ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Matsya Mantra

Bhagavata Purana and tradition

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

Two short mantras, then Manu's prose mantra and three verses from Bhagavata Purana 5.18, and the four-verse Matsya Stotram from Bhagavata Purana 8.24.

MANTRA 1

ॐ तत्पुरुषाय विद्महे महामीनाय धीमहि ।
तन्नो विष्णुः प्रचोदयात् ॥

Om. May we come to know the Supreme Person; may we meditate on the Great Fish. May Vishnu inspire and guide our understanding.

MANTRA 2

ॐ मत्स्याय नमः ॥

Om, salutations to Matsya, the Fish form of Vishnu.

MANTRA 3

ॐ नमो भगवते मुख्यतमाय नमः सत्त्वाय प्राणायौजसे सहसे बलाय महामत्स्याय नम इति ॥

Om, salutations to the Lord, the foremost of all. Salutations to Him who is pure being, the life breath, vigour, endurance and strength; salutations to the Great Fish. This is the mantra with which Manu worships Matsya.

VERSE 1

अन्तर्बहिश्चाखिललोकपालकैरदृष्टरूपो विचरस्युरुस्वनः ।
स ईश्वरस्त्वं य इदं वशेऽनयन्नाम्ना यथा दारुमयीं नरः स्त्रियम् ॥

Unseen in form by all the guardians of the worlds, You move within and outside every being, and Your great voice is the Veda. You are the Lord who keeps this whole world under Your control through Your word, as a man moves a wooden puppet.

VERSE 2

यं लोकपालाः किल मत्सरज्वरा हित्वा यतन्तोऽपि पृथक्समेत्य च ।
पातुं न शेकुर्द्विपदश्चतुष्पदः सरीसृपं स्थाणु यदत्र दृश्यते ॥

The guardians of the worlds, burning with rivalry, set You aside and strove, each alone and all together, yet they could not protect what is seen here: the two-footed, the four-footed, the creeping and the unmoving.

VERSE 3

भवान् युगान्तार्णव ऊर्ममालिनि क्षोणीमिमामोषधिवीरुधां निधिम् ।
मया सहोरु क्रमतेऽज ओजसा तस्मै जगत्प्राणगणात्मने नम इति ॥

At the end of the age, on the ocean crowded with waves, You, the Unborn One, moved swiftly with Your strength, bearing this earth, the store of all herbs and plants, together with me. Salutations to You, the Self of all living beings in the world.

VERSE 4

नूनं त्वं भगवान् साक्षाद्धरिर्नारायणोऽव्ययः ।
अनुग्रहाय भूतानां धत्से रूपं जलौकसाम् ॥

Surely You are the Lord Himself, Hari, the imperishable Narayana. Out of kindness to all beings You have taken the form of a creature of the waters.

VERSE 5

नमस्ते पुरुषश्रेष्ठ स्थित्युत्पत्त्यप्ययेश्वर ।
भक्तानां नः प्रपन्नानां मुख्यो ह्यात्मगतिर्विभो ॥

Salutations to You, best of beings, Lord of the keeping, rising and dissolving of the world. O all-pervading One, You are the chief refuge and goal of us devotees who have come to You.

VERSE 6

सर्वे लीलावतारास्ते भूतानां भूतिहेतवः ।
ज्ञातुमिच्छाम्यदो रूपं यदर्थं भवता धृतम् ॥

All Your playful descents are for the welfare of beings. I wish to know why You have taken this form.

VERSE 7

न तेऽरविन्दाक्ष पदोपसर्पणं मृषा भवेत्सर्वसुहृत्प्रियात्मनः ।
यथेतरेषां पृथगात्मनां सतामदीदृशो यद्वपुरद्भुतं हि नः ॥

O lotus-eyed Lord, friend and dear Self of all, approaching Your feet can never be in vain, as it may be with other beings who stand apart from You. That is why You have shown us this wondrous form.

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