
The Greatness of Shrisuktam

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These verses narrate the glory of Shri Suktam, the vedic hymn in praise of Shri or Laxmi Devi. They are in the form of a dialogue between Parasurama and Pushkara, the son of Varuna and are from chapter 129 of Shri Vishnu Dharmottara purana. The English translation given after each verse is not exact, but will convey the meaning of the verse. Shri is the bestower of all that is auspicious to her devotees. Generally She is said to grant wealth. But this limitation is in our mind only. Really She can grant all wishes including mokSha itself. The ShriSuktam thus is a prayer for not only wealth but all that is required for leading a dharmic life and attaining Her grace.

ರಾಮ ಉವಾಚ-

ಏಕಂ ಮಂತ್ರಂ ಸಮಾಚಕ್ಷ್ವ ದೇವ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀ ವಿವರ್ಧನಂ .

ಪ್ರತಿವೇದಂ ಜಗನ್ನಾಥ ಯಾದೋಗಣನೃಪಾತ್ಮಜ .. 1..

Parasurama said: O Lord! son of Varuna! Kindly tell me the mantras mentioned in each veda for attaining prosperity.

ಪುಷ್ಕರ ಉವಾಚ-

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಂ ಪ್ರತಿವೇದಂಚ ಜ್ಞೇಯಂ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀವಿವರ್ಧನಂ .

ಅಸ್ಮಿಲ್ಲೋಕೇ ಪರೇ ವಾಪಿ ಯಥಾಕಾಮಂ ದ್ವಿಜಸ್ಯ ತು .. 2..

Pushkara said: The Shri Suktam contained in each veda is capable of giving all prosperity to one living in any of the worlds.

ರಾಮ ಉವಾಚ-

ಪ್ರತಿವೇದಂ ಸಮಾಚಕ್ಷ್ವ ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಂ ಪುಷ್ಟಿವರ್ಧನಂ .

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಸ್ಯ ತಥಾ ಕರ್ಮ ಸರ್ವಧರ್ಮಭೃತಾಂ ವರ .. 3..

Parasurama said: O you who knows all details about dharma!

kindly tell me about the Shri Suktam that is to be found in the

vedas and also the procedure to be followed in observing it.

ಪುಷ್ಕರ ಉವಾಚ-

ಹಿರಣ್ಯವರ್ಣಾಂ ಹರಿಣೀಂ ಖೂಚಃ ಪಂಚದಶ ದ್ವಿಜ .

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಂ ಕಥಿತಂ ಪುಣ್ಯಂ ಖೂಗೈದೇ ಪುಷ್ಟಿವರ್ಧನಂ .. 4..

Pushkara replied as follows. The fifteen verses beginning

ಹಿರಣ್ಯ ವರ್ಣಾಂ are to be seen in the Rig veda. It is

auspicious and can confer prosperity.

ರಥೇ ಅಕ್ಷೇಷು ವಾಜೇತಿ ಚತಸ್ರಸ್ತು ತಥಾ ಖೂಚಃ .

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಂ ತು ಯಜುರ್ವೇದೇ ಕಥಿತಂ ಪುಷ್ಟಿವರ್ಧನಂ .. 5..

Similarly, the four verses beginning ರಥೇ ಅಕ್ಷೇಷು ವಾಜೇ

and the Shri Suktam to be seen in the Yajur veda are very

beneficial.

ಶ್ರಾಯಂತೀಯಂ ತಥಾ ಸಾಮ ಸಾಮವೇದೇ ಪ್ರಕೀರ್ತಿತಂ .

ಶ್ರಿಯಂ ದಾತುರ್ಮಯಿದೇಹಿ ಪ್ರೋಕ್ತಮಾಧರ್ವಣೇ ತಥಾ .. 6..

Similarly the verses beginning ಶ್ರಾಯಂತೀಯಂ in the Sama

veda and the verses beginning ಶ್ರಿಯಂ ದಾತುರ್ಮಯಿದೇಹಿ

in the Atharvana veda along with the Shri Sukta are really

very beneficial.

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಂ ಯೋ ಜಪೇದ್ಭಕ್ತ್ಯಾ ತಸ್ಯಾಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀರ್ವಿನಶ್ಯತಿ .

ಜುಹುಯಾದ್ಯಶ್ಚ ಧರ್ಮಜ್ಞ ಹವಿಷ್ಯೇಣ ವಿಶೇಷತಃ .. 7..

One who recites the Shri Sukta will get rid of his poverty

in toto. One who performs homa with oblations will receive

similar benefits.

ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತೇನ ತು ಪದ್ಮಾನಾಂ ಘೃತಾಕ್ತಾನಾಂ ಭೃಗೂತ್ತಮ .

ಅಯುತಂ ಹೋಮಯೇದ್ಯಸ್ತು ವಹ್ನೌ ಭಕ್ತಿಯುತೋ ನರಃ .. 8..

ಪದ್ಮಹಸ್ತಾ ಚ ಸಾ ದೇವೀ ತಂ ನರಂ ತೂಪತಿಷ್ಠತಿ .

ದಶಾಯುತಂ ತು ಪದ್ಮಾನಾಂ ಜುಹುಯಾದ್ಯಸ್ತಥಾ ಜಲೇ .. 9..

One performing the homa offering ten thousand lotus flowers

dipped in ghee will be blessed by laxmi devi who holds the

lotus flower in her hands. Like wise, if one offers homa

with one hundred thousand flowers (with Shri Sukta) in water,

(continued in the next verse)

ನಾಪೃತಿ ತತ್ಕುಲಾಲ್ಪಕ್ಷೀಃ ವಿಷ್ಣೋರ್ವಕ್ಷಗತಾ ಯಥಾ .
ಘೃತಾಕ್ತಾನಾಂತು ಬಿಲ್ವಾನಾಂ ಹುತ್ವಾ ರಾಮಾಯುತಂ ತಥಾ .. 10..

Laxmi will reside in his house permanently, as She stays in
the chest of Shri Vishnu. Further, if one performs homa with
ten thousand bilva leaves dipped in ghee, (continued in the
next verse)

ಬಹುವಿತ್ತಮವಾಪ್ನೋತಿ ಸ ಯಾವನ್ಮನಸೇಚ್ಛತಿ .
ಬಿಲ್ವಾನಾಂ ಲಕ್ಷಹೋಮೇನ ಕುಲೇ ಲಕ್ಷೀಮುಪಾಶ್ನುತೇ .. 11..

he gets immense wealth as per his wish. If he performs homa
for a hundred thousand times with bilva leaves then Laxmi will
stay in his house permanently.

ಪದ್ಮಾನಾಮಥ ಬಿಲ್ವಾನಾಂ ಕೋಟಿಹೋಮಂ ಸಮಾಚರೇತ್ .
ಶ್ರದ್ಧಧಾನಃ ಸಮಾಪ್ನೋತಿ ದೇವೇಂದ್ರತ್ವಮಪಿ ಧ್ರುವಂ .. 12..

If one performs homa for ten million times with lotus and
bilva leaves he is sure to attain the position of Indra.

ಸಂಪೂಜ್ಯ ದೇವೀಂ ವರದಾಂ ಯಥಾವತ್
ಪದ್ಮೈಸ್ಸಿತ್ಯೈರ್ವಾ ಕುಸುಮೈಸ್ತಥಾನ್ಯೈಃ .
ಕ್ಷೀರೇಣ ಧೂಪೈಃ ಪರಮಾನ್ನಭಕ್ಷ್ಯೈಃ
ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮೀಮವಾಪ್ನೋತಿ ವಿಧಾನತಶ್ಚ .. 13..

Similarly one who worships Her with lotus, white flowers,
milk, incense and excellent food items as prescribed will
receive great wealth.

ಇತಿ ಶ್ರೀ ವಿಷ್ಣುಧರ್ಮೋತ್ತರೇ ದ್ವಿತೀಯಖಂಡೇ ಮಾರ್ಕಂಡೇಯವಜ್ರಸಂವಾದೇ
ರಾಮಂ ಪ್ರತಿ ಪುಷ್ಕರೋಪಾಖ್ಯಾನೇ ಶ್ರೀಸೂಕ್ತಮಹಾತ್ಮ್ಯಕಥನಂ ನಾಮ
ಅಷ್ಟಾವಿಂಶತ್ಯುತ್ತರ ಶತತಮೋಽಧ್ಯಾಯಃ ..

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