

Vedoktam Ratrisuktam



अथ वेदोक्तं रात्रिसूक्तम्

ॐ रात्री व्यख्यदायती पुरुत्रा देव्यक्षभिः ।
विश्वा अधि श्रियो-दहित ॥१॥

ओर्वप्रा अमर्त्यानिवतो देव्युद्वतः ।
ज्योतिषा बाधते तमः ॥२॥

निरु स्वसारमस्कृतोषसं देव्यायती ।
अपेदु हासते तमः ॥३॥

सा नो अद्य यस्या वयं नि ते यामन्नविक्षहमहि ।
वृक्षे न वसतिं वयः ॥४॥

नि ग्रामासो अविक्षत निपद्वन्तो निपक्षिणः ।
नि श्येनासश्चिदर्थिनः ॥ ५॥

यावया वृक्यं वृकं यवयस्तेनमूमूर्म्ये ।
अथा नः सुतरा भव ॥६॥

उप ते गा इवाकरं वृणीष्व दुहितर्ददिवः ।
रात्रि स्तोमं न जिग्युषे ॥८॥

इति ऋग्वेदोक्तं रात्रिसूक्तं समाप्तं ।

Praise of the Goddess Night revealed in the Veda. From the Devi Mahatmya (Markendeya Purana).
Vedoktam Ratri Suktam is recited before starting Durga Saptashati Patha.

atha vedoktaṃ rātrisūktam

om rātrī vyakhyadāyati purutrā devyakṣabhiḥ |
viśvā adhi śriyo'dhita ||1||

Om. The night of duality comes forth in many forms and times perceivable by the divine power of sense.

orbaprā amartyā nivato devyudvataḥ |
jyotiṣā vādhate tamaḥ ||2||

Omnipresent, immortal, the Goddess of places high and low; darkness is repelled by the Light.

niru svasāramskṛtoṣasaṃ devyāyati |
apeduhāsate tamaḥ ||3||

She gave definition to Her sister, the Dawning Light, the Goddess who comes. And the darkness departs.

sā no adya yasyā vayaṃ niteyāmanyavikṣmahi |
vṛkṣeṇ vasatiṃ vayaḥ ||4||

She is ours now. May we see Her effortless, unimpaired movements upon the earth as a bird sees from its dwelling in a tree (remaining only the witness).

ni grāmāso avikṣata nipadvanto nipakṣiṇaḥ |
ni śyenāsaścidarthaḥ ||5||

For all of humanity, for animals who traverse by foot, or birds who fly in the air, She is the object of desperate search.

yāvayā vṛkyaṃ vṛkaṃ yavayastenamūrmmye |
athā naḥ sutarā bhava ||6||

Drive away the wolves of confusion, dispel the wolves of egotism, the thieves: hunger, thirst, greed, illusion, grief, and death. Then be to us the excellent crossing to Wisdom.

upa mā pepiśattamaḥ kṛṣṇam vyaktamasthita |
uṣa ṛṇeva yātaya ||7||

The all-pervasive darkness is near me, existing as individual forms in the blackness. O
Dawning Light, dismiss this ignorance.

upa te gā ivākaram vṛṇiṣva duhitarddivaḥ |
rātri stomaṁ na jigyuṣe ||8||

O Daughter of the Heavens, I have recited this to gratify you. O night of duality, may
this hymn be victorious.

iti ṛgvedoktaṁ rātrisuktaṁ samāptaṁ |

Here ends the Ratri Sukta from the Rigveda.