ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Makar Sankranti Mantra

Traditional, from Puranas and digests

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Eight shlokas in the order of the day: the bath, two offerings of water to the Sun, two verses on bathing and giving, and three verses said when a vessel of sesame is given.

MANTRA 1

मकरस्थे रवौ माघे गोविन्दाच्युत माधव ।
स्नानेनानेन मे देव यथोक्तफलदो भव ॥

O Govinda, Achyuta, Madhava, in the month of Magha with the Sun standing in Makara (Capricorn): by this bath of mine, grant me the fruit that the scriptures promise for it.

ARGHYA 1

विश्वाय विश्वरूपाय विश्वधाम्ने स्वयम्भुवे ।
नमोऽनन्त नमो धात्रे ऋक्सामयजुषां पते ॥

Salutation to the Sun who is the universe, whose form is the universe, who is the abode of the universe and is self-born. Salutation to you, O Endless One; salutation to the Sustainer, O master of the Rig, Sama and Yajur Vedas. (Said while offering the arghya of sandal, water and flowers on the Sankranti day.)

ARGHYA 2

सवित्रे प्रसवित्रे च परं धाम जले मम ।
त्वत्तेजसा परिभ्रष्टं पापं यातु सहस्रधा ॥

To Savitr, the one who brings all things forth, the supreme light, as I stand in the water: struck away by your radiance, may my sin be scattered into a thousand pieces.

VERSE 1

रविसंक्रमणे प्राप्ते न स्नायाद्यस्तु मानवः ।
सप्तजन्मनि रोगी स्यान्निर्धनश्चैव जायते ॥

When the Sun passes into a new sign, a person who does not bathe is, the verse says, born ill and poor for seven births. It is quoted to show that the Sankranti bath is a duty for everyone.

VERSE 2

संक्रान्तौ यानि दत्तानि हव्यकव्यानि दातृभिः ।
तानि नित्यं ददात्यर्कः पुनर्जन्मनि जन्मनि ॥

Whatever gifts, and offerings to the gods and to the ancestors, givers make at Sankranti, the verse says the Sun gives back to them always, birth after birth.

MANTRA 2

देवदेव जगन्नाथ वाञ्छितार्थफलप्रद ।

तिलपात्रं प्रदास्यामि तवाङ्गे संस्थितो ह्यहम् ॥

O God of gods, master of the world, giver of the fruit one longs for: I shall give this vessel of sesame, I who abide within you.

MANTRA 3

तिलाः पुण्याः पवित्राश्च सर्वपापहराः स्मृताः ।

शुक्लाश्चैव तथा कृष्णा विष्णुगात्रसमुद्भवाः ॥

Sesame seeds are held to be meritorious and purifying, removers of every sin. White and black alike, they arose from the body of Vishnu.

MANTRA 4

यानि कानि च पापानि ब्रह्महत्यासमानि च ।

तिलपात्रप्रदानेन तानि नश्यन्तु मे सदा ॥

Whatever sins I have, even those as grave as killing a Brahmin, may they be destroyed for ever by this gift of a vessel of sesame.

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