



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

MEDHA SUKTAM

Krishna Yajurveda, Taittiriya Aranyaka

The six verses of the Taittiriya Aranyaka, from 'medha devi jushamana' to 'mayi medham mayi prajam', without the opening and closing prayers some devotional books add.

VERSE 1

ॐ मेधादेवी जुषमाणा न आगाद्विश्वाची भद्रा सुमनस्यमाना ।
त्वया जुष्टा नुदमाना दुरुक्तान् बृहद्वदेम विदथे सुवीराः ॥

Om. May Medha, the goddess of understanding, come to us gladly, reaching everywhere, auspicious and kindly minded. Favoured by you, may we drive away ill-spoken words and speak great things in the assembly, with brave companions around us.

VERSE 2

त्वया जुष्ट ऋषिर्भवति देवि त्वया ब्रह्माऽऽगतश्रीरुत त्वया ।
त्वया जुष्टश्चित्रं विन्दते वसु सा नो जुषस्व द्रविणो न मेधे ॥

Favoured by you, O goddess, a person becomes a seer; through you one becomes a Brahmana, a knower of the sacred word, and through you one gains good fortune. Favoured by you, one finds varied wealth; so, O Medha, take delight in us and grant us riches.

VERSE 3

मेधां म इन्द्रो ददातु मेधां देवी सरस्वती ।
मेधां मे अश्विनावुभावाधत्तां पुष्करस्रजा ॥

May Indra give me understanding; may the goddess Sarasvati give me understanding. May the two Ashvins, wearing garlands of lotuses, place understanding in me.

VERSE 4

अप्सरासु च या मेधा गन्धर्वेषु च यन्मनः ।
दैवीं मेधा सरस्वती सा मां मेधा सुरभिर्जुषतां स्वाहा ॥

The understanding that lives among the Apsaras, the mind that is among the Gandharvas, the divine understanding that is Sarasvati - may that fragrant Medha accept me with favour. Svaha.

VERSE 5

आमां मेधा सुरभिर्विश्वरूपा हिरण्यवर्णा जगती जगम्या ।
ऊर्जस्वती पयसा पिन्वमाना सा मां मेधा सुप्रतीका जुषन्ताम् ॥

May Medha come to me, fragrant, of every form, golden in colour, moving through the world and worthy to be approached, full of vigour and swelling with nourishment; may that lovely-faced Medha favour me.

VERSE 6

मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मय्यग्निस्तेजो दधातु ।
मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मयीन्द्र इन्द्रियं दधातु ।
मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मयि सूर्यो भ्राजो दधातु ॥

May Agni place in me understanding, offspring and radiance. May Indra place in me understanding, offspring and the strength of the senses. May Surya place in me understanding, offspring and brilliance.

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