

Shri Durga Saptashati - Third Chapter
The Slaying of Mahishasura

Dhyānam (Meditation)

*Oṃ udyad-bhānu-sahasra-kāntim-aruṇa-kṣaumāṃ śiro-mālikāṃ rakta-ālipta-payodharāṃ
japa-vaṭīṃ vidyām-abhītiṃ varam |
hastābjair-dadhatīṃ tri-netra-vilasad-vaktra-aravinda-śriyaṃ devīṃ baddha-himāṃśu-
ratna-mukutaṃ vande-aravinda-sthitām ||*

The Main Text

"Oṃ" Ṛṣir-uvāca || 1 || (The Sage said:)

nihanyamānaṃ tat-sainyam-avalokya mahāsuraḥ |
senānīś-cikṣuraḥ kopād-yayau yoddhum-athā-ambikām || 2 ||

sa devīṃ śara-varṣeṇa vavarṣa samare-asuraḥ |
yathā meru-gireḥ śrṅgaṃ toya-varṣeṇa toyadaḥ || 3 ||

tasya-cchittvā tato devī līlayaiva śarot-karān |
jaghāna turagān bāṇair-yantāraṃ caiva vājinām || 4 ||

ciccheda ca dhanuḥ sadyo dhvajam cā-ati-samucchritam |
vivyādha caiva gātreṣu chinna-dhanvānam-āsugaiḥ || 5 ||

sa-chinna-dhanvā viratho hatāśvo hata-sārathiḥ |
abhyadhāvata tāṃ devīṃ khaḍga-carma-dharo-asuraḥ || 6 ||

siṃham-āhatya khaḍgena tīkṣṇa-dhāreṇa mūrdhani |
ājaghāna bhujе savye devīm-apy-ativegavān || 7 ||

tasyāḥ khaḍgo bhujam prāpya paphāla nṛpa-nandana |
tato jagrāha śūlam sa kopād-aruṇa-locanaḥ || 8 ||

cikṣepa ca tatas-tattu bhadrakālyāṃ mahāsuraḥ |
jājvalyamānaṃ tejobhī ravi-bimbam-ivā-ambarāt || 9 ||

drṣtvā tadā-patac-chūlam devī śūlam-amuñcata |
tac-chūlam śatadhā tena nītam sa ca mahāsuraḥ || 10 ||

hate tasmin-mahāvīrye mahiṣasya camūpatau |
ājagāma gaja-ārūḍhaś-cāmaras-tridaśa-ārdanaḥ || 11 ||

so-api śaktiṃ mumoca-atha devyās-tām-ambikā drutam |

huṃkāra-abhihatāṃ bhūmau pātayāmāsa niṣprabhām || 12 ||
bhagnāṃ śaktiṃ nipatitāṃ dṛṣṭvā krodha-samanvitaḥ |
cikṣepa cāmarah śūlaṃ bāṇais-tad-api sā-acchinat || 13 ||

tataḥ siṃhaḥ samutpatya gaja-kumbha-antare sthitaḥ |
bāhu-yuddhena yuyudhe teno-ccais-tridaśa-āriṇā || 14 ||

yuddhyamānau tatas-tau tu tasmān-nāgān-mahīṃ gatau |
yuyudhāte-ati-saṃrabdhau prahāir-ati-dāruṇaiḥ || 15 ||

tato vegāt kham-utpatya nipatya ca mṛgāriṇā |
karaprahāreṇa śiraś-cāmarasya pṛthakkr̥tam || 16 ||

udagraś-ca raṇe devyā śilā-vṛkṣādibhir-hataḥ |
danta-muṣṭi-talaiś-caiva karālaś-ca nipātitaḥ || 17 ||

devī kruddhā gadā-pātaiś-cūrṇayāmāsa co-ddhatam |
bāṣkalaṃ bhindipālena bāṇais-tāmraṃ tathā-andhakam || 18 ||

ugrāsyaṃ-ugra-vīryaṃ ca tathaiva ca mahāhanum |
tri-netrā ca tri-śūlena jaghāna parameśvarī || 19 ||

biḍālasya-asinā kāyāt-pātayāmāsa vai śiraḥ |
durdharaṃ durmukhaṃ cobhau śarair-ninve yamakṣayam || 20 ||

evaṃ saṃkṣīyamāṇe tu svasainye mahiṣāsuraḥ |
māhiṣeṇa svarūpeṇa trāsayāmāsa tān gaṇān || 21 ||

kāṃścit-tuṅḍa-prahāreṇa khura-kṣepais-tathā-aparān |
lāṅgūla-tāḍitāṃś-cānyāñ-śṛṅgābhyāṃ ca vidāritān || 22 ||

vegena kāṃścid-aparān-nādena bhramaṇena ca |
niḥśvāsa-pavanena-anyān pātayāmāsa bhūtale || 23 ||

nipātya pramatha-anīkam-abhyadhāvata so-asuraḥ |
siṃhaṃ hantuṃ mahādevyāḥ kopam cakre tato-ambikā || 24 ||

so-api kopān-mahāvīryaḥ khura-kṣuṇṇa-mahītalāḥ |
śṛṅgābhyāṃ parvatān-uccāṃś-cikṣepa ca nanāda ca || 25 ||

vega-bhramaṇa-vikṣuṇṇā mahī tasya vyaśīryata |
lāṅgūlena-āhataś-cābdhiḥ plāvayāmāsa sarvataḥ || 26 ||

dhuta-śṛṅga-vibhinnāś-ca khaṇḍaṃ khaṇḍaṃ yayur-ghanāḥ |

śvāsa-anilāstāḥ śataśo nipetur-nabhaso-acalāḥ || 27 ||

iti krodha-samādhmātam-āpatantaṃ mahāsuram |
dṛṣṭvā sā caṇḍikā kopam tad-vadhāya tadā-karot || 28 ||

sā kṣiptvā tasya vai pāśam taṃ babandha mahāsuram |
tatyāja māhiṣam rūpaṃ so-api baddho mahāmṛdhe || 29 ||

tataḥ siṃho-abhavat-sadyo yāvat-tasyā-ambikā śiraḥ |
chinatti tāvat-puruṣaḥ khaḍga-pāṇir-adṛśyata || 30 ||

tata evā-āśu puruṣam devī ciccheda sāyakaiḥ |
taṃ khaḍga-carmaṇā sārdham tataḥ so-abhūn-mahāgajaḥ || 31 ||

kareṇa ca mahāsiṃham taṃ cakarṣa jagarja ca |
karṣatas-tu karaṃ devī khaḍgena nirakṛntata || 32 ||

tato mahāsuro bhūyo māhiṣam vapur-āsthitaḥ |
tathaiva kṣobhayāmāsa trailokyam sacarācaram || 33 ||

tataḥ kruddhā jaganmātā caṇḍikā pānam-uttamam |
papau punaḥ punaś-caiva jahāsa-aruna-locanā || 34 ||

nanarda cā-asuraḥ so-api bala-vīrya-mado-ddhataḥ |
viśāṇābhyaṃ ca cikṣepa caṇḍikāṃ prati bhūdharān || 35 ||

sā ca tān prahitāṃs-tena cūrṇayantī śarot-karaiḥ |
uvāca taṃ mado-ddhūta-mukha-rāga-ākula-akṣaram || 36 ||

Devy-uvāca || 37 || (The Goddess said:)

garja garja kṣaṇam mūḍha madhu yāvat-pibāmy-aham |
mayā tvayi hate-atraiva garjiṣyanty-āśu devatāḥ || 38 ||

Ṛṣir-uvāca || 39 ||

evam-uktvā samutpatya sā-ārūḍhā taṃ mahāsuram |
pādena-ākramya kaṇṭhe ca śūlena-enam-atāḍayat || 40 ||

tataḥ so-api padā-ākrāntas-tayā nija-mukhāt-tataḥ |
ardha-niṣkrānta evāsīd devyā vīryeṇa saṃvṛtaḥ || 41 ||

ardha-niṣkrānta evāsau yudhyamāno mahāsuraḥ |
tayā mahā-asinā devyā śiraś-chittvā nipātitaḥ || 42 ||
tato hāhā-kṛtaṃ sarvaṃ daitya-sainyaṃ nanāśa tat |

praharṣaṃ ca paraṃ jagmuḥ sakalā devatā-gaṇāḥ || 43 ||

tuṣṭuvu-stāṃ surā devīm saha divyair-maharṣibhiḥ |
jagur-gandharva-patayo nanṛtuś-ca-apsaro-gaṇāḥ || Om || 44 ||