ASTROBHAVA

SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Pashupati Ashtakam

Prithivipati Suri

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The eight verses and the closing phala verse follow a dhyana verse found in later printings and absent from the oldest. The printed closing line is given at the end.

DHYANAM 1

ध्यायेन्नित्यं महेशं रजतगिरिनिभं चारुचन्द्रावतंसं रत्नाकल्पोज्ज्वलाङ्गं परशुमृगवराभीतिहस्तं प्रसन्नम् ।
पद्मासीनं समन्तात्स्तुतममरगणैर्व्याघ्रकृत्तिं वसानं विश्वाद्यं विश्वबीजं निखिलभयहरं पञ्चवक्त्रं त्रिनेत्रम् ॥

Meditate daily on Mahesha, shining like a silver mountain and crowned with the lovely moon, his limbs bright with jewelled ornaments, holding the axe and the deer and showing the gestures of boon and fearlessness, gracious. He sits on a lotus, praised on all sides by the gods, wearing a tiger skin; he is the first of the universe and its seed, the remover of all fear, five-faced and three-eyed.

VERSE 1

पशुपतिं द्युपतिं धरणीपतिं भुजगलोकपतिं च सतीपतिम् ।
प्रणतभक्तजनार्तिहरं परं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

O people, worship the lord of Girija: lord of all creatures, lord of heaven and of earth, lord of the serpent world and husband of Sati, the supreme one who takes away the pain of the devotees who bow to him.

VERSE 2

न जनको जननी न च सोदरो न तनयो न च भूरिबलं कुलम् ।
अवति कोऽपि न कालवशं गतं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

Neither father nor mother nor brother, neither son nor a clan of great strength: none of them can save one who has fallen into the power of Time. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 3

मुरजडिण्डिमवाद्यविलक्षणं मधुरपञ्चमनादविशारदम् ।
प्रमथभूतगणैरपि सेवितं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

He is distinguished in the playing of the muraja and dindima drums, skilled in the sweet note of the fifth, and served even by the hosts of Pramathas and Bhutas. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 4

शरणदं सुखदं शरणान्वितं शिव शिवेति शिवेति नतं नृणाम् ।
अभयदं करुणावरुणालयं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

He gives refuge and happiness to those who come for shelter, and men bow to him crying 'Shiva, Shiva, Shiva'. He gives fearlessness and is an ocean of compassion. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 5

नरशिरोरचितं मणिकुण्डलं भुजगहारमुदं वृषभध्वजम् ।
चितिरजोधवलीकृतविग्रहं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

His jewelled earrings are fashioned from human skulls, he delights in a garland of serpents, his banner bears the bull, and his body is made white with the dust of the funeral pyre. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 6

मखविनाशकरं शशिशेखरं सततमध्वरभाजिफलप्रदम् ।
प्रलयदग्धसुरासुरमानवं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

He destroyed the sacrifice, he wears the moon as his crest, he always gives the fruit to those who take part in sacrifice, and at the dissolution he burns gods, demons and men. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 7

मदमपास्य चिरं हृदि संस्थितं मरणजन्मजराभयपीडितम् ।
जगदुदीक्ष्य समीपभयाकुलं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

Cast off the pride long settled in your heart. See the world tormented by the fear of death, birth and old age, and distraught at the danger close at hand. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

VERSE 8

हरिविरञ्चिसुराधिपपूजितं यमजनेशधनेशनमस्कृतम् ।
त्रिनयनं भुवनत्रितयाधिपं भजत रे मनुजा गिरिजापतिम् ॥

He is worshipped by Vishnu, Brahma and Indra the king of the gods, and saluted by Yama, the lord of men and Kubera the lord of wealth. He is three-eyed, the ruler of the three worlds. O people, worship the lord of Girija.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

पशुपतेरिदमष्टकमद्भुतं विरचितं पृथिवीपतिसूरिणा ।
पठति संशृणुते मनुजः सदा शिवपुरीं वसते लभते मुदम् ॥

This wonderful octet on Pashupati was composed by Prithivipati Suri. The verse says that the person who always recites it or listens to it dwells in the city of Shiva and attains joy.

CLOSING

इति श्रीपृथिवीपतिसूरिविरचितं श्रीपशुपत्यष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ॥

Thus ends the Shri Pashupatyashtakam composed by Shri Prithivipati Suri.

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