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VISHNU SUKTAM

In this lesson, you will read about the Vishnu sukta. In this sukta qualities of God Vishnu are described. God Vishnu is Adi and has no end. God Vishnu's devotee is always blessed by him.



OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, you will be able to:

- recite Vishnu Suktam, and
- understand the meaning of the Sukta.

5.1 SHRI VISHNU SUKTAM



Note

श्रीविष्णुसूक्तम्

ॐ विष्णोर्नुकं वीर्याणि प्रवोचं यः पार्थिवानि विममे रजांसि यो
अस्कंभायदुत्तरं सधस्थं विचक्रमाणस्त्रेधोरुगायो विष्णोरराटमसि
विष्णोः पृष्ठमसि विष्णोः श्रज्रस्थो विष्णोस्स्यूरसि विष्णोर्ध्रुवमसि
वैष्णवमसि विष्णवे त्वा॥

Om viṣṇor nukāṁ vīryāṇi pravocaṁ yaḥ pāṛthivāni vimame
rajāgṁ si yo askābhāyaḍ uttāragṁ sadhasthāṁ vicakramāṇas
tredho rūgāyo viṣṇo rarāṭāmasi viṣṇoḥ pṛṣṭhamāsi viṣṇoḥ
śñaptrēsthō viṣṇo syūrāsi viṣṇo dhruvam āsi vaiṣṇavam āsi
viṣṇāve tvā || 1 ||

I will declare the mighty deeds of Lord Vishnu; of Him who measured out the earthly regions. Who established the highest abode , thrice setting down His footstep, widely striding. RV.1:154:1 You are the forehead of Lord Vishnu; you are the back of Lord Vishnu; ye two are the corners of Vishnu's mouth. You are the thread of Vishnu, you are the fixed point of Lord Vishnu. You are of Lord Vishnu; to Lord Vishnu you.

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Note

तदस्य प्रियमभिपार्थो अश्याम् ।

नरो यत्र देवयवो मदन्ति ।

उरुक्रमस्य स हि बन्धुरित्था ।

विष्णोः पदे परमे मध्व उत्सः ॥

tad āsya priyam abhipātho aśyām |

naṛo yatrā devayavo madānti |

urukram asya sa hi bandhur itthā |

viṣṇoḥ pade pārame madhva uthsāḥ || 2 ||

May I attain to His well-beloved realm where the devotees rejoice. For there springs, close akin to the Wide-Strider; the source of immortality in Vishnu's highest footstep.

प्रतद्विष्णुस्तवते वीर्याय ।

मृगो न भीमः कुचरो गिरिष्ठाः ।

यस्योरुषु त्रिषु विक्रमणेषु ।

अधिक्षियन्ति भुवनानि विश्वा ॥

pratad viṣṇus tavate vīryāya |

mṛgo na bhīmaḥ kūcāro giriṣṭhāḥ |

yosyoruṣu triṣu vikramāṇeṣu |

adhikṣiyanti bhuvānāni viśvā || 3 ||



Note

For this His mighty deed is Lord Vishnu praised, who like some wild lion, dread, prowling, roams the mountains. He within whose three wide-extending paces all living creatures have their existence.

प॒रो मा॒त्रया॑ त॒नुवां वृ॑धान ।

न ते॑ महि॒त्वमन्व॑श्रुवन्ति ।

उ॒भे ते॑ विद्म॒ रज॑सि पृथि॒व्या ।

विष्णो॑ दे॒वत्व॑म् प॒रम॑स्य॒ विथ्से ॥

pa॒ro ma॒trayā॑ ta॒nuvā vṛd̥hāna ।

na te॑ ma॒hītvam॑ anvaśnuvanti ।

ubhe te॑ vidma॒ rajasi॑ pṛthi॒vyā ।

viṣṇo॑ deva॒tvam॑ pa॒ramasya॑ vithse ॥ 4 ॥

Humans cannot comprehend your greatness, Who expands beyond all bound and measure with your body. Both your two regions of the earth , O Lord Vishnu we know; you O Lord knows the highest.

विच॑क्रमे पृथि॒वीमेष॑ ए॒ताम् ।

क्षेत्रा॑य॒ विष्णु॑र्मनु॒षे द॑शस्यन् ।

ध्रु॒वासो॑ अस्य की॒रयो॑ जना॑सः ।

उ॒रु॒क्षि॒तिः॑ सु॒जनि॑माचकार ॥

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Note

vicākrame pṛthivīm eṣa etām |
 kṣetrāya viṣṇur manuṣe daśāsyān |
 dhruvāsō asya kīrayo janāsaḥ |
 urukṣitagm̐ sujanim ācakāra || 5 ||

Over this earth with mighty step strode Vishnu, ready to give it
 for a home to Manu. In Him the humble people trust for refuge;
 He, the Nobly Born, has made them spacious dwellings.

त्रिर्देवः पृथिवीमेष एताम् ।
 विचक्रमे शतर्चसं महित्वा ।
 प्रविष्णुरस्तु तवसस्तवीयान् ।
 त्वेषः ह्यस्य स्थविरस्य नाम ॥

trir devaḥ pṛthivīm eṣa etām |
 vicākrame śartācasam mahitvā |
 pra-viṣṇur astu tava sastaviyān |
 tveṣagga hyāsya sthavirasya nāmā || 6 ||

Three times Lord strode forth in all His grandeur over this
 earth bright with a hundred splendours. Foremost is Lord
 Vishnu, stronger than the strongest; for glorious is His name
 Who lives forever.



Note

अतो॑ दे॒वा अ॑वन्तु॒नो यतो॑ विष्णुर्विच॑क्रमे ।

पृथि॑व्यास्सप्त॒ धाम॑भिः ॥

atò devā àvantu no yato viṣṇur vicakrame |

prthivyās sapta dhāmabhiḥ || 7 ||

The gods be gracious unto us even from the place whence Lord Vishnu strode. Through the seven regions of the earth.

इदं॑ विष्णुर्विच॑क्रमे त्रे॒धा निद॑धे प॒दम् ।

समू॑ढमस्य पा॒ःसुरे ॥

idaṁ viṣṇur vicakrame tredha nidādhe paḍam |

samūḍham asya pāḥ sure || 8 ||

Through all this world strode Lord Vishnu; thrice His foot he planted, and the whole was gathered in His footstep's dust.

त्रिणि॑ प॒दा विच॑क्रमे॒ विष्णुर्गो॑पा अदा॑भ्यः ।

ततो॑ धर्मा॑णि धा॒रयन् ।

trīṇi padā vicakrame viṣṇur gopā adābhyaḥ |

tato dharmāṇi dhārayan || 9 ||



Note

Lord Vishnu, the Protector, He whom none deceives, made three steps, thenceforth. Establishing His high ordinances.

विष्णोः कर्माणि पश्यत् यतो ब्रतानि पस्पशे ।

इन्द्रस्य युज्यस्सका ॥

viṣṇoḥ karmāṇi paśyataḥ yatò vratāni paspaśe |

indrāsya yujyasya sakhāḥ || 10||

Look upon the deeds of Lord Vishnu, whereby the friend of Lord Indra, close-allied, Has let his pastimes be seen.

तद्विष्णोः परमं पदं सदा पश्यन्ति सूरयः ।

दिवीव चक्षुराततम् ॥

tad viṣṇoḥ paramam padam sadā paśyanti sūrayaḥ |

divīva cakṣurātātam || 11 ||

The nitya sūris evermore behold that loftiest place where Lord Vishnu is, placed as it where an eye in heaven.

तद्विप्रांसो विपन्यवो जागृवाः सस्समिन्धते ।

विष्णोर्यत्परमं पदम् ॥

tad viprāso vipanyavò jāgrvāgḥ sas samindhate |

viṣṇor yat paramam padam || 12 ||

This Lord Vishnu's station most sublime, the singers ever vigilant, Lovers of holy song light up.



Note

पर्याप्त्या अनन्तरायायु सर्वस्तोमोऽति रात्र उ॒त्तम मह॑र्भवति सर्वस्याप्त्यै
सर्वस्य॒ जित्यै॒ सर्वमे॒व तेना॑प्नोति॒ सर्वं॑ जयति ॥

॥ ॐ शान्तिः॒ शान्तिः॒ शान्तिः॑ ॥

pāryāptyā anānta-rāyāyā sarva stoma'tirātra ūttama mahār
bhavati sarvasyāptyai sarvasya jityai sarvām eva tenāpnoti
sarvām jayati ॥



INTEXT QUESTIONS 5.1

रिक्तस्थानानि पूरयत-

1. तदस्य अश्याम्।
2. यस्योरुषु त्रिषु।
3. पृथिवीमेष एताम्।
4. अतो देवाअं यतो विष्णुर्विचक्रमे।
5. विष्णोः पश्यत् यतो व्रतानि पस्पशे।



Note



WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT

- Recitation of Vishnu Suktam.
- Meaning of Vishnu Suktam

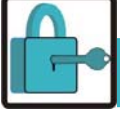
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TERMINAL QUESTIONS

1. Describe the qualities of God Vishnu.
2. Write the summery of Vishnu sukatm.



ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS



Note

5.1

1. प्रियमभिपाथौ
2. विक्रमणेषु
3. विचक्रमे
4. वन्तुनो
5. कर्णानि