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શ્રીબાલામ્બિકાષ્ટકમ્ ર

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Devi Balambika is the consort of Lord Vaidyanatha at Vaideeswarankoil, Tamil Nadu. નતોડસ્મિ તે દેવિ સુપાદપકુજ મુરાસુરેન્દ્રેરભિવન્દિતં સદા I પરાત્પરં ચારુતરં સુમડ્ગલં વેદાર્થ-વેદ્યં મમકાર્ય-સિદ્ધયે II ૧ II Devi, for fulfilment of my desires, I bow at your lovely lotus feet, which are ever worshipped by the leaders of Devas and Asuras and

which are ever worshipped by the leaders of Devas and Asuras and are higher than the highest, most beautiful, supremely auspicious and known only to the subtle intent of Vedas. (1)

વેદૈકવન્દ્યં ભુવનસ્ય માતરં સમસ્ત-કલ્યાણ-ગુણાભિરામકામ્ l ભક્તાર્થદં ભક્તજનાભિવન્દ્યાં બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ ll ર ll I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, the unitary existence worshipped by Vedas, the mother of the universe, who delights all by her treasure of auspicious qualities, who is the bestower of all objects of desire of devotees and who is intensely worshipped by devotees. (2)

સૌવર્ણ-ચિત્રાભરણાગ્ય ગૌરીં પ્રફુલ્લ રક્તોત્પલ-ભૂષિતાડ્ગીમ્ I નીલાલકાં નીલગલ-પ્રિયાગ્ય બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ II 3 II I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, Gowri, who is wearing many wonderful ornaments of gold, who glows like the fully blossomed red coloured lotus, who has black hair on head and who is the beloved of Nilakantha blue-throated Shiva. (3)

સૌવર્ણ-વર્ણાકૃતિ-દિવ્ય-વસ્ત્રાં સૌવર્ણ-રત્નાગ્ચિત દિવ્ય-કાગ્ચીમ્ **I** નિમ્બાટવી-નાથ-મનઃપ્રહૃષ્ટાં બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ **II** ૪ **II** I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is wearing shining apparel of golden colour and brilliant golden gem-studded girdle and who delights the mind of the Lord of the Nimba forest Shiva. (4)

સ્ત્રગ્-ચન્દનાલડ્કુત-દિવ્યદેહાં હારિદ્રસચ્ચૂર્ણ વિરાજિતાડ્ગીમ્ I વૈચિત્ર-કોટીર વિભૂષિતાડ્ગીં બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ II પ II I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is decorated with garlands and sandal paste and who shines with turmeric paste and wonderful crown. (5)

વૈચિત્ર-મુક્તામણિ વિદ્રુમાણાં સ્રગ્ભિસ્સદારાજિત ગૌરવર્ણામ્ I ચતુર્ભુજાં ચારુ-વિચિત્ર-રૂપાં બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ II ૬ II I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who shines always with necklaces of wonderful pearls and corals, who is white complexioned and who has four arms and beautiful and wonderful form. (6)

કવણત્-સુમગ્જીર-રવાભિરામાં સમસ્ત-હૃન્મણ્ડલ-મધ્ય-પીઠામ્ l વૈદ્યેશ્વરી વૈદ્યપતિ-પ્રિયાગ્ય બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ ll ૭ ll I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who delights with the pleasing sound of the jingling anklets, who is seated in the centre of heart area of all and who is the Healing Goddess, the beloved of Vaidyapati Vaidyanatha. (7)

The reference to Vaidya Healing in the names of Vaideeswara and Vaideeswari indicates healing of diseases of not just body and mind, but also of the greater malady of Samsara, the repeated, never-ending cycle of births and deaths. બ્રહ્મેન્દ્ર-વિષ્ણવર્ધ-નિશીશ-પૂર્વ ગીવાંણ-વર્યાર્થિત દિવ્ય-દેહામ્ I જ્યોતિર્મયાં જ્ઞાનદ-દિવ્ય-રૂપાં બાલામ્બિકાં બાલકલાં નતોડસ્મિ II ૮ II I bow to Balambika, the youthful aspect of Devi, who is worshipped by Brahma, Indra, Vishnu, Surya, Chandra and the best among Devas, and who is of the form of brilliant Light, bestowing Gnana Supreme Knowledge. (8)

બાલામ્બિકા સ્તોત્રમતીવ પુણ્યં ભક્તેષ્ટદગ્ચેન્-મનુજઃ પ્રભાતે l ભક્ત્ત્યા પઠેત્ પ્રાબલાર્થ-સિદ્ધં પ્રાપ્નોતિ સદ્યસ્સકલેષ્ટકામાન્ ll ell This Balambika Stotram is extremely meritorious, capable of bestowing on devotees all their objects of desire, and which is certain to bless fulfilment of all objectives, even very difficult of attainment. One, who reads this Stotram in the morning with devotion, will attain all desired objects immediately. (9)

II ઇતિ શ્રીબાલામ્બિકાષ્ટકસ્તોત્રં સમ્પૂર્ણમ્ II

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