sankarshana, lord of the five vital airs, with Satya and other forms. None is equal to you; salutations to you, and again salutations.

## VERSE 4

नम इदमजहत्सपर्याय पर्यायनिर्यातपक्षानिलास्फालनोद्वेलपाथोधि  
वीचीचपेटाहतागाधपाताळभांकारसंकुद्धनागेन्द्रपीडासृणीभावभास्वन्नखश्रेणये चण्डतुण्डाय नृत्यद्भुजङ्गभ्रुवे वज्रिणे दंष्ट्रया  
तुभ्यमध्यात्मविद्या विधेया विधेया भवद्वास्यमापादयेथा दयेथाश्च मे ॥

This salutation is to you, whose service never ceases: the wind of your beating wings makes the ocean overflow, its waves strike the depths of the netherworld, and your shining talons are a goad to the angered serpent-kings there. To you of fierce beak, with dancing serpents for eyebrows, armed with tusks hard as a thunderbolt: grant me the knowledge of the Self, make me your servant, and have mercy on me.

#### VERSE 5

मनुरुगत पक्षिवक्त्र स्फुरत्तारकस्तावकश्चित्रभानुप्रियाशेखरस्त्रायतां नस्त्रिर्गर्गपवर्गप्रसूतिः परव्योमधामन्  
वलद्वेषिदर्पज्वलद्वालखिल्यप्रतिज्ञावतीर्ण स्थिरां तत्त्वबुद्धिं परां भक्तिधेनुं जगन्मूलकन्दे मुकुन्दे महानन्ददोग्ध्रीं दधीथा  
मुधाकामहीनामहीनामहीनान्तक ॥

O bird-faced one, may your mantra protect us - the mantra that shines with the sacred syllable and is crowned with Svaha, the source of the three aims of life and of liberation. O dweller in the highest heaven, born to fulfil the vow of the Valakhilya sages against the pride of Indra, O great destroyer of serpents: grant to us, who are free of vain desires, a steady knowledge of the truth and a supreme devotion to Mukunda, the root of the world, a devotion that yields great bliss like a wish-giving cow.

#### VERSE 6

षट्त्रिंशद्गणचरणो नरपरिपाटीनवीनगुम्भगणः ।  
विष्णुरथदण्डकोऽयं विघटयतु विपक्षवाहिनीव्यूहम् ॥

This dandaka on Garuda, the chariot of Vishnu, has thirty-six syllable groups in each quarter, freshly woven in a sequence of na and ra groups. May it break apart the ranks of hostile armies.

#### VERSE 7

विचित्रसिद्धिदः सोऽयं वेङ्कटेशविपश्चिता ।  
गरुडध्वजतोषाय गीतो गरुडदण्डकः ॥

This Garuda Dandaka, which the verse says grants wondrous attainments, was sung by the learned Venkatesha to please the Lord who bears Garuda on his banner.

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