TANTROKTAM DEVĪ SŪKTAM Hymn to Aparājitā (In Praise of the Undefeated)

From the Devī Mahātmyam [Mārkendeya Purana]

Namo Devyai Mahādevyai Śivāyai satatam namaḥ Namaḥ Prakṛtyai Bhadrāyai niyatāh pranatāh sma tām

We bow to the Goddess, to the great Goddess, to the energy of infinite goodness. We prostrate, with hands together, to Nature, to the excellent one.

Raudrāyai namo Nityāyai Gauryai Dhātryai namo namaḥ Jyothsnāyai cendurūpiņyai Sukhāyai satataṁ namaḥ.

We bow to the reliever of sufferings, to the eternal, to the embodiment of rays of light. We continually bow to the Goddess who manifests light, to the form of devotion, to happiness.

³ Kalyānyai praņatām Vrddhyai Siddhyai kurmo namo namaḥ Nair-rtyai bhūbrtām Lakṣmyai Śarvānyai te namo namaḥ.

We bow to change, to perfection, to dissolution, to the wealth which sustains earth, to the wife of Shiva, the Blessed Mother of the World, we bow.

Durgāyai durga-pārāyai Sārāyai sarvakāriņyai Khyātyai tathaiva Kṛṣṇāyai Dhumrāyai satatam namaḥ.

We bow to the one who removes difficulties, who moves beyond all difficulties, to the essence. We continually bow to the doer of all, to perception and to the unknowable one.

Ati-saumyāti-raudrāyai Natās-tasyai namo namaḥ Namo jagat-pratiṣṭhāyai Devyai kṛtyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the extremely beautiful and to the extremely fierce. We bow to the establisher of the perceivable world and who is mundane existence, we bow.

⁶ Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu Viṣṇu-māyeti śabditā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who is the power of Lord Vishnu. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu cetane-tyabhidhīyate Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides throughout Consciousness and is known by the reflections of mind. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu buddhi-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of wisdom. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

⁹ Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu nidra-rūpeṇa samsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of sleep. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu kṣudhā-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of hunger. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu chāyā-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of the shadow of the Real Being. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu śakti-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of divine energy. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu tṛṣṇā-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of thirst. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu kṣānti-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of patient forgiveness. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteşu
jāti-rūpeņa samsthitā
Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai
namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of social classification. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteşu lajjā rupeņa saṃsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of humility. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu śānti-rupeṇa saṃsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of (longing for) peace. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

¹⁸ Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu śraddhā-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namah.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of faith. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

¹⁹ Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu kānti-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of beauty enhanced by love. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu Lakṣmi-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of true wealth. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu vṛtti-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of change. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu smṛti-rūpeṇa samsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of recollection/memory. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow.

²³ Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu dayā-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of compassion. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu tuṣṭi-rūpeṇa saṁsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of satisfaction. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu matṛ-rūpeṇa samsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of Mother. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Yā devi sarva-bhūteṣu bhrānti-rūpeṇa saṃsthitā Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

We bow to the divine Goddess existing in all, who resides in the form of confusion. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow to her.

Indriyānām-adhiṣṭātri bhūtānāṁ cākhileṣu yā Bhūteṣu satataṁ tasyai vyāpti-devyai namo namaḥ.

Presiding over the senses of all beings and pervading all existence, to the omnipresent Goddess who individualizes creation we bow, we bow.

²⁸ Citi-rūpeṇa yā kṛtsnam etad vyāpya sthitā jagat Namas-tasyai, namas-tasyai namas-tasyai namo namaḥ.

In the form of consciousness, she distinguishes the individual phenomena of the perceivable universe. We bow to her, we bow to her, we continually bow.

- Stutā suraiḥ pūrvam-abhīṣṭa-samśrayāt tathā Surendreṇa dineṣu sevitā. Karotu sā naḥ śubha hetur-Īśvarī śubhāni bhadrāṇyabhi-hantu cāpadaḥ.
- Yā sāmpratam coddhata-daithya-tāpitair asmābhir-īśā ca surair-namasyathe. Yā ca smṛtā tat-kṣaṇameva hanti naḥ, sarvāpado bhakti-vinamra-mūrtibhiḥ.

Let the Goddess who brings good fortune, who is praised by the Gods, who is served by Devendra, who is praised by Devas troubled by the Asuras, who is praised and remembered as devotion to her solves all, who is the source of all good in the world, let that Goddess destroy all obstacles.

Om Namaś Chandikāyai.

Om, I bow to the Goddess Chaṇḍikā,