BHU SUKTAM

In this lesson you will know about Prjna or Brhma Suktam. This sukta is given in Taittiriya Brahmana 2:8:8.

OBJECTIVES

After studying this lesson, you will be able to:

- recite Prajna Suktam
- know the meaning of the sukta.

11.1 BHU SUKTAM

ॐ || भूमिभूमाःत्रांव्रिःशन्ति:न्तरिक्षं महित्वा ||
उपस्थेन ते देव्यदिते अभिमन्तः-मुन्नागायारङ्गे॥
O goddess Aditi, You are the Earth in depth. Sky in breadth, atmosphere in greatness. In your lap, I place Agni, the all-consumer for the consumption of oblations.

The spotted bull has come and sat before the mother in the east. Advancing to his Father heaven. (RV. X:189:1)

Thirty places he rules; Speech relies upon wings to fly; bear it with the days.
With her inspiration from his expiration, She wanders between the worlds; The bull discerns the heaven.

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Whatever of you scattered in rage, was spread over the earth,
That the Adityas, the All-gods and the Vasus gathered together.

The goddess of Earth (Mother Earth) is pregnant (En-ceinte)
with the whole universal gold egg, as the best creator and the best sustainer.
You are the great Mother Earth (who bears everything without a grudge or murmur!) established on a firm-footing (on His side in standing posture - ninRa tirukkOlam - and on the horn of the great boar, varAha) on the top of every creation and fearlessly in every sacrifice (as also like yaj~no vai vishNu:) thus assuring the prapannAs complete protection from morbid and mundane fears and never threatening the devotees like a tlkshNa-daNDa-dhara: (a tyrant/ dictator).

हन्द्रेयनी व्यापिनी सुरसरिःतिः
वायुमतीं जलशयनी श्रीयः,स्वयं (स्वयंत्वा ) राजा सत्यन्तो (धो) परिमेदिनी च
श्चोपरिधवास परिगाय। सो परिधवाससंगाय

indrā patnī vyāpinī surasarid īha ||
vāyumatī jalaśayānī śriyam dhā rājā satyandho pari medinī |
śvoparīdhataṁ gāya ||
She is the consort of the leader (indra), pervading everywhere (omnipresent) and the divine river (mandAkInI/gangA) here on the earth, thus purifying the errant/erring souls. She is full of movement like air, brisk and breath of everyone to be alive. She reclines on the water (payodhi), holds the riches in abundance associated with the goddess of fortune. You are truly alive, on the top of the earth all around.

We worship Her by knowing Her as One who (wields the bow and looks also like a bow, lean in the middle) is adorning the bow. For that purpose we meditate upon the One who blesses us with all success (sarva siddhi). May that dharaNi dharA/BhUmi devI, prompt us for that meditation! (We worship Her for the sake of worship - sAttvIka tyAga)
INTEXT QUESTIONS 11.1

रिक्षस्थानानि पूर्यत-

1. वि साँमुल: ........... वेन आँव:
2. पिता विराजामृष्णभो ............... ।
3. ........ विश्वमिदं जगांत् ।
4. चतुरस्त ........ प्रचरन्तव्रयः ।
5. घृतं पित्वब्रजरं ......... ।

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT

- Recitation of Prajna-Suktam,
- Meaning of Prajna-Suktam

TERMINAL QUESTIONS

1. Explain Prajna-Suktam in your own words.
ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

11.1

1. सुरुचिओं
2. रंघीणाम्
3. ब्रह्म
4. आशाँः
5. सुवीर्म्