



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

NASADIYA SUKTAM

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Rig Veda; seer Prajapati Parameshthin

All seven verses of Rig Veda 10.129, printed without the Vedic accent marks.

VERSE 1

नासदासीन्नो सदासीत्तदानीं नासीद्रजो नो व्योमा परो यत् ।
किमावरीवः कुह कस्य शर्मन्नम्भः किमासीद्गहनं गभीरम् ॥

At that time there was neither non-being nor being; there was no realm of space and no sky beyond it. What stirred, and where, and under whose shelter? Was there water, deep and unfathomable?

VERSE 2

न मृत्युरासीदमृतं न तर्हि न रात्र्या अह्ना आसीत्प्रकेतः ।
आनीदवातं स्वधया तदेकं तस्माद्भान्यन्न परः किं चनास ॥

There was neither death nor immortality then, and no sign to tell night from day. That One breathed without wind by its own inner power; apart from it there was nothing else at all.

VERSE 3

तम आसीत्तमसा गूळ्हमग्रेऽप्रकेतं सलिलं सर्वमा इदम् ।
तुच्छेनाभ्वपिहितं यदासीत्तपसस्तन्महिनाजायतैकम् ॥

In the beginning darkness lay hidden in darkness; all this was an undistinguished flood. The living seed that was covered by emptiness, that One, was born through the power of tapas (inner heat).

VERSE 4

कामस्तदग्रे समवर्तताधि मनसो रेतः प्रथमं यदासीत् ।
सतो बन्धुमसति निरविन्दन्हृदि प्रतीष्या कवयो मनीषा ॥

In the beginning desire arose in it, desire that was the first seed of mind. Searching in their hearts with wisdom, the seers found the bond of being in non-being.

VERSE 5

तिरश्चीनो विततो रश्मिरेषामधः स्विदासीद्दुपरि स्विदासीद् ।
रेतोधा आसन्महिमान आसन्स्वधा अवस्तात्प्रयतिः परस्तात् ॥

Their cord was stretched across; was there a below, was there an above? There were bearers of seed and there were great powers; self-power below, impulse above.

VERSE 6

को अद्वा वेद क इह प्र वोचत्कुत आजाता कुत इयं विसृष्टिः ।
अर्वाग्देवा अस्य विसर्जनेनाथा को वेद यत आबभूव ॥

Who truly knows, and who here can declare it, from where it was born and from where this creation came? The gods came later than the creation of this world, so who knows from where it arose?

VERSE 7

इयं विसृष्टिर्यत आबभूव यदि वा दधे यदि वा न ।
यो अस्याध्यक्षः परमे व्योमन्सो अङ्ग वेद यदि वा न वेद ॥

From where this creation arose, whether it was made or whether it was not, the one who watches over it in the highest heaven, he surely knows; or perhaps even he does not know.

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