

Shri Durga Saptashati - First Chapter

The Slaying of Madhu and Kaitabha

Viniyogaḥ (Preliminary Rite)

*Oṃ prathama-caritrasya brahmā ṛṣiḥ, mahākālī devatā, gāyatrī chandaḥ, nandā śaktiḥ,
raktadantikā bījam, agnis-tattvam, ṛgvedaḥ svarūpam, śrī-mahākālī-prītyarthe prathama-
caritra-jape viniyogaḥ |*

Dhyānam (Meditation)

*Oṃ khaḍgaṃ cakra-gadeṣu-cāpa-parighāñ-chūlaṃ bhuṣuṇḍiṃ śiraḥ śaṅkhaṃ sandadhatīṃ
karais-trinayanāṃ sarvāṅga-bhūṣā-vṛtām |
nīlāśma-dyutiṃ-āśya-pāda-daśakāṃ seve mahākālikāṃ yām-astaut-svapite harau kamalajo
hantuṃ madhuṃ kaiṭabham ||*

Oṃ namaś-caṇḍikāyai

The Main Text

"Oṃ Aiṃ" Mārkaṇḍeya uvāca || 1 || (Markandeya said:)

sāvarṇiḥ sūrya-tanayo yo manuḥ kathyate-aṣṭamaḥ |
niśāmaya tad-utpattiṃ vistarād gadato mama || 2 ||

mahāmāyā-anubhāveṇa yathā manvantara-adhipaḥ |
sa babhūva mahābhāgaḥ sāvarṇis-tanayo raveḥ || 3 ||

svārociṣe-antare pūrvam caitra-vaṃśa-samudbhavaḥ |
suratho nāma rājā-bhūt-samaste kṣiti-maṇḍale || 4 ||

tasya pālayataḥ samyak prajāḥ putrān-ivaaurasān |
babhūvuḥ śatravo bhūpāḥ kolā-vidhvaṃsinas-tadā || 5 ||

tasya tair-abhavad yuddham-atiprabala-daṇḍinaḥ |
nyūnair-api sa tair-yuddhe kolā-vidhvaṃsibhir-jitaḥ || 6 ||

tataḥ svapura-māyāto nijadeśa-adhipo-abhavad |
ākṛantaḥ sa mahābhāgas-taistadā prabala-aribhiḥ || 7 ||

amātyair-balibhir-duṣṭair-durbalasya durātmabhiḥ |
kośo balaṃ cā-paḥṛtaṃ tatrā-pi svapure tataḥ || 8 ||

tato mṛgayā-vyājena hṛtasvāmyaḥ sa bhūpatiḥ |
ekākī hayam-āruhya jagāma gahanaṃ vanam || 9 ||

sa tatrā-śramam-adrākṣīd dvija-varyasya medhasaḥ |
praśānta-śvapadā-kīrṇaṃ muni-śiṣyo-paśobhitam || 10 ||

tasthau kañcit-sa kālaṃ ca muninā tena satkṛtaḥ |
itaś-cetaś-ca vicaraṃs-tasmin-muni-varāśrame || 11 ||

so-acintayat-tadā tatra mamatvā-kṛṣṭa-cetanaḥ |
mat-pūrvaiḥ pālitaṃ pūrvaṃ mayā hīnaṃ puraṃ hi tat || 12 ||

mad-bhṛtyais-tair-asadvṛttair-dharmataḥ pālyate na vā |
na jāne sa pradhāno me sūra-hastī sadāmadaḥ || 13 ||

mama vairi-vaśaṃ yātaḥ kān bhogān-upalapsyate |
ye mamā-nugatā nityaṃ prasāda-dhana-bhojanaiḥ || 14 ||

anuvṛttiṃ dhruvaṃ te-adya kurvanty-anya-mahībhṛtām |
asamyag-vyaya-śīlais-taiḥ kurvadbhiḥ satataṃ vyayam || 15 ||

sañcitaḥ so-atiduḥkhena kṣayaṃ kośo gamiṣyati |
etac-cā-nyac-ca satataṃ cintayāmāsa pārthivaḥ || 16 ||

tatra viprā-śrama-abhyāse vaiśyam-ekaṃ dadarśa saḥ |
sa pṛṣṭas-tena kastaṃ bho hetuś-cā-gamane-atra kaḥ || 17 ||

saśoka iva kasmāt-tvaṃ durmanā iva lakṣyase |
ity-ākarṇya vacas-tasya bhūpateḥ praṇayo-ditam || 18 ||

praty-uvāca sa taṃ vaiśyaḥ praśrayā-vanato nṛpam || 19 ||

Vaiśya uvāca || 20 ||

samādhir-nāma vaiśyo-aham-utpanno dhanināṃ kule || 21 ||

putra-dārair-nirastaś-ca dhana-lobhād-asādhubhiḥ |
vihīnaś-ca dhanair-dāraiḥ putrai-rādāya me dhanam || 22 ||

vanam-abhyā-gato duḥkhī nirastaś-cā-ptabandhubhiḥ |
so-ahaṃ na vedmi putrāṇāṃ kuśalā-kuśalā-tmikām || 23 ||

pravṛttiṃ svajanānāṃ ca dārāṇāṃ cātra saṃsthitaḥ |
kiṃ nu teṣāṃ gr̥he kṣemam-akṣemaṃ kiṃ nu sāmpratam || 24 ||

kathaṃ te kiṃ nu sadvṛttā durvṛttāḥ kiṃ nu me sutāḥ || 25 ||

Rājovāca || 26 ||

yair-nirasto bhavāñ-lubdhaiḥ putra-dārādibhir-dhanaiḥ || 27 ||

teṣu kiṃ bhavataḥ sneham-anubadhnāti mānasam || 28 ||

Vaiśya uvāca || 29 ||

evam-etad-yathā prāha bhavān-asmad-gataṃ vacaḥ || 30 ||

kiṃ karomi na badhnāti mama niṣṭhuratāṃ manaḥ |
yaiḥ saṃtyajya piṭṛ-snehaṃ dhana-lubdhair-nirākṛtaḥ || 31 ||

pati-svajana-hārdaṃ ca hārdi teṣveva me manaḥ |
kim-etan-nābhi-jānāmi jānan-napi mahāmate || 32 ||

yat-prema-pravaṇaṃ cittaṃ viguṇeṣv-api bandhuṣu |
teṣāṃ kṛte me niḥśvāso daur-manasyaṃ ca jāyate || 33 ||

karomi kiṃ yan-na manas-teṣv-aprītiṣu niṣṭhuram || 34 ||

Mārkaṇḍeya uvāca || 35 ||

tatas-tau sahitaḥ vipra taṃ muniṃ samupasthitaḥ || 36 ||

samādhir-nāma vaiśyo-asau sa ca pārthiva-sattamaḥ |
kṛtvā tu tau yathā-nyāyaṃ yathārhaṃ tena saṃvidam || 37 ||

upaviṣṭau kathāḥ kāś-cic-cakratur-vaiśya-pārthivau || 38 ||

Rājovāca || 39 ||

bhagavaṃs-tvām-ahaṃ praṣṭum-icchāmy-ekaṃ vadasva tat || 40 ||

duḥkhāya yan-me manasaḥ sva-cittā-yattatāṃ vinā |
mamatvaṃ gata-rājyasya rājyā-ñgeṣv-akhileṣv-api || 41 ||

jānato-api yathā-jñasya kim-etan-muni-sattama |
ayaṃ ca nikṛtaḥ putrai-rdārair-bhṛtyais-tatho-jjhitāḥ || 42 ||

svajanena ca saṃtyaktas-teṣu hārdī tathā-py-ati |
evam-eṣa tathā-haṃ ca dvāv-apy-atyanta-duḥkhitau || 43 ||

dr̥ṣṭa-doṣe-api viṣaye mamatvā-kṛṣṭa-mānasau |

tat-kim-etan-mahābhāga yan-moho jñāninor-api || 44 ||
mamā-sya ca bhavaty-eṣā vivekā-ndhasya mūḍhatā || 45 ||

Ṛṣir-uvāca || 46 ||

jñānam-asti samastasya jantor-viṣaya-gocare || 47 ||

viṣayaś-ca mahābhāga yāti caivaṃ pṛthak pṛthak |
divā-ndhāḥ prāṇinaḥ kecid-rātrāv-andhās-tathā-pare || 48 ||

kecid-divā tathā rātrau prāṇinas-tulya-dṛṣṭayaḥ |
jñānino manujāḥ satyaṃ kiṃ tu te na hi kevalam || 49 ||

yato hi jñāninaḥ sarve paśu-pakṣi-mṛgādayaḥ |
jñānaṃ ca tan-manuṣyāṇāṃ yatteṣāṃ mṛga-pakṣiṇām || 50 ||

manuṣyāṇāṃ ca yatteṣāṃ tulyam-anyat-tatho-bhayoḥ |
jñāne-api sati paśyaitān pataṅgāñ-chāva-cañcuṣu || 51 ||

kaṇa-mokṣād-ṛtān-mohāt-pīḍyamānān-api kṣudhā |
mānuṣā manuja-vyāghra sābhilāṣāḥ sutān prati || 52 ||

lobhāt-praty-upakārāya nanv-etān kiṃ na paśyasi |
tathā-pi mamatā-vartte moha-garte nipātitaḥ || 53 ||

mahāmāyā-prabhāveṇa saṃsāra-sthiti-kāriṇā |
tan-nātra vismayaḥ kāryo yoga-nidrā jagatpateḥ || 54 ||

mahāmāyā hare-śchaiṣā tayā sammohyate jagat |
jñāninām-api cetāṃsi devī bhagavatī hi sā || 55 ||

balād-ākṛṣya mohāya mahāmāyā prayacchati |
tayā visṛjyate viśvaṃ jagad-etac-carācaram || 56 ||

saiṣā prasannā varadā nṛṇāṃ bhavati muktaye |
sā vidyā paramā mukter-hetu-bhūtā sanātānī || 57 ||

saṃsāra-bandha-hetuś-ca saiva sarveśvara-īśvarī || 58 ||
Rājavāca || 59 ||

bhagavan kā hi sā devī mahāmāyeti yāṃ bhavān || 60 ||

bravīti katham-utpannā sā karmā-syāś-ca kiṃ dvija |
yat-prabhāvā ca sā devī yat-svarūpā yad-udbhavā || 61 ||

tat-sarvaṃ śrotum-icchāmi tvatto brahmaividāṃ vara || 62 ||

Ṛṣir-uvāca || 63 ||

nityaiva sā jagan-mūrtis-tayā sarvam-idaṃ tatam || 64 ||

tathā-pi tat-samutpattir-bahudhā śrūyatāṃ mama |
devānāṃ kārya-siddhy-artham-āvirbhavati sā yadā || 65 ||

utpanneti tadā loka sā nityā-py-abhidhīyate |
yoga-nidrāṃ yadā viṣṇur-jagaty-eka-arṇavī-kṛte || 66 ||

āstīrya śeṣam-abhajat-kalpānte bhagavān prabhuḥ |
tadā dvāv-asurau ghorau vikhyātau madhu-kaiṭabhau || 67 ||

viṣṇu-karṇa-malo-dbhūtau hantuṃ brahmāṇam-udyatau |
sa nābhi-kamale viṣṇoḥ sthito brahmā prajāpatiḥ || 68 ||

dr̥ṣṭvā tāv-asurau cograu prasuptaṃ ca janārdanam |
tuṣṭāva yoga-nidrāṃ tām-ekāgra-hṛdaya-sthitaḥ || 69 ||

vibodhanārthāya harer-hari-netra-kṛtā-layām |
viśveśvarīṃ jagaddhātṛīṃ sthiti-saṃhāra-kāriṇīm || 70 ||

nidrāṃ bhagavatīṃ viṣṇor-atulāṃ tejasāḥ prabhuḥ || 71 ||

Brahmovāca || 72 || (Brahma said:)

tvam svāhā tvam svadhā tvam hi vaṣaṭ-kāraḥ svarātmikā || 73 ||

sudhā tvam-akṣare nitye tridhā mātrā-tmikā sthitā |
ardha-mātrā-sthitā nityā yā-nuccāryā viśeṣataḥ || 74 ||

tvam-eva sandhyā sāvitṛī tvam devi janānī parā |
tvayai-tad-dhāryate viśvaṃ tvayai-tac-srjyate jagat || 75 ||

tvayai-tat-pālyate devi tvam-atsy-ante ca sarvadā |
visṛṣṭau sṛṣṭi-rūpā tvam sthiti-rūpā ca pālāne || 76 ||

tathā saṃhṛti-rūpā-nte jagato-asya jagan-maye |
mahāvidyā mahāmāyā mahāmedhā mahāsmṛtiḥ || 77 ||

mahāmohā ca bhavatī mahādevī mahāsūrī |

prakṛtis-tvaṃ ca sarvasya guṇa-traya-vibhāvinī || 78 ||

kālarātrir-mahārātrir-moharātris-ca dāruṇā |
tvam śrīstvam-iśvarī tvam hrīstvam-buddhir-bodha-lakṣaṇā || 79 ||

lajjā puṣṭis-tathā tuṣṭis-tvam śāntiḥ kṣāntir-eva ca |
khaḍginī śūlinī ghorā gadinī cakriṇī tathā || 80 ||

śaṅkhinī cāpinī bāṇa-bhuśuṇḍī-parighā-yudhā |
saumyā saumyatarā-śeṣa-saumyebhyas-tvati-sundarī || 81 ||

parāparāṇām paramā tvam-eva parameśvarī |
yac-ca kiñcit-kvacid-vastu sad-asad-vā-khilā-tmike || 82 ||

tasya sarvasya yā śaktiḥ sā tvam kiṃ stūyase tadā |
yayā tvayā jagat-sraṣṭā jagat-pātyat-ti yo jagat || 83 ||

so-api nidrā-vaśam nītaḥ kastvām stotum-iheśvaraḥ |
viṣṇuḥ śarīra-grahaṇam-aham-iśāna eva ca || 84 ||

kāritāste yato-atas-tvām kaḥ stotum śaktimān bhavet |
sā tvam-itthaṃ prabhāvaiḥ sva-irudārai-rdevi samstutā || 85 ||

mohayaitau durādharṣā-vasurau madhu-kaiṭabhau |
prabodham ca jagat-svāmī nīyatām-acyuto laghu || 86 ||

bodhaś-ca kriyatām-asya hantum-etau mahāsurau || 87 ||

Ṛṣir-uvāca || 88 ||

evam stutā tadā devī tāmasī tatra vedhasā || 89 ||

viṣṇoḥ prabodhanārthāya nihantum madhu-kaiṭabhau |
netrā-āśya-nāsikā-bāhu-hṛdayebhyas-tatho-rasaḥ || 90 ||

nirgamyā darśane tasthau brahmaṇo-avyakta-janmanaḥ |
uttasthau ca jagannāthas-tayā mukto janārdanaḥ || 91 ||

eka-arṇave-ahi-śayanāt-tataḥ sa dadṛśe ca tau |
madhu-kaiṭabhau durātmānā-vativīrya-parākramau || 92 ||

krodha-raktekṣaṇāv-attum brahmāṇam janito-dyamau |
samutthāya tatas-tābhyām yuyudhe bhagavān hariḥ || 93 ||

pañca-varṣa-sahasrāṇi bāhu-praharaṇo vibhuḥ |
tāv-apy-atibalo-nmattau mahāmāyā-vimohitau || 94 ||

uktavantau varo-asmatto vriyatām-iti keśavam || 95 ||
Śrī-bhagavān-uvāca || 96 ||

bhavitām-adya me tuṣṭau mama vadhyā-vubhāv-api || 97 ||

kim-anyena vareṇa-atra etāvad-dhi vṛtaṃ mama || 98 ||

Ṛṣir-uvāca || 99 ||

vañcitābhyām-iti tadā sarvam-āpomayaṃ jagat || 100 ||

vilokya tābhyām gadito bhagavān kamalekaṣaṇaḥ |
āvām jahi na yatro-rvī salilena pariplutā || 101 ||
Ṛṣir-uvāca || 102 ||

tathe-ty-uktvā bhagavatā śaṅkha-cakra-gadā-bhṛtā |
kṛtvā cakreṇa vai chinne jaghane śirasī tayoh || 103 ||

evam-eṣā samutpannā brahmaṇā samstutā svayam |
prabhāvam-asyā devyāstu bhūyaḥ śṛṇu vadāmi te ||

Aiṃ Oṃ || 104 ||