10. COW! THE BELOVED MOTHER OF ALL.
MANY GEMS EMERGED WHEN THE SEAS WERE CHURNED - UCHCHAISHRAVĀ HORSE, ERAVAT ELEPHANT, LAKSHMI, KĀMDHENU COW, DHANVANTARI VAIDYA* AND AMRIT **
MOTHER COW IS THE EMBODIMENT OF 33 KOTI DEVĀS. WORSHIPPING HER IS AS GOOD AS WORSHIPPING ALL THE DEITIES.

KOTI MEANS A CATEGORY - 8 VASU + 12 ĀDITYA + 11 RUDRA + 2 ASHWINI KUMĀR = 33.
WHENEVER EARTH WAS IN TROUBLE, SHE WOULD TAKE THE FORM OF A COW AND PRAY WITH GREAT DEVOTION TO PLEASE GOD. THIS IS WHY MOTHER EARTH IS ALSO CALLED GO.

THE COW REPRESENTS MOTHER EARTH WHOLLY, SO SAVING THE COW MEANS SAVING THE EARTH. SCIENTISTS MUST STUDY THIS TOO.
GHEE, MILK, GOMAY, GOMUTRA OF THE COW IS ESSENTIALLY USED IN PUJĀS AND THE HAVAN.
Lord Shiva rides the Nandi (bull) whereas Yamraj - the God of Death, rides the male buffalo.
King Dilip served the cow called Nandini with the desire to have children.

Nandini wanted to test the king. Just as the king's attention was diverted, suddenly....
A LION, THE CARRIER OF MĀ DURGA, ATTACKED.

O KING LION! PLEASE SPARE MOTHER NANDINI; INSTEAD YOU MAY EAT ME.

O KING! YOU BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ENTIRE STATE. IT WOULD BE SINFUL TO SACRIFICE A KING FOR A COW. WITH MY BLESSINGS, YOU WILL HAVE CHILDREN, NOW YOU MAY GO.

BUT THE KING DID NOT MOVE.
Nandini was pleased and owing to her blessing, glorious Raghu was born. Lord Rāma, was born in the Raghuvansh dynasty.
LORD KRISHNA REARED COWS - SO HE BECAME GOPALAK (PALK MEANS A PARENT) AND THEREFORE GOPAL.

THE MELODY OF THE FLUTE KEEPS THE COWS HAPPY AND HEALTHY, THUS YIELDING MORE MILK. THIS SCIENCE WAS REVEALED BY KRISHNA.
RISHABHDEV, THE FIRST JAIN TIRTHANKAR, TAUGHT PEOPLE TO DO FARMING WITH THE BULLOCKS. SO, BULLOCKS ARE ALSO CALLED RISHABH.
BUDDHA SAID

JUST LIKE OUR FAMILY MEMBERS, THE COW IS A DEAR FRIEND. SHE IS THE ORIGINATOR OF MEDICINES.

JESUS

“He that killeth an ox as if he’s slew a man” (Isaiah 66.3)
HOLY KORAN SAYS NEITHER THEIR MEAT, NOR THEIR BLOOD REACHES TO ALLAH. ONLY COMPASSION REACHES HIM (22.37)

“BEEF IS AN ILLNESS (MARZ), ITS MILK IS PURE (SAPHA) AND HEALTHY AND ITS GHEE IS A MEDICINE.” (ALGHAZALI, THE 11TH CENTURY FOUNDER OF ISLAMIC ACADEMY)
Yahi dehu āgyā, turk gāhāi khapāun
gau ghātka doṣh, jug siu mitāun
yahi ās puran karo tum hamāri
chootey kasht gaiyan, mitey khed bhāri.

All the brave soldiers who became Sikhs were ordered by Guru Govind Singh thus – wipe out the cow killer Mughals and get rid of the accusation of cow-slaughter. Fulfill my wish to save the cow from torture and bring an end to our sorrow.
COW'S MILK CAN SATISFY 25,740 PEOPLE'S HUNGER IN HER LIFETIME. WHEREAS BEEF CAN SATISFY, AT A TIME, THE HUNGER OF 80 PEOPLE ONLY.

'GO-KARUNANIDHI', A GREAT BOOKLET WRITTEN BY SWAMI DAYANANDA SARASWATI, WAS A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THE BRITISH FOR THE WRONG PROPAGANDA BY THEM.
WHEN A BULLOCK WAS CANED, MARKS OF THE CANE APPEARED ON THE BACK OF SWAMI RAMAKRISHNA PARAMHANSA.
I AM NOT INTERESTED IN SWARĀJYA, WHERE COWS ARE BEING SLAUGHTERED.
DR. HEDGEWÂR, THE FOUNDER OF THE LARGEST VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION, THE RSS, SAID THIS TO THE BUTCHERS WHO WERE ABOUT TO SLAUGHTER A COW.

YOU TAKE THE PRICE OF THIS COW'S MEAT FROM ME, BUT GIVE ME THE COW.

NO, WE WILL KILL HER.

THE BY-STANDERS WERE SCARED AND KEPT WATCHING.
AS LONG AS I AM ALIVE, I WILL NOT ALLOW THIS COW TO BE KILLED.

ON SEEING HIS DETERMINATION TO SAVE HER, EVEN TO LAY DOWN HIS LIFE, THE BUTCHERS WERE FRIGHTENED. THEY TOOK THE MONEY INSTEAD AND LEFT THE COW.
A YOUTH, NAMED SHRIRĀM SHARMĀ, UNTIED THE COW MEANT TO PULL A BULLOCK-CART AND DROVE IT, 10 KMS. HIMSELF.

IN HIS ENTIRE 24 YEARS' Penance he chanted the Gāyatī mantra and lived on takra and barley collected from gomay. He inspired lacs of youths to serve the society.
The cow was dearly loved by great saints of all times.
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- Gave shelter to 3 lakh cows during the famine of the year 2003.
- Every year 10,000 weak bovine cattle and made healthy and sent to be reared in homes.