ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Kurma Mantra

Traditional; Bhagavata Purana

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The Kurma Gayatri and the name mantra, then Aryaman's hymn from Bhagavata Purana 5.18.30-33, and the tortoise verse of Bhagavata 12.13.2.

MANTRA 1

ॐ कच्छपेशाय विद्महे महाबलाय धीमहि ।

तन्नो कूर्मः प्रचोदयात् ॥

Om. We come to know the Lord of tortoises and meditate on the one of great strength; may that Kurma inspire and guide us. (The Kurma Gayatri.)

MANTRA 2

ॐ कूर्माय नमः ।

Om, salutation to Kurma, Vishnu in the form of the tortoise.

MANTRA 3

ॐ नमो भगवते अकूपाराय सर्वसत्त्वगुणविशेषणायानुपलक्षितस्थानाय ।

नमो वर्ष्मणे नमो भूम्ने नमो नमोऽवस्थानाय नमस्ते ॥

Om, salutation to the Lord Akupara, the great tortoise, who is marked by pure goodness and whose dwelling place cannot be seen. Salutation to the one of vast body, to the all-pervading one, again and again to the support of all; salutation to you.

VERSE 1

यद्रूपमेतन्निजमाययार्पितमर्थस्वरूपं बहुरूपरूपितम् ।

सङ्ख्या न यस्यास्त्ययथोपलम्भनात्तस्मै नमस्तेऽव्यपदेशरूपिणे ॥

This visible world of things, shown in many forms, is a form set out by your own power of illusion; because it is not perceived as it truly is, there is no counting it. Salutation to you, whose own form cannot be named or pointed out.

VERSE 2

जरायुजं स्वेदजमण्डजोद्भिदं चराचरं देवर्षिपितृभूतमैन्द्रियम् ।

द्यौः खं क्षितिः शैलसरित्समुद्रद्वीपग्रहर्क्षेत्यभिधेय एकः ॥

Beings born from the womb, from moisture, from eggs and from sprouting seeds, the moving and the unmoving, gods, sages, ancestors, the elements and the senses, heaven, sky and earth, mountains, rivers, oceans, islands, planets and stars: all these names point to you alone.

VERSE 3

यस्मिन्नसङ्ख्येयविशेषनामरूपाकृतौ कविभिः कल्पितेयम् ।
सङ्ख्या यया तत्त्वदृशापनीयते तस्मै नमः साङ्ख्यनिदर्शनाय ते इति ॥

In you, who bear countless particular names, forms and shapes, the wise have set out this counting of the principles of creation; and by the sight of the truth that counting itself is set aside. Salutation to you, the one revealed by that reckoning.

VERSE 4

पृष्ठे भ्राम्यदमन्दमन्दरगिरिग्रावाग्रकण्डूयनान्निद्रालोः कमठाकृतेर्भगवतः श्वासानिलाः पान्तु वः ।
यत्संस्कारकलानुवर्तनवशाद् वेलानिभेनाम्भसां यातायातमतन्द्रितं जलनिधेर्नाद्यापि विश्राम्यति ॥

May the breaths of the Lord in tortoise form protect you, breaths He drew as He dozed while the edges of the heavy, whirling Mandara mountain scratched His back. Following the trace of that breathing, the ocean's waters still come and go without rest as the tides, and even today they have not stopped.

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