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## Shri Durga Saptashati - Chapter 12

Mahatmya: The Fruits of Reciting the Devi's Exploits

Dhyanam (Meditation)

*Om vidyud-dāma-sama-prabhāṃ mṛga-pati-skandha-sthitāṃ  
bhīṣaṇāṃ kanyābhiḥ kara-vāla-kheṭa-vilasad-dhastābhir-āsevitām |  
hastaiś-cakra-gadā-si-kheṭa-viśikhāṃś-cāpaṃ guṇaṃ tarjanīm  
bibhrāṇām-analātmikāṃ śaśi-dharāṃ durgāṃ tri-netrāṃ bhaje ||*

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The Goddess Speaks

"Om" Devyuvāca || 1 ||

Ebhiḥ stavaiś-ca māṃ nityaṃ stoṣyate yaḥ samāhitaḥ  
| tasyāhaṃ sakalāṃ bādhāṃ nāśayisyāmy-asamśayam || 2 ||

Madhu-kaiṭabha-nāśaṃ ca mahiṣāsura-ghātanam |  
kīrtayisyanti ye tadvad vadhaṃ śumbha-niśumbhayoḥ || 3 ||

Aṣṭamyāṃ ca caturdaśyāṃ navamyāṃ caika-cetasah |  
śroṣyanti caiva ye bhaktyā mama mähātmyam-uttamam || 4 ||

Na teṣāṃ duṣkṛtaṃ kiñcid duṣkṛtothā na cāpadaḥ |  
bhaviṣyati na dāridryaṃ na caiveṣṭa-viyojanam || 5 ||

Śatruto na bhayaṃ tasya dasyuto vā na rājataḥ |  
na śastra-anala-toya-oghāt kadācit-sambhaviṣyati || 6 ||

Tasmād-mamaitad-mähātmyaṃ paṭhitavyaṃ samāhitaḥ |  
śrotavyaṃ ca sadā bhaktyā paraṃ svastyayanam hi tat || 7 ||

Upasargān-aśeṣāṃstu mahāmārī-samudbhavān |  
tathā tri-vidham-utpātaṃ mähātmyaṃ śamayen-mama || 8 ||

Yatraitat-paṭhyate samyañ-nityam-āyatane mama |  
sadā na tad-vimokṣyāmi sānnidhyaṃ tatra me sthitam || 9 ||

Bali-pradāne pūjāyāṃ-agni-kārye mahotsave |  
sarvaṃ mamaitac-caritraṃ-uccāryaṃ śrāvyam-eva ca || 10 ||

Jānatā-ajānatā vāpi bali-pūjāṃ tathā kṛtām |  
praṭicchisyāmy-ahaṃ prītyā vahni-homaṃ tathā kṛtam || 11 ||

Śarat-kāle mahāpūjā kriyate yā ca vārṣikī |  
tasyāṃ mamaitad-mähātmyaṃ śrutvā bhakti-samanvitaḥ || 12 ||

Sarvā-bādhā-vinirmukto dhana-dhānya-sutānvitaḥ |  
manuṣyo mat-prasādena bhaviṣyati na samśayaḥ || 13 ||

Śrutvā mamaitad-mähātmyaṃ tathā cottpattayaḥ śubhāḥ |  
parākramaṃ ca yuddheṣu jāyate nirbhayaḥ pumān || 14 ||

Ripavaḥ saṅkṣayaṃ yānti kalyāṇaṃ copapadyate |  
nandate ca kulaṃ puṃsāṃ māhātmyaṃ mama śṛṅvatām || 15 ||

Śānti-karmaṇi sarvatra tathā duḥsvapna-darśane |  
graha-pīḍāsu cogrāsu māhātmyaṃ śṛṅnyān-mama || 16 ||

Upasargāḥ śamaṃ yānti graha-pīḍās-ca dāruṇāḥ |  
duḥsvapnaṃ ca nṛbhir-dr̥ṣṭaṃ susvapnam-upajāyate || 17 ||

Bāla-grahā-bhibhūtānāṃ bālānāṃ śānti-kāraṇam |  
saṅghāta-bhede ca nṛṇāṃ maitrī-karaṇam-uttamam || 18 ||

Durvṛttānām-aśeṣāṇāṃ bala-hāni-karaṇam param |  
rakṣo-bhūta-pīśācānāṃ paṭhanād-eva nāśanam || 19 ||

Sarvaṃ mamaitad-māhātmyaṃ mama sannidhi-kāraṇam |  
paśu-puṣpa-arghya-dhūpaiś-ca gandha-dīpaiś-tathottamaiḥ || 20 ||

Viprāṇāṃ bhojanair-homaiḥ prokṣaṇīyair-aharṇiśam |  
anyaiś-ca vividhair-bhogaiḥ pradānair-vatsareṇa yā || 21 ||

Prītir-me kriyate sāsmin sakṛt-sucarite śrute |  
śrutaṃ harati pāpāni tathā-ārogyaṃ prayacchati || 22 ||

Rakṣāṃ karoti bhūtebhyo janmanāṃ kīrtanaṃ mama |  
yuddheṣu caritaṃ yan-me duṣṭa-daitya-nibarhaṇam || 23 ||

Tasmiñ-chrute vairi-kṛtaṃ bhayaṃ puṃsāṃ na jāyate |  
yuṣmābhiḥ stutayo yāś-ca yāś-ca brahmar̥ṣibhiḥ-kṛtāḥ || 24 ||

Brahmaṇā ca kṛtās-tāstu prayacchanti śubhāṃ matim |  
araṇye prāntare vāpi dāvāgni-parivāritaḥ || 25 ||

Dasyubhir-vā vṛtaḥ śūnye gṛhīto vāpi śatrubhiḥ |  
siṃha-vyāghrā-nuyāto vā vane vā vana-hastibhiḥ || 26 ||

Rājñā kruddhena cājñapto vadhyo bandha-gato-'pi vā |  
āghūrṇito vā vātena sthitaḥ pote mahārṇave || 27 ||

Patatsu cāpi śastreṣu saṅgrāme bhṛṣa-dāruṇe |  
sarvā-bādhāsu ghorāsu vedanābhy-ardito-'pi vā || 28 ||

Smaran-mamaitac-caritraṃ naro mucyeta saṅkaṭāt |  
mama prabhāvāt-siṃhādyaḥ dasyavo vairiṇas-tathā || 29 ||

Dūrād-eva palāyante smarataś-caritraṃ mama || 30 ||

Rṣir-uvāca || 31 ||

Ity-uktvā sā bhagavatī caṇḍikā caṇḍa-vikramā || 32 ||

Paśyatām-eva devānāṃ tatraivāntar-adhīyata |  
te-'pi devā nirātaṅkāḥ svādhikārān yathā purā || 33 ||

Yajña-bhāga-bhujāḥ sarve cakrur-vinihatā-ryaḥ |  
daityāś-ca devyā nihate śumbhe deva-ripau yudhi || 34 ||

Jagad-vidhvaṃsini tasmin mahogre-'tula-vikrame |  
niśumbhe ca mahāvīrye śeṣāḥ pātālam-āyayuḥ || 35 ||

Evaṃ bhagavatī devī sā nityāpi punaḥ punaḥ |  
sambhūya kurute bhūpa jagataḥ paripālanam || 36 ||

Tayaital-mohyate viśvaṃ saiva viśvaṃ prasūyate |  
sā yācitā ca vijñānaṃ tuṣṭā ṛddhiṃ prayacchati || 37 ||

Vyāptaṃ tayaital-sakalaṃ brahmāṇḍaṃ manujeśvara |  
mahākālyā mahākāle mahāmārī-svarūpayā || 38 ||

Saiva kāle mahāmārī saiva sṛṣṭir-bhavaty-ajā |  
sthitim karoti bhūtānāṃ saiva kāle sanātānī || 39 ||

Bhava-kāle nṛṇāṃ saiva lakṣmīr-vṛddhi-pradā grhe |  
saivā-bhāve tathā-alakṣmīr-vināśāyo-pajāyate || 40 ||

Stutā sampūjitā puṣpair-dhūpa-gandhā-dibhis-tathā |  
dadāti vittaṃ putrāṃś-ca matiṃ dharme gatiṃ śubhām || Om || 41 ||

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iti śrī-mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇe sāvarṇike manvantare devī-māhātmye phala-stutir-nāma dvādaśo-  
'dhyāyaḥ || 12 ||