Medha Suktam

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एकचत्वारिंशोऽनुवाकः ।

ekacatvāriṃśo'nuvākaḥ |

मेधादेवी जुषमाणा न आगाद्विश्वाची भद्रा सुमनस्यमाना ।

medhādevī juṣamāṇā na āgādviśvācī bhadrā sumanasyamānā |

त्वया जुष्टा जुषमाणा दुरुक्तान्बृहद्वदेम विदथे सुवीराः ॥ १॥

tvayā juṣṭā juṣamāṇā duruktānbṛhadvadema vidathe suvīrāḥ || 1||

त्वया जुष्ट ऋषिर्भवति देवि त्वया ब्रह्मागतश्रीरुत त्वया ।

tvayā juṣṭa ṛṣirbhavati devi tvayā brahmāgataśrīruta tvayā |

त्वया जुष्टश्चित्रं विन्दते वसु सा नो जुषस्व द्रविणेन मेधे ॥ २॥

tvayā juṣṭaścitraṃ vindate vasu sā no juṣasva draviṇena medhe || 2||

द्विचत्वारिंशोऽनुवाकः ।

dvicatvāriṃśo'nuvākaḥ |

मेधां म इन्द्रो ददातु मेधां देवी सरस्वती ।

medhāṃ ma indro dadātu medhāṃ devī sarasvatī |

मेधां मे अश्विनावुभावाधत्तां पुष्करस्रजौ ॥ १॥

medhāṃ me aśvināvubhāvādhattāṃ puṣkarasrajau || 1||

अप्सरासु च या मेधा गन्धर्वेषु च यन्मनः ।

apsarāsu ca yā medhā gandharveṣu ca yanmanaḥ |

दैवी मेधा सरस्वती सा मां मेधा सुरभिर्जुषताꣳ स्वाहा ॥ २॥

daivī medhā sarasvatī sā māṃ medhā surabhirjuṣatāꣳ svāhā || 2||

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त्रिचत्वारिंशोऽनुवाकः ।

tricatvāriṃśo'nuvākaḥ |

आ मां मेधा सुरभिर्विश्वरूपा हिरण्यवर्णा जगती जगम्या ।

ā māṃ medhā surabhirviśvarūpā hiraṇyavarṇā jagatī jagamyā |

ऊर्जस्वती पयसा पिन्वमाना सा मां मेधा सुप्रतीका जुषताम् ॥ १॥

ūrjasvatī payasā pinvamānā sā māṃ medhā supratīkā juṣatām || 1||

चतुश्चत्वारिंशोऽनुवाकः ।

catuścatvāriṃśo'nuvākaḥ |

मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मय्यग्निस्तेजो दधातु ।

mayi medhāṃ mayi prajāṃ mayyagnistejo dadhātu |

मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मयीन्द्र इन्द्रियं दधातु ।

mayi medhāṃ mayi prajāṃ mayīndra indriyaṃ dadhātu |

मयि मेधां मयि प्रजां मयि सूर्यो भ्राजो दधातु ॥ १॥

mayi medhāṃ mayi prajāṃ mayi sūryo bhrājo dadhātu || 1||

Meaning

A short paraphrase, not a translation. May the gracious goddess Medha, all-pervading, auspicious and kindly, come to us; favoured by her may we speak well in the assembly, with brave sons. One favoured by her becomes a seer, a knower of Brahman, a possessor of wealth; may she accept us with riches. May Indra, the goddess Sarasvati and the two lotus-garlanded Ashvins give me medha; may the intelligence that is in the apsarases and gandharvas, the divine, fragrant Medha, be pleased with me; may Medha of every form, golden, moving through the worlds, rich in strength and swelling with milk, favour me. And may Agni, Indra and Surya place in me medha, offspring, splendour, vigour and radiance.

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