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AWAITING
FLUTE

BHAVANI
ASHTAKAM

JOURNEY OF
SEEKERS

It is only then I am fully awake
to enjoy thy bliss !

You are my only savior,
My eternal refuge

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those deeper questions



SHRI DURGA SAPTASHATI CHANDI PATHA

WRITTEN BY SAGE MARKANDEYA

The Devi-Mahatmya which, in a majestic poetry in Sanskrit, describes to us the Epic of the march of the human soul to its destination, the realisation of this freedom, is the dramatic aspect of the great worship of the Divine Mother during these nine days of Navaratri or Dassehra. It is part of the Markandeya Purana, written by sage Markandeya.

The text is one of the earliest extant complete manuscripts from the Hindu traditions which describes reverence and worship of the feminine aspect of God.

There are three stages of transformation described in the three sections of the Devi-Mahatmya. The first one is where Adi-Sakti awakes Maha-Vishnu who was asleep, so that He may destroy or overcome the original demoniacal forces, Madhu and Kaitabha. The second stage is where the same Sakti manifests Herself as Maha-Lakshmi and overcomes Mahishasura and Raktabija.

The third one is where Sumbha and Nisumbha are destroyed by Maha-Sarasvati. And the nine days of worship comprehend these three stages adored in three days of worship, each. The final victory is called Vijaya-Dasami, the tenth day. That is the day of Victory, where you master the forces of Nature completely and your goal is reached.

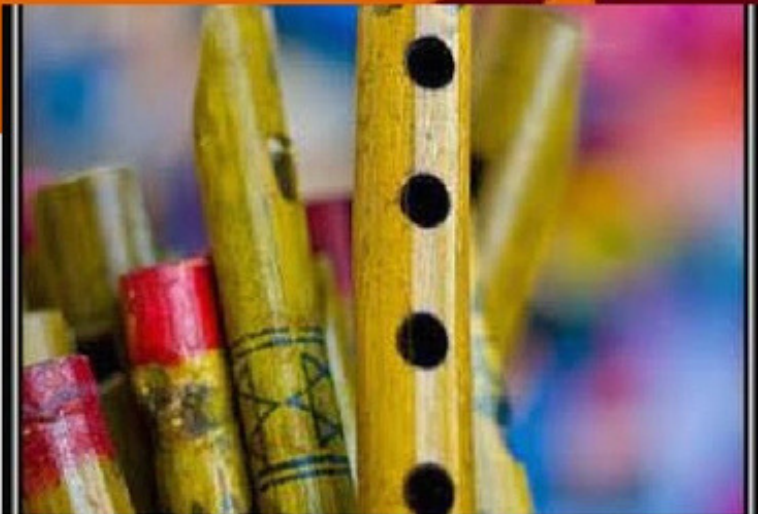
These threefold transformations of the spiritual being of the aspiring soul are dominated or presided over by three deities known as Maha-Kali, Maha-Lakshmi and Maha-Sarasvati. These three presiding forces are representative of the powers of the spirit within manifesting themselves in an upward ascent towards freedom ultimate.

excerpts from Devi Mahatmyam
Translated version by P. R. Ramachander

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THE AWAITING FLUTE

Mother, when Thy sweet nectar
pours forth in the form of sap
and fills my hollow stalk

with Thy power of Light and Love;
when the melodious notes of Thy
music fills my awaiting flute
with its sweet enchanting melody ;

it is only then that I'm fully awake
and with keen and rare insight
able to enjoy Thy silence and bliss !

ARMAITY BHABHA



BHAVANI ASHTAKAM



A PRAYER TO MOTHER DIVINE, SHRI BHAVANI
WRITTEN BY SHRI ADI SHANKARACHARYA

NA TAATO NA MAATO NA BANDHUR NA DAATA,
NA PUTRO NA PUTRI NA BHRITYO NA BHARTA !
NA JAAYA NA VIDYA NA VRITEERMAMEVA,
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

O MOTHER DIVINE!

FATHER, MOTHER, HUSBAND, WIFE, CHILDREN AND FRIENDS- NONE OF THESE ARE ETERNALLY MINE.

KNOWLEDGE, INTELLECT, MIND AND WILL POWER ARE ALSO NOT ETERNAL.

O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE- YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE

BHAVADBHAVAPAAREY MAHADUKHA BHEERUHU,
PRAPAATA PRAKAMI PRALOBHI PRAMATAH!
KUSANSAARA PAASHA PRABHADHA SADAHAM
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

I HAVE FALLEN IN THE OCEAN OF BIRTH AND DEATH, AND I FEAR THEIR SORROWS.
I AM TRAPPED BY MY EGO WITH ITS COUNTLESS DESIRES, GREED, PRIDE AND LUST.
O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE- YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE.

NA JAANAMI DAANAM, NA CHA DHYAANA YOGAM,
NA JAANAMI TANTRAM, NA CHA STOTRAMANTRAM!
NA JAANAMI POOJAAM, NA CHA NYAASA YOGAM,
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE – I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO COME CLOSE TO YOU.
I DO NOT KNOW ANY FORM OF WORSHIP.
HELP ME, O MOTHER DIVINE- YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE.

NA JAANAMI PUNYAM, NA JAANAMI THEERTHAM,
NA JAANAMI MUTKEEM, LAYAM VAA KADACHIT !
NA JAANAMI BHATKEEM, VRATAM VAAPI MAATAH,
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO BE RIGHTEOUS OR FIND YOUR ABODE.
I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM BY DISSOLVING MY EGO.
I AM DEVOID AND SURRENDER. I AM NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY VOW.
O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE- YOU ARE MY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE

KUKARMI, KUSANGI, KU BUDDHI, KUDASAH,
KULAACHARAHEENAH KADACHAARALEENAH!
KUDRUSHTIH, KUVAAKYA PRABANDAH SADAHAM
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

MY MIND IS ALWAYS ENGAGED IN WORTHLESS THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS.

MY INTELLECT HAS BECOME DULL, ENSLAVED BY OLD HABITS.

I AM UNABLE TO BEHAVE HONORABLY AND MY INTENTIONS ARE UNIQUE.

MY SPEECH BECOMES HARSH AND HURTING.

SAVE ME,O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE – YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE

PRAJESHAM, RAMESHAM, MAHESHAM, SURESHAM,
DINESHAM NISHITESHWARAM VA KADACHIT
NA JAANAMI CHAANYAT SADAHAM SHARANYE'
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

I DO NOT KNOW BRAHMA, VISHNU, SHIVA, INDRA,
SURYA AND CHANDRA, OR ANY OTHER DIVINITIES.

O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE, YOU ARE KNOWN FOR YOUR COMPASSION

- YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE

DIVAADEY, VISHADEY, PRAMADHEY, PRAVAASEY
JAALE CHAANALAY, PARVATEY, SHATRUMADHYAE'
ARANYE' SHARANYE' SADA MAA PRAPAH
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

O COMPASSIONATE MOTHER,

PROTECT ME WHEREVER I AM AND WITH WHOMEVER I AM WITH IN PLEASURE AND IN
DISTRESS.

O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE – YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE



ANARTHO DARIDRO JARA ROGAYUKTO,
MAHASHKEENA DEENAH SADA JADYAVAKTRAH
VIPATTO PRAVISHTAH PRANASHTAH SADAHAM,
GATISTVAM GATISTVAM TWAMEKA BHAVANI !!

O MOTHER, I FEEL LIKE AN ORPHAN ON THIS EARTH,
POWERLESS AND WITHOUT INNER WEALTH,
DELUDED BY IGNORANCE AND UNABLE TO SEE THE LIGHT OF TRUTH.
O MOTHER OF THE UNIVERSE – YOU ARE MY ONLY SAVIOR, MY ETERNAL REFUGE



Infinite Blessings

seeker's journey

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SWATI DESHMUKH

seeker's journey

We have opportunity to reacquaint our self with the seeker's journey. There are many kind of seekers in the world. Some are seeking for god; some for money; some are seeking happiness.

And perhaps our seeking will lead us to those deeper question; what is God? Seeking God mean what? But how can we feel him? What is the feeling when God touch us.

Perhaps those deeper questions will lead us to seek justice perhaps they will lead us to seek peace.

Perhaps these questions itself will lead us to the supreme.

THOUGHTLESS AWARENESS



Meditation stills the ego and superego which enables us to experience the Spirit or Reality which was actually always there, only veiled by the thoughts of ego/superego.

Therefore, we don't have to "do" anything special in order to experience the joys of the Spirit, except only be in thoughtless awareness:

"I am softly entering a dimension where everything in the room has begun to change and yet remain the same; a majestic silence is growing within me. The noises of the mind disappear: it is as if something more real, more intense, reveals itself in the already manifested reality of myself, the air, the yellow curtains and the table: something simple and essential, this very thing I have been hunting for so long. Simple. Direct. Immediate. Obvious. Blissful. Something called Reality. This Reality that I had, in vain, tried to encompass is slowly, gently encompassing me."

Gregoire de Kalbermatten
"The Advent"

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