

Sai Balvikas - Medha Suktam

Om yaśchandasāmṛṣabho viśvarūpaḥ.
Chandobhyo'dhyamṛtātsambabhuva. Sa mendro
medhayā spṛṇotu. Amṛtasya deva dhāraṇo bhūyāsam.
Śarīram me vicarṣaṇam. Jihvā me madhumattamā.
Karṇābhyām bhūriviśruvam. Brahmaṇaḥ kośo'si
medhayā pihitaḥ. Śrutam me gopāya.

Om śāntih śāntih sāntih ..

Meaning: May the universal form, exalted among the Vedas and born of the essence of the Vedas, bless me with wisdom. May I be blessed with the nectar of immortality. May my body become active. May my tongue speak sweetly. May my ears hear everything well. You are the repository of Brahman, and are hidden by the intellect. May my memory protect me. Om peace, peace, peace.

Medhā devī juṣamānā na āgād-viśvācī bhadrā sumanasyamāna.

Tvayā juṣṭā nudamānā durūktān bṛhadvadema vidathe suvīraḥ ..1..

Meaning: O goddess of wisdom! You are pleased, all-pervading and have a peaceful mind. Bless us so that we may give up bad speech and speak well in an assembly like heroes.

Tvayā juṣṭa ṛṣirbhavati devi tvayā brahmāgataśrīruta tvayā .

Tvayā juṣṭaścitram vindate vasu sā no juṣasva draviņo na medhe ..2..

Meaning: O goddess! Blessed by you one becomes a sage; like Brahma. Blessed by you one attains prosperity. Blessed by you one attains many treasures. Bless us with that wealth of intelligence.

Medhām ma indro dadātu medhām devī sarasvatī. Medhām me aśvinavavubhavadhattam puṣkarasrajā ..3..

Meaning: May Indra give me intelligence. May goddess Saraswati give me intelligence. May the two Ashwins, who wear garlands of lotuses, give me intelligence.

Apsarāsu ca yā medhā gandharveṣu ca yanmanaḥ . Daivīm medhā sarasvatī sā mām medhā surabhirjuṣhatam svāhā ..4..

Meaning: May Saraswathi, who is fragrant, bless me with the divine intelligence which is the wisdom of the Apsaras and the mind of the Gandharvas.

Ā mām medhā surabhirviśvarūpā hiraņyavarņā jagatī jagamyā.

Ūrjasvatī payasā pinvamānā sā mām medhā supratīkā juṣantām ..5..

Meaning: May that Saraswati, who is intelligence personified, who is fragrant, who is all pervading, who has a golden complexion, who is the earth, who is accessible to all, who is full of vigor, who is overflowing with the nectar of knowledge, and who is beautiful; come to me and bless me with intelligence.

Mayi medhām mayi prajām mayyagnistejo dadātu . Mayi medhām mayi prajām mayīndra indriyam dadātu . Mayi medhām mayi prajām mayi sūryo bhrājo dadātu ..6..

Meaning: May Agni give me intelligence, people and vigor. May Indra give me intelligence, people and bodily power. May Surya give me intelligence, people and brilliance.

Om hamsa hamsaya vidmahe paramahamsaya dhīmahi . Tanno hamsaḥ pracodayāt ..7..

Meaning: We perceive the Hamsa that is the soul; we meditate on that Hamsa that is the supreme being.

May that Hamsa inspire us (to reach that goal).

Om śāntiḥ śāntiḥ ..

Om peace, peace, peace.

This hymn is found in the Taittiriya Aranyakam of the Krishna Yajurveda.

The Shanti Mantram preceding the hymn is found in Prapathaka 4 of Chapter 7.