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SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

Sarpa Suktam

Krishna Yajurveda, Taittiriya recension

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The three Taittiriya passages in the order they are chanted, eight verses in all, ending at the threefold 'subrahmanyom'.

VERSE 1

नमो अस्तु सर्पेभ्यो ये के च पृथिवीमनु ।
ये अन्तरिक्षे ये दिवि तेभ्यः सर्पेभ्यो नमः ॥

Salutation to the serpents, whichever move along the earth; to those in the mid-air and those in the sky, to those serpents, salutation.

VERSE 2

येऽदो रोचने दिवो ये वा सूर्यस्य रश्मिषु ।
येषामप्सु सदः कृतं तेभ्यः सर्पेभ्यो नमः ॥

Those in the bright realm of heaven up there, or in the rays of the sun; those whose seat is made in the waters, to those serpents, salutation.

VERSE 3

या इषवो यातुधानानां ये वा वनस्पतींरनु ।
ये वाऽवटेषु शेरते तेभ्यः सर्पेभ्यो नमः ॥

Those that are the arrows of the sorcerers, or those that live along the trees, or those that lie in holes in the ground: to those serpents, salutations.

VERSE 4

इदं सर्पेभ्यो हविरस्तु जुष्टम् ।
आश्रेषा येषामनुयन्ति चेतः ।
ये अन्तरिक्षं पृथिवीं क्षियन्ति ।
ते नः सर्पासो हवमागमिष्ठाः ॥

May this offering be pleasing to the serpents, whose thought the Ashlesha stars follow. Those who dwell in the mid-air and on the earth, may those serpents come to our call.

VERSE 5

ये रोचने सूर्यस्यापि सर्पाः ।
ये दिवं देवीमनु संचरन्ति ।
येषामाश्रेषा अनुयन्ति कामम् ।
तेभ्यः सर्पेभ्यो मधुमज्जुहोमि ॥

Serpents who are in the brightness of the sun, those who move along the shining sky, whose wish the Ashlesha stars follow: to those serpents I offer this honeyed oblation.

VERSE 6

निघृष्वैरसमायुतैः ।
कालैर्हरित्वमापन्नैः ।
इन्द्रायाहि सहस्रयुक् ॥

With swift horses beyond compare, dark ones turned golden, come here, Indra, you who are drawn by a thousand.

VERSE 7

अग्निर्विभ्राष्टिवसनः ।
वायुः श्वेतसिकद्रुकः ।
संवथ्सरो विषूवर्णैः ।
नित्यास्तेऽनुचरास्तव ॥

Agni is clothed in glowing light, Vayu in pale white, and the Year in many colours. These are ever your attendants.

VERSE 8

सुब्रह्मण्यों सुब्रह्मण्यों सुब्रह्मण्योम् ॥

Subrahmanyom, Subrahmanyom, Subrahmanyom: a ritual call, given three times.

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