

Shri Durga Saptashati - Chapter 8
Raktabīja-Vadha: The Slaying of Raktabija

Dhyanam (Meditation)

*Om aruṇām karuṇā-taraṅgitākṣiṃ dhṛta-pāsāṅkuśa-bāṇa-cāpa-hastām |
aṇimādibhir-āvṛtām mayūkhai-raham-ityeva vibhāvaye bhavānīm ||*

The Rishi Speaks

"Om" Ṛṣir-uvāca || 1 ||

Caṇḍe ca nihate daitye muṇḍe ca vinipātite |
bahuleṣu ca sanyeṣu kṣayiteṣv-asureśvaraḥ || 2 ||

Tataḥ kopa-parādhīna-cetāḥ śumbhaḥ pratāpavān |
udyogaṃ sarva-sainyānāṃ daityānām-ādideśa ha || 3 ||

Adya sarva-balair-daityāḥ ṣaḍ-aśītir-udāyudhāḥ |
kambūnāṃ catur-aśītir-niryāntu svabalair-vṛtāḥ || 4 ||

Koṭi-vīryāṇi pañcāśad-asurāṇāṃ kulāni vai |
śataṃ kulāni dhaumrāṇāṃ nirgacchantu mamājñayā || 5 ||

Kālakā daurhṛdā mauryaḥ kālakeyās-tathāsurāḥ |
yuddhāya sajjā niryāntu ājñayā tvaritā mama || 6 ||

Ity-ājñāpyā-surapatiḥ śumbho bhairava-śāsanāḥ |
nirjagāma mahā-sainya-sahasrair-bahubhir-vṛtaḥ || 7 ||

Āyāntaṃ caṇḍikā dṛṣtvā tat-sainyam-atibhīṣaṇam |
jyā-svanaiḥ pūrayāmāsa dharaṇī-gaganā-ntaram || 8 ||

Tataḥ siṃho mahānādam-atīva kṛtavān nṛp |
ghaṇṭā-svanena tan-nādam-ambikā copa-brṃhayat || 9 ||

Dhanur-jyā-siṃha-ghaṇṭānāṃ nādā-pūrita-dīnṃmukhā |
ninādair-bhīṣaṇaiḥ kālī jigye vistāritā-nanā || 10 ||

Taṃ ninādam-upaśrutya daitya-sainyaiś-catur-diśam |
devī siṃhas-tathā kālī saroṣaiḥ parivāritāḥ || 11 ||

Appearance of the Matrikas (The Divine Mothers)

Etasmin-nantare bhūpa vināśāya sura-dviṣām |
bhavāyā-mara-siṃhānām-ativīrya-balānvitāḥ || 12 ||

Brahmeśa-guha-viṣṇūnāṃ tathendrasya ca śaktayaḥ |
śarīrebhyo viniṣkramya tad-rūpaiś-caṇḍikāṃ yayuḥ || 13 ||

Yasya devasya yad-rūpaṃ yathā-bhūṣaṇa-vāhanam |
tadvad-eva hi tac-chaktir-asurān yoddhum-āyayau || 14 ||

Haṃsa-yukta-vimānāgre sākṣa-sūtra-kamaṇḍaluḥ |
āyātā brahmaṇaḥ śaktir-brahmāṇī sā-bhidhīyate || 15 ||

Māheśvarī vṛṣārūḍhā trisūla-vara-dhāriṇī |
mahāhi-valayā prāptā candra-rekhā-vibhūṣaṇā || 16 ||

Kaumārī śakti-hastā ca mayūra-vara-vāhanā |
yoddhum-abhyāyayau daityān-ambikā guha-rūpiṇī || 17 ||

Tathaiva vaiṣṇavī śaktir-garuḍo-pari saṃsthitā |
śaṅkha-cakra-gadā-śārṅga-khaḍga-hastābhy-upāyayau || 18 ||

Yajña-vārāham-atulaṃ rūpaṃ yā bibhrato hareḥ |
śaktiḥ sāpyāyayau tatra vārāhīṃ bibhratī tanum || 19 ||

Nārasimhī nṛsimhasya bibhratī sadṛśaṃ vapuḥ |
prāptā tatra saṭākṣepa-kṣipta-nakṣatra-saṃhatīḥ || 20 ||

Vajra-hastā tathaivaindrī gajarājo-pari sthitā |
prāptā sahasra-nayanā yathā śakras-tathaiva sā || 21 ||

Tataḥ parivṛtas-tābhir-īśāno deva-śaktibhiḥ |
hanyantām-asurāḥ śīghraṃ mama prītyā-'ha caṇḍikām || 22 ||

Tato devī-śarīrattu viniṣkrāntā-tibhīṣaṇā |
caṇḍikā-śaktir-atyugrā śivā-śata-ninādinī || 23 ||

Sā cāha dhūmra-jaṭīlam-īśānam-aparājitā |
dūta tvam gaccha bhagavan pārśvam śumbha-niśumbhayoḥ || 24 ||

Brūhi śumbhaṃ niśumbhaṃ ca dānavā-vati-garvitau |
ye cānye dānavās-tatra yuddhāya samupasthitāḥ || 25 ||

Trailokyam-indro labhatām devāḥ santu havir-bhujāḥ |
yūyaṃ prayāta pātālaṃ yadi jīvitum-icchatha || 26 ||

Balāvalepād-atha ced-bhavanto yuddha-kāṅkṣiṇaḥ |
tadā-gacchata tṛpyantu mac-chivāḥ piśitena vaḥ || 27 ||

Yato niyukto dautyena tayā devyā śivaḥ svayam |
śivadūtīti loke-'smiṃs-tataḥ sā khyātim-āgatā || 28 ||

Te-'pi śrutvā vaco devyāḥ śarvākhyātaṃ mahāsurāḥ |
amarṣā-pūritā jagmur-yatra kātyāyanī sthitā || 29 ||

Tataḥ prathamam-evāgre śara-śakty-ṛṣṭi-vṛṣṭibhiḥ |
vavarṣur-uddhata-marṣās-tāṃ devīm-amarā-ayah || 30 ||

Sā ca tān prahitān bāṇāñ-śūla-śakti-paraśvadhān |
ciccheda līlayā-'dhmāta-dhanur-muktair-maheṣubhiḥ || 31 ||

Tasyā-gratas-tathā kālī śūla-pāta-vidāritān |
khaṭvāṅga-pothitāṃ-ścārīn kurvatī vyacarat-tadā || 32 ||

Kamaṅḍalu-jalākṣepa-hata-vīryān hataujasaḥ |
brahmāṇī cākaroc-chatrūn yena yena sma dhāvati || 33 ||

Māheśvarī tri-śūlena tathā cakreṇa vaiṣṇavī |
daityāñ-jaghāna kaumārī tathā śaktyā-tiko-panā || 34 ||

Aindrī-kuliśa-pātena śataśo daitya-dānavāḥ |
petur-vidāritāḥ pṛthivyāṃ rudhiraugha-pravarṣiṇaḥ || 35 ||

Tuṅḍa-prahāra-vidhvastā daṃṣṭrāgra-kṣata-vakṣasaḥ |
vārāha-mūrtyā nyapataṃ-ścakreṇa ca vidāritāḥ || 36 ||

Nakhair-vidāritāṃ-ścānyān bhakṣayantī mahāsurān |
nārasimhī cacārājau nādā-pūrṇa-digambarā || 37 ||

Caṅḍā-tṭahāsair-asurāḥ śiva-dūtya-bhīdūṣitāḥ |
petuḥ pṛthivyāṃ patitāṃs-tāṃ-ścakhādātha sā tadā || 38 ||

Iti māṭṛ-gaṇaṃ krūddhaṃ mardayantaṃ mahāsurān |
dṛṣṭvā-bhyupāyair-vividhair-neśur-devāri-sainikāḥ || 39 ||

The Battle with Raktabija

Palāyana-parān dṛṣṭvā daityān māṭṛ-gaṇārditān |
yoddhum-abhyāyayau krūddho raktabījo mahāsurāḥ || 40 ||

Rakta-bindur-yadā bhūmau pataty-asya śarīrataḥ |
samutpatati medinyāṃ tat-pramāṇas-tadā-surāḥ || 41 ||

Yuyudhe sa gadā-pāṇir-indra-śaktyā mahāsurāḥ |
tataś-caindrī sva-vajreṇa raktabījam-atāḍayat || 42 ||

Kuliśenā-hatasyāśu bahu susrāva śoṇitam |
samuttas-thustato yodhās-tad-rūpās-tat-parākramāḥ || 43 ||

Yāvantaḥ patitās-tasya śarīrād-rakta-bindavaḥ |
tāvantaḥ puruṣā jātās-tad-vīrya-bala-vikramāḥ || 44 ||

Te cāpi yuyudhus-tatra puruṣā rakta-sambhavāḥ |

samaṃ mātr̥bhir-atyugra-śastra-pātā-tibhīṣaṇam || 45 ||

Punaś-ca vajra-pātena kṣatam-asya śīro yadā |
vavāha raktaṃ puruṣās-tato jātāḥ sahasraśaḥ || 46 ||

Vaiṣṇavī samare cainaṃ cakreṇā-bhijaghāna ha |
gadayā tāḍayāmāsa aindrī tam-asureśvaram || 47 ||

Vaiṣṇavī-cakra-bhinnasya rudhira-srāva-sambhavaiḥ |
sahasraśo jagad-vyāptam tat-pramāṇair-mahāsuraiḥ || 48 ||

Śaktyā jaghāna kaumārī vārāhī ca tathāsinā |
māheśvarī tri-śūlena raktabījaṃ mahāsuraḥ || 49 ||

Sa cāpi gadayā daityaḥ sarvā evā-hanat pṛthak |
mātr̥ḥ kopa-samāviṣṭo raktabījo mahāsuraḥ || 50 ||

Tasyā-hatasya bahudhā śakti-śūlā-dibhir-bhūvi |
papāta yo vai raktaughas-tenā-sañ-śataśo-'surāḥ || 51 ||

Taiś-cāsurā-sṛk-sambhūtair-asuraiḥ sakalaṃ jagat |
vyāptam-āsīt-tato devā bhayam-ājagmur-uttamam || 52 ||

Tān viṣaṇṇān surān dṛṣṭvā caṇḍikā prāha satvarā |
uvāca kālīm cāmuṇḍe vistīrṇaṃ vadanam kuru || 53 ||

Mac-chastra-pāta-sambhūtān rakta-bindūn-mahāsuraṃ |
rakta-bindoḥ pratīccha tvam vaktre-ṇānena veginā || 54 ||

Bhakṣayantī cara raṇe tad-utpannān-mahāsuraṃ |
evameṣa kṣayaṃ daityaḥ kṣīṇa-rakto gamiṣyati || 55 ||

Bhakṣyamāṇās-tvayā cogrā na cottpatsyanti cāpare |
ity-uktvā tāṃ tato devī śūlenā-bhijaghāna tam || 56 ||

Mukhena kālī jagrhe raktabījasya śoṇitam |
tato-'sāv-ājaghā-nātha gadayā tatra caṇḍikām || 57 ||

Na cāsyā vedanāṃ cakre gadā-pāto-'lpikām-api |
tasyā-hatasya dehāttu bahu susrāva śoṇitam || 58 ||

Yatas-tatas-tad-vaktreṇa cāmuṇḍā sam-pratīcchati |
mukhe samudgatā ye-'syā rakta-pātān-mahāsuraḥ || 59 ||

Tāṃ-ścakhādātha cāmuṇḍā papau tasya ca śoṇitam |
devī śūlena vajreṇa bāṇair-asibhir-ṛṣṭibhiḥ || 60 ||

Jaghāna raktabījaṃ taṃ cāmuṇḍā-pīta-śoṇitam |

sa papāta mahī-pṛṣṭhe śastra-saṅgha-samāhataḥ || 61 ||

Nīraktaś-ca mahīpāla raktabījo mahāsuraḥ |
tatas-te harṣam-atulam-avāpus-tridaśā nṛp || 62 ||

Teṣāṃ mātṛ-gaṇo jāto nanartāsṛñ-madoddhataḥ || Om || 63 ||

iti śrī-mārkaṇḍeya-purāṇe sāvarṇike manvantare devī-māhātmye raktabīja-vadho nāmā-ṣṭamo-
'dhyāyaḥ || 8 ||