



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

SRI SUKTAM

From the Rigveda Khila

VERSE 1

हिरण्यवर्णां हरिणीं सुवर्णरजतस्रजाम् ।
चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥

O Jatavedas (Agni, knower of all), bring to me Lakshmi, golden in colour, radiant like a doe, wearing garlands of gold and silver, shining like the moon and made of gold.

VERSE 2

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।
यस्यां हिरण्यं विन्देयं गामश्वं पुरुषानहम् ॥

O Jatavedas, bring to me that Lakshmi who never departs, through whom I may obtain gold, cattle, horses and people.

VERSE 3

अश्वपूर्वा रथमध्यां हस्तिनादप्रबोधिनीम् ।
श्रियं देवीमुपह्वये श्रीर्मा देवीर्जुषताम् ॥

I invoke the goddess Shri, who has horses going before her and a chariot in her midst, and who is announced by the trumpeting of elephants. May the goddess Shri be gracious to me.

VERSE 4

कां सोस्मितां हिरण्यप्राकारामार्द्रां ज्वलन्तीं तृप्तां तर्पयन्तीम् ।
पद्मे स्थितां पद्मवर्णां तामिहोपह्वये श्रियम् ॥

I invoke here that Shri who smiles gently, who is enclosed in a wall of gold, tender yet blazing, content and giving contentment, seated on the lotus and coloured like the lotus.

VERSE 5

चन्द्रां प्रभासां यशसा ज्वलन्तीं श्रियं लोके देवजुष्टामुदाराम् ।
तां पद्मिनीमीं शरणमहं प्रपद्येऽलक्ष्मीर्मे नश्यतां त्वां वृणे ॥

I take refuge in Shri, lovely as the moon, shining, blazing with glory in the world, cherished by the gods and generous, the lotus-bearer. May my misfortune (Alakshmi) perish; I choose you.

VERSE 6

आदित्यवर्णे तपसोऽधिजातो वनस्पतिस्तव वृक्षोऽथ बिल्वः ।
तस्य फलानि तपसा नुदन्तु मायान्तरायाश्च बाह्या अलक्ष्मीः ॥

O sun-coloured one, from your austerity was born the lord of the forest, your tree, the bilva. May its fruits, through that austerity, drive away misfortune, both the inner obstacles of illusion and the outer ones.

VERSE 7

उपैतु मां देवसखः कीर्तिश्च मणिना सह ।
प्रादुर्भूतोऽस्मि राष्ट्रेऽस्मिन् कीर्तिमृद्धिं ददातु मे ॥

May the friend of the gods come to me, with fame and with the jewel. I have been born in this land; may he grant me fame and prosperity.

VERSE 8

क्षुत्पिपासामलां ज्येष्ठामलक्ष्मीं नाशयाम्यहम् ।
अभूतिमसमृद्धिं च सर्वां निर्णुद मे गृहात् ॥

I destroy Alakshmi, the elder sister, who is the stain of hunger and thirst. Drive out from my house all want and lack of prosperity.

VERSE 9

गन्धद्वारां दुराधर्षां नित्यपुष्टां करीषिणीम् ।
ईश्वरीं सर्वभूतानां तामिहोपहृये श्रियम् ॥

I invoke here that Shri, known by her fragrance, unassailable, ever-nourishing, abundant in harvest, the sovereign of all beings.

VERSE 10

मनसः काममाकूतिं वाचः सत्यमशीमहि ।
पशूनां रूपमन्नस्य मयि श्रीः श्रयतां यशः ॥

May we attain the wishes and intentions of the mind and truth of speech. May Shri, with the beauty of cattle, food and glory, dwell in me.

VERSE 11

कर्दमेन प्रजाभूता मयि सम्भव कर्दम ।
श्रियं वासय मे कुले मातरं पद्ममालिनीम् ॥

Through Kardama, Shri has become a mother of offspring. O Kardama, dwell in me, and make Shri, the mother wearing a garland of lotuses, dwell in my family.

VERSE 12

आपः सृजन्तु स्निग्धानि चिक्लीत वस मे गृहे ।
नि च देवीं मातरं श्रियं वासय मे कुले ॥

May the waters bring forth gentle, nourishing things. O Ciklita, dwell in my house, and make the divine mother Shri dwell in my family.

VERSE 13

आर्द्रा पुष्करिणीं पुष्टिं पिङ्गलां पद्ममालिनीम् ।
चन्द्रां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥

O Jatavedas, bring to me Lakshmi, moist and tender, dwelling among lotus ponds, nourishment itself, tawny-golden, wearing a lotus garland, moon-like and golden.

VERSE 14

आर्द्रा यः करिणीं यष्टिं सुवर्णां हेममालिनीम् ।
सूर्यां हिरण्मयीं लक्ष्मीं जातवेदो म आवह ॥

O Jatavedas, bring to me Lakshmi, moist and tender, who holds the staff, beautifully coloured, wearing a golden garland, radiant as the sun and golden.

VERSE 15

तां म आवह जातवेदो लक्ष्मीमनपगामिनीम् ।
यस्यां हिरण्यं प्रभूतं गावो दास्योऽश्वान् विन्देयं पुरुषानहम् ॥

O Jatavedas, bring to me that Lakshmi who never departs, through whom I may obtain abundant gold, cattle, servants, horses and people.

PHALA SHRUTI 1

यः शुचिः प्रयतो भूत्वा जुहुयादाज्यमन्वहम् ।
श्रियः पञ्चदशर्चं च श्रीकामः सततं जपेत् ॥

The verse says that one who desires Shri should, pure and self-controlled, offer ghee into the fire every day and constantly recite these fifteen verses of Shri.

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