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DIACRITICAL MARKS OF TRANSLITERATION

Vowels

अ	a	आ	ā	इ	i	ई	ī
उ	u	ऊ	ū	ऋ	r̥	ॠ	r̄
लृ	lṛ	लृ	l̄				
ए	e	ऐ	ai	ओ	o	औ	au
अनुस्वार (¸) m̐				विसर्ग (:) ḥ			
(¸) ñ							

Consonants

Guttural

क	k	ख	kh	ग	g	घ	gh	ङ	ṅ

Palatal

च	c	छ	ch	ज	j	झ	jh	ञ	ñ

Lingual

ट	ṭ	ठ	ṭh	ड	ḍ	ढ	ḍh	ण	ṇ

Dental

त	t	थ	th	द	d	ध	dh	न	n

Labial

प	p	फ	ph	ब	b	भ	bh	म	m

others

य	y	र	r	ल	l	व	v		

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MANDALA 4

Mandala 4/Sukta 1

Agni, Agni-Varuna Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

त्वां ह्यग्ने सदमित्समन्यवो देवासो देवमरुतिं न्येरि इति
क्रत्वा न्येरिरे। अमर्त्यं यजत मर्त्येष्व देवमादेवं जनत
प्रचेतसं विश्वमादेवं जनत प्रचेतसम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvām hyagne sadamit samanyavo devāso devam-
aratiṁ nyerira iti kratvā nyerire. Amartyaṁ
yajata martyeṣvā devamādevaṁ janatapraceta-
saṁ viśvamādevaṁ janata pracetasam.*

Agni, light and fire of life, brilliant and impassioned people always kindle you to action. Quick, relentless and refulgent, a very home of rest and peace and light as you are, they kindle and raise you with their best and noblest effort and action. O men, join, honour and respect this divine and imperishable power among humanity to full force of illumination, generate this holy power, intelligent, universal and living light for all, generate and develop it to full beauty and delight over the wide earth.

स भ्रातरं वरुणमग्न आ ववृत्स्व देवाँ अच्छा सुमती यज्ञवन्सं
ज्येष्ठं यज्ञवन्सम्। ऋतावानमादित्यं चर्षणीधृतं राजानं
चर्षणीधृतम् ॥ २ ॥

1. *Sa bhrātaraṁ varuṇamagna ā vavṛtsva devāṅ
acchā sumatī yajñavanasam jyeṣṭhaṁ yajñava-
nasam. Ṛtāvānam-ādityaṁ carṣaṇīdhṛtaṁ rājā-
naṁ carṣaṇīdhṛtam.*

And O light and fire of life, Agni, bring in your brother and complementary power, Varuna, the very spirit of cool, peace and justice of life, and direct him toward the noble and brilliant performers of yajna. Bring him well with best thoughts and intentions, bring the lover of yajna, highest and most venerable, partner in social organisation, observer of the laws and operations of universal truth and goodness, refulgent as the sun, sustainer of humanity, brilliant ruler, universally accepted and consecrated by the people.

सखे सखायमभ्या ववृत्त्वाशुं न चक्रं रथ्येव रंह्यास्मभ्यं
दस्म रंह्या । अग्ने मृळीकं वरुणे सचा विदो मरुत्सु विश्व-
भानुषु । तोकाय तुजे शुशुचान् शं कृध्यस्मभ्यं दस्म शं
कृधि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sakhe sakhāyamabhyā vavṛttsvāśuṁ na cakram
rathyeva rañhyāsmabhyam dasma rañhyā. Agne
mṛḷikam varuṇe sacā vido Marutsu viśvabhānuṣu.
Tokāya tuje śuśucāna śam kṛdhyasmabhyam
dasma śam kṛdhi.*

Agni, O friend, loving and gracious, destroyer of enemies, just as a swift horse by a fast moving chariot on the highway and the wheel of Time drives the master to the destination, so come, hasten your friend Varuna, power of peace and justice, to us. O refulgent master of knowledge, being friends with Varuna, the winds and the solar lights of the world, the people and brilliant eminences of the world, reach us, bring us the peace and joy of life. Blazing brilliant and gracious, bring peace and well-being for our children and grand children. O lord of light and knowledge, love and justice, peace and beauty, destroyer of evil, bring us peace,

beauty and the graces of life.

त्वं नो अग्ने वरुणस्य विद्वान्देवस्य हेळोऽ व यासिसीष्टाः ।
यजिष्ठो वह्नितमः शोशुचानो विश्वा द्वेषांसि प्र
मुमुग्ध्यस्मत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvaṁ no agne varuṇasya vidvān devasya heḷo'va
yāsisīṣṭhāḥ. Yajīṣṭho vahnitamaḥ śośucāno viśvā
dveṣāṁsi pra mumugdhyasmat.*

Agni, O lord and master of knowledge and enlightenment, we pray, you keep off from us the displeasure of Varuna, highest authority of justice. Lord blazing brilliant and purifying power worthy of invocation, harbinger and disseminator of divine gifts and fragrances, ward away from us the entire hate and enmity the world might have toward us.

स त्वं नो अग्नेऽ वमो भवोती नेदिष्ठो अस्या उषसो व्युष्टौ ।
अव यक्ष्व नो वरुणं रराणो वीहि मृळीकं सुहवो न
एधि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa tvaṁ no agne'vamo bhavotī nediṣṭho asyā
uṣaso vyuṣṭau. Ava yakṣva no varuṇaṁ rarāno
vīhi mṛḷīkaṁ suhavo na edhi.*

Agni, lord of light, knowledge and power, pray be our first and last preserver and protector, closest at this rise of the glorious dawn. Delighting, rejoicing and giving, join Varuna at the yajna and bring us peace and joy. Noble yajaka, responsive to our call, come and bless us with goodwill and well-being.

अस्य श्रेष्ठा सुभगस्य सन्दृग्देवस्य चित्रतमा मर्त्येषु ।
शुचि घृतं न तप्तमर्च्यायाः स्पार्हा देवस्य मंहनेव धेनोः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Asya śreṣṭhā subhagasya saṁdrg devasya citra-
tamā martyeṣu. Śuci ghṛtaṁ na taptamaghnyā-
yāḥ spārḥā devasya mañhaneva dhenoh.*

Open, highest and most wonderful among mortals are the gifts and actions of this brilliant, generous and glorious ruler, pure and bright like the heated clarified ghṛta of the inviolable cow, lovely and profuse like the liberality of the abundant cow, mother earth, and the inexhaustible speech of self-refulgent lord of omniscience. He watches all and his gifts are directly visible.

त्रिरस्य ता परमा सन्ति सत्या स्पार्हा देवस्य जनिमान्यग्रेः ।
अनन्ते अन्तः परिवीत आगाच्छुचिः शुक्रो अर्यो
रोरुचानः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Trirasya tā paramā santi satyā spārḥā devasya
janimānyagneḥ. Anante antaḥ parivīta āgā-
cchuciḥ śukro aryo rorucānaḥ.*

Three are the supreme manifestations of the generous refulgent Agni, true, lovely and universally cherished which arise and shine. Pervasive everywhere in endless space in the presence of the infinite divine lord of the universe, he shines pure, refulgent, generous and beautiful.

(This mantra refers to the various manifestations of cosmic energy which is the existential potential of the Supreme Lord Creator operating at different levels in different modes. In other words, we may call it the manifestations of Adi-Shakti, the Lord's consort Prakṛti, originally manifesting as sattva, rajas, and tamas.

On earth, Bhuloka, it is fire and magnetic energy, which is agni. In the middle regions of the sky, Bhuvahloka, it is electrical energy, which is vayu. In the higher regions of light, Svahloka, it is aditya, solar energy. The sun too manifests in three different phases, at dawn, at noon and in the evening when it is setting. The efficacy of the sun in these three phases is different.

At the individual human level, it is physical energy, mental energy and spiritual energy. In yet another way it is the vital heat which maintains the physical body, i.e., annamaya kosha; it is pranic energy which maintains the pranamaya kosha and the manomaya kosha; and it is the higher psychic energy which maintains the vijñanamaya kosha and the anandamaya kosha. Of these three, one feeds, the other energises, and the third illumines.

However, mantras such as this have to be interpreted in a state of meditation, and since meditation is the birth-right of every human being, we are free to divine into the mystery of the mantric vision in our experiential way.)

स दूतो विश्वेदभि वष्टि सद्मा होता हिरण्यरथो रंसुजिह्वः ।
रोहिदश्वो वपुष्यो विभाव सदा रण्वः पितुमतीव
संसत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa dūto viśvedabhi vaṣṭi sadmā hotā hiraṇyaratho raṁsujihvaḥ. Rohidaśvo vapuṣyo vibhāvā sadā raṇvaḥ pitumatīva saṁsat.*

That Agni, harbinger of light and warmth of life, destroyer of darkness and evil, loves, pervades, illuminates and rules over all the forms and places of

the world. He is the yajamana, receiver and giver of sweets and fragrances. Riding a golden chariot drawn by ruddy horses and waves of light, delightful of tongue as well as flames of fire, majestic in body form, always rejoicing and emanating joy, he is a very treasure home of prosperity, happiness and excellence like an assembly house of power, governance and wealth of a nation in symbolic form.

स चेतयन्मनुषो यज्ञबन्धुः प्र तं मह्या रशनया नयन्ति ।

स क्षेत्यस्य दुर्यसु सार्धन्देवो मर्तस्य सधनित्वमाप ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Sa cetayanmanuṣo yajñabandhuḥ pra taṁ mahyā raśanayā nayanti. Sa kṣetyasya duryāsu sādhan devo martasya sadhanitvamāpa.*

A brother yajaka on the yajna vedi of creation and governance, he awakens and enlightens the people. To him they move on to consecrate him in the seat of power and yajna with a long rope of powers, obligations and controls for balance. He abides in the seat of governance and justice fulfilling his roles, generous and brilliant, achieving the dreams and realities of the nation's imagination.

स तू नो अग्रिनीयतु प्रजानन्नच्छ रत्नं देवभक्तं यदस्य । धिया यद्विश्वे अमृता अकृण्वन्द्यौषिता जनिता सत्यमुक्षन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sa tū no agnirneyatu prajānannacchā ratnaṁ devabhaktaṁ yadasya. Dhiyā yad viśve amṛtā akṛṇvan dyauspitā janitā satyamukṣan.*

And may that Agni, leader and lord ruler, knowing everything full well, lead us to that valuable jewel wealth of this world, loved, coveted and enjoyed

by the brilliant divinities which the immortals of all the world with their skill and intelligence created and which the heaven and father creator showered and consecrated as real and true.

स जायत प्रथमः पस्त्यासु महो बुध्ने रजसो अस्य योनौ ।
अपादशीर्षा गुहमानो अन्ताऽऽयोयुवानो वृषभस्य
नीले ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Sa jāyata prathamah pastyāsu maho budhne rajaso asya yonau. Apādaśīrṣā guhamāno antā''-yoyuvāno vṛṣabhasya nīle.*

That Agni, which brings us the jewel wealth of the world, first arises from its original cause in the Mahat-tattva, the first existential evolute of Prakṛti. Then it manifests in the sun as light, and then in the middle regions of space as vayu, electricity. Moving without head and feet, concealed yet joining youthfully the inmates of various regions, light in the sun, cloud in the sky, homes of people and depth of the earth, it operates everywhere.

प्र शर्धं आर्त प्रथमं विपन्यां ऋतस्य योना वृषभस्य नीले ।
स्पाहो युवा वपुष्यो विभावा सप्त प्रियासोऽ जनयन्त
वृष्णे ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Pra śardha ārta prathamam vipanyāñ ṛtasya yonā vṛṣabhasya nīle. Spārho yuvā vapuṣyo vibhāvā sapta priyāso'janayanta vṛṣṇe.*

With study and appraisal discover and find energy and power in the original source of cosmic waters and the abode of fire, i.e., the solar energy, currents of wind in the sky and magnetic energy of the earth, energy

and power which is lovely, youthful and unaging, energising body systems and giver of beauty and joy. For the generous human soul, seven darling yajakas, i.e., five pranas, mind and intellect create this vital energy in the body.

अस्माकमत्र पितरो मनुष्या अभि प्र सेदुर्कृतमा-
शुषाणाः । अश्मव्रजाः सुदुघा वव्रे अन्तरुदुस्त्रा आजन्तु-
षसो हुवानाः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Asmākamatra pitaro manuṣyā abhi pra sedur-
ṛtamāśuṣāṇāḥ. Āsmavrajāḥ sudughā vavre
antarudusrā ājannuṣaso huvānāḥ.*

Here in our human world, in this programme of energy discovery, our parental seniors and thinkers dedicated to the yajna of natural and psychic energy sit at peace in a state of tranquillity, searching and invoking the light of the dawn and discover and open out the showers of energy waves locked up inside the clouds and mountains.

ते मर्मृजत ददृवांसो अद्रिं तदेषामन्ये अभितो वि वोचन् ।
पश्वयन्त्रासो अभि कारमर्चन्विदन्त ज्योतिश्चकृपन्त
धीभिः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Te marmṛjata dadṛvāṁso adriṁ tadeṣāmanyē
abhito vi vocan. Paśvayantrāso abhi kāramarcan
vidanta jyotiścakṛpanta dhībhiḥ.*

Those parental seniors and researchers, breakers of the clouds and shatterers of the mountain caves break open the treasures of energy and refine and intensify the power. Others who watch them and their programme fully describe their achievement how, equipped with

practical apparatuses, dedicated to their mission, they discover the light and thus, with their intelligence and sentiment, strengthen and do good to humanity.

ते गव्यता मनसा दृध्रमुब्धं गा येमानं परि षन्तमद्रिम् । दृळ्हं
नरो वचसा दैव्येन व्रजं गोमन्तमुशिजो वि वव्रुः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Te gavyatā manasā dṛdhramubdhaṁ gā yemānaṁ
pari śantamadrīm. Dṛḥaṁ naro vacasā daivyaena
vrajaṁ gomantamuśijo vi vavruḥ.*

They, best of men, leaders and impassioned pioneers, with a searching mind pursuing the light concentrate and meditate on the sun, all pervasive, ocean deep, strong and bottomless treasure hold of infinite light, language and knowledge, holding and at the same time controlling and directing the radiation of light rays, and they, with words of divine vision and mysterious meaning open up and reveal the wealth of light, word and knowledge.

ते मन्वत प्रथमं नाम धेनोस्त्रिः सप्त मातुः परमाणि विन्दन् ।
तज्जानतीरभ्यनूषत व्रा आविर्भुवदरुणीर्यशसा गोः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Te manvata prathamam nāma dhenostriḥ sapta
mātuḥ paramāṇi vindan. Tajjānatīrabhyanūṣat
vrā āvirbhuvadaruṇīryaśasā goḥ.*

First they study, reflect and meditate on the seven ultimate forms of mother speech and thus realise and know it in the essence through word, meaning and the self-existent reality behind the word. And having realised the content of divine speech, they celebrate the red lights of the dawn bearing and revealing that lord of speech manifesting by the splendour of the dawn of

knowledge.

ने॒श॒त्त॒मो दु॒धितं॑ रोच॒त द्यौ॑रु॒द्दे॒व्या उ॒षसो॑ भानु॒र॒त । आ सूर्यो॑
बृ॒ह॒त॒स्तिष्ठ॑द॒ग्रौ ऋ॒जु म॒र्तेषु॑ वृ॒जिना॑ च प॒श्यन् ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Neśat tamo dudhitam rocata dyaurud devyā uṣaso bhānurarta. Ā sūryo brhatastiṣṭhadagrāñ rju mar-teṣu vrjinā ca paśyan.*

The dense darkness of the night is dispelled, the solar region shines and the light of the dawn ascends in all her splendour. The sun rises and shines on over the fields and plains of the wide world, watching the acts and ways of right and wrong among the mortal inhabitants of the earth.

आदि॒त्प॒श्चा बु॒बुधा॑ना व्य॒ख्यन्नादि॒द्रत्नं॑ धा॒रय॑न्त॒ द्युभ॑क्तम् ।
वि॒श्वे वि॒श्वāसु॑ दु॒यीसु॑ दे॒वा मि॒त्र धि॒ये वरु॑ण स॒त्य-
म॑स्तु ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Ādit paścā bubudhānā vyakhyannādid ratnam dhārayanta dyubhaktam. Viśve viśvāsu duryāsu devā mitrā dhiye varuṇa satyamastu.*

And then men of vision, wisdom and knowledge light, celebrate and proclaim the might and splendour of Agni, bearing and enjoying the jewels of wealth gifted by the light and energy of the sun, fire and electricity. May all the divinities of nature and nobilities of humanity, and Mitra, the sun, friend of life, and Varuna, the spatial waters, givers of love, peace and justice, be good and true to the wish and desire and intellectual efforts of humanity in all homes and over all the paths of life.

अच्छं॑ वोचे॒य शु॒शु॒चान॑म॒ग्निं हो॒तारं॑ वि॒श्वभ॑र॒सं यजि॑ष्ठम् ।
शु॒च्य॒धो अ॒तृण॑न्न ग॒वाम॒न्धो न पू॒तं परि॑षिक्तम॒ंशोः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Acchā voceya śusucānamagnim hotāraṁ viśva-bharasaṁ yajīṣṭham. Śucyūdho atr̥ṇanna gavā-mandho na pūtaṁ pariṣiktamaṁśoḥ.*

Let us sing and celebrate Agni in hymns of praise, Agni bright and pure and purifying, yajaka who invokes and awakens the bounties of nature for us, sustains the world and is most worthy of love and reverence, who fills the udder of the cows with milk without injury and augments the holy acts of humanity like the food purified and sanctified by the sun.

विश्वेषामदितिर्यज्ञियानां विश्वेषामतिथिर्मानुषाणाम् ।
अग्निर्देवानामव आवृणानः सुमृळीको भवतु जात-
वेदाः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Viśveṣāmaditiryajñīyānām viśveṣāmatithir-mānuṣāṇam. Agnirdevānāmava āvr̥ṇānaḥ sumṛ-ṭīko bhavatu jātavedāḥ.*

Like the indivisible and inviolable sky for all the performers of yajna, like the welcome guest for all the householders, Agni, universal light and lord omnipresent and omniscient, may, we pray, taking up the protection and promotion of noble humanity and renewal and refreshment of the environment, be the harbinger of peace and prosperity for children of the earth. (So may be the teacher and the scholar.)

Mandala 4/Sukta 2

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यो मर्त्येष्वमृतं ऋतावा देवो देवेष्वरतिर्निधायि ।
होता यजिष्ठो मह्य शुचध्यै हव्यैरग्निर्मनुष ईर्यध्यै ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yo martyeṣvamarṣta ṛtāvā devo deveṣvaratirnidhāyi. Hotā yajisṭho mahnā śucadhyai havyai-ragnirmanuṣa īrayadhyai.*

Agni which is immortal among mortals and refulgent among divinities of world and nature, itself ever true and dynamic destroyer of evil, is fixed in the cosmic order of law and rectitude. By virtue of its own greatness it is the invoker and harbinger of natural bounties, most worthy of reverence with homage of oblations for the purification, illumination and inspiration of mankind. And Agni is held, recognised and realised in the heart.

इह त्वं सूनो सहसो नो अद्य जातो जातौ उभयौ अन्तरग्रे ।
दूत ईयसे युयुजान ऋष्व ऋजुमुष्कान्वृषणः शुक्रांश्च ॥ २ ॥

2. *Iha tvaṁ sūno sahaso no adya jāto jātān ubhayān antaragne. Dūta īyase yuyujāna ṛṣva ṛjumuṣkān vṛṣaṇaḥ śukrāmśca.*

Agni, lord giver of light, child of omnipotence, great and sublime, giver of mighty strength, here in this world of ours, risen today to full glory among both divines and humans born and initiated, you move as the light and energy of yajna, carrying the fragrance, inspiring and engaging all who are pure and generous and move by the brilliant paths of nature and rectitude.

अत्या वृधस्त्रू रोहिता घृतस्त्रू ऋतस्य मन्ये मनसा जविष्ठा ।
अन्तरीयसे अरुषा युजानो युष्मांश्च देवान्विश आ च
मतीन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Atyā vṛdhasnū rohitā ghṛtasnū ṛtasya manye manasā javiṣṭhā. Antarīyase aruṣā yujāno yuṣmāmśca devān viśa ā ca martān.*

Agni, light of the world, I know and realise your waves of cosmic energy ever moving in circuit at the fastest with the energy of the cosmic mind, creating and increasing, sprinkling and showering with water and energy of ghrta, red as rays of the dawn, blazing as the sun, with which you move across the world of existence, inspiring and engaging the mortals, immortals and the human children of the earth.

अ॒र्य॒म॒णं॑ वरु॒णं मि॒त्रमे॑षा॒मिन्द्रा॑विष्णू॒ मरु॒तो अ॒श्विनो॑त ।
स्व॒श्वो अ॒ग्ने सु॒रथः॑ सु॒राधा॑ ए॒दु वह॑ सु॒हवि॑षे जना॒य ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Aryamaṇam varuṇam mitrameṣāmindrāviṣṇū maruto aśvinota. Svaśvo agne surathaḥ surādhā edu vaha suhaviṣe janāya.*

Agni, lord of light and power, commanding instant waves of communication, fastest modes of transport, immense wealth and infrastructure for development and prosperity, come and, for these people dedicated to the yajna of corporate programmes of common development and progress, bring Aryaman, power of justice, Varuna, spirit of freedom, choice and excellence, Mitra, love and friendship for all these people, Indra, energy of the clouds and electricity, Vishnu, universal spirit of cosmic unity, Maruts, energy of the winds, and the Ashvins, light of the sun and soothing beauty of the moon.

गो॒मो अ॒ग्नेऽ वि॒मो अ॒श्वी य॒ज्ञो नृ॒वत्स॑खा॒ स॒दमि॑द॒प्रमृ॑ष्यः ।
इ॒ळावाँ॑ ए॒षो अ॒सुर प्र॒जावा॑न्दी॒र्घो र॒यिः पृ॑थु॒बुध्नः स॒भा॒वा॒न् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Gomāñ agne'vimāñ aśvī yajño nṛvatsakhā sadamidapramṛṣyaḥ. Ilāvāñ eṣo asura prajāvān dīrgho rayiḥ pṛthubudhnaḥ sabhāvān.*

Agni, giver of light, power and prosperity, peace and justice, commanding wealth of cows, sheep and goats, horses, and unity and productive cooperation in yajna you are friend of the people, leaders and pioneers, blest with lands, knowledge and holy speech of divinity, possessed of vital strength, destroyer of the wicked, supported by the people and assistants. Presiding over the assembly, you know great and long lasting is this wealth of the nation, broad based and rising high and vast. Come, take over the house of government which is beyond pollution, corruption and destruction.

यस्त इध्मं जभरत्सिष्विदानो मूर्धानं वा ततपते त्वाया ।
भुवस्तस्य स्वतवाँः पायुरग्रे विश्वस्मात्सीमघायत
उरुष्य ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yasta idhmañ jabharat siṣvidāno mūrdhānañ vā tatapate tvāyā. Bhuvastasya svatavāñḥ pāyuaḥne viśvasmāt sīmaghāyata uruṣya.*

Whoever bears the sacred fuel for your fire of yajna by the sweat of his brow, or tires himself out, not sparing himself while coming to you to serve, Agni, come to your own, and rising, be the protector of his land and person against all violent bullies and sinners.

यस्ते भरादन्नियते चिदन्नं निशिषन्मन्द्रमतिथिमुदीरत् ।
आ देवयुरिनधते दुरोणे तस्मिन्नयिर्ध्रुवो अस्तु दास्वान् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yaste bharādanniyate cidannañ niśiṣanma-ndra-matithimudīrat. Ā devayurinadhate duroṇe tasmin rayirdhruvo astu dāsvān.*

Agni, giver of light and wealth, ruler of the world, in the home where the generous house holder spares food and bears it to you for the hungry, where he welcomes, appreciates and regales the happy guest, where, dedicated to the divinities and brilliant people, he lights the fire and worships Ishwara in full faith, in that house, O lord, let there be abundant wealth, peace and stability.

यस्त्वा दोषा य उषसि प्रशंसान्प्रियं वा त्वा कृणवते
हविष्मान् । अश्वो न स्वे दम् आ हेम्यावान्तमंहसः पीपरो
दाश्वांसम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yastvā doṣā ya uṣasi praśaṁsāt priyaṁ vā tvā
kṛṇvate haviṣmān. Aśvo na sve dama ā hemyāvān
tamaṁhasaḥ pīparo dāśvāṁsam.*

Whoever sings in praise of you night and day, who with gifts in homage does you proud with things dear to you, save that man of generosity in his home from sin, come like a knight of golden horse and rescue him from evil.

यस्तुभ्यमग्ने अमृताय दाशदुवस्त्वे कृणवते यतस्तुक् ।
न स राया शशमानो वि योषन्नैनमंहः परि वरदघायोः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yastubhyamagne amṛtāya dāśad duvastve
kṛṇvate yatasruk. Na sa rāyā śaśamāno vi yoṣa-
nnainamaṁhaḥ pari varadaghāyoḥ.*

Agni, giver of light and wealth of life, whoever offers you honour and service in faith, ever ready, holding up the ladle full of holy ghrta and offering oblations to the imperishable fire, overflows with wealth without fear of deprivation, and the sin of the evil doer

too can never pollute him.

यस्य त्वमग्ने अध्वरं जुजोषो देवो मर्तस्य सुधितं रराणः ।
प्रीतेदसद्धोत्रा सा यविष्ठाऽसाम् यस्य विधतो वृधासः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yasya tvamagne adhvaram jujoṣo devo martasya
sudhitam rarāṇaḥ. Prītedasaddhotrā sā yaviṣṭhā
'sāma yasya vidhato vṛdhāsaḥ.*

Agni, youthful light of yajnic human action, brilliant and generous giver as you are, whatever mortal offers you the yajna of service, with spirit of sacrifice, love and non-violence, well performed with reverence and faith, you accept and enjoy. May that service and spirit of charity bring him the grace of heaven. May we too be performers and promoters of that yajna, and may that grace be ours too.

चित्तिमचित्तिं चिनवद्वि विद्वान्पृष्ठेव वीता वृजिना च मर्तीन् ।
राये च नः स्वपत्याय देव दितिं च रास्वादितिमुरुष्य ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Cittimacittim cinavad vi vidvān prṣṭheva vītā
vṛjinā ca martān. Rāye ca naḥ svapatyāya deva
ditim ca rāsvāditimuruṣya.*

Let the man of knowledge and discrimination distinguish between sense and wisdom on the one hand and non-sense and ignorance on the other, between the broad open paths of right living and the covert ways of wickedness, and between mortals and mortals. And O giver of knowledge and light of discrimination, Agni, for the sake of honour and well being and for our children give us worldly wealth and liquid assets and protect our immortal merit of rectitude.

कविं शशासुः कवयोऽ दब्धा निधारयन्तो दुर्यीस्वायोः ।
अतस्त्वं दृश्यौ अग्र एतान्पृङ्भिः पश्येरद्धतां अर्य एवैः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kaviṁ śaśāsuḥ kavayo'dabdhā nidhārayanto duryāsvāyoḥ. Atastvaṁ drśyāñ agna etān padbhiḥ paśyeradbhutāñ aarya evaiḥ.*

Wise visionaries, bold intrepidable scholars and sagely teachers, maintaining the inmates, disciples and seekers of knowledge in their home schools, teach them the knowledge and discipline of life. Therefore, O master and ruler, Agni, by practical steps you go, observe and assess these wonderful schools and their people. They are all open and worth seeing.

त्वमग्ने वाघते सुप्रणीतिः सुतसोमाय विधते यविष्ठ । रत्नं
भर शशमानाय घृष्वे पृथुश्चन्द्रमवसे चर्षणिप्राः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Tvamagne vāghate supraṇītiḥ sutasomāya vidhate yaviṣṭha. Ratnaṁ bhara śaśamānāya ghr̥ṣve prthuś-candram-avase carṣaṇiprāḥ.*

Agni, giver of light, knowledge and power, ever fresh and youthful, noble guide in proper ways of living, ruler of the wide world, friend of the people, bear and bring the beauty, peace and jewel wealth of life for the protection and advancement of the intelligent admirer who has distilled the soma of life's joy, confidently conducts the business of life to success, conquers suffering unto overflowing happiness and refines the manners and graces of life.

अथा ह यद्वयमग्ने त्वाया पृङ्भिर्हस्तेभिश्चकृमा तनूभिः ।
रथं न क्रन्तो अपसा भुरिजोऽर्हन्तं येमुः सुध्य आशु-
षाणाः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Adhā ha yad vayamagne tvāyā paḍbhirhaste-
bhiścakṛmā tanūbhiḥ. Ratham na kranto apasā
bhurijorṛtaṁ yemuḥ sudhya āśuṣāṇāḥ.*

And Agni, O ruler of the world, as we, dedicated to you, work for you with our hands and feet and indeed with our body and soul, so may all the intelligent people, cooperating with you with the work of their dexterous hands, move together as by a chariot car and take you and all to the destination of truth and rectitude toward perfection.

अथा मातुरुषसः सप्त विप्रा जायेमहि प्रथमा वेधसो नृन् ।
दिवस्पुत्रा अङ्गिरसो भवेमाङ्गि रुजेम धनिनं शुचन्तः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Adhā māturuṣasaḥ sapta viprā jāyemahi
prathamā vedhaso nṛṇ. Divasputrā āṅgirasō
bhavemā'driṁ rujema dhaninam śucantaḥ.*

And then, like the seven rainbow colours of the lights of mother dawn, let us raise ourselves to seven classes of intelligent and dynamic functionaries: ruler, presidents of councils, army, commanders, people, services and ancillaries. Let us create leaders and visionary pioneers of knowledge and education. Let us all rise to be the children of light, dexterous as divine architects, dear as vital breath of life, and then, cleansing and brightening up the well provided prosperous people who are wealth of the motherland, let us break the clouds for rain and shatter the mountains of difficulty converting them to opportunities.

अथा यथा नः पितरः परासः प्रत्नासो अग्र ऋतमाशुषाणाः ।
शुचीदयन्दीर्घितिमुक्थशासः क्षामा भिन्दन्तो अरुणीरप
वन् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Adhā yathā naḥ pitarah parāsaḥ pratnāso agna
ṛtamāśuśāṇāḥ. Śucīdayan dīdhitim-ukthaśāsaḥ
kṣāmā bhindanto aruṇīrapa vran.*

Agni, ruler of light and humanity, let us all together, dedicated to truth and rectitude, rise and shine as did our forefathers, earliest and later ones, and pure and sanctified, singing songs of divine praise, breaking new ground upon the earth, let us rise to the heights of power and discover new lights of existence, and so may rise our future generations too.

सुकर्मिणः सुरुचो देवयन्तोऽ यो न देवा जनिमा धमन्तः ।
शुचन्तो अग्निं ववृधन्त इन्द्रमूर्ध्व गव्यं परिषदन्तो
अगमन् ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Sukarmāṇaḥ suruco devayanto 'yo na devā janimā
dhamantaḥ. Śucanto agniṁ vavṛdhanta indramūr-
vaṁ gavyaṁ pariṣadanto agman.*

Brilliant people of noble action, deeply committed to holy pursuits and aspiring to rise to the stars, fanning their life to light and purity in the crucibles of knowledge and experience as they refine gold and temper steel in the furnace, raising the flames of fire and exalting the honour and excellence of the nation, sitting and discussing in conferences, extend the bounds of terrific energy and knowledge of the earth and skies unto the stars.

आ यूथेव क्षुमतिं पश्वो अख्यदेवानां यज्जनिमान्त्युग ।
मतीनां चिदुर्वशीरकृप्रन्वृधे चिदर्य उपरस्यायोः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Ā yūtheva kṣumati paśvo akhyad devānām
yajjanimāntyugra. Martānām cidurvaśīrakṛpran
vṛdhe cidarya uparasyāyoh.*

As the master proclaims the material wealth of his house of prosperity, as the commander proclaims the forces under his command, so do you, O lustrous ruler, reflect the presence around you of noble and brilliant leaders and scholars. And thus do the multitudes of people, like the rise of dawns, plan and prepare for the rise and progress of the land just as the producer master prays for the generous cloud and wishes for the health and age of life's longevity.

अकर्म ते स्वर्पसो अभूम ऋतमवस्त्रनुषसो विभातीः ।
 अनूनमग्निं पुरुधा सुश्चन्द्रं देवस्य मर्मजतश्चारु
 चक्षुः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Akarma te svapaso abhūma ṛtamavasrannuśaso vibhātīḥ. Anūnamagniṁ purudhā suścandram devasya marmṛjataścāru cakṣuḥ.*

We act in service to you, O Lord Agni, giver of light and life to the world, by which alone we can be called good performers. The brilliant dawns, wearing the divine mantle of truth and showers of light, perfectly and variously adorn the fire-divine, perfect and glorious eye of the self-refulgent Lord of the universe, which is the sun.

एता ते अग्न उचथानि वेधोऽवोचाम कवये ता जुषस्व ।
 उच्छोचस्व कृणुहि वस्यसो नो महो रायः पुरुवार प्र
 यन्धि ॥ २० ॥

20. *Etā te agna ucathāni vedho'vocāma kavaye tā juṣasva. Ucchocasva kṛṇuhi vasyaso no maho rāyaḥ puruvāra pra yandhi.*

These are the words of thanks and praise we

poets speak for you, Lord Omniscient Agni. Please to accept these, consider, shine and rise to reveal the light of your glory to our vision. Make us rich with the wealth of divinity. Lord universal friend of the many who choose, lead us to glorious honour and excellence in existence.

Mandala 4/Sukta 3

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आ वो राजानमध्वरस्य रुद्रं होतारं सत्ययज्ञं रोदस्योः । अग्निं
पुरा तनयित्नोरचित्ताद्धिरण्यरूपमवसे कृणुध्वम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā vo rājānam-adhvarasya rudraṁ hotāraṁ satya-yajñaṁ rodasyoḥ. Agniṁ purā tanayitnora-cittāddhiranya-rūpam-avase kṛṇudhvam.*

All ye people of the land, before the unexpected and inconceivable thunder and lightning, light the fire and, for the protection and advancement of your peaceful, non-violent yajnic social order in the midst of heaven and earth, appoint the golden gloried ruler, a very Rudra, saviour of the good, a terror for the evil, hota, a yajaka and not a grabber or hoarder, but one inviolably dedicated to truth and Dharma.

अयं योनिश्चकृमा यं वयं ते जायेव पत्य उशती सुवासाः ।
अर्वाचीनः परिवीतो नि षीदेमा उ ते स्वपाक प्रतीचीः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ayaṁ yoniścakṛmā yaṁ vayaṁ te jāyeva patya uśatī suvāsāḥ. Arvācīnaḥ parivīto ni ṣīdemā u te svapāka pratīcīḥ.*

This is the seat of office we create and offer to you. It is offered as a young loving wife dressed in her

best finery offers her love to her husband and protector. O ruler most modern, all round well provided, self made and self prepared, take this seat and see these are the people looking up to you.

आशृण्वते अर्दृपिताय मन्म नृचक्षसे सुमृळीकाय वेधः ।
देवाय शस्तिमृताय शंसु ग्रावेव सोता मधुषुद्यमीळे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Āśṛṇvate adṛpitāya manma nṛcakṣase sumṛlikāya vedhaḥ. Devāya śastim-amṛtāya śamsa grāveva sotā madhuśud yamīḷe.*

I offer a hymn of praise and appreciation as an expression of my thought, O wise and virtuous ruler of the world, to you, brilliant, immortal and divinely blissful, who listen attentively and politely without pride and arrogance, watching the human situation all round in the interest of common good. Accept and approve of the hymn I present, be gracious as a cloud of showers, a maker of soma and a creator of honeyed joy.

त्वं चिन्नः शम्या अग्ने अस्या ऋतस्य बोध्यतचित्स्वाधीः ।
कदा त उक्था सधमाद्यानि कदा भवन्ति सख्या गृहे ते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvaṁ cinnah śamyā agne asyā ṛtasya bodhy-ṛtacit svādhīḥ. Kadā ta ukthā sadhamādyāni kadā bhavanti sakhyā grhe te.*

Agni, ruler of humanity, you know the truth and law of existence, you think freely and rightly too. Know the truth and character of this nation of ours. Let them know too of the truth and law of right knowledge and conduct for the sake of right action. When will there be proper and friendly discussions of yours and assemblies in your yajnic house of law and government?

कथा ह तद्वरुणाय त्वमग्ने कथा दिवे गर्हसे कन्न आगः ।
कथा मित्राय मीळहुषे पृथिव्यै ब्रवः कदर्यम्णे कद्ध-
गाय ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Kathā ha tad varuṇāya tvamagne kathā dive garhase kannā āgaḥ. Kathā mitrāya mīlhuṣe prthivyai bravaḥ kadaryamṇe kad bhagāya.*

“What is our sin, or crime or misconduct?” Agni, ruler of the world, when and why would you speak thus to Varuna, lord of justice and rectitude? to the lord of light and knowledge? to the bountiful? to the earth and the dear motherly woman? to the chief of law? to the man of power and prosperity?

कद्धिण्यासु वृधसानो अग्ने कद्धाताय प्रतवसे शुभंये ।
परिज्मने नासत्याय क्षे ब्रवः कदग्ने रुद्राय नृघ्ने ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Kad dhiṣṇyāsu vṛdhasāno agne kad vātāya pratavase śubhamye. Parijmane nāsatyāya kṣe bravaḥ kadagne rudrāya nṛghne.*

Agni, ruler of the world, when would you be growing with and among the intellectuals? And growing with and among them, when would you speak to and about the eminent in knowledge, strength, peace and good will, all round goers, truthful and the landed farmers? to the chief of justice about the killers of humanity?

कथा महे पुष्टिंभराय पूष्णे कद्रुद्राय सुमखाय हविर्दे ।
कद्धिष्णाव उरुगायाय रेतो ब्रवः कदग्ने शरवे बृहृत्यै ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Kathā mahe puṣṭimbharāya pūṣṇe kad rudrāya sumakhāya havirde. Kad viṣṇava urugāyāya reto bravaḥ kadagne śarave bṛhatyai.*

Agni, when and how would you speak to and about the great creator and producer for nourishment and growth, Pushan, to and about Rudra, destroyer of enemies, the generous yajaka, the giver of holy materials for yajna? How would you pray to Vishnu, universally celebrated lord sustainer of the world? Lord generous and peaceful at heart, how would you speak to and about the great forces of defence against violence and destruction?

कथा शर्धीय मरुतामृताय कथा सूरि बृहते पृच्छ्यमानः ।
प्रति ब्रवोऽदितये तुराय सार्धा दिवो जातवेदश्चि-
कित्वान् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Kathā śardhāya marutāmṛtāya kathā sūre bṛhate prcchyamānaḥ. Prati bravo'ditaye turāya sādḥā divo jātavedaścikivān.*

Agni, O Jataveda, lord ruler and master of knowledge of things in existence, how would you speak to and about the sacred law of truth, about the forces swift as the winds? And when asked, what and how would you speak about the mighty great leaders bright as the sun among people? How would you speak to and about the excellent, abundant and inviolable sky? O master of knowledge, rising higher and higher in awareness, achieve the light, reaching unto the solar regions.

ऋतेन ऋतं नियतमीळ आ गोरामा सचा मधुमत्पक्वमग्ने ।
कृष्णा सती रुशता धासिनैषा जामर्येण पयसा पीपाय ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Rtena ṛtaṁ niyatamīḷa ā gorāmā sacā madhumat pakvamagne. Kṛṣṇā satī ruśatā dhāsinaiṣā jamar-yēṇa payasā pīpāya.*

Agni, O lord giver of the light and life of the world, I honour and respect the truth and law of existence by observance of the truth and law of life on earth as required and determined by the demands of life on earth and set out in the language of the earth, while I live on earth one with the honey sweets of the ripe and raw treasures of the earth. May the mother earth, being green and bright with nourishments, grow with food and drink for the sustenance of her children by the efforts of her children.

ऋतेन हि ष्मा वृषभश्चिदक्तः पुमौ अग्निः पर्यसा पृष्ठयेन ।
अस्पन्दमानो अचरद्वयोधा वृषा शुक्रं दुदुहे पृश्नि-
रूधः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ṛtena hi śmā vṛṣabhaścidaktaḥ pumāñ agniḥ
payasā prṣṭhyena. Aspandamāno acarad vayodhā
vṛṣā śukraṁ duduhe prṣnirūdhaḥ.*

Sustained in tune by the truth of life and law of existence, nourished on food and drink from spaces above, the virile bull, manly man and lustrous Agni, creator of light and life on earth, ruler of the world, moves around with majesty, unagitated, bearing the dignity and vitality of health and age, replete with energy and generosity like the cloud, and distils the fire and lustre of life from the skies as milk from the mother cow.

ऋतेनाद्रिं व्यसन्भिदन्तः समङ्गिरसो नवन्त गोभिः ।
शुनं नरः परि षदन्नृषासमाविः स्वरभवज्जाते अग्रौ ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ṛtenādrim vyasan bhidantaḥ samaṅgirasō
navanta gobhiḥ. Śunaṁ naraḥ pari ṣadannṛṣāsa-
māviḥ svarabhavajjāte agnau.*

Ye leaders of the world, by the force of Rtam, nature's law, when the cosmic fire of energy is awake, then the roaring winds, breaking the cloud with their currents, rain down the showers, mankind on earth find peace and prosperity, and the light, riding the dawn, rises to view as the radiant sun.

ऋतेन देवीर्मृता अमृक्ता अर्णोभिःरापो मधुमद्विरग्ने । वाजी
न सर्गेषु प्रस्तुभानः प्र सदमित्त्ववितवे दधन्युः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Rtena devīramṛtā amṛktā arṇobhirāpo madhu-
madbhiragne. Vājī na sargeṣu prastubhānaḥ pra
sadamit sravitave dadhanyuh.*

Agni, light of life, ruler of the world, by Rtam, force of eternal truth and nature's law, do the celestial waters of life, immortal, unhurt, with currents of spatial oceans bearing honey sweets of life's energy, ceaselessly flow on like a war horse flying on to battles, in order to move life on and on with energy without end or exhaustion.

मा कस्य यक्षं सदमिद्धुरो गा मा वेशस्य प्रमिनतो मापेः ।
मा भ्रातुरग्ने अनृजोऋणं वेर्मा सख्युर्दक्षं रिपोर्भुजेम ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Mā kasya yakṣaṁ sadmiddhuro gā mā veśasya
praminato māpeḥ. Mā bhrāturagne anṛjorṇaṁ
vermā sakhyurdakṣaṁ riporbhujema.*

Agni, giver of the light of intelligence, let us not go to the meeting place of a deceitful person, nor to the door of a violent grabber, nor take the debt or obligation of a crooked brother, and may we, we pray, never try to benefit from, much less depend on, the strength and expertise of an enemy in the garb of a

friend.

रक्षा णो अग्ने तव रक्षणेभी रारक्षाणः सुमख प्रीणानः ।
प्रति ष्फुर वि रुज वीड्वंहो जहि रक्षो महि चिद्वावृधा-
नम् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Rakṣā ṇo agne tava rakṣaṇebhī rārakṣāṇaḥ
sumakha prīṇānaḥ. Prati ṣphura vi ruja vīdvaṅho
jahi rakṣo mahi cid vāvṛdhānam.*

Agni, ruler of the earth, blissful giver of happiness, all protector, presiding genius of yajna, social justice and noble conduct, protect us with all your methods and forces of protection and defence, shine and inspire us to good action, eliminate the blackest sin and hardest crime, destroy the wicked, even powerful ones and on the increase.

एभिर्भैव सुमना अग्ने अर्कैरिमान्त्स्पृश मनमभिः शूर
वाजान् । उत ब्रह्माण्यङ्गिरो जुषस्व सं ते शस्तिर्देववाता
जरेत ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ebhirbhava sumanā agne arkair-imānt-spṛśa
manmabhiḥ śūra vājān. Uta brahmānyaṅgiro
juṣasva saṁ te śastirdevavātā jareta.*

Agni, giver of light and life, with these songs of prayer and these learned devotees, be pleased and happy at heart. Accept and approve of these dedicated people of thought and action. Brave and heroic leader dear as breath of life, accept and enjoy these gifts of homage and reverence. May this song of praise offered by the holy celebrants be pleasing to you and exalting.

एता विश्वा विदुषे तुभ्यं वेधो नीथान्यग्ने निण्या वचांसि ।
निवर्चना कवये काव्यान्यशंसिषं मतिभिर्विप्र उवथैः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Etā viśvā viduṣe tubhyaṁ vedho nīthānyagne nīnyā vacāṁsi. Nivacanā kavaye kāvyānyaśaṁ-siṣaṁ matibhīrvipra ukthaiḥ.*

Agni, giver of life and light, lord of knowledge, vision and wisdom, leader, ruler, pioneer, all these songs of adoration, creative, deep and grave, meaningful and fruitful, fluent and poetic, are sincere expressions of the heart which I, inspired and moved to ecstasy, present to you, poet and scholar, with divine hymns of holiness in the company of the wise and dedicated celebrants.

Mandala 4/Sukta 4

Agni Rakshoha Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

कृणुष्व पाजः प्रसितिं न पृथ्वीं याहि राजेवामवाँ इभेन ।
तृष्ठीमनु प्रसितिं द्रूणानोऽ स्तसि विध्वं रक्षसस्तपिष्ठैः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kṛṇuṣva pājāḥ prasitiṁ na pṛthvīm yāhi rājevā-mavāṁ ibhena. Tr̥ṣṭvīmanu prasitiṁ drūṇāno's-tāsi vidhya rakṣasastapiṣṭhaiḥ.*

Arise, be strong and brilliant, go over and round the earth in orbit, spread your network over the dominion and, firm and powerful, move as a king by the elephant. Impetuous and terrible, shoot like a rocket all round wherever needed for thirsting and ensnared earth as it could be, and, like an archer as you are, fix the demons of violence with your blazing arrows.

तव भ्रमास आशुया पतन्त्यनु स्पृश धृषता शोशुचानः ।
तपूष्यग्रे जुह्वा पतङ्गानसन्दितो वि सृज विष्वगुल्काः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tava bhramāsa āśuyā patantyanu spr̥śa dhr̥ṣatā śośucānaḥ. Patūṁṣyagne juhvā pataṅgānasam-dito vi sr̥ja viṣvagulkāḥ.*

Your roving rockets whirl round impetuously. Shining and blazing with power and force, strike off the enemies wherever they be. Unhurt, whole and unopposed, shoot out all round burning rockets of defence like sparks of fire fed on ladlefuls of ghrta offered into the fire of the vedi.

प्रति स्पशो वि सृज तूर्णीतमो भवा पायुर्विशो अस्या
अदब्धः । यो नो दूरे अघशंसो यो अन्त्यग्रे माकिष्टे व्यथिरा
दधर्षीत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Prati spaśo vi sṛja rūṇitamo bhavā pāyurviśo asyā adabdhah. Yo no dūre aghaśaṁso yo antyag-
gne mākiṣṭe vyathirā dadharṣīt.*

Agni, brilliant ruler and blazing power, shoot out detectors, appoint detectives and spies, and send out ambassadors, be swift in action and response, and, bold, unhurtful and undeceived, be the protector and sustainer of this human nation, and whoever be the sinner or supporter of the wicked far or near us must not insult, impair or violate your rule and order.

उदग्रे तिष्ठ प्रत्या तनुष्व न्यमित्राँ ओषतात्तिग्महेते । यो नो
अरातिं समिधान चक्रे नीचा तं धक्ष्यतसं न शुष्कम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Udagne tiṣṭha pratyā tanuṣva nyamitrāṁ oṣatāt tigmahete. Yo no arātiṁ samidhāna cakre nīcā
tam dhakṣyatasam na śuṣkam.*

Agni, mighty and brilliant power, rise in flames and shine on, let the light spread around. O wielder of blazing weapons, burn off the unfriendly and the enemies. Shining and rising power, whoever creates enemies and causes adversity, burn down like a dry fibre

of flax.

ऊ॒र्ध्वो भव॑ प्रति वि॒ध्याध्य॑स्मदाविष्कृ॒णुष्व॑ दै॒व्या॑न्य॒ग्ने । अव॑
स्थि॒रा तनु॑हि यातु॒जूनां॑ जा॒मिमजा॑मिं॒ प्र मृ॑णीहि शत्रून् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ūrdhvo bhava prati vidhyādhyasmadāviṣkṛṇu-ṣva daivyānyagne. Ava sthirā tanuhi yātujūnām jāmimajāmim pra mṛṇīhi śatrūn.*

Rise high and shine there, having fixed the enemies far from us, and thus reveal the divine actions of your own and of the enlightened. Loosen and reduce the firm establishments of the gate crashers and the go-getters whether related or unrelated, and destroy the enemies of the order of enlightenment.

स ते॑ जानाति सु॒मतिं॑ यविष्ठ॒ य ई॒वते॑ ब्रह्म॒णे गा॒तुमै॑रत् ।
वि॒श्वान्य॑स्मै सु॒दिना॑नि रा॒यो द्यु॒म्नान्य॑र्यो वि दुरो॑ अ॒भि
द्यौत् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa te jānāti sumatiṁ yaviṣṭha ya īvate brahmaṇe gātumairat. Viśvānyasmai sudināni rāyo dyumnānyaryo vi duro abhi dyaut.*

Agni, most youthful power of enlightenment, that person knows and enjoys your love and good will who directs his voice and actions toward the magnificent lord supreme of the universe, who dedicates all his happy days and his wealth and good fortune to his service, and who, being master of himself and his fortune, wide opens and lights up his doors for his devotees.

सेद॑ग्ने अस्तु सु॒भगः॑ सु॒दानुर्य॑स्त्वा नित्ये॑न ह॒विषा॑ य उ॒वथैः॑ ।
पि॒प्री॑षति स्व आर्य॑षि दुरो॒णे वि॒श्वेद॑स्मै सु॒दिना॑ सास॒-
दिष्टिः॑ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sedagne astu subhagaḥ sudānuryastvā nityena haviṣā ya ukthaiḥ. Piprīṣati sva āyusi durone Viśvedasmai sudinā sāsadiṣṭiḥ.*

Agni, refulgent lord ruler of the world, he would be highly prosperous and generously charitable who loves to serve you with unfailing oblations of havi and songs of praise and prayer. And surely for such a person, in his own life, within his own home, all his days would be happy and his yajna and all desired acts would be fruitful.

अचीमि ते सुमतिं घोष्यर्वाक्सं ते ववाता जरतामियं गीः ।
स्वश्वास्त्वा सुरथा मर्जयेमाऽस्मे क्षत्राणि धारयेरनु
द्युन् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Arcami te sumatiṁ ghoṣyārvāk saṁ te vāvātā jaratāmiyaṁ gīḥ. Svaśvāstvā surathā marjaye-mā'sme kṣatrāṇi dhārayeraṇu dyūn.*

Agni, mighty ruler of the world, I pray for your favour and blessings of love and good will. May these words of my favourite voice address you and this adoration of mine glorify you. Blest with noble horses and beautiful chariots, may we exalt you, and may you, day by day, hold and sustain our social order and its systems of governance and administration.

इह त्वा भूर्या चरेदुप त्मन्दोषावस्तर्दीदिवांसमनु द्युन् ।
क्रीळन्तस्त्वा सुमनसः सपेमाऽभि द्युम्ना तस्थिवांसो जना-
नाम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Iha tvā bhūryā caredupa tman doṣāvastardī-divāṁsamanu dyūn. Krīlantastvā sumanasah sapemā'bhi dyumnā tasthivāṁso janānām.*

Let man amply and wholly serve you, refulgent ruler of the world, sincerely by heart and soul, day and night, day after day. Let us all, guardians of the total wealth and honour of the people, rejoicing at heart as playing with arms for defence of the nation, serve Agni, father protector of humanity.

यस्त्वा स्वश्वः सुहिरण्यो अग्न उपयाति वसुमता रथेन ।
तस्य त्राता भवसि तस्य सखा यस्त आतिथ्यमानुषगु-
जोषत ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yastvā svaśvaḥ suhiraṇyo agna upayāti vasumatā ratheta. Tasya trātā bhavasi tasya sakhā yasta ātithyamānuṣag jujoṣat.*

Whoever possessing noble horses and golden gold approaches you by a chariot loaded with treasures of wealth, and offers service and hospitality readily and ceaselessly without reserve, without question, you accept and own as a friend, protect him as a guardian and save him as a redeemer.

महो रुजामि बन्धुता वचोभिस्तन्मा पितुर्गोतमादन्वियाय ।
त्वं नो अस्य वचसश्चिकिद्धि होतर्यविष्ठ सुक्रतो
दमूनाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Maho rujāmi bandhutā vacobhistanmā piturgotamādanviyāya. Tvam no asya vacasaścikiddhi hotaryaviṣṭha sukrato damūnāḥ.*

I shatter great evils and open deep mysteries by kinship with Divinity and words of eternity which I inherit from my father guardian who commands all knowledge of existence and the language of omniscience. Agni, cosmic yajaka, ever youthful light,

master of universal dynamics, self controlled controller, give us the vision and knowledge of the ultimate reality and the Word imperishable.

अस्वप्नजस्तरणयः सुशेवा अतन्द्रासोऽ वृका अश्रमिष्ठाः ।
ते पायवः सध्र्यञ्चो निषद्याग्ने तव नः पान्त्वमूर ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Asvapnajastaraṇayah suśevā atandrāso'vrkā aśramiṣṭhāḥ. Te pāyavaḥ sadhryañco niṣadyā 'gne tava naḥ pāntvamūra.*

Agni, life of life, light eternal, universal intelligence, your streams of life, your rays of light and waves of cosmic energy, sleepless, continuous, gracious, relentless, inviolent, and indefatigable, which ever flow integrated and together may, we pray, bless our yajnic home and give us a fresh lease of life every moment.

ये पायवो मामतेयं ते अग्ने पश्यन्तो अन्धं दुरितादरक्षन् ।
ररक्ष तान्सुकृतो विश्ववेदा दिप्सन्त इद्रिपवो नाहं
देभुः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ye pāyavo māmateyaṁ te agne paśyanto andhaṁ duritā-darakṣan. Rarakṣa tāntsukṛto viśvavedā dipsanta id ripavo nāha debhuḥ.*

Agni, lord of universal knowledge and power, all those defensive powers of yours which, ever watchful and protective, save people from sin and protect them from evil and crime as their own kith and kin who cannot by themselves see, all those holy yajnic powers of noble action, O lord, protect and promote, so that the repressive enemies may not be able to terrorise the poor and the ignorant.

त्वया वयं सधन्यस्त्वोतास्तव प्रणीत्यश्याम वाजान् । उभा
शंसो सूदय सत्यतातेऽनुष्ठुया कृणुह्यहयाण ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Tvayā vayaṁ sadhanyastvotāstava praṇitya-
śyāma vājān. Ubhā śamsā sūdaya satyatāte
'nuṣṭhuyā kṛṇuhyahrayāṇa.*

Agni, ruler of the world, defender of truth and holiness, may we, protected by you and blest with knowledge and power, follow your guidance and noble policy and win the honour and excellence of the world. Guide aright, order and control both the eulogiser and the calumniator far and near, and, with appropriate measures, take us out of timidity and make us bold in defence of truth and rectitude without embarrassment or hesitation.

अया ते अग्ने समिधा विधेम प्रति स्तोमं शस्यमानं गृभाय ।
दहाशसो रक्षसः पाह्यास्मान्द्रुहो नियो मित्रमहो अव-
द्यात् ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ayā te agne samidhā vidhema prati stomam
śasyamānaṁ ṛgbhāya. Dahāśaso rakṣasaḥ
pāhyasmān druho nido mitramaho avadyāt.*

Agni, greatest friend, adorable lord and ruler of the world, with this lighted fuel and enlightened contribution to the yajna of the social and cosmic order, we offer the song of homage to you. Be gracious to accept it. Burn down the revilers and the evil perpetrators of destruction and protect us against the jealousy, calumny and scandalous actions of the enemies.

Mandala 4/Sukta 5***Vaishvanara Agni Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi***

वैश्वानराय मीळहुषे सजोषाः कथा दाशेमाग्रये बृहद्भाः ।
 अनूनेन बृहता वक्षथेनोप स्तभायदुपमिन्न रोधः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vaiśvānarāya mīḷhuṣe sajoṣāḥ kathā dāśemāgnaye brhadbhāḥ. Anūnena brhatā vakṣathe-nopa stabhāyadupaminna rodhaḥ.*

How shall we, in accord with Agni, happy and rejoicing, offer homage, service and support to the great, generous Vaishvanara Agni, vital fire sustaining the earth, leader and ruler of humanity who, with his awful might and unbounded reach, mighty lustrous as he is, holds up this vast world like a column bearing the burden of a mighty structure.

मा निन्दतु य इमां मह्यं रातिं देवो ददौ मर्त्यीय स्वधावान् ।
 पाकाय गृत्सो अमृतो विचेता वैश्वानरो नृत्तमो यद्दो
 अग्निः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Mā nindata ya imāṁ rātiṁ devo dadau martyāya svadhāvān. Pākāya grtso amṛto vicetā vaiśvānaro nṛtamo yahvo agniḥ.*

Never blame, censure or revile Vaishvanara Agni, self-refulgent and generous self-existent lord of his infinite wealth and power, who has given us this great gift of food, energy and wealth of abundant nature for the simple, growing, maturing world of mortal humanity, Agni, who is self-revealing through the beauty of his own creation, immortal, omniscient teacher, best leader of men and awfully great.

सामं द्विबर्हा महिं त्रिगम्भृष्टिः सहस्ररेता वृषभस्तुविष्मान् ।
पदं न गोरपगूळहं विविद्वानग्निर्मह्यं प्रेदु वोचन्मनीषाम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sāma dvibrahā mahi tigmabhṛṣṭiḥ sahasraretā vṛṣabhastuviṣmān. Padam na gorapagūḷhaṁ vividvān-agnir-mahyam predu vocan-manīṣām.*

Agni, refulgent lord immanent in earth and heaven, commanding blazing heat and light, abundant a thousandfold, generous and virile as sun and cloud, mighty powerful, master of knowledge, may, we pray, speak to me of the great and deep knowledge and karma pertaining to earth and heaven, body and soul, deep as the mystery of sun and stars.

प्र ताँ अग्निर्बभसत्तिग्मजम्भस्तपिष्ठेन शोचिषा यः सुराधाः ।
प्र ये मिनन्ति वरुणस्य धाम प्रिया मित्रस्य चेततो
ध्रुवाणि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra tāñ agnirbabhasat tigmajambhastapiṣṭhena śociṣā yaḥ surādhāḥ. Pra ye minanti varuṇasya dhāma priyā mitrasya cetato dhruvāṇi.*

May Agni, blazing lord of power and stern rule of law, commanding the wealth, power and prosperity of the world with his splendour and magnificence, crush with the heat of his power and force of his justice the dear favourites and strongholds of those who sabotage and destroy the stability of the systems and institutions of the noble and friendly powers of enlightenment, justice, peace, unity and cooperation.

अभ्रातरो न योषणो व्यन्तः पतिरिपो न जनयो दुरेवाः ।
पापासः सन्तो अनृता असत्या इदं पदमजनता गभी-
रम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Abhrātaro na yoṣaṇo vyantaḥ patiripo na janayo durevāḥ. Pāpāsaḥ santo anṛtā asatyā idam padamajanatā gabhīram.*

As maidens without brothers and guardians to care for them, as wives who deceive their husbands, go astray from the right path and follow a wrong course of life, so the misguided people, self-deceived evil doers, false and untrue, go astray and, following the wrong course, create this hellish state of life in society.

इदं मे अग्ने कियते पावकाऽर्मिते गुरुं भारं न मन्म ।

बृहद्वाथ धृषता गभीरं ग्रहं पृष्ठं प्रयसा सप्तधातु ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Idam me agne kiyate pāvakā'minate gurum bhāram na manma. Brhad dadhātha dhrṣatā gabhīram yahvam prṣtham prayasā saptadhātu.*

Agni, master of knowledge and power, purifier of body, mind and soul, I pray, bear and bring for me sevenfold knowledge of matter, mind and motion, knowledge which is universal, deep and grave, greatly powerful and wide in range and application. Bless me with the knowledge along with the gift of love and courage as a burden of great responsibility. I assure you I am a humble seeker and I shall bear the burden well without arrogance and violence.

तमिन्वेव समना समानमभि क्रत्वा पुनती धीतिरश्याः ।

ससस्य चर्मन्नधि चारु पृश्नेरग्रे रूप आरुपितं जबारु ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Taminneva samanā samānamabhi kratvā punatī dhītirasyāḥ. Sasasya carmannadhi cāru prśne-rage rupa ārupitaṁ jabāru.*

That equal, beautiful, constant and vital zone

of light and heat of Vaishvanara Agni fixed round and over the surface of the dormant and colourful earth, separated and condensed from the solar sphere in earlier times before life emerged, may our noble intelligence, purifying and sanctifying us by the light of the Lord, reach and reveal through our holy acts of study, prayer and holy action.

प्रवाच्यं वचसः किं मे अस्य गुहा हितमुप निणिग्वदन्ति ।
यदुस्त्रियाणामप वारिव व्रन्पाति प्रियं रूपो अग्रं पदं
वेः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pravācyaṃ vacasaḥ kiṃ me asya guhā hitamupa
niṇig vadanti. Yadusriyāṇāmāpa vāriva vran pāti
priyaṃ rupo agraṃ padaṃ veh.*

What is worthy of being proclaimed, hidden in the secret cave of this word of mine, and what the scholars and visionaries, purifying and sanctifying, mysteriously whisper closely to you is That Orb of light and heat which, like a liquid zone of vapours, covers, vitalises, sustains and reveals the dear, first, highest life and beauty of the dawn, of cows and the flying earth.

इदमु त्यन्महि महामनीकं यदुस्त्रिया सचत पूर्व्य गौः ।
ऋतस्य पदे अधि दीद्यानं गुहा रघुष्यद्रघुयद्विवेद ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Idamu tyanmahi mahāmanīkaṃ yadusviyā sacata
pūrvyaṃ gauḥ. Ṛtasya pade adhi dīdyānaṃ guhā
raghuṣyad raghuyad viveda.*

This same orb of light and zone of vitality, greatest of the great, glorious, ancient and eternal, blazing over the regions of the waters of space and the facts and laws of existence, which the productive earths

serve and follow and join as partners of the system, which vibrates in the depths of the heart and vibrates in the depths of the soul, I know, you know, all perceive.

अध द्युतानः पित्रोः सचासाऽमनुत गुह्यं चारु पृश्नेः ।
मातुष्पदे परमे अन्ति षट्कोर्वृष्णाः शोचिषः प्रयतस्य
जिह्वा ॥ १० ॥

10. *Adha dyūtānaḥ pitroḥ sacāsā'manuta guhyam cāru prśneḥ. Mātusṣpade parame anti ṣaḍ gorvṛṣṇaḥ śociṣaḥ prayatasya jihvā.*

And the light shines between heaven and earth, one with all, vibrating in the highest regions of Mother Nature at the closest and within, directly watching and knowing the raining clouds, the blazing sun, and the blowing wind and flowing waters. All ye men and women, know that lovely and wondrous mystery of the spirit of colourful reality of existence hidden in the cave of the heart.

ऋतं वोचे नमसा पृच्छयमानस्तवाशसा जातवेदो यदीदम् ।
त्वमस्य क्षयसि यद्ध विश्वं दिवि यदु द्रविणं यत्पृथि-
व्याम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Rtaṁ voce namasā prchhyamānastavaśasā jātavedo yaḍidam. Tvamasya kṣayasi yaddha viśvaṁ divi yadu draviṇaṁ yat pṛthivyām.*

O Jataveda, omniscient and omnipresent Agni, if I were asked, I would speak the truth in all humility by your grace: All this that is, all that exists in heaven, all that is in and on earth, all that is the wealth, power and excellence, all is yours, it abides in you, you pervade it all, you govern it all and, ultimately, you absorb it all

by drawing in and reducing it to the point of zero.

किं नो अ॒स्य द्रवि॑णं क॒द्ध रत्नं॑ वि नो वोचो जा॒तवेद॑श्चि॒-
कि॒त्वान् । गुहा॑ध्व॒नः पर॑मं यन्नो अ॒स्य रेकु॑ प॒दं न नि॑दाना
अग॑न्म ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kim no asya draviṇaṁ kaddha ratnaṁ vi no voco jātavedaścikitvān. Guhādhvanah paramaṁ yanno asya reku padaṁ na nidānā aganma.*

O Jataveda, you know all and everything in existence. Speak to us and guide us: Of all this world, what wealth is ours? What jewels? Speak to us of that, so that going by the light of divine vision and intelligence we may achieve the best and reach the highest goal that is ours, and we at the end don't have to go empty handed, reviled and exposed.

का म॒र्यादा॑ व॒युना॑ क॒द्ध वाम॑मच्छा गमेम र॒घवो॑ न वा॒जम् ।
क॒दा नो॑ दे॒वीर॒मृ॒तस्य॑ प॒त्नीः सू॒रो वर्णे॑न त॒तन॑न्नु॒षासः॑ ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Kā maryādā vayunā kaddha vāmamacchā gamema raghavo na vājam. Kadā no devīra-mṛtasya patnīḥ sūro varṇena tatanannuṣāsaḥ.*

What are the rules of the game of karma? What ultimate bounds? Speak to us, enlighten us: When could we, racing like a courser, moving like waves of energy, creditably reach our cherished goal? When would the sun, the dawns and the celestial vibrations of immortality like life-giving nurses inspire us with light and lustre to rise to perfection?

अ॒नि॒रेण॑ वच॒सा फ॒ल॒वेन॑ प्र॒तीत्ये॑न कृ॒धुना॑तृ॒पासः॑ । अ॒ध्या
ते अ॒ग्ने कि॒मि॒हा व॑दन्त्यनायु॒धास॑ आ॒स॒ता स॒चन्ता॑म् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Anireṇa vacasā phalgvena praṭītyena kṛdhunā-
trpāsaḥ. Adhā te agne kimihā vadantyanāyudhāsa
āsatā sacantām.*

Agni, light and spirit of knowledge and master of the language of knowledge, listeners remain unsatisfied, their thirst for knowledge unquenched, with lifeless, unsubstantial, ambiguous and deficient words. Then what do the speakers speak of you, or to you, or about you, here? Being like warriors without arms, they should come to you, speakers as well as listeners, for light, knowledge and words for effective and living communication.

अस्य श्रिये समिधानस्य वृष्णो वसोरनीकं दम आ
रुरोच । रुशद्वसानः सुदृशीकरूपः क्षितिर्न राया पुरुवारो
अद्यौत् ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Asya śriye samidhānasya vṛṣṇo vasoranīkaṁ
dama ā ruoca. Ruśad vasānaḥ sudṛṣīkarūpaḥ
kṣitirna rāyā puruvāro adyaut.*

For the expression of the grace and majesty of this Agni, lord of light and ruler of the world, bright and blazing, generous, home and haven of all like mother earth, his force and splendour shines in his home. And he himself, refulgent giver of radiance, magnificent in form, treasure home and universal giver of heavenly and earthly gifts for all, shines with regal magnificence and wealth of the world like mother earth shining with the greenery of her abundance and generosity.

Mandala 4/Sukta 6

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ऊर्ध्व ऊ षु णो अध्वरस्य होतरग्ने तिष्ठ देवताता यजीयान् ।
त्वं हि विश्वमभ्यसि मन्म प्र वेधसाश्चित्तिरसि मनी-
षाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ūrdhva ū ṣu ṇo adhvarasya hotaragne tiṣṭha devatātā yajīyān. Tvaṁ hi viśvamabhyasi manma pra vedhasaściti tirasi manīṣām.*

Agni, lord of light, ruler of the world, cosmic yajamana, sit on top of our yajna of love and non-violence among the divine yajakas of nature and humanity. You alone know the world and all our thoughts, intentions and will, and you, at the heart of all performers, comprehend and transcend the knowledge, intelligence and awareness of the scholar.

अमूरो होता न्यसादि विश्वग्निर्मन्द्रो विदथेषु प्रचेताः ।
ऊर्ध्व भानुं सवितेवाश्रेन्मेतेव धूमं स्तभायदुप द्याम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Amūro hotā nysādi viṣvagnirmandro vidatheṣu pracetāḥ. Urdhvaṁ bhānuṁ savitevāśrenmeteva dhūmaṁ stabhāyadupa dyām.*

Agni, all wise, universal yajamana, receiver and giver, creator of joy, brilliant in knowledge, sits and abides among the people in their yajnic social endeavours, diffuses the light and fragrance of yajna above close to the heavens like the sun and, like a builder and a column, holds the dark away.

यता सुजूर्णी रतिनी घृताचीं प्रदक्षिणिहेवतातिमुराणः ।
उदु स्वरुर्नवजा नाक्रः पश्वो अंनक्ति सुधितः सुमेकः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yatā sujūrṇī rātinī ghṛtācī pradakṣiṇīd devatā-timurāṇaḥ. Udu svarurnavajā nākraḥ paśvo anakti sudhitaḥ sumekaḥ.*

The night is come on her round vibrating with the wealth of rest and peace, applying a soothing balm to the hours of holy time and ushering in the approach of dawn, and the sun, harbinger of fresh energy, new born like a baby, self-proclaiming and enlightening the world, rising fast, watching all, shining beautiful, showering the nectar of soma, anoints the morning time of the day.

स्तीर्णे बर्हिषि समिधाने अग्रा ऊर्ध्वो अध्वर्युर्जुषाणो
अस्थात् । पर्यग्निः पशुपा न होता त्रिविष्टयेति प्रदिव
उराणः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sūrṇe barhiṣi samidhāne agnā ūrdhvo adhvaryur-jujuṣāṇo asthāt. Paryagniḥ paśupā na hotā triviṣṭyeti pradiva urāṇaḥ.*

The sacred grass is spread over the vedi, the fire is lit and rises, the adhvaryu, chief priest organiser, is up and doing, having started the yajna. Agni, the sun, like the shepherd of the waking world, celestial yajaka, goes over the three regions of heaven, earth and sky radiating the light and illuminating the world.

परि त्मना मितद्रुरेति होताग्निर्मन्द्रो मधुवचा ऋतावा ।
द्रवन्त्यस्य वाजिनो न शोका भयन्ते विश्वा भुवना
यदभ्राद् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pari tmnā mitadrureti hotā'gnirmandro madhu-vacā ṛtāvā. Dravantyasya vājino na śokā bhayante viśvā bhuvanā yadbhrāt.*

Agni, performer of yajna, happy and exhilarating, honey sweet of expression, moves and expands at its own self-controlled speed and will, keeping within the laws of existence. The rays of its light and the flames of fire rise and radiate like the waves of energy, and when it shines and blazes, all the worlds in existence feel the pressure of its force and power.

भद्रा ते अग्ने स्वनीक सन्दृग्धोरस्य सतो विषुणस्य चारुः ।
न यत्ते शोचिस्तमसा वरन्त न ध्वस्मानस्तन्वीरेप आ
र्धुः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Bhadrā te agne svanīka saṁdṛg ghorasya sato viṣuṇasya cāruḥ. Na yat te śocistamasā varanta na dhvasmānas-tanvīrepa ā dhuḥ.*

Agni, lord blissful of light, love and justice, commanding divine force and power, fearsome, eternally true and manifesting in infinite variety of the world of change, equal, kind and gracious is your eye by which you watch every living being. No evil forces can cover with darkness the light that is yours, nor can any devil and destroyer attribute any sin or smear or partiality to your body of law and justice.

न यस्य सातुर्जनि तोरवारी न मातरापितरा नू चिदिष्टौ । अधा
मित्रो न सुधितः पावकोऽग्निर्दीदाय मानुषीषु विक्षु ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na yasya sāturjanitoravāri na mātārāpitarā nū cidiṣṭau. Adhā mitro na sudhitaḥ pāvako'gnir-dīdāya mānuṣīṣu vikṣu.*

Agni is the generous giver whose gifts cannot be denied or hidden as the gifts of father and mother, too, toward fulfilment of life's desire cannot be denied

since Agni as a friend, blazing with light and glowing with generosity, blissful and sanctifying, shines among the people over everything that concerns humanity.

द्विर्यं पञ्च जीजनन्त्संवसानाः स्वसारो अग्निं मानुषीषु विक्षु ।
उषर्बुधमथर्यो'३ न दन्तं शुक्रं स्वासं परशुं न तिग्मम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Dviryam pañca jījanantsamvasānāḥ svasāro agniṁ mānuṣīṣu vikṣu. Uṣarbudhamatharyo na dantaṁ śukraṁ svāsaṁ paraśuṁ na tigmam.*

Twice do the five classes of people among all human communities, living happily together, moving on together like running streams and working together like fingers of the hand, kindle and raise Agni, vital energy waking up at dawn, voracious, blazing bright and beautiful, and thunderous as a bolt against darkness and suffering.

तव त्ये अग्ने हरितो घृतासो रज्ज्वाः स्वज्ज्वः ।
अरुषासो वृषण ऋजुमुष्का आ देवतातिमहन्त दस्माः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tava tye agne harito ghr̥tasnā rohitāsa ṛjvañcaḥ svañcaḥ. Aruṣāso vṛṣaṇa ṛjumuṣkā ā devatātimahvanta dasmāḥ.*

Agni, ruling power of light and liberality, those rainbow colours of your light and seven streams of energy are replete with the grace and power of ghr̥ta, red with the passion of life, straight and simple, natural and free, bright, generous, strong and right, destroyers of evil and harbingers of the benedictions of Divinity.

ये ह त्ये ते सहमाना अयासस्त्वेषासो अग्ने अर्चयश्चरन्ति ।
श्येनासो न दुवसनासो अर्थ' तुविष्वणसो मारुतं न शर्धः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ye ha tye-te sahamānā ayāsas-tveṣāso agne arcayaścāranti. Śyenāso na duvasanāso artham tuviṣvaṇaso mārutaṁ na śardhaḥ.*

Agni, ruling power of the world, your flames of fire, blazing rays of light and electric waves of energy are patient and forbearing, yet challenging and victorious, awful and deeply perceptive and penetrative. Instant in action, they fall upon their object like falcons from the sky, and their force is like that of a roaring storm of wind shears.

अकारि ब्रह्म समिधान् तुभ्यं शंसत्युक्थं यजते व्यू धाः ।
होतारमग्निं मनुषो नि षेदुर्नमस्यन्त उशिजः शंसमायोः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Akāri brahma samidhāna tubhyaṁ śaṁsātyuktham yajate vyū dhāḥ. Hotāram-agnim manuṣo ni ṣedur-namasyanta uśijah śaṁsam-āyoh.*

Sung is the song of prayer and praise for you, O lord refulgent, the yajaka raises his voice in adoration which, pray, graciously accept for the good of the devotee, and bring him the object of his desire. Let people, loving and inspired, bearing fragrant homage with humility, come and sit round the vedi in worship of Agni, universal yajamana, loved and admired by humanity.

Mandala 4/Sukta 7

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अयमिह प्रथमो धायि धातृभिर्होता यजिष्ठो अध्वरेष्वीड्यः ।
यमप्रवानो भृगवो विरुरुचुर्वनेषु चित्रं विभ्वं विशेविशे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ayamiha prathamō dhāyī dhātṛbhirhotā yajīṣṭho
adhvareṣvīḍyaḥ. Yamapnavāno bhṛgavo viruru-
curvaneṣu citraṁ vibhvaṁ viśeṣiṣe.*

This Agni here is the first and foremost power felt, lighted, installed and glorified by the pioneers of knowledge and yajnic action. It is the first performer of the cosmic yajna of creation, most adorable, worshipped in yajnas and all other programmes of love and non-violent development. The same wonderful and all embracing light and power, men of science and Divinity blest with descendants and disciples develop and glorify in the forests and every household for the benefit of every community.

अग्ने कदा त आनुषग्भुवद्देवस्य चेतनम् ।

अथा हि त्वा जगृभ्रिरे मर्तसो विक्ष्वीड्यम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Agne kadā ta ānuṣag bhuvad devasya cetanam.
Adhā hi tvā jagṛbhrire martāso vikṣvīḍyam.*

O Lord, when would people be in tune with the divine light, omniscience and generosity of yours in their consciousness? And when would the mortals hold your presence as adorable in every moment, in every thought and action, in every home?

ऋतावानं विचेतसं पश्यन्तो द्यामिव स्तुभिः ।

विश्वेषामध्वराणां हस्कुर्तारं दमेदमे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ṛtāvānaṁ vicetasam paśyanto dyāmiva str̥bhiḥ.
Viśveśāmadhvarāṇāṁ haskartāraṁ damedame.*

When would the mortals in every home adore the universal Agni, watching and realising in yajna the presence of the lord of the order of universal law,

commanding the cosmic intelligence of existence and lighting up all the yajnas of the world in evolutionary development with vital fire as he lights up the heavens with stars?

आ॒शुं दू॒तं वि॒वस्व॑तो॒ विश्वा॒ यश्च॑र्ष॒णीर्भि॑ ।

आ ज॑भ्रुः के॒तुमा॑यवो भृ॒गवा॑णं वि॒शेवि॑शे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Āśuṁ dūtam vivasvato viśvā yaścārṣaṇīrabhi.*
Ā jabhruḥ ketumāyavo bhrgavāṇaṁ viśeviśe.

The one that sustains all people of the world, that vital fire, instant carrier of sunlight, the very sign of life, maturing everything existent, the people of the earth and their descendants, when would it be received and installed in every home?

तमीं॑ हो॒तार॑मानु॒षक्चि॑त्त्वांसं॒ नि षे॑दिरे ।

र॒ण्वं पा॑व॒कशो॑चिषं॒ यजि॑ष्ठं स॒प्त धा॑र्मभिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tamīm hotāramānuṣak cikitvāṁsaṁ ni ṣedire.*
Raṇvaṁ pāvakaśociṣaṁ yajīṣṭhaṁ sapta dhāma-
bhiḥ.

Fully and appropriately they install, maintain and sit by that Agni, receiver and giver of gifts in yajna, enlightening, bright and happy, drying, maturing and vitalising things like light and fire, most lovable and adorable. They maintain, serve and benefit from it seven ways through five senses, five pranas, and mind and intellect, and worship the power in every home of every community.

तं श॑श्व॒तीषु॑ मा॒तृषु॑ व॒न आ॒ वी॒तम॑श्रितम् ।

चि॒त्रं स॒न्तं गु॒ह्यं हि॒तं सु॒वेदं॑ कू॒चिद॒र्थिन॑म् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tam śaśvatīṣu mātṛṣu vana ā vītamaśritam. Citraṁ santam guhā hitam suvedam kūcidarthinam.*

That Agni, present in permanent sources, in forests, immanent everywhere, independent and free, wonderful as hidden in a cave, knowledgeable and deeply meaningful, they maintain and serve.

ससस्य यद्वियुता सस्मिन्नूधन्नृतस्य धामत्रणयन्त देवाः ।
महाँ अग्निर्मसा रातहव्यो वेरध्वराय सदमिदृतावा ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sasasya yad viyutā sasminnūdhanṛtasya dhāman raṇayanta devāḥ. Mahāñ agnirnamasā rātahavyo veradhvarāya sadamidṛtāvā.*

Far from sleep, the bounties of nature rejoice in the entire spaces of the skies and over the celebrations of yajna. We pray that the great Agni, light and lord of yajna, fed on offerings and rich in gifts, commanding the laws of truth and showers of bliss may pervade our home for the performance and completion of yajna.

वेरध्वरस्य दृत्यानि विद्वानुभे अन्ता रोदसी संचिकित्वान् ।
दूत ईयसे प्रदिब उरणो विदुष्टरो दिव आरोधनानि ॥ ८ ॥

Veradhvarasya dūtyāni vidvānubhe antā rodaśī saṁcikitvān. Dūta īyase pradiva urāṇo viduṣṭaro diva ārodhanāni.

Agni, omnipresent lord of yajna fire, you know the motions and vibrations of yajna rising and pervading in both earth and skies since, being carrier of the fragrance, ancient and all mobile, inviolable and unconquerable, you rise and reach even the heights and caverns of secret heavens.

कृष्णं त एम रुशतः पुरो भाश्चरिष्ववर्चिर्वपुषामिदेकम् ।
यदप्रवीता दधते हृगर्भं सद्यश्चिज्जातो भवसीदु दूतः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Kṛṣṇam ta ema ruśataḥ puro bhāś-cariṣṇvar-
cirvapuṣāmidekam. Yadapravītā dadhate ha
garbham sadyaścijjāto bhavasīdu dūtaḥ.*

Let us know the motive force and paths of your brilliant light, both centripetal and centrifugal, the light and fire moving ahead, all round, blazing bright, unique among all forms of light. Just as an unpregnated female receives and carries the new embryo, so held in the unkindled vedi you light up immediately on ignition and rise to the heights as carrier of flames and fragrance.

सद्यो जातस्य ददृशानमोजो यदस्य वातो अनुवाति शोचिः ।
वृणक्ति तिग्मामतसेषु जिह्वां स्थिरा चिदन्ना दयते वि
जम्भैः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sadyo jātasya dadṛśānamojo yadasya vāto
anuvāti śociḥ. Vṛṇakti tigamāmataseṣu jihvām
sthirā cidannā dayate vi jambhaiḥ.*

The light and lustre of the flames of this Agni instantly risen becomes worth seeing when the wind fans its flames and spreads the blaze into the forests and uproots strong and firm trees and, with the flames as jaws it crushes and devours the strong as food. And when with the breeze and vital heat it fans the vegetation with its currents, it protects, matures and provides the foods for life.

तृषु यदन्ना तृषुणा ववक्ष तृषु दूतं कृणुते ब्रह्म अग्निः । वातस्य
मेळिं संचते निजूर्वाशं न वाजयते हिन्वे अवीं ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tr̥ṣu yadannā tr̥ṣuṇā vavakṣa tr̥ṣuṁ dūtam
kr̥ṇute yahvo agniḥ. Vātasya meliṁ sacate
nirjūva-nnāśuṁ na vājayate hinve arvā.*

Mighty Agni, fire and energy, fast and quick, speedily bears and brings food, and functions as instant carrier of communications. Running and rising fast, it joins the company of the winds and, like a galloping horse and current of energy, it travels over vast distances. I invoke Agni (for light, food and communications).

Mandala 4/Sukta 8

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दूतं वो विश्ववेदसं हव्यवाहुमर्मर्त्यम् ।
यजिष्ठमृज्जसे गिरा ॥ १ ॥

1. *Dūtam vo viśvavedasaṁ havyavāhamamartyam.
Yajisṭhamr̥njase girā.*

O scholar and master of the science of fire and energy, with your words and thought you study and develop the power of Agni, carrier of communications, all round operative in the universe, bearer of food and fragrances, imperishable, and most creative, productive, cooperative and valuable catalytic agent of the natural and human world. O men and women of the world, the scientist develops it for you all.

स हि वेदा वसुधितिं मुह्यं आरोधनं दिवः ।
स देवाँ एह वक्षति ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa hi vedā vasudhitim mahāñ ārodhanam divaḥ.
Sa devāñ eha vakṣati.*

Ye men and women of the world, that knower

alone knows Agni, treasure hold of heavenly light and divine beneficence of universal wealth. That Agni is great, that alone brings us here the light and graces of nature and divinity.

स वेद देव आ॒नमं दे॒वाँ ऋ॒ताय॒ते दमे॑ ।

दाति॑ प्रि॒याणि॑ चि॒द्वसु॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa veda deva ānamam devāñ ṛtāyate dame.*
Dāti priyāṇi cid vasu.

That brilliant scholar knows the operative powers of nature and knows how to respect and value them. He inspires the learned and noble people, and he energises and moves nature's gifts for the creation of wealth and power in the house of yajna. Agni thus bestows the cherished gifts of wealth and comfort for the good life.

स होता॑ सेदु॒ दृत्यं॑ चि॒कित्वाँ अ॒न्तरी॑यते ।

वि॒द्वान् आ॒रोध॑नं दि॒वः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa hotā sedu dūtyam cikitvāñ antariyate.*
Vidvāñ ārodhanam divaḥ.

Agni is Chikitvan, all immanent brilliant presence that wields and holds and knows. It is the yajamana as well as deity of the yajamana, which internally energises all motion, communication and activity of life and nature. The knower knows the treasure hold of light, energy and universal intelligence in concentration as well as in expansion.

ते स्या॑म॒ ये अ॒ग्रये॑ ददा॒शुर्हव्य॑दातिभिः ।

य इ॑ पु॒ष्यन्त॑ इ॒न्ध॒ते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Te syāma ye agnaye dadāśurhavyadātibhiḥ.
Ya im puṣyanta indhate.*

Let us dedicate ourselves to you, Agni, like those who, with liberal offers of havi, give themselves unto you in devotion for the gifts and powers of universal energy, light the fire and make the streams of the waters of life flow free across the globe.

ते राया ते सुवीर्यैः ससवांसो वि शृण्विरे ।
ये अग्रा दधिरे दुवः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Te rāyā te suvīryaiḥ sasavāṁso vi śṛṇvire.
Ye agnā dadhire duvaḥ.*

They enjoy life in peace and comfort with plenty of wealth and noble strength and powers who study fire, learn about its properties and pursue it with reverence and self sacrifice through the yajna of research and development.

अस्मे रायौ दिवेदिवे सं चरन्तु पुरुस्पृहः ।
अस्मे वाजांस ईरताम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Asme rāyo divedive saṁ carantu puruspr̥haḥ.
Asme vājāsa īratām.*

Let wealths of various kinds and universal value come and abound among us, let food and energy of all varieties flow and arise among us (as divine gifts of Agni, lord of heat and light and cosmic energy).

स विप्रश्चर्षणीनां शवसा मानुषाणाम् ।
अति क्षिप्रेव विध्यति ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa vipraścārṣaṇīnām śavasā mānuṣāṇām.
Ati kṣipreva vidhyati.*

He, Agni, is the most dynamic of brilliant visionaries of the world who, with his power and force, like a flying arrow, shoots off the sufferance and ailments of the people.

Mandala 4/Sukta 9

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अग्ने मृळ महौ असि य ईमा देवयुं जन्म ।
इयेथ बर्हिरासदम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne mṛḷa mahāñ asi ya īmā devayum janam.*
Iyetha barhirāsadam.

Agni, be kind and gracious. Great you are as you come to these divinely dedicated people sitting round the fire of yajna and you bless them all round without reserve.

स मानुषीषु दूळभो विश्व प्रावीरमर्त्यः ।
दूतो विश्वेषां भुवत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa mānuṣīṣu dūḷabho viṣṣu prāvīramartyaḥ.*
Dūto viśveṣāṃ bhuvat.

He is rare among the human people of the world who is kind, protective, pioneer, exceptional and immortal giver of light and knowledge. May this power be the destroyer of the suffering of entire humanity.

स सद्म परि णीयते होता मन्द्रो दिविष्टिषु ।
उत पोता नि षीदति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa sadma pari ṇīyate hotā mandro diviṣṭiṣu.*
Uta potā ni ṣīdati.

3. That light and power, Agni, sacrificing,

sanctifying, happy and rejoicing, is investigated, discovered and worshipped in all holy programmes of life, and everywhere in yajnic homes where it sits as the prime and central presence.

उ॒त ग्रा अ॒ग्नि॒रध्व॑र उ॒तो गृ॒हप॑ति॒र्दमे॑ ।

उ॒त ब्र॒ह्मा नि षी॑दति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uta gnā agniradhvara uto grhapatirdame.*
Uta brahmā ni śīdati.

And Agni joins the yajna of love and non-violence as master of divine voice, in the home where he abides as the head of family, and in the yajna he presides over as the high priest, having mastered all the Vedas.

वे॒षि ह्य॑ध्व॒रीय॒ताम॑प॒वक्ता॑ ज॒नाना॑म् ।

ह॒व्या च॒ मानु॑षाणाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Veṣi hyadhvarīyatām-upavaktā janānām.*
Havyā ca mānuṣāṇām.

You are the guide of the performers of yajna and teacher of the people in general, and you receive the respect and yajnic gifts and fragrances offered by humanity.

वे॒षी॒द्वस्य॑ दू॒त्यं य॑स्य जु॒जो॑षो अ॒ध्वर॑म् ।

ह॒व्यं म॑र्त॒स्य वो॒ळ॒हवे॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Veṣīdvasya dūtyam yasya jujoṣo adhvaram.*
Havyam martasya volhave.

You accept the message of this devotee whose yajna of love and social cooperation you join without violence, and you receive the inputs of holy fuel to

communicate the meaning, message and fragrance to the destination where it is meant for.

अस्माकं जोष्यध्वरमस्माकं यज्ञमङ्गिरः ।

अस्माकं शृणुधी हवम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Asmākaṁ joṣyadhvaramasmākaṁ yajñam-aṅgiraḥ. Asmākaṁ śṛṇudhī havam.*

You join and accomplish the ends of our holy acts. You expedite our yajna of love and non-violence for social cohesion, O life breath of humanity, Agni, O power omnipresent and omniscient, listen to our call and prayer and bless us with success.

परि ते दूळभो रथोऽस्माँ अश्नोतु विश्वतः ।

येन रक्षसि दाशुषः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pari te dūlabho ratho'smāñ aśnotu viśvataḥ. Yena rakṣasi dāśuṣaḥ.*

Agni, ruler of the world, may that rare invincible chariot of your power by which you protect the generous givers in yajna, we pray, be directed to us and promote us all round.

Mandala 4/Sukta 10

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अग्ने तमद्याऽश्वं न स्तोमैः क्रतुं न भद्रं हृदिस्पृशम् ।

ऋध्यामा त ओहैः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne tamadyā'svaṁ na stomaiḥ kratuṁ na bhadraṁ hr̥dispr̥śam. Ṛdhyāmā ta ohaiḥ.*

Agni, mighty power of light and motion, with songs of praise and prayer and with holy acts of service

offered in homage to you today, we augment, celebrate and glorify you, fast as nature's waves of energy, bright as intelligence and blissful as yajna, and dear as love closest to the heart.

अथा ह्यग्ने क्रतोर्भद्रस्य दक्षस्य साधोः ।

रथीर्रतस्य बृहतो बभूथ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Adhā hyagne kratorbhadrasya dakṣasya sādhoḥ.
Rathīrṛtasya brhato babhūtha.*

And now Agni, O light and ruler of the world, be the rider and commander of the chariot of the plan and programme of our creative and developmental yajna of the human nation, a yajna which is blissfully fruitful, expertly organised and sophisticated, truthfully in consonance with the laws of nature and the environment and positively good, great and far reaching in consequence for life.

एभिर्नो अर्केर्भवा नो अर्वाङ् स्वर्णं ज्योतिः ।

अग्ने विश्वेभिः सुमना अनीकैः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ebhirno arkairbhavā no arvaṅ svarṇa jyotiḥ.
Agne viśvebhiḥ sumanā anīkaiḥ.*

Agni, light and life of the world, majestic as the sun's refulgent glory, good and loving at heart, in response to these our songs of praise and prayer and acts of piety, come straight and bless us with all your forces of protection and promotion and give us, lead us to, the success of our heart's desire.

आभिष्टे अद्य गीर्भिर्गुणन्तोऽग्ने दाशेम ।

प्र ते दिवो न स्तनयन्ति शुष्माः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ābhiṣṭe adya gīrbhir-gr̥ṇanto'gne dāśema.
Pra te divo na stanayanti śuṣmāḥ.*

Agni, brilliant ruling power of the world, speaking in these words of ours to you, we would pay homage to you in appreciation, thanks and praise for your gifts of protection and promotion for us. And see, the people, happy and bold, raise shouts of joy like the roar of thunder from the skies in celebration of your majesty.

तव स्वादिष्ठाग्ने संदृष्टिरिदा चिदहं इदा चिदक्तोः ।
श्रिये रुक्मो न रोचत उपाके ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tava svādiṣṭhā'gne samdr̥ṣṭiridā cidahna idā
cidaktoḥ. Śriye rukmo na rocata upāke.*

Agni, glorious ruler of the world, your gracious eye, equal and beneficent for all, all time whether it is day or night, shines all round like radiance itself expressive of your regality.

घृतं न पूतं तनूररेपाः शुचि हिरण्यम् ।
तत्ते रुक्मो न रोचत स्वधावः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ghṛtaṁ na pūtaṁ tanūrarepāḥ śuci hiraṇyam.
Tat te rukmo na rocata svadhāvaḥ.*

Agni, lord self-refulgent and potent in your own essence, the light of your presence manifesting in the world body is immaculate, pure as ghrta and sacred as celestial water, and it is unalloyed as gold which shines and pleases like light of the moon and dazzles as radiance of the sun.

कृतं चिद्धिष्मा सनेमि द्वेषोऽग्रं इनोषि मतीत् ।
इत्था यजमानादुतावः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Kṛtaṁ ciddhi śmā sanemi dveṣo 'gna inoṣi martāt. Itthā yajamānādr̥tāvah.*

Agni, lord giver, observer and commander of the law of natural truth and justice, you drive away from mortal humanity and from the man of yajnic performance all sin, hate and enmity even if it has been done and has existed since time immemorial.

शिवाः नः सुख्या सन्तु भ्रात्राऽग्ने देवेषु युष्मे ।

सा नो नाभिः सदने सस्मिन्नूर्धन् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Śivā naḥ sakhyā santu bhrātrā'gne deveṣu yuṣme. Sā no nābhiḥ sadane sasminnūrdhan.*

Agni, lord of light and ruler of the world, may our friendship and fraternity among the nobilities and divine personalities of your rule and order be auspicious and blessed, and may that sacred relationship be the anchor and centrehold of our conduct and action in the entire social order of governance, administration and economy of the system.

Mandala 4/Sukta 11

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भद्रं ते अग्ने सहसिन्ननीकमुपाक आ रोचते सूर्यस्य । रुशद्
दृशे ददृशे नक्तया चिदरूक्षितं दृश आ रूपे अन्नम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Bhadraṁ te agne sahasinnanīkamupāka ā rocate sūryasya. Ruśad dr̥ṣe dadr̥ṣe naktayā cidarūkṣi-
taṁ dr̥ṣa ā rūpe annam.*

Agni, mighty presiding power of the world, holy and blissful is your splendour at the dawn of sunrise as it shines in majesty, and while it shines, it is seen by

night also, as glorious to the sight as by day. And in that bright and blissful form of beauty and majesty I see delicious food for life and energy for mind and soul.

वि षाह्यग्ने गृणते मनीषां खं वेपसा तुविजातु स्तवानः ।
विश्वेभिर्यद्वावनः शुक्र देवैस्तन्नो रास्व सुमहो भूरि
मन्म ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vi śāhyagne grṇate manīṣāṁ khaṁ vepasā
tuvijāta stavānaḥ. Viśvebhīryad vāvanaḥ śukra
devaīstanno rāsva sumaho bhūri manma.*

Agni, lord of light and majesty, universally manifest and acknowledged, while you are praised and honoured by the devotee with the action and inspiration of your light and glory, break open the locks of the mind and intellect of the devotee since, O lord of brilliance and purity, commanding the grandeur of the world and giving with and through all the divine powers of nature and humanity, you bless us with the knowledge and wisdom of the living world.

त्वदग्रे काव्या त्वन्मनीषास्त्वदुक्था जायन्ते राध्यानि ।
त्वदेति द्रविणं वीरपेशा इत्थाधिये दाशुषे मर्त्याय ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvadange kāvyā tanmanīṣāstvadukthā jāyante
rādhyāni. Tvadeti draviṇaṁ vīrapeśā itthādhiye
dāśuṣe martyāya.*

Agni, lord of light, energy and intelligence, by you are great poems inspired. From you flows genius and intelligence. By you are revealed hymns of celebration and holy action. From you arise the resources of life for development. O lord of valour and beauteous form, from you flow the wealths of existence in

circulation for the mortal man of versatile intelligence and generosity.

त्वद्वाजी वाजंभरो विहाया अभिष्टिकृज्जायते सत्यशृण्वः ।
त्वद्रयिर्देवजूतो मयोभुस्त्वदाशुर्जुवाँ अग्ने अवी ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvad vājī vājambharo vihāyā abīṣṭikrjjāyate satyaśuṣmaḥ. Tvad rayirdevajūto mayobhus-tvadāśur-jūjuvāñ agne arvā.*

From you arises heroic energy, victorious power, all expansive and unfailingly true which wins the desired object of all round success. From you is created the wealth produced, expanded and multiplied by noble experts which is full of blessings. From you is created the self-driven transport of high velocity which reaches the destination instantly. Such you are, Agni, tremendous source of inexhaustible energy.

त्वामग्ने प्रथमं देवयन्तो देवं मर्तं अमृत मन्द्रजिह्वम् ।
द्वेषोयुतमा विवासन्ति धीभिर्दमूनसं गृहपतिममूरम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvāmagne prathamam devayanto devam martā amṛta mandrajihvam. Dveṣoyutamā vivāśanti dhībhir-damūnasam gr̥hapatim-amūram.*

You, Agni, lord and master of light and knowledge, energy and power, mortal men in search of joy and beauty, light and immortality seek, serve and develop you with their acts and intelligence, as first and foremost power of life, brilliant and generous, immortal, sweet and joyous of tongue, free from hate and enmity, self-controlled and all-controller, wise and perfect master of the household.

आरे अस्मदमतिमारे अंह आरे विश्वां दुर्मतिं यन्निपासि ।
दोषा शिवः सहस्रः सूनो अग्रे यं देव आ चित्सर्वसे
स्वस्ति ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Āre asmadamatimāre aṅha āre viśvāṁ durmatim
yannipāsi. Doṣā śivaḥ sahasaḥ sūno agne yaṁ
deva ā cit sacase svasti.*

Agni, child of omnipotence and patience, take off from us callousness, take away sin, take away all hate and enmity from the world. Whosoever you protect, you promote, lord generous and refulgent, you are good and kind to him night and day. He is blest. May all be good and gracious!

Mandala 4/Sukta 12

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यस्त्वामग्न इन्धते यतस्तुक्त्रिस्ते अन्नं कृणवत्सस्मिन्नहन् ।
स सु द्युम्नैरभ्यस्तु प्रसक्षत्तव क्रत्वा जातवेदश्चि-
कित्वान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yastvāmagna inadhate yatasruk triste annaṁ
kṛṇavat sasminnahan. Sa su dyumnairabhyastu
prasakṣat tava kratvā jātavedaścikitvān.*

Agni, lord and master of light, knowledge and wealth, he who lights and serves you with ladlefuls of ghrta for the offering of food thrice every day will be blest with wealth, honour and well being all round by virtue of his service to you and noble works, O Jataveda, lord of universal knowledge, and he will be enlightened with knowledge and self-awareness.

इध्मं यस्ते जभरच्छ्रमाणो महो अग्ने अनीकमा संपर्यन् । स
इधानः प्रति दोषामुषासं पुष्यत्रयि संचते घ्नन्नमित्रान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Idhmaṁ yaste jabharacchaśramāṇo maho agne anīkamā saparyan. Sa idhānaḥ prati doṣāmu-
śāsaṁ puṣyan rayiṁ sacate ghnannamitrān.*

Agni, lord sublime commanding power and force, any person of high endeavour who bears and takes you forward, serving your great force and splendour, he/she is blest with wealth and grandeur, rising in strength and power, blazing with light and fire and eliminating hate and enmity every day and night.

अग्निरीशे बृहतः क्षत्रियस्याऽग्निर्वाजस्य परमस्य रायः ।
दधाति रत्नं विधत्ते यविष्ठो व्यानुषड्मर्त्यीय स्वधावान् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Agnirīše bṛhataḥ kṣatriyasyā'gnirvājasya para-
masya rāyaḥ. Dadhāti ratnaṁ vidhate yaviṣṭho
vyānuṣaṁmartyāya svadhāvān.*

Agni rules and commands the great order of defence, governance and law of society. Agni rules over the highest wealth of food, energy and movement. Strongest and most youthful, Agni, holding and commanding his own essential sustenance, food, energy and power, ever in unison with the celebrant, bears and secures the jewel assets of life for mortal humanity all round.

यच्चिद्धि ते पुरुषत्रा यविष्ठाऽचित्तिभिश्चकृमा कच्चिदागः ।
कृधीष्वस्माँ अदितेरनागान्व्येनांसि शिश्रथो विष्वगग्ने ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yacciddhi te puruṣatrā yaviṣṭhā'cittibhiścakṛmā
kaccidāgaḥ. Kṛdhiṣvasmāñ aditeranāgān vye-
nānsi śīśratho viṣvagagne.*

Agni, youthful lord of light and the world of light, if we, unawares or out of ignorance, happen to commit something sinful, whatever it be, among your devoted people, then free us from that sin and render us sinless children of the good earth. Relax the hold of all sin and evil from over us.

महश्चिदग्र एनसो अभीक ऊर्वाद्देवानामुत मर्त्यानाम् । मा
ते सखायः सदमिद्रिषाम् यच्छा तोकाय तनयाय शं
योः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Mhaścidagna enaso abhika ūrvād devānāmuta martyānām. Mā te sakhāyaḥ sadamid riṣāma yacchā tokāya tanayāya śaṁ yoh.*

Agni, lord of light and purity of power, save us even from great and extensive sin committed or suffered either close to or among the noblest powers or the ordinary mortals, let us never be hurt or injured. We are your friends. Give us peace and well being for our children and further future generations.

यथा हृत्यद्वसवो गौर्यं चित्पदि षिताममुञ्चता यजत्राः ।
एवो ष्वस्मन्मुञ्चता व्यंहुः प्र तार्यग्ने प्रतरं न आयुः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yathā ha tyad vasavo gauryaṁ cit padi ṣitāma-muñcatā yajatrāḥ. Evo ṣvasmanmuñcatā vyanhaḥ pra tāryagne prataraṁ na āyuh.*

Vasus, holy divines of knowledge and speech dedicated to Dharma and education, just as you release language, bonded in word, meaning and object all integrated, free into expression and communication, similarly loosen the bonds of sin from us to set us free and take us across the seas of life which must be crossed

with merit and virtue.

Mandala 4/Sukta 13

Agni Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

प्रत्यग्रिरुषसामग्रमख्यद्विभातीनां सुमनां रत्नधेयम् ।

यातमश्विना सुकृतौ दुरोणमुत्सूर्यो ज्योतिषा देव एति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Partyagnirūṣasāmagramakhyad vibhātīnām sumanā ratnadheyam. Yātamaśvinā sukrto duroṇamut sūryo jyotiṣā deva eti.*

Agni, brilliant as sun, vibrant as wind and potent as electric energy, stirs in advance of the lights of rising dawns happy at heart, and the Ashvins, currents of elevating energy, move on to the house of the man of noble acts, a house blest with the jewels of life, while the refulgent sun, generous giver of the breath of life, moves on (on its daily round) with its light.

ऊर्ध्वं भानुं सविता देवो अश्रेद् द्रप्सं दविध्वद्गविषो न सत्वा ।

अनु व्रतं वरुणो यन्ति मित्रो यत्सूर्यं दिव्यारोहयन्ति ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ūrdhvaṁ bhānuṁ savitā devo aśred drapsaṁ davidhvaḍ gaviṣo na satvā. Anu vratam varuṇo yanti mitro yat sūryaṁ divyārohayanti.*

The refulgent sun, giver of light and life's energy, radiates the light on high and, as if in love with the earth, diffuses the particles of light around in space with passion. And according to the laws of Nature, Varuna and Mitra, waters and winds, and all other causes which elevate the sun rise to activity by the sun on their appointed course.

यं सीमकृण्वन्तमसे विपृचे ध्रुवक्षेमा अनवस्यन्तो अर्थम् ।
तं सूर्यं हरितः सप्त यज्ञीः स्पृशं विश्वस्य जगतो वहन्ति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yam sīmakṛṇvan tamase vipṛche dhruvakṣemā anavasyanto artham. Taṁ sūryam haritaḥ sapta yajñīḥ spaśam viśvasya jagato vahanti.*

One of the objects which for sure the fixed centres of cosmic energy for sustenance dedicated to their appointed task create for the dispulsion of darkness is the sun. That sun, centre, eye and light of the entire moving world of the solar system, seven mighty forces of nature carry and conduct and seven blazing rays of light radiate for the appointed purpose.

वहिष्ठेभिर्विहरन्त्यासि तन्तुमवव्ययन्नसितं देव वस्म ।
दविध्वतो रश्मयः सूर्यस्य चर्मेवावाधुस्तमो अप्सवन्तः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vahiṣṭhebhīrviharanyāsi tantumavavyayannasitaṁ deva vasma. Davidhvato raśmayah sūryasya carmevāvādhustamo apsvantaḥ.*

O Deva, refulgent sun, borne by seven mighty carriers of light, you go round in orbit radiating your rays and dispelling the cover of darkness. The vibrating rays of the sun in the middle regions of the sky remove the mantle of darkness.

अनायतो अनिबद्धः कथायं न्यङ्ङुत्तानोऽव पद्यते न । कया
याति स्वधया को ददर्श दिवः स्कम्भः समृतः पाति
नाकम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Anāyato anibaddhaḥ kathāyaṁ nyaṅṅuttāno'va padyate na. Kayā yāti svadhayā ko dadarśa divaḥ skambhaḥ samṛtaḥ pāti nākam.*

Unsupported and unbound, high up above yet looking downward, how is it sustained? Why doesn't it fall down? By what strength of its own does it go on? Who sees it thus behave? The pillar sustainer of the vault of heaven with the cosmic law of Rtam sustains it too. Who sees that pillar of the universe which sustains this giver of bliss?

Mandala 4/Sukta 14

Agni Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

प्रत्यग्निरुषसो जातवेदा अख्यदेवो रोचमाना महोभिः ।

आ नासत्योरुगाया रथेनेमं यज्ञमुप नो यातमच्छ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pratyagnirūṣaso jātavedā akhyad devo rocamānā mahobhiḥ. Ā nāsatyorugāyā rathenemaṁ yajñamupa no yātamaccha.*

Refulgent Agni, omnipresent in the world of existence, with his own grandeur and lustre lights up the bright and beautiful dawns. Hey Ashvins, ever true and beautiful, universally praised harbingers of light, twofold breath of energy, teacher and preacher, come well by the chariot and grace this yajna of ours.

ऊर्ध्वं केतुं सविता देवो अश्रेज्योतिर्विश्वस्मै भुवनाय
कृण्वन् । आप्रा द्यावापृथिवी अन्तरिक्षं वि सूर्यो रश्मि-
भिश्चेकितानः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ūrdhvaṁ ketuṁ savitā devo aśrejyotirviśvasmai bhuvanāya kṛṇvan. Āprā dyāvāpṛthivi antarikṣaṁ vi sūryo raśmibhiścekitānaḥ.*

May Savita, brilliant and generous, giver of light and life's energy, create light and radiate energy high

up and give enlightenment to the whole world, as the refulgent sun, with its rays, illuminates the heaven and earth and the skies.

आवहन्त्यरुणीज्योतिषागान्मही चित्रा रश्मिभिश्चे-
किताना । प्रबोधयन्ती सुविताय देव्युषा ईयते सुयुजा
रथेन ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Āvahantyarūṇīrjyotiṣāgānmaḥī citrā raśmibhiś-
cekitānā. Prabodhayantī suvitāya devyūṣā īyate
suyujā rathena.*

Crimson clad in brilliance, great and glorious, bright with morning rays, comes the blessed dawn by the chariot in top-notch harness, awaking the world to the joy and bliss of the new day.

आ वां वहिष्ठा इह ते वहन्तु रथा अश्वसो उषसो व्युष्टौ । इमे
हि वां मधुपेयाय सोमा अस्मिन्यज्ञे वृषणा मादयेथाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā vāṁ vahiṣṭhā iha te vahantu rathā aśvāsa uṣaso
vyuṣṭau. Ime hi vāṁ madhupeyāya somā asmin
yajñe vṛṣaṇā mādayethām.*

Come ye Ashvins, harbingers of the dawn, breath and beauty of the morning, men and women dedicated to Divinity, may these strong chariots and horses bring you here in the light of the dawn. These honey drinks of soma, vital energy of life, are for you. Come, virile ones, and rejoice in this yajna (of the creation of a new day).

अनायतो अनिबद्धः कथायं न्यङ्ङुत्तानोऽव पद्यते न ।
कया याति स्वधया को ददर्श दिवः स्कम्भः समृतः पाति
नाकम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Anāyato anibaddhaḥ kathāyaṁ nyanhuttāno'va
padyate na. Kayā yāti svadhayā ko dadarśa
divaḥ skambhaḥ samṛtaḥ pāti nākam.*

So close and unsupported, unbound and free, so wide and high looking down, as it is, what is that power which holds it up from falling down? By what force of its own does it go on as it does? Who sees that power, pillar sustainer of the vault of heaven, which sustains it with the cosmic law of Rtam, blissful as it is? Agni.

Mandala 4/Sukta 15

*Agni, Somaka Sahadevya and Ashvinau Devata,
Vamadeva Gautama Rshi*

अग्निर्होता नो अध्वरे वाजी सन्परि णीयते ।

देवो देवेषु यज्ञियः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agnirhotā no adhware vājī san pari ṇīyate.
Devo deveṣu yajñiyaḥ.*

Agni, brilliant leader, sustainer, yajaka and the clarion call of our yajna, most refulgent of the brilliants, most adorable of the adorables, being potent and warlike as a missile, is conducted all round and followed in the corporate business of our life.

परि त्रिविष्टयध्वरं यात्यग्नी रथीरिव ।

आ देवेषु प्रयो दधत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Pari tviviṣṭyadhvaram yātyagnī rathīriva.
Ā deveṣu prayo dadhat.*

Agni, leader and pioneer, like a hero of the war chariot goes thrice round and round the yajna of our

corporate life, bearing the wealth of peace and well-being among the noble powers and peoples of the world.

परि वाजपतिः क्विरग्निर्हव्यान्यक्रमीत् ।

दध्रत्नानि दाशुषे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pari vājapatih kavir-agnir-havyānyakramīt.*
Dadhad ratnāni dāśuṣe.

Agni, lord of food, energy and the dynamics of life and society, commanding a full poetic vision of corporate life, comprehends the gifts and oblations of the holy fire of the nation, bearing the jewels of life's wealth for the generous giver.

अयं यः सृज्जये पुरो दैववाते समिध्यते ।

द्युमाँ अमित्रदम्भनः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ayam yaḥ sṛñjaye puro daivavāte samidhyate.*
Dyumāñ amitradambhanah.

This is he, that fiery and brilliant Agni, leader of yajna, vanquisher of the enemies of life and society, who is lighted and joined first of all in corporate struggles for the attainment of the holy gifts of Divinity.

अस्य घा वीर ईवतोऽग्नेरीशीत् मर्त्यः ।

तिग्मजम्भस्य मीळहुषः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Asya ghā vīra īvato'gnerīśīta martyah.*
Tigmajambhasya mīlhuṣah.

Only that brave man among mortals can command the wealth and power of the world who is a yajnic follower of this Agni, dynamic leader, generous giver and unflinchingly just and powerful.

तमर्वन्तं न सान्सिमरुषं न दिवः शिशुम् ।
मर्मृज्यन्ते दिवेदिवे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tamarvantaṁ na sānasimarūṣaṁ na divaḥ śiśum.*
Marmṛjyante divedive.

Him the followers serve, adorn and adore day
by day who is lovable and victorious like a war horse
and brilliant as a very child of heavenly light.

बोधद्यन्मा हरिभ्यां कुमारः साहदेव्यः ।
अच्छ न हूत उदरम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Bodhadyanmā haribhyāṁ kumārah sāhadev-*
yaḥ. Acchā na hūta udaram.

Neither well informed nor inspired nor fully
prepared as I am, may the youthful Agni, companion
power of divinity, awaken and inform me by the gifts
of Ashvins, light and knowledge of the teacher and the
preacher, breath and beauty of nature and the light and
fragrance of yajna.

उत त्या यजता हरीं कुमारात्साहदेव्यात् ।
प्रयता सद्य आ ददे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta tyā yajatā harī kumārāt sāhadevyāt.*
Prayatā sadya ā dade.

I readily accept the breath and beauty of nature
and the light and fragrance of yajna, gifts of the Ashvins,
teachers and preachers, adorable messengers of life
coming from Agni, youthful brilliance of Divinity.

एष वां देवावश्विना कुमारः साहदेव्यः ।
दीर्घायुरस्तु सोमकः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Eṣa vo devāvaśvinā kumāraḥ sāhadevyah.
Dīrghāyurastu somakah.*

Divine Ashvins, teachers and preachers, may this youth, your celebrate disciple, dedicated to Divinity, be blest with long life, blest with the light of peace and well-being.

तं युवं देवावश्विना कुमारं साहदेव्यम् ।
दीर्घायुषं कृणोतन ॥ १० ॥

10. *Taṁ yuvaṁ devāvaśvinā kumāraḥ sāhadevyam.
Dīrghāyusaṁ kṛṇotana.*

Divine Ashvins, messengers of the light of Divinity, brilliant and generous teachers and preachers, both of you bless this youth, devotee of Divinity, with long life.

Mandala 4/Sukta 16

Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

आ सत्यो यातु मघवाँ ऋजीषी द्रवन्त्वस्य हरय उप
नः । तस्मा इदन्धः सुषुमा सुदक्षमिहाभिपित्वं करते
गृणानः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā satyo yātu maghavāñ ṛjīṣī dravantvasya
haraya upa naḥ. Tasmā idandhaḥ suṣumā
sudakṣami-hābhipitvaṁ karate gṛṇānaḥ.*

May Indra, lord ruler of the world, ever true, mighty bounteous and ever righteous in natural ways, come to us. May his men and powers hasten to us to help and bless. For his sake we produce energising food and distil exciting soma. Praised and appreciated and praising and appreciating, he provides us all with

sustenance and protection in this world order.

अव स्य शूराध्वनो नान्तेऽस्मिन्नो अद्या सर्वने मन्दध्यै ।

शंसात्युक्थमुशनेव वेधाश्चिकितुषे असुरीय मन्म ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ava sya śūrādhvano nānte'smin no adya savane mandadhyai. Śamsātyukthamuśaneva vedhā-ścikituṣe asuryāya manma.*

Indra, such as you are, guard us in this yajnic programme of holy living so that we may enjoy life and you too be happy with us. Guard us, pray, O Ruler, as you would the boundaries of the path of progress. Forsake us not till the end. The wise celebrant like a poet and lover sings songs of adoration and speaks words of wisdom to enlighten the simple innocents eager to learn and pray.

कविर्न निण्यं विदथानि साधुन्वृषा यत्सेकं विपिपानो
अचीत् । दिव इत्था जीजनत्सप्त कारूनह्ना चिच्चक्रुर्वयुना
गृणन्तः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Kavirna niṇyam vidathāni sādhan vṛṣā yat sekaṁ vipipāno arcāt. Diva itthā jījanat sapta kārū-nahnā ciccakrurvayunā gṛṇantaḥ.*

The generous man of might and vision accomplishing the performance of various yajnas of science, like a poet, receiving mysteriously but surely the shower of light from above, preserving it with reverence and advancing it, creates knowledge from the light above, and then the scholars, admiring and pursuing it further by day, create seven kinds of science and technology and raise seven orders of scientists and technologists. (The mantra suggests the science of

spectrum and development of light technology.)

स्वर्गद्वेदि सुदृशीकमर्कैर्महि ज्योतीं रुरुचुर्यद्ध वस्तोः ।
अन्धा तमांसि दुधिता विचक्षे नृभ्यश्चकार नृतमो
अभिष्टौ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Svaryad vedi sudṛśīkamarkairmahī jyotī ruru-
curyaddha vastoh. Andhā tamāṁsi dudhitā
vicakṣe nṛbhyaścakāra nṛtamo abhiṣṭau.*

The heavenly light and paradisaal bliss that is revealed by the reflections of knowledge and radiations of the sun, the greatness and sublimity of ultimate reality that is revealed and shines as the dawn of the day, the impenetrable layers of darkness that are laid open and bare, all that, Indra, the best of men and highest of leaders and divinities, does for the sake of humanity for their highest good so that all may see and admire.

ववक्ष इन्द्रो अमितमृजीष्युभे आ पप्रौ रोदसी महित्वा ।
अतश्चिदस्य महिमा वि रेच्यभि यो विश्वा भुवना
बभूव ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vavakṣa indro amitamṛjīṣyubhe ā paprau rodaśī
mahitvā. Ataścidasya mahimā vi recyabhi yo
viśvā bhuvanā babhūva.*

Indra, lord supreme of nature and Rtam, the law of nature, wields and sustains both heaven and earth, immeasurable though they are. He pervades both and transcends them with his power and grandeur. For this very reason, his power and grandeur too exceeds everything else of the universe since he pervades, transcends and presides over all the regions of the universe in existence.

विश्वानि शक्रो नर्याणि विद्वानपो ररेच सखिभिर्निकामैः ।
अश्मानं चिद्ये बिभिदुर्वचोभिर्वृजं गोमन्तमुशिजो वि
ववृः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Viśvāni śakro naryaṇi vidvānapo rireca sakhi-
bhir-nikāmaiḥ. Aśmānaṁ cid ye bibhidur-
vacobhir-vrajaṁ gomantam-uśijo vi vavruḥ.*

Indra, world ruler, commanding knowledge and power, exhausts all the possibilities of human action with his dedicated friends who, even with words of command, break down adamant resistance and, passionate for action, open up and reveal the hidden treasures of wealth and energy of nations, like cowherds releasing cows from the stalls or winds breaking the clouds and releasing the waters.

अपो वृत्रं वव्रिवांसं पराहन्प्रावत्ते वज्रं पृथिवी सचेताः ।
प्राणींसि समुद्रियाण्यैनोः पतिर्भवञ्ज्वसा शूर धृष्णो ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Apo vṛtram vavrivāṁsaṁ parāhan prāvat te
vajraṁ pṛthivī sacetāḥ. Prārṇāṁsi samudri-
yānyainoḥ patirbhavañchavasā śūra dhṛṣṇo.*

Indra, ruler of the world, just as, when thunderous rays of the sun break the dark cloud holding waters of rain, the earth rejoices and rivers flow to the sea, so O mighty one, all-aware and intrepidable hero, be the master protector and promoter ruler with your strength and power and, by virtue of the centrifugal force of your power and law, break open the dark strongholds of energy and action, and let the freedom and vitality of humanity flow in action unto the ocean of eternal Divinity.

अ॒पो यद॑द्रिं॒ पुरु॑हू॒त द॑र्द॒रावि॑र्भु॒वत्स॑रमा॒ पू॒र्व्यं ते॑ । स नो॑
ने॒ता वा॒ज॒मा द॑र्शि॒ भू॒रिं गो॒त्रा रु॒ज॒न्न॒ङ्गि॒रोभि॑र्गृ॒णानः॑ ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Apo yadadrim puruhūta dardarāvīrbhuvat
saramā pūrvyam te. Sa no netā vājamā darśi bhūri
gotrā rujann-aṅgirobbhir-grṇānaḥ.*

Indra, universal celebrity, when you break the cloud of hoarded potentials and your simple and straight policy of governance and administration comes into full view on earth, then you, such leader and commander of ours, sung and celebrated by scholars and scientists, manifest your power and policy further and break open the many centre-holds of human intelligence and social energy.

अ॒च्छा क॒विं नृ॑म॒णो गा॒ अ॒भिष्टौ॑ स्व॒र्षाता॒ मघ॑व॒न्नाध॑मानम् ।
ऊ॒ति॒भिस्त॑मिष॒णो द्यु॒म्नहू॑तौ॒ नि मा॒यावा॑न॒ब्रह्मा॑ दस्यु॒रर्ता ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Acchā kavim nṛmaṇo gā abhiṣṭau svarṣātā
maghavan-nādhmānam. Ūtibhis-tamiṣaṇo
dyumnahūtau ni māyāvānabrahmā dasyurarta.*

Indra, winner of the light of heaven and harbinger of light on earth, lover of humanity, lord of glory, for the sake of desired goals and for the achievement of honour, wealth and excellence, inspire the poet, promote language and education, advance the seeker, scientist and researcher, with protection and incentive, and whoever be the clever exploiter opposed to knowledge, social good and general well being, let him be defeated.

आ द॑स्यु॒घ्ना म॑न॒सा या॒ह्यस्तं॑ भुव॒त्ते कु॑त्सः स॒ख्ये नि॑का॒मः ।
स्वे यो॒नौ नि॑ ष॒दतं॑ स॒रूपा॒ वि वां चि॑कित्स॒दृत्चि॒द्ध
ना॒री ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ā dasyughnā manasā yāhyastam bhuvat te kutsaḥ sakhye nikāmaḥ. Sve yonau ni śadatam sarūpāvi vām cikitsadrtaciddha nārī.*

O destroyer of the wicked, come home to your own with your heart and soul. May the sage and the warrior be eager for your friendship. May both of you, being of equal mind, sit together in the home. May the woman, discriminative and expert in the sacred law of Dharma, know you well and cooperate.

यासि कुत्सेन स्रथमवस्युस्तोदो वातस्य हयोरीशानः ।

ऋत्रा वाजं न गध्यं युयूषन्कविर्यदहन्पायीय भूषात् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Yāsi kutsena sarathamavasyustodo vātasya haryorīśānaḥ. Rjra vājam na gadhyam yuyūṣan kaviryadahan pāryāya bhūṣāt.*

You advance with the thunderbolt, O protector of the people, destroyer of enemies, riding the chariot, commanding the house like currents of the winds, a very team of energy and velocity in hand, the lord of vision and creation who destroys the wicked and wins the glory of victory.

कुत्साय शुष्णमशुषं नि बर्हीः प्रपित्वे अह्नः कुर्यवं सहस्रा ।

सद्यो दस्यूनं मृण कुत्सेन प्र सूरश्चक्रं बृहतादभीके ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kutsāya śuṣṇamaśuṣam ni barhīḥ prapitve ahnaḥ kuyavam sahasrā. Sadyo dasyūn pra mṛṇa kutsyena pra sūraścakram bṛhatādabhīke.*

For the sake of the wise and discriminate, you root out persistent want and drought. On the rise of the day you overthrow a thousand forms of pettiness and stinginess. You destroy the evil and the wicked by your

thunderous force and, like the solar orb, scatter the enemy forces all round.

त्वं पिप्रुं मृगयं शूशुवांसमृजिष्वने वैदथिनाय रन्धीः ।
पञ्चाशत्कृष्णा नि वपः सहस्राऽत्कं न पुरो जरिमा वि
ददः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Tvaṁ pipruṁ mṛgayāṁ śūśuvāṁsam-rjīśv-ine
vaidathināya randhīḥ. Pañcāśat kṛṣṇā ni vapah
sahasrā 'tkāṁ na puro jarimā vi dardah.*

For the sake of the man of rectitude and continuance of law abiding generations of the pious yajniks, you subdue the swollen and wide spread wastours, hunters of forest wealth and destroyers of social good. Create a new force of fifty thousand warriors and like a storm of wind blow off the enemy strongholds, changing the old outmoded forms for the new.

सूर उपाके तन्वं दधानो वि यत्ते चेत्यमृतस्य वर्षः ।
मृगो न हस्ती तविषीमुषाणः सिंहो न भीम आयुधानि
बिभ्रत् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Sūra upāke tanvaṁ dadhāno vi yat te cetya-
mṛtasya varpaḥ. Mṛgo na hasṭī taviṣīmuṣāṇaḥ
siṁho na bhīma āyūdhani bibhrat.*

Indra, warrior hero blazing as the sun, around you the new form of your immortal self manifesting a new character wielding new arms appears like a mighty elephant, a ferocious lion, awfully burning off the lustre of enemy forces.

इन्द्रं कामो वसूयन्तो अगमन्त्स्वर्मीळहे न सर्वने चकानाः ।
श्रवस्यवः शशमानास उक्थैरोको न रणवा सुदृशीव
पुष्टिः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Indraṁ kāmā vasūyanto agmantsvarmīlḥe na savane cakānāḥ. Śravasyavaḥ śaśamānāsa ukthairoko na raṇvā sudṛśīva puṣṭiḥ.*

Those who love life, wish for the wealth of life, strive for the bliss of heaven on earth through yajnic action, desire for food, energy and victory in the battle of living, and with songs of praise and faith wish to achieve delightful health and nourishment in a paradisaal home, all should go and join Indra, brilliant and potent ruler of the world.

तमिद्वा इन्द्रं सुहवं हुवेम यस्ता चकार नयीं पुरुणि। यो
मावते जरित्रे गध्यं चिन्मक्षू वाजं भरति स्पार्हराधाः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Tamidva indraṁ suhavaṁ huvema yastā cakāra naryā purūṇi. Yo māvate jaritre gadhyaṁ cinma-kṣū vājaṁ bharati spārharādhāḥ.*

For sure that Indra, holily invoked and honoured, we invoke, join and celebrate, Indra who does all those many wondrous things for humanity, who, for the celebrant like me, bears and provides all the many desired kinds of food, energy and victory, and who is the source giver of things we love for all mankind.

तिग्मा यदन्तराशनिः पताति कस्मिञ्चिच्छूरा मुहुके जना-
नाम्। घोरा यदर्यं समृतिर्भवत्यध स्मा नस्तन्वो बोधि
गोपाः ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Tigmā yadantaraśaniḥ patāti kasmiñcicchūra muhuke janānām. Ghorā yadarya samṛtir-bhavā-tyadha smā nastanvo bodhi gopāḥ.*

Indra, lord of excellence and glory, mighty brave hero, if a blazing thunderous missile falls like lightning

upon the people in the midst of some battle, or, O celebrated lord, some terrible battle conflicts arise on the earth, then you alone, O world ruler, are the protector of our body of humanity you know.

भुवोऽ विता वामदैवस्य धीनां भुवः सखावृको वाजसातौ ।
त्वामनु प्रमतिमा जगन्मोरुशंसौ जरित्रे विश्वध स्याः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Bhuvo' vitā vāmdevasya dhīnām bhuvah sakhā-vṛko vājasātau. Tvāmanu prmtimā jaganmoru-śaṁso jaritre viśvadha syāh.*

Indra, ruler of the world, be protector of the holy and graceful scholar and promoter of arts and sciences. Be our friend and supporter, free from greed and violence in the battles of life for victory so that, O lord universally celebrated, we may follow our good sense and your guidance. Be the bearer and giver of the world's wealth for the faithful celebrant.

एभिर्नृभिरिन्द्र त्वायुभिश्चा मघवद्भिर्मघवन्विश्व आजौ ।
द्यावो न द्युमैरभि सन्तौ अर्यः क्षपो मदेम शरदश्च
पूर्वीः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Ebhirnṛbhirindra tyāyubhiṣtvā maghvadbhir-maghavan viśva ājau. Dyāvo na dhumnairabhi santo ariyaḥ kṣapo madema śaradaśca pūrvīḥ.*

Indra, lord of glory, commander of the world's honour and excellence, lord of wealth and grace, with all these leaders of men, your lovers and celebrants all, wealthy, powerful and honourable, and with all our wealth and power, we pray, let us all shine being brilliant as sunrays in the battle of life and let us enjoy and celebrate life and the lord all nights and days and seasons

all the year round on top of the world.

एवेदिन्द्राय वृषभाय वृष्णे ब्रह्माकर्म भृगवो न रथम् । नू
चिद्यथा नः सुख्या वियोषदसन्न उग्रोऽ विता तनूपाः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Evedindrāya vṛṣabhāya vṛṣṇe brahmākarma
bhṛgavo na ratham. Nū cidyathā naḥ sakhyā
viyoṣadasanna ugro'vitā tanūpāḥ.*

Thus for Indra, lord of glory, virile and generous, let us create wealth and offer songs of homage and celebration just as the Bhrgus, scientists and engineers, create and offer the chariot, so that he may not forsake us but firmly retain our friendship, and, bright and blazing as he is, he may continue to be our protector and saviour of our body and the social order.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योऽ न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Nū ṣṭuta indra nū grṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo
na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā
syāma rathyah sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, appreciated, praised and worshipped, appreciating, approving and praising your devotees, create and give ample food and energy to the celebrants, like rivers flowing and swelling with waters. O lord of speed and transport, with the best of our intellect and imagination, the new homage and new song is created and offered to you. And, we pray, with the same intellect and imagination may we be chariot champions blest with divine gifts of prosperity and spirituality.

Mandala 4/Sukta 17

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त्वं मह्यं इन्द्र तुभ्यं हृ क्षा अनु क्षत्रं मंहना मन्यत द्यौः ।
त्वं वृत्रं शर्वसा जघन्वान्तसृजः सिन्धूरहिना जग्रसानान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvaṁ mahāñ indra tubhyaṁ ha kṣā anu kṣatraṁ mañhanā manyata dyauḥ. Tvaṁ vṛtraṁ śavasā jaghanvāntsrajaḥ sindhūrāhinā jagrasānān.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, you are great and glorious. The earths do homage to your divine order as do the heavens. By virtue of your glory alone are the earths and heavens revered as great. By your power and prowess you break the cloud and release the floods of water locked up and devoured by the dark and deep of the clouds.

तव त्विषो जनिमन्त्रेजत द्यौ रेजद्भूमिर्भियसा स्वस्य मन्योः ।
ऋघायन्त सुभ्वः पर्वतास आर्दन्धन्वानि सरयन्त
आपः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tava tviṣo janimanrejata dyaurejadbhūmir-bhiyasā svasya manyoḥ. Ṛdhāyanta subhvaḥ parvatāsa ārdandhanvāni sarayanta āpaḥ.*

By your blazing glory, O lord manifest, does the heaven shine and dazzle. By force and fear of your essential law and power does the earth move in order and the deep clouds and mighty mountains, excellent all bound in law, shower rain on deserts and make the floods of water flow.

भिनद्धिरिं शर्वसा वज्रमिष्णन्नाविष्कृण्वानः सहसान् ओजः ।
वधीद् वृत्रं वज्रेण मन्दसानः सर्त्रापो जर्वसा ह्रतवृष्णीः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Bhinadgiriṃ śavasā vjramiṣṇannāviṣkṛṇvānaḥ sahasāna ojaḥ. Vadhīdvṛtraṃ vajreṇa manda-sānaḥ sarannāpo jivasā hatavṛṣṇīḥ.*

Indra, hero bold and invincible, happy and joyous, striking thunder and lightning with his mighty force, thereby manifesting his lustrous blaze of power, destroys the cloud of darkness with the thunderbolt, making the floods of water flow with rapidity after the vapours have been unlocked and released.

(The mantra is a metaphor of the energies of life, of nature as well as of humanity, being unlocked and released by the ruling power with a strike of the force of law and justice against the strongholds of darkness, evil and selfishness which lock up those energies and prevent them from flowing into channels of progress and evolution.)

सुवीरस्ते जनिता मन्यतु द्यौरिन्द्रस्य कर्ता स्वपस्तमो भूत् । य
इं जजान स्वयं सुवज्रमनपच्युतं सदसो न भूम ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Suvīraste janitā manyata dyaurindrasya kartā svapastamo bhūt. Ya īm jajāna svaryam suvajra-manapacyutam sadaso na bhūma.*

Magnificent and brave is your creator, your maker, to be honoured with reverence and awe, and let the creator, maker, of Indra, the ruler, be brilliant, the very light of the world, doer of great and holy deeds, the very epitome of the world, who gives rise to the great, omnificent, heavily armed and excellently empowered ruler, unswerving and unrelenting from his position, powers and obligations.

य एक इच्छ्यावयति प्र भूमा राजा कृष्टीनां पुरुहूत इन्द्रः ।
सत्यमेनमनु विश्वे मदन्ति रातिं देवस्य गृणतो मघोनः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ya eka iccyaāvayati pra bhūmā rājā kṛṣṭīnām puruhūta indrah. Satyamenamanu viśve madanti rātiṁ devasya grṇato maghonaḥ.*

The ruler of the people, Indra, invoked and celebrated by many, all by himself, alone, shakes and stirs many a great one, and surely all his admirers, in response to the munificence and generosity of the brilliant lord of magnificence and majesty, approve and support him, celebrate and rejoice with him.

सुत्रा सोमा अभवन्नस्य विश्वे सुत्रा मदासो बृहुतो मदिष्टाः ।
सुत्राभवो वसुपतिर्वसूनां दत्रे विश्वा अधिथा इन्द्र
कृष्टीः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Satrā somā abhavannasya viśve satrā madāso brhato madiṣṭhāḥ. Satrābhavo vasupatirvasūnām datre viśvā adhithā indra kṛṣṭīḥ.*

May all the members and sessions of his assembly be good and true and successful. May all the sessions of the joyous celebrations of this great ruling order be happier than the happiest. Indra, O ruling lord president of the wealth of nations, be true to the entire body of people in the state of prosperity and rule with a mind above everything you rule and possess.

त्वमध प्रथमं जायमानोऽ मे विश्वा अधिथा इन्द्र कृष्टीः ।
त्वं प्रति प्रवत आशयानमहिं वज्रेण मघवन्वि वृश्चः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvamadha prathamam jāyamāno'me viśvā adhithā indra kṛṣṭīḥ. Tvam prati pravata āśayāna-maḥim vajreṇa maghavan vi vrścaḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world and destroyer of evil and ignorance, rising high as the first born of the home land, you take over the entire body of the people as presiding power, and then the lowest sections of the people and the sleeping sloth of the population, and then, O lord of fire and power, strike and shake up the sleeping giant with the thunderbolt and root out the serpentine ignorance and darkness.

सत्राहणं दाधृषिं तुम्रमिन्द्रं महामपारं वृषभं सुवज्रम् । हन्ता
यो वृत्रं सनितोत वाजं दाता मघानि मघवा सुराधाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Satrāhaṇaṁ dādhr̥ṣiṁ tumramindram mahāmapāraṁ vṛṣabhaṁ suvajram. Hantā yo vṛtraṁ sanitota vājaṁ dātā maghāni maghavā surādhāḥ.*

Accept, honour and exalt Indra, ruler of the world, destroyer of untruth by the rule of truth and righteousness, bold, inspiring, great, unbounded, mighty generous, wielder of the thunderbolt of law and force, who is destroyer of the dark cloud of evil and selfishness, provider of food, energy and advancement, giver of honour and excellence, magnanimous and all-ways successful achiever of glory.

अयं वृत्श्चातयते समीचीर्य आजिषु मघवा शृण्व एकः ।
अयं वाजं भरति यं सनोत्यस्य प्रियासः सख्ये स्याम ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ayaṁ vṛtaścātayate samīcīrya ājiṣu maghavā śṛṇva ekaḥ. Ayaṁ vājaṁ bharati yaṁ sanotyasya priyāsaḥ sakhye syāma.*

This ruler, elected, accepted and exalted, inspires and enlightens, he stirs and moves and leads trained armies to the battles of life, is excellent and

magnanimous, listens to people and wins fame, and decides and acts with unique self-confidence. He creates and bears food and energy and leads forward in progress whoever approaches and cooperates with him. Let us all be friends with him and win his love and confidence.

अयं शृण्वे अध जयन्नुत घन्नयमुत प्र कृणुते युधा गाः ।
यदा सत्यं कृणुते मन्युमिन्द्रो विश्वं दृळ्हं भयत एजद-
स्मात् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ayaṁ śṛṇve adha jayannuta ghnannayamuta pra kṛṇute yudhā gāḥ. Yadā satyaṁ kṛṇute manyu-mindro viśvaṁ dṛḷhaṁ bhayata ejadasmāt.*

This ruler is Indra, of resounding fame is he, winner of victories, destroyer of the killers and destroyers of the world, fights, and by fighting expands the lands of noble rule by the laws of peace. And when he expresses his righteous anger in action against misrule, the entire world, whether firm or unsettled, fears and shakes in awe.

समिन्द्रो गा अजयत्सं हिरण्या समश्चिवा मघवा यो हपूर्वीः ।
एभिर्नुभिर्नृतमो अस्य शाकै रायो विभक्ता संभरश्च
वस्वः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Samindro gā ajayat saṁ hiranyā samaśviyā maghavā yo ha pūrvīḥ. Ebhirnṛbhirnṛtamo asya śākai rāyo vibhaktā sambharaśca vasvaḥ.*

By his strength and nobility, Indra wins over lands rich in the wealth of cows, precious gold and noble horses. Liberal and excellent he is and wins over the people ancient and far off who may be. And with these best of men and leaders, and by the power and talent of

these, while he shares the gains of expansion with others, he also continues to wield and command the wealths of the world.

कियत्स्विदिन्द्रो अध्येति मातुः कियत्पितुर्जनितुर्यो जजान ।
यो अस्य शुष्मं मुहुकैरियति वातो न जूतः स्तनय-
द्भिर्भैः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kiyat svidindro adhyeti mātuh kiyat piturjanituryo jajāna. Yo asya śuṣmaṁ muhukairiyarti vāto na jūtaḥ stanayadbhir-abhraiḥ.*

How far does Indra reflect on the debt he owes to his mother? How far on that he owes to his father? How does he gratefully acknowledge the gift of his makers? He who refreshes and renews his power and influence repeatedly by virtue of these makers and rejuvenators and moves on like the wind pressed on with thundering clouds?

क्षियन्तं त्वमक्षियन्तं कृणोतीयति रेणुं मघवा समोहम् ।
विभञ्जनुरशनिमाँइव द्यौरुत स्तोतारं मघवा वसौ
धात् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Kṣiyantaṁ tvamakṣiyantaṁ kṛṇofiyarti reṇuṁ maghavā samoham. Vibhañjanuraśanimāñ iva dyauruta stotāraṁ maghavā vasau dhāt.*

Indra settles the unsettled, gives a home to the homeless. Commanding power and glory, wielding thunder and lightning like radiance of the sun, he advances to battle and crushes the enemy to dust. And commanding wealth and honour of the world, he establishes the celebrant in a state of excellence and prosperity.

अयं चक्रमिषणत्सूर्यस्य न्येतशं रीरमत्ससृमाणम् । आ कृष्ण
ई' जुहुराणो जिघर्ति त्वचो बुध्ने रजसो अस्य योनौ ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ayam cakramiṣaṇatsūrysya nyetaśam rīrama-
tsasrmaṇam. Ā kṛṣṇa īm juhurāṇo jigharti tvaco
budhne rajasō asya yonau.*

This Indra, lord ruler of cosmic energy, moves the wheel of the sun in orbit and then stops the continuance of the day's activity for rest. By virtue of the same energy the dark cloud in its tortuous motions holds and releases the waters to shower and flow. And the same Indra holds the great defining dark concentrations of energy in its cosmic womb at the deepest.

असिकन्यां यजमानो न होता ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Asiknyām yajamāno na hotā.*

In the great dark night of the universe, Indra is the yajamana of creation, the clarion call as well as the performer, preserving the fire eternal.

गव्यन्त इन्द्रं सख्याय विप्रा अश्वायन्तो वृषणं वाजयन्तः ।
जनीयन्तो' जनिदामक्षितोत्तिमा च्यावयामोऽ वते न
कोशम् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Gavyanta indram sakhyāya viprā aśvāyanto
vṛṣaṇam vājayantaḥ. Janīyanto janidāmaksitot-
imā cyāvayāmo'vate na kośam.*

Desirous of cows, horses, speed and energy, science and progress, and the love of our mates, we, scholars, sages and intelligent people exhort and move Indra for friendship, hero brave and generous, giver of

birth and progeny and unfailing provider of protection and well-being. We move and exhort him as we lower a bucket into a well, shake it, fill it up with water and draw it up for our benefit.

त्रा॒ता नो॑ बो॒धि ददृ॑शान आ॒पिर॑भि॒ख्या॒ता म॑र्दि॒ता
सो॒म्याना॑म् । सखा॑ पि॒ता पि॒तृत॑मः पि॒तृणां॑ कर्ते॑मु
लो॒कमु॑श॒ते व॑यो॒धाः ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Trātā no bodhi dadṛśāna āpirabhikhyātā marḍitā
somyānām. Sakhā pitā pitṛtamaḥ pitṛṇām kartemu
lokamuśate vayo dhāḥ.*

Know that, O people, who is our saviour and protector, ever watching, always present with us as brother, teacher and benefactor of loving peaceful devotees, friend, father and progenitor of our forefathers and sustainer guardians, all doer and all giver of life, health and age to the lovers of life on earth.

सखी॒यता॑म॒वि॒ता बो॒धि सखा॑ गृ॒णान॑ इन्द्र॒स्तुव॑ते वयो॑ धाः ।
व॒यं ह्य॑ ते॒ चकृ॑मा स॒बाध॑ आ॒भिः शमी॑भिर्म॒ह्यन्त॑
इन्द्र॒ ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Sakhīyatāmavitā bodhi sakhā gṛṇāna indra
stuvate vayo dhāḥ. Vyam hyā te cakṛmā sabādha
ābhiḥ śamībhirmahayanta indra.*

Indra, friend and protector of friends you are, know us and enlighten us. Lord admired and celebrated, bless the devotee with health, wealth and long age. Lord of power, honour and excellence, Indra, with all our limitations, we admire, honour and celebrate you only, exalting you with these our acts of love, devotion and worship.

स्तुत इन्द्रो मघवा यद्ध वृत्रा भूरीण्येको अप्रतीनि हन्ति ।
अस्य प्रियो जरिता यस्य शर्मन्नकिर्देवा वारयन्ते न
मतीः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Stuata indro maghavā yaddha vṛtrā bhūrīṇyeko
apratīni hanti. Asya priyo jaritā yasya śarma-
nnakirdevā vārayante na martah.*

Indra, lord of honour, power and excellence, ruler of the world, admired and worshipped, is the one who all by himself breaks and destroys many irresistible clouds of vapours, darkness and evil. Whoever is dear to him, a celebrant of this lord, and takes shelter under his protection, no one, no human or divine, can obstruct or oppose.

एवा न इन्द्रो मघवा विरप्सी करत्सत्या चर्षणीधृदनर्वा ।
त्वं राजा जनुषां धेह्यस्मे अधि श्रवो माहिर्न यज्जरित्रे ॥ २० ॥

20. *Evā na indro maghavā virapśī karat satyā
carṣṇīdhṛdanarvā. Tvaṁ rājā januṣāṁ dhe-
hyasme adhi śravo māhinaṁ yajjaritre.*

Thus does Indra, lord of wealth, power and excellence, free and irresistible, abounding and generous sustainer of the people, do and achieve what is good and true for the world. O lord of light ruling over the living beings, who create and bear great food, sustenance and honour for the celebrant, the same honour and excellence, pray, create and give for us all and bless us.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योऽं न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Nū śtuta indra nū gṛṇāna iṣaṃ jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṃ dhiyā syāma rathyaḥ sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, lord supreme of honour and excellence, praised and worshipped in holy voice, create and augment food, energy and sustenance for the celebrant like streams overflowing with water for all. O lord omnipresent, moving yet unmoving, we create and offer ever new songs of praise and homage in your honour, and pray, give us the will and intelligence by which we may be masters of chariots and be thankful and obedient servants of Divinity.

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Indraditi Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

अ॒यं पन्था॒ अनु॒वित्तः॑ पु॒रा॒णो यतो॑ दे॒वा उ॒द॒जायन्त॑ वि॒श्वे ।
अ॒त॒श्चि॒दा ज॒निषी॑ष्ट॒ प्रवृ॑द्धो मा मा॒तर॑ममु॒या प॒त्तवे॑ कः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ayaṃ panthā anuvittaḥ purāṇo yato devā udajāyanta viśve. Ataścadā janiṣīṣṭa pravṛddho mā mātaramamuyā pattave kaḥ.*

This is the path ancient and eternal, known and followed, by which all saints and sages and divine facts and forces are born to grow and rise, from which the whole world comes into being and evolves to greatness and grandeur. Therefore, do not do anything by that way to insult or desecrate the mother, nature, earth, human mother or animal, or any source of generation.

ना॒हम॒तो नि॒र॒या दु॒र्ग॒हैत॑त्ति॒र॒श्च॒ता पा॒श्वा॒न्निर्ग॑माणि ।

ब॒हूनि॑ मे अ॒कृ॒ता क॒त्वी॒नि यु॒ध्यै त्वे॒न सं त्वे॒न पृ॒च्छै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Nāhamato nirayā durgahaitat tiraścatā pārśvānnirgamāṇi. Bahūni me akṛtā kartvāni yudhyai tvena saṁ tvena prcchai.*

This path is dark and deep, unfathomable, yet it is unavoidable. Therefore, I won't evade it, nor trespass it either by another tortuous route or by a wayside alley. Many are my jobs yet unaccomplished, many the battles to be fought by many, many the questions to be asked of many.

परायतीं मातरमन्वचष्ट न नानु गान्यनु नू गमानि ।
त्वष्टुर्गृहे अपिबत्सोममिन्द्रः शतधन्यं चाम्बोः सुतस्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Parāyatīm mātaramanvacasta na nānu gānyanu nū gamāni. Tvaṣturgrahe apibat somamindraḥ śatadhanyaṁ camvoḥ sutasya.*

I see the mother passing away, neither anyone going with nor anyone following after. Indra, the spirit of life, by itself in the house of Tvashta, divine artificer, receives a hundredfold joy of earthly form and drinks the soma of the ecstasy of living in the cup of existence fashioned by the maker.

किं स ऋधक्कृणवद्यं सुहस्रं मासो जभारं शरदश्च पूर्वीः ।
नही न्वस्य प्रतिमानमस्त्यन्तर्जतिषूत ये जनित्वाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kim sa ṛdhakkṛṇavadyaṁ sahasraṁ māso jabhāra śaradaśca pūrvrīḥ. Nahī nvasya pratimānamastyantarjateṣūta ye janitvāḥ.*

What would he do in truth singly, particularly or distinguishably, whom uncountable months and seasons and years have earlier borne, supported and cherished a hundred times? And for sure there is none

exactly like or equal to him, no copy, either among those who have been born so far or among those who would be born in future.

अवद्यमिव मन्यमाना गुहाकरिन्द्रं माता वीर्येणा नृष्टम् ।
अथोदस्थात्स्वयमत्कं वसान् आ रोदसी अपृणाज्जाय-
मानः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Avadyamiva manyamānā guhākarindram mātā vīryeṇā nṛṣṭam. Athodasthātsvayamatkaṁ vasāna ā rodasī apraṇājāyamānaḥ.*

The mother, worthy of reverence and full of the pride and joy of motherhood, bears Indra, living foetus, in the womb as a silent secret nourished with her vital blood. This Indra, nestled by itself as a living form, nourished, growing and wearing its own form as a garment, abides, and when it is born it fulfils the purpose of heaven and earth (as it fulfils the purpose of father and mother).

एता अर्षन्त्यललाभ्वन्तीर्ऋतावरीरिव संक्रोशमानाः । एता
वि पृच्छ किमिदं भनन्ति कामापो अद्रिं परिधिं रुजन्ति ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Etā arṣantyalalābhavanfirratāvarīriva saṁkrośamānāḥ. Etā vi pṛccha kimidaṁ bhananti kamāpo adriṁ paridhiṁ rujanti.*

These streams of water, flowing, murmuring, ecstatically singing, rush on like beauteous rays of the dawn. Ask them what they say thus, what mounts they strike and circle, what banks they overflow, what limitations they overcome, what clouds they touch.

किमु खिदस्यै निविदो भनन्तेन्द्रस्यावद्यं दिधिषन्त आपः ।
ममैतान्पुत्रो महता वधेन वृत्रं जघन्वाँ असृजद्वि सिन्धून् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Kimu śvidasmai nivido bhanantendrasyāvadyaṃ didhiṣanta āpaḥ. Mamaitān putro mahatā vadhena vṛtram jaghanvāñ asṛjadvi sindhūn.*

What do the ripples, murmurs and songs of excitement of the streams, imaging the immanent power of Indra, say to the mount they hit, the cloud they touch and to this humanity? They speak for Mother Nature, Aditi: My son Indra, breaking the cloud with the mighty thunderbolt of solar energy released the waters and made the streams to flow.

ममच्चन त्वा युवतिः परासु ममच्चन त्वा कुषवा जगार ।
ममच्चिदापः शिशवे ममृड्युर्ममच्चिदिन्द्रः सहसोद-
तिष्ठत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Mamaccana tvā yuvatiḥ parāsa mamaccana tvā kuṣavā jagāra. Mamaccidāpaḥ śīśave mamṛdyur-mamaccidindrah sahasodatiṣṭhat.*

Once Mother Nature, a youthful female, in a state of passion conceives you and brings you to life and birth. Then another, a voracious raging demoniac swallows you. Yet another, cool and kind, overflowing with love, caresses and comforts you as a child. And then Indra, grown mature as a new born soul, arrives with his own essential strength.

ममच्चन ते मघवन्व्यंसो निविदिध्वाँ अप हनू जघान । अधा
निविद्ध उत्तरो बभूवाज्जिरो दासस्य सं पिणग्वधेन ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Mamaccana te maghavanvyamso nivividhvāñ apanū jaghāna. Adhā nividdha uttaro babhūvāñchiro dāsasya saṃ piṇagvadhena.*

Maghavan, lord of might and excellence, when

the self-deluded fool, though arms and shoulders broken, in a state of madness, striking right and left attacks your forces, then though attacked, recover, rise later higher and crush the head of the wicked opponent with a deadly strike of the thunderbolt.

गृष्टिः संसूव स्थविरं तवागामनाधृष्यं वृषभं तुम्रमिन्द्रम् ।
अरीळ्हं वत्सं चरथाय माता स्वयं गातुं तन्व इच्छमानम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Gṛaṣṭiḥ sasūva sthaviraṁ tavāgāmanādhr̥ṣyaṁ vṛṣabhaṁ tumramindram. Arīḷhaṁ vatsaṁ carathāya mātā svayaṁ gātuṁ tanva icchamānam.*

Just as a young cow gives birth to the calf, so does the mother, Mother Nature, give birth to Indra, jiva, the blessed soul, essentially a lover of life, inspired with the will to love and live, to act, to move around and to know the Divine Word. A divine child is man, strong, unshakable, intrepidable, generous, inspiring, lover and winner of honour and excellence, and invincible, blest with the human body.

उत माता महिषमन्ववेनदमी त्वा जहति पुत्र देवाः ।
अथाब्रवीद् वृत्रमिन्द्रो हनिष्यन्त्सखे विष्णो वितरं वि
क्रमस्व ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Uta mātā mahiṣamanvavenadamī tvā jahati putra devāḥ. Athābravīd-vṛtrmindro haniṣyan-tsakhe viṣṇo vitaraṁ vi kramasva.*

Then (having given birth to the soul) Mother Nature (inspired with divinity), loving, longing and yearning for the well being of the child, softly speaks,

warning the great off-spring: Dear child, the devas, senses, mind and all, are neglecting, forsaking, misleading you (in your state of darkness, ignorance and unawareness). Indra, the born soul, dispelling darkness and destroying Vṛtra, demon of ignorance, speaks loud and bold to Vishnu, intelligent spiritual self: Dear friend, arise and act for self redemption (through existence with the devas, senses, mind and the discriminative intelligence).

कस्ते म॒तरं वि॒धवा॑मचक्रच्छ॒युं कस्त्वाम॑जिघांस॒च्चर॑न्तम् ।
कस्ते दे॒वो अधि॑ मा॒र्डीक॑ आसी॒द्यत्प्राक्षि॑णाः पि॒तरं पाद॒-
गृह्य॑ ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kaste mātaraṁ vidhavāmacakracchayum kastvā-majighāmsaccarantam. Kaste devo adhi marḍika āsīd yatprākṣiṇāḥ pitaraṁ pādagrhya.*

Indra, obedient soul, holding on to the feet of the father, who can render your mother a widow? Who can hurt you while asleep or moving about? What is that supernormal power over and above your state of grace which can corrupt you? (Answer: None.)

अव॑र्त्या शु॒न आ॒न्त्राणि॑ पे॒चे न दे॒वेषु॑ वि॒विदे॑ म॒र्डितार॑म् ।
अप॑श्यं जा॒याम॑महीयमा॒नाम॑धा मे श्ये॒नो म॑ध्वा ज॒भार॑ ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Avartya śuna āntrāṇi pece na deveṣu vivide marḍitāram. Apaśyaṁ jāyāmamahīyamānā-madhā me śyeno madhvā jabhāra.*

At peace beyond fluctuations of the mind, I ripen and refine the inner visions. I see no saviour either in the experience of the senses or among the external powers of nature. Indeed, I have seen even Mother

Nature insulted and desecrated. Ultimately it is the bird of heaven that brings me the divine message, nectar sweets of the honey of real life.

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Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

एवा त्वामिन्द्र वज्रिन्नत्र विश्वे देवासः सुहवीस ऊमाः ।

महामुभे रोदसी वृद्धमृष्वं निरेकमिद वृणते वृत्रहत्ये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Evā tvāmindra vajrinnatra viśve devāsaḥ suhāvāsa ūmāḥ. Mahāmubhe rodasī vṛddhamṛṣvaṁ nirekamid vṛṇate vṛtrahatyē.*

Indra, lord ruler of power and excellence, wielder of the thunderbolt of law, justice and protection, all the scholars of the world, nobles and divines, defenders, holy yajakas and both earth and heaven elect and invite you alone, great, vast and high in grandeur, lord sublime, unique and incomparable. They invoke you for the destruction of Vrtra, demon of darkness, ignorance and selfishness.

अवासृजन्त जिन्नयो न देवा भुवः सम्राळिन्द्र सत्ययौनिः ।

अहन्नहिं परिशयानमर्णः प्र वर्तनीररदो विश्वधेनाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Avāsṛjanta jivrayo na devā bhuvāḥ samrālindra satyayoniḥ. Ahannahiṁ pariśayānamarṇaḥ pra vrtanīrarado viśvadhenāḥ.*

Indra, lord of the world, men of age, experience and wisdom, firm in their values and conduct of life, as also the brilliant nobles and divines of the world, create and consecrate the ruler of the earth dedicated to truth as the very being and purpose of his existence. And like

the sun, light of the world dedicated to his eternal task and nature, breaking the cloud sleeping over the locked up vapours, and releasing the streams of water to flow and feed the world, the ruler destroys the demons of darkness and their strongholds to make the waters of life to flow and give new energy and freshness of life to the people.

अ॒र्तृ॒णु॒वन्तं॑ वि॒यत॑मबु॒ध्यम॑बु॒ध्यमा॑नं सु॒षु॒पा॒णमि॑न्द्र ।

स॒प्त॒ प्र॒ति॒ प्र॒वत॑ आ॒श्या॑ना॒महि॑म॒व॒ज्रेण॑ वि॒रि॒णा॒ अप॑र्वन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Atrpṇuvantaṁ viyatamabudhyamabudhyamānaṁ suṣupāṇamindra. Sapta prati pravata āśayānamahiṁ vjreṇa vi riṇā aparvan.*

Indra, lord of light, power and excellence, ruler of the world, with a stroke of the thunderbolt destroy without relent the serpentine demon, Vṛtra, insatiable, uncontrollable, unawakened, incorrigible, inebriated, blocking up and sleeping over seven streams of the onward flow of life.

अक्षो॑दय॒च्छव॑सा॒ क्षाम॑ बु॒ध्नां॑ वा॒र्णं॑ वा॒तस्त॑वि॒षीभि॑रिन्द्रः ।

दृ॒ळ्हा॒न्यौ॒भ्रादु॑श॒मान् ओ॒जोऽवा॑भि॒नत्कु॑भः पर्व॑ता॒नाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Akṣodayacchavasā kṣāma budhnaṁ vārṇa vātastaviṣībhirindraḥ. Dṛḥhānyaubhnādu-śamāna ojo 'vābhinat kakubhaḥ parvatānām.*

Indra, with his own strength and courage and by his blazing forces, shakes the earths and skies just as the winds beat and shear the currents of water flows and concentrations of vapour. Lustrous, passionate and inspired, he crushes mighty strongholds of the enemy

and breaks down the peaks of mountainous adversaries.

अ॒भि प्र द॑द्रु॒र्जन॑यो न गर्भं रथा॑इव प्र य॒युः सा॒कम॑द्रयः ।
अत॑र्पयो वि॒सृत॑ उ॒ब्ज ऊ॒र्मिन्त्वं वृ॒ताँ अ॑रिणा इन्द्र
सिन्धून् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Abhi pra dadrurjanayo na garbham rathā iva pra yayuḥ sākamadrayaḥ. Atarpayo visṛta ubja ūrmīntvaṁ vṛtāñ ariṇā indra sindhūn.*

As mothers rush to the child to protect it, so do the multitudinous armies rush forward to defend you alongwith the chariots. You break the clouds, fill the rivers with water and make them flow and thus, O lord Indra, you set the locked up seas rolling.

त्वं म॒हीम॑वनिं वि॒श्वधे॑नां तुर्वी॒तये व॑य्याय॒ क्षर॑न्तीम् ।
अर॑मयो नम॒सैज॑दणीः सुत॒र॒णाँ अ॑कृ॒णोरिन्द्र॑ सिन्धून् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvaṁ mahīmavanim viśvadhanām turvitaye vayyāya kṣarantīm. Aramayo namasaijadarṇaḥ sutarāṇāñ akṛṇorindra sindhūn.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, with thanks and homage to nature and her maker, serve the earth, great protective mother of her children, universal sustainer of life overflowing with nourishment for the defender of humanity and destroyer of enmity for the sake of peace and well being of all. Fill the earth with food and plenty, make her a lovely place for living, let the streams ripple and flow, make the seas roll, inviting all to surf and swim and navigate, and cross the storms of existence.

प्रा॒गुवो॑ नभ॒न्वो॒इ न॑ वक्त्वा ध्व॒स्त्रा अपि॑न्वद्युवती॒र्ऋत॑ज्ञाः ।
धन्वा॒न्यत्रा॑ अपृ॒णक्तृ॑षा॒णाँ अधो॑गिन्द्रः स्त॒र्यो॒इ दंसु॑-
पत्नीः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Prāgruvo nabhanvo na vakvā dhvasrā apinvad-yuvaṁrṛtajñāḥ. Dhanvānyajrāṇ aprṇakṛṣā-ṇāṇ adhogindraḥ staryo damsupatnīḥ.*

Like the winding streams of rushing waters, let Indra, ruler of the world, develop the fatal armour as the destructive and defensive force. Let him enlist young and intelligent women dedicated to truth and progress. Let him plan and provide irrigation projects for the desert lands to restore their fertility. Similarly let him develop the cattle wealth and take care of the wives of the warriors and make them play a creative role in development.

पूर्वीरुषसः शरदश्च गूर्ता वृत्रं जघ्नवाँ असृजद्वि सिन्धून् ।
परिहिता अतृणद्वधानाः सीरा इन्द्रः स्ववितवे
पृथिव्या ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pūrvīruṣasaḥ śaradaśca gūrtā vrtraṁ jaghanvāṇ asṛjadvi sindhūn. Pariṣhitā atṛṇad badbadhānāḥ sīrā indraḥ sravitave pṛthivyā.*

Just as the sun causes the ancient dawns to rise and moves the cycle of the seasons such as winter and others and move them on and on, and just as solar energy breaks the clouds and makes the rivers flow, so let Indra, ruler of the world, break open the locked up energy of still waters and make it flow in streams for the development and progress of the earth and her children.

वप्नीभिः पुत्रमगुवो अदानं निवेशनाद्धरिव आ जभर्थ ।
व्य॑न्धो अ॒ख्यद॒हिमाद॒दानो निभू॑दुखच्छित्समरन्त
पर्व॑ ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Vamrībhiḥ putramagruvo adānamniveśanād-dhariva ā jabhartha. Vyandho akhyadahimādadāno nirbhūdukhacchit samaranta parva.*

Indra, master of motive energies and controller of the speed and direction of resources, by rising hills hold the unused and unusable water of the streams emerging from the source from further flow, collect and lift the flows together, redirect the water so that the fields and crops receiving the water proclaim the gift as it flows out from the reservoir filling the canals.

प्र ते पूर्वीणि करणानि विप्राऽऽविद्वाँ अह विदुषे करांसि ।

यथायथा वृष्यानि स्वगूर्ताऽपांसि राजन्नर्याविवेधीः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Pra te pūrvāṇi karaṇāni viprā''vidvāñ āha viduṣe karāṁsi. Yathāyathā vṛṣṇyāni svagūrtā'pāṁsi rājannaryāviveṣīḥ.*

Rajan, glorious ruler of the world, the deeds of ancient and eternal value you have done, the programmes you have accomplished, and the self-proclaiming acts of generosity and noble adventures you have performed, the noble scholar and poet sings and celebrates in your honour, O wise leader and master, exactly as you have performed in the interest of humanity.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्यो न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū ṣṭuta indra nū gṛṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā syāma rathyah sadāsāḥ.*

Sung and celebrated thus, Indra, O ruler of the

world, create, bear and bring food, energy and knowledge for the celebrants just as the rivers flow for us all. And thus, this the latest song of homage and adoration is offered to you to the best of our knowledge and intelligence. Bless us, we pray, with intelligence and knowledge so that we may be warriors of the chariot in the service of Divinity and humanity.

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आ न इन्द्रो दूरादा न आसादभिष्टिकृदवसे यासदुग्रः ।
ओजिष्ठेभिर्नृपतिर्वज्रबाहुः सङ्गे समत्सु तुर्वणिः पृत-
न्यून् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā na indro dūrādā na āsādabhiṣṭikṛdavase yāsadugrah. Ojīṣṭhebhīrnṛpatirvajrabāhuḥ saṅge samatsu turvaṇiḥ pratanyūn.*

May Indra, strong and blazing hero, impetuous and impassioned warrior of the arms of thunder, ruler and sustainer of the people, harbinger of the cherished fruits of noble desire and peace, come to us from far and near for our defence and protection. Lovers of the battles of life as we are, join us in our heats and meets and battles of action for progress with the most powerful weapons and warriors of the time.

आ न इन्द्रो हरिभिर्यात्वच्छर्वाचीनोऽवसे राधसे च ।
तिष्ठति वज्री मघवा विरप्शीमं यज्ञमनु नो वाजसातौ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā na indro haribhīryātvacchā'rvācīno'vase rādhase ca. Tiṣṭhāti vajrī maghavā virapśīmaṁ yajñamanu no vājasātau.*

May Indra, lord great and glorious, commanding

wealth, honour and excellence, wielding thunderous arms of latest design and power, come to us with his forces, come well at the fastest for our protection and all round success, and may he, we pray, stand by us in the conduct of this yajna of ours for victory in our battle of peace and progress in the field of production, development of energy, and advancement in arts and sciences.

इमं यज्ञं त्वमस्माकमिन्द्र पुरो दधत्सनिष्यसि क्रतुं नः ।
श्वघ्नीव वज्रिन्त्सनये धनानां त्वया वयमर्य आजिं जयेम ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Imaṁ yajñam tvamasmākamindra puro dadhat-saniṣyasi kratum naḥ. Śvaghnīva vajrintsanaye dhanānām tvayā vayamarya ājim jayema.*

This yajna of our social order, Indra, lord commander of wealth and power, honour and excellence, ruling, guiding and sharing the governance of our cities, you would join and share with us in our plans and discussions throughout the holy programme of ours. And we hope, O wielder of the thunderbolt, that with you as the leader and pioneer we shall fight like hunters of the wild and win the battle for the achievement of the wealth and values of the good life.

उशन्नू षु णः सुमना उपाके सोमस्य नु सुषुतस्य स्वधावः ।
पा इन्द्र प्रतिभृतस्य मध्वः समन्धसा ममदः पृष्ठयेन ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uśannu ṣu ṇaḥ sumanā upāke somasya nu suṣu-tasya svadhāvaḥ. Pā indra pratibhṛtasya madh-vaḥ samandhasā mamadaḥ prṣṭhyena.*

Indra, brilliant ruler, wielding your own essential wealth and strength and power, glowing with love and

kindness for us, happy and joyous at heart close by us, preserve, protect and promote the plenty and prosperity of the nation's honour fought for and won for every partner and then, after the battle and struggle, enjoy the honey sweets of life with a taste of the food and pleasure of peace and progress.

वि यो ररप्सा ऋषिभिर्नवैर्भिवृक्षो न पक्वः सृण्यो न जेता ।
मर्यो न योषामभि मन्यमानोऽच्छा विवक्मि पुरुहुत-
मिन्द्रम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vi yo rarapśa ṛṣibhirnavebhirvrkṣo na pakvaḥ
sṛaṇyo na jetā. Maryo na yoṣāmabhi manyamā-
no'cchā vivakmi puruhūtamindram.*

Mighty and full abundant is Indra who is praised and celebrated by the latest sages and scholars like a tree laden with ripe fruit, like a victor putting the enemy to flight. Like a man loving and honouring his beloved, knowing, loving and respecting Indra at the closest and highest, I too celebrate and exalt Indra invoked and glorified by the whole humanity.

गिरिर्न यः स्वतवाँ ऋष्व इन्द्रः सुनादेव सहसे जात उग्रः ।
आदर्ता वज्रं स्थविरं न भीम उद्रेव कोशं वसुना न्यृष्टम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Girirna yaḥ svatavām ṛṣva indraḥ sanādeva
sahase jāta ugraḥ. Ādartā vajraṁ sthaviraṁ na
bhīma udneva kośaṁ vasunā nyrṣtam.*

Inherently mighty like a cloud and a mountain, dynamic and sublime, Indra is blazing glorious, ever known for his power and patience, destroyer of enemies, thunderous of arms, awful as an invincible warrior, abundant as the sea and overflowing with the wealth of

life.

न यस्य वर्ता जुनुषा न्वस्ति न राधस आमरीता मधस्य ।

उद्वावृषाणस्तविषीव उग्रास्मभ्यं दद्धि पुरुहूत रायः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na yasya vartā januṣā nvasti na rādhasa āmarītā maghasya. Udvāvr̥ṣāṇastaviṣīva ugrā'smabhyam daddhi puruhūta rāyah.*

By birth and by nature, there is none to resist him and to turn his back, none to destroy the wealth and power of his glory and majesty. Ever pouring forth the showers of favours, blazing with forces under command, O lord of might and passion, universally invoked and exalted, bear and bring for us the wealths and honours of the good life.

ईक्षे रायः क्षयस्य चर्षणीनामुत व्रजमपवर्तासि गोनाम् ।
शिक्षानरः समिथेषु प्रहावान्वस्वो राशिर्माभिनेतासि
भूरिम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Īkṣe rāyah kṣayasya carṣaṇīnāmuta vrajama-pavartāsi gonām. Śikṣānarah samitheṣu prahā-vānvasvo rāśimabhinetāsi bhūrim.*

I see you watch over the treasures of the wealth and home of the people and open up the treasures of the languages and learning of the earths. You are the leader of knowledge and education, warrior and victor of wars, and director of the circulation of the collective wealth and assets of the world in many ways.

कया तच्छृण्वे शच्या शचिष्ठो यया कृणोति मुहु का
चिदृष्वः । पुरु दाशुषे विचयिष्ठो अंहोऽथा दधाति द्रविणं
जरित्रे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Kayā tacchṛṇve śacyā śaciṣṭho yayā kṛṇoti muhu kā cidṛṣvaḥ. Puru dāśuṣe vicayiṣṭho aṅho'thā dadhāti draviṇam jaritre.*

What is that knowledge and expertise, what sort after all, by which, let me hear, you, mighty majestic and most versatile, somehow achieve success and victory again and again, and by which, being the greatest breaker and destroyer of sin and evil and crime, you bear and bring plenty of wealth for the generous celebrant?

मा नो मर्ध्वीरा भरा दद्धि तन्नः प्र दाशुषे दातवे भूरि यत्ते ।
नव्ये देष्णे शस्ते अस्मिन्त उक्थे प्र ब्रवाम वयमिन्द्र
स्तुवन्तः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Mā no mardhūrā bharā daddhi tannah pra dāśuṣe dātave bhūri yatte. Navye deṣṇe śaste asmin ta ukthe pra bravāma vayamindra stuvantaḥ.*

Indra, lord of majesty and generosity, we pray, forsake us not, bear and bring and give us that plenty and variety of wealth which is yours meant for a gift to the generous devotee in this new, productive, admirable and well directed yajnic song of celebration in your honour, and may we, we pray, continue to speak and sing in praise of your glory.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणांन इषं जरित्रे नद्यो न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū ṣṭuta indra nū grṇāna iṣam jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyam dhiyā syāma rathyah sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, generous lord of knowledge, wealth,

honour and excellence, sung and celebrated thus by the devotees, bear and bring and increase your gift of the wealth of food, energy and knowledge of arts and sciences for the celebrants like the overflowing streams of water across the earth. This new homage of song and adoration is created and offered to your honour so that, O lord of horse and armour, we pray, we may rise as a nation of chariot warriors, generous and obedient to Divinity.

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आ या॒त्विन्द्रो॑ऽ वस॒ उप॑ न इ॒ह स्तु॑तः स॒ध॒माद॑स्तु शूरः ।

वा॒वृ॒धा॒नस्त॑विषी॒र्यस्य॑ पू॒र्वी॒द्यौर्न॑ क्ष॒त्रम॑भि॒भूति॑ पु॒ष्यात् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā yātvindro'vasa upa na iha stutaḥ sadhamādastu śūrah. Vāvṛdhānas-taviṣīr-yasya pūrvīr-dyaurna kṣatram-abhibhūti puṣyāt.*

May Indra, ruler and protector of the people, come here to us for our protection and advancement and, praised and sung, may the brave hero share our joy of celebration. Exalted and ascending he is, time tested his forces, bright and blazing as light of the sun. May he, we pray, strengthen our social order and raise it to the heights of prosperity.

तस्ये॒दि॒ह स्त॑वथ॒ वृ॒ष्ण्या॑नि तुविद्यु॒म्नस्य॑ तु॒विरा॑ध॒सो नृ॑न् ।
यस्य॑ क्र॒तुर्वि॑द॒ध्यो॒ऽ न स॒म्राट् स॒ह्यान्तरु॑त्रो अ॒भ्यस्ति॑
कु॒ष्टीः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tasyediha stavatha vṛṣṇyāni tuvidyūmnasya tuvirādhaso nṛṇ. Yasya kraturvidathyo na samrāt sāhvāntarutro abhyasti kṛṣṭīh.*

Here on this earth praise Indra, celebrate his acts of bravery and generosity, appreciate and honour the leaders and commanders of the mighty and majestic glorious achiever, whose yajnic rule over the social order is worth knowing and holy as an umbrella over the people like the cover of universal and effulgent sunlight, challenging, fighting, winning, forbearing and redeeming.

आ या॒त्विन्द्रो॑ दि॒व आ पृ॑थि॒व्या म॒क्षू स॑मु॒द्रादु॒त वा॒ पु॒री॑षात् ।
स्व॒र्णरा॑द॒वसे॒ नो म॒रुत्वा॑न्परा॒वतो॑ वा॒ स॒द॒नादृ॑तस्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā yātvindro diva ā prthivyā makṣū samudrāduta vā purīṣāt. Svarṇarādavase no marutvān parāvato vā sadanādr̥tasya.*

Let Indra, with vision, power and energy to rule, come instantly from the heavens, from the earth, from the sea or from the orb of the sun and from the ethereal spaces for our protection and promotion. Let the lord of the winds come from afar or from the vedi of cosmic yajna and from the centre of truth and rectitude.

स्थू॒रस्य॑ रा॒यो बृ॑ह॒तो य ई॒शे त॑मु॒ हवाम॑ वि॒दथे॑ष्विन्द्र॑म् । यो
वा॒युना॑ ज॒यति॑ गोम॒तीषु॑ प्र धृ॒ष्णु॒या न॑यति॒ वस्यो॑ अ॒च्छ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sthūrasya rāyo brhato ya īśe tamu ṣṭavāma vidatheṣvindram. Yo vāyunā jayati gomatiṣu pra dhṛṣṇuyā nayati vasyo accha.*

In the holiest programmes of our daily business of life, we honour and celebrate Indra who rules the great and permanent assets of the nation, who wins victories by the winds in the battles of the lands and movable wealth and who, with bold and intrepidable

confidence and initiative, wholly and faultlessly directs the circulation of the nation's wealth for development.

उप यो नमो नमसि स्तभायन्निर्यति वाचं जनयन्न्यजधै ।

ऋञ्जसानः पुरुवार उक्थैरेन्द्रं कृण्वीत सदनेषु होता ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Upa yo namo namasi stabhāyanniyarti vācam janayan yajadhyai. Rñjasānaḥ puruvāra ukthai-rendraṁ kṛṇvīta sadaneṣu hotā.*

He who moves forward, who creates and holds food stocks for the sake of consumption in emergency and establishes courtesy and mutual respect as a value of social culture, who creates and uses the language of cooperation and social cohesion for the unity and cooperation of the common wealth of order, who is accepted and celebrated by many many people with words of reverence, and who, by all these ways, creates honour and prestige for the nation of humanity, calls for the shots in world assemblies and rises higher as ruler, as Indra above all.

धिषा यदि धिषण्यन्तः सर्ण्यान्त्सदन्तो अद्रिमौशिजस्य गोहे । आ दुरोषाः पास्त्यस्य होता यो नो महान्तस्वरणेषु वह्निः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Dhiṣā yadi dhiṣṇyantaḥ saranyān tsadanto adri-mauśijasya gohe. Ā duroṣāḥ pāstyasya hotā yo no mahāntsaṁvaraneṣu vahnīḥ.*

If the wise people sitting in the house of a loving and nobly ambitious man of yajna, were to do homage with their intelligence and wisdom to the generous giver and yajaka and to those who are realised souls worthy of company, then the one, Indra himself, really great,

beyond anger and fear, would come and join there as the leader and high priest, as indeed the very fire, winner and carrier of fragrance, in the battles of life in the house of the yajamana taking it as his own affair in his own house.

सत्रा यदीं भार्वरस्य वृष्णः सिषक्ति शुष्मः स्तुवते भराय ।
गुहा यदीमौशिजस्य गोहे प्र यद्धिये प्रायसे मदाय ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Satrā yadīm bhārvarasya vṛṣṇaḥ siṣakti śuṣmaḥ
stuvate bharāya. Guhā yadīmauśijasya gohe pra
yaddhiye prāyase madāya.*

When truly in yajnic session in honour of the lord sustainer of humanity, Indra, the light and power of the generous lord showers upon the celebrant for his fulfilment, then the hidden wealth and potential in the mind and home of the loving and faithful yajamana blooms forth for the fruition of his intelligence, advancement and life's joy.

वि यद्वरांसि पर्वतस्य वृण्वे पर्योभिर्जिन्वे अपां जवांसि ।
विदद्गौरस्य गवयस्य गोहे यदी वाजाय सुध्योऽवहन्ति ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Vi yad varāṁsi parvatasya vṛṇve payobhirjinve
apām javāṁsi. Vidadgaurasya gavayasya gohe
yadī vājāya sudhyo vahanti.*

When I open the flood gates of the cloud and break open the path of the mountain, I augment the flow of the rivers with fresh reservoirs. And then the wise pioneers diving deep and reaching the depths of the brilliance and generosity of nature's resources carry on researches for the food, energy and speed of life's progress.

भद्रा ते हस्ता सुकृतोत पाणी प्रयन्तारां स्तुवते राधं इन्द्र ।
का ते निषत्तिः किमु नो ममत्सि किं नोदुदु हर्षसे दातुवा
उ ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Bhadrā te hastā sukr̥tota pāṇī prayantārā stuvate
rādha indra. Kā te niṣattiḥ kimu no mamatsi kiṁ
noduhu harṣase dātavā u.*

Noble are your arms, O lord Indra, as instruments of noble deeds, gracious your hands generously giving the wealth of life to the celebrant. What and where is the seat of your dispensation? Why not bless us with joy? Why not rejoice and give us the thrill and the ecstasy?

एवा वस्व इन्द्रः सत्यः सम्राड्दन्ता वृत्रं वरिवः पूरवे कः ।
पुरुष्टुत क्रत्वा नः शग्धि रायो भक्षीय तेऽ वसो दैव्य-
स्य ॥ १० ॥

10. *Evā vasva indraḥ satyaḥ samrāḍḍhantā vṛtram
varivah pūrave kaḥ. Puruṣṭuta kratvā naḥ śagdhi
rāyo bhakṣīya te'vaso daivyasya.*

Thus does Indra, ruler of the world, brilliant and ever true, destroyer of the demons of darkness and enmity, give us abundant wealth for the devotee. O lord praised and universally celebrated, give us the wealth of the world by virtue of noble and creative actions. Pray give us the privilege of your divine protection so that we may enjoy the gift of life.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योरे न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū śtuta indra nū grṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā syāma rathyaḥ sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, lord of knowledge, honour and excellence of wealth and well being, praised and celebrated, bear and bring the wealth of food, energy, knowledge and progress for the devotee like the flowing streams of living waters. This new song of homage is offered to you, O lord of speed and advancement, so that with action and intelligence we may be masters of chariots and noble servants of Divinity.

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यन्न इन्द्रो जुजुषे यच्च वष्टि तन्नो महान्करति शुष्या चित् ।
ब्रह्म स्तोमं मघवा सोममुक्था यो अश्मानं शवसा
बिभ्रदेति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yanna indro jujuṣe yacca vaṣṭi tanno mahān karati śuṣmyā cit. Brahma stomam maghavā somamukthā yo aśmānaṁ śavasā bibhradeti.*

Indra, lord of light and power, supreme ruler of the world, commanding honour and majesty, who is ever with us as a friend, who loves us, who does great things for us and, bearing the awful might of thunder and generosity of the cloud, and bestowing on us food, energy and knowledge, honour and fame, greatness of wealth and grandeur, peace of mind and joy of health, and admirable art and poetry, goes on and on with his glory and majesty.

वृषा वृषन्धिं चतुरश्रिमस्यन्नृगो बाहुभ्यां नृतमः शचीवान् ।
श्रिये परुष्णीमुषमाण ऊर्णा यस्याः पर्वणि सुख्याय
विव्ये ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vṛṣā vṛṣandhim caturaśrimasyannugro bāhu-
bhyāṁ nṛtamah śacīvān. Śriye paruṣṇīmuṣamā-
ṇa ūrṇāṁ yasyāḥ parvāṇi sakhyāya vivye.*

Indra, brave and generous, fierce and mighty brilliant but kind and generous, best and highest of leaders, blazing with his majesty and shooting out the vibrations of his four-winged forceful power of thunder directed all round by his arms of protection and progress, interweaves the harsh and variegated regions of the earth into a unified pattern under the warm cover of a single umbrella for the sake of mutual harmony and beauty of life.

यो देवो देवतमो जायमानो महो वाजैर्भिर्महद्भिश्च शुष्मैः ।
दधानो वज्रं बह्वोरुशन्तं द्याममेन रेजयत्प्र भूम ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yo devo devatamo jāyamāno maho vājebhir-
mahadbhiṣca śuṣmaiḥ. Dadhāno vajraṁ bāhvo-
ruśantaṁ dyāmamena rejayat pra bhūma.*

Indra is the leader who, brilliant ruler, most majestic among brilliant ones, newly rising, great, wielding the blazing thunderbolt in hands, makes the earth and skies shine with his grandeur, and, with his great forces and dynamic intelligence, makes the proud and passionate tremble and the loving and shining ones shine more brilliant.

विश्वा रोधांसि प्रवतश्च पूर्वीर्द्यौर्ऋष्वज्जनिमन्त्रेजत क्षाः ।
आ मात्रा भरति शुष्या गोनृवत्परिज्मन्नोनुवन्त वाताः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Viśvā rodhāṁsi pravataśca pūrvīrdyaurṛṣvājjaniman-rejata kṣāḥ. Ā mātārā bharati śuṣmyā gor-nrvat-parijman-nonuvanta vātāḥ.*

All the solid spheres and mountains of the world, the floods and waves of liquid motions, the regions of light ancient as time, the earths, all born of the dynamics of Prakṛti, the source mothers of the earth such as heat and water and oceans of space, or the roaring winds of the interspaces, all these like the world of humanity, the lord of omnipotence, Indra, bears, moves and sustains.

ता तू तं इन्द्र महतो महानि विश्वेऽष्वित्सर्वनेषु प्रवाच्या ।

यच्छूर धृष्णो धृषता दधृष्वानहिं वज्रेण शवसाविवेधीः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tā tū ta indra mahato mahāni viśveṣvitsavaneṣu pravācyā. Yacchūra dhṛṣṇo dhṛṣatā dadhṛṣvān-ahim vajreṇa śavasāviveṣīḥ.*

Indra, lord and presence omnipotent, invincible and intrepidable, those acts of yours greater than the greatest are worth admiration and exaltation in all celebrations of the world which, with your might, bearing and sustaining the fixed stars and moving forces of the universe, you perform with your power and force of thunder to break the clouds holding up the process of evolution.

ता तू ते सत्या तुविनृमृण विश्वा प्र धेनवः सिस्रते वृष्ण ऊर्ध्वः । अधा ह त्वद् वृषमणो भियानाः प्र सिन्धवो जवसा चक्रमन्त ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tā tū te satyā tuvinṛmṇa viśvā pra dhenavaḥ sistrate vṛṣṇa ūdhnaḥ. Adhā ha tvad-vṛṣamaṇo bhiyānāḥ pra sindhavo javasā cakramanta.*

Indra, lord of great valour and magnificence, generous as rain showers and magnanimous at heart, all those universal acts of yours are great and true. The cows, the earths and the words of vision stream forth with nourishment, energy and inspiration. And by your fear and force of law the rivers rush on with rapidity and the seas roll round with awe.

अत्राह ते हरिवस्ता उ देवीरवोभिरिन्द्र स्तवन्तु स्वसारः ।
यत्सीमनु प्र मुचो बद्धधाना दीर्घामनु प्रसितिं स्यन्द-
यध्वै ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Atrāha te harivastā u devīravobhirindra stavanta svasārah. Yat sīmanu pra mucu badbadhānā dīrghāmanu prasitim syandaya-dhyai.*

And surely, O lord of horse and armour and speed of progress, Indra, those sisterly and forward looking dynamic forces of yours in the land, noble and brilliant all, managing the resources along disciplined and determined lines, forces which you released to move forward at freedom on the long and high road to their goal, rush on with pleasure, favour and hopes for protection and exhort and exalt you.

पिपीळे अंशुर्मद्यो न सिन्धुरा त्वा शमी शशमानस्य शक्तिः ।
अस्मद्रयक्शुशुचानस्य यम्या आशुर्न रश्मिं तुव्योजसं
गोः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pipīḷe aṁśurmadyo na sindhurā tvā śamī śaśamānasya śaktiḥ. Asmadryak-śuśucānasya yamyā āśurna raśmiṁ tuvyojasaṁ goḥ.*

Distilled is the soma of exciting joy of life's action as homage to you. May it reach you like the sea.

And O lord, bring us the peace and power of the omnipotent and self-refulgent Divinity at the fastest like a driver controlling the reins of a tempestuous courser.

अस्मे वर्षी॑ष्ठा कृ॒णुहि ज्ये॑ष्ठा नृ॒म॒णानि स॒त्रा स॒हुरे स॒हांसि ।
अ॒स्मभ्यं वृ॒त्रा सु॒ह॒नानि र॒न्धि ज॒हि व॒ध॒र्वनु॑षो म॒र्त्यस्य ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Asme varṣiṣṭhā kṛṇuhi jyeṣṭhā nṛmṇāni satrā sahure sahāṃsi. Asmabhyaṃ vrtrā suhanāni randhi jahi vadhharvanuṣo martyasya.*

O lord of peace, patience, power and victory, bless us with all those gifts of yours which are permanent, challenging, highest and most generous. For us, destroy the demons of darkness and enmity which deserve to be destroyed, and ward off and annihilate the onslaughts on the worshipful humanity.

अ॒स्माक॑मित्सु शृ॒णुहि त्वमि॑न्द्रा॒ऽस्मभ्यं चि॒त्राँ उप॑ मा॒हि
वा॒जान् । अ॒स्मभ्यं॑ वि॒श्वा इ॒षणः॑ पु॒रन्धी॑र॒स्माकं॑ सु
म॒घव॑न्बोधि गो॒दाः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Asmākamitsu śṛṇuhi tvamindrā'smabhyaṃ citrāṅ upa māhi vājān. Asmabhyaṃ viśvā iṣaṇaḥ purandhīrasmākaṃ su maghavan bodhi godāḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world, commanding wealth and valour and honour, giver of the speech of wisdom, lands and cows, listen to our voice, measure, mark out, plan, and apportion for us vast and wondrous successes in the field of food, energy and victory. Inspire us with all the possibilities of intellectual and scientific achievement, and let us awake into a heaven of light and freedom.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योऽरे न पीपेः । अकारि ते
हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū ṣṭuta indra nū grṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā syāma rathyah sadāsāḥ.*

Thus faithfully praised, celebrated and worshipped in song, O lord of power and progress, Indra, bless the supplicant worshipper with food, energy and advancement like the streams that flow abundant. This homage of worship is created and offered with the best of our intention and intelligence praying that with the divine gift of latest genius we may be warriors of the chariot and obedient servants of Divinity.

Mandala 4/Sukta 23

Indra, Indra Rtadeva Devata, Vamadava Gautama Rshi

कथा महामवृधत्कस्य होतुर्यज्ञं जुषाणो अभि सोममूधः ।
पिबन्नुशानो जुषमाणो अन्धो ववक्ष ऋष्वः शुचते धनाय ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kathā mahāmavrdhatkasya hoturyajñaṁ juṣāṇo abhi somamūdhah. Pibannūśāno juṣam-āṇo andho vavakṣa ṛṣvah sucate dhanāya.*

How to evolve and exalt the grandeur of life? Which creative yajaka's holy programme of yajnic instruction and evolution to join? Which milky drink of soma to drink from the mother's breast?

The great, generous and protective lord of sublimity, Indra, commanding knowledge, wealth, honour and excellence, loving and owning up the devoted disciple supplicant, cherishing his offer of

homage, blesses him with the gift of refinement and exaltation of his innate wealth of honour and grandeur.

को अस्य वीरः सध्मादमाप समानंश सुमतिभिः को अस्य ।
कदस्य चित्रं चिकिते कदूती वृधे भुवच्छशमानस्य
यज्योः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ko asya vīraḥ sadhamādamāpa samānaṁśa sumatibhiḥ ko asya. Kadasya citraṁ cikite kadūṭi vṛdhe bhuvacchaśamānasya yajyoḥ.*

Who is the brave who reaches the ecstasy of the lord's company? Who attains to him and shares the manifestations of his vision and intelligence? When does he know and realise the wonder and variety of this lord's benediction? When does the lord's grace flow for the protection and advancement of the supplicant in yajna?

कथा शृणोति हूयमानमिन्द्रः कथा शृण्वन्नर्वसामस्य वेद ।
का अस्य पूर्वीरुपमातयो ह कथैनमाहुः पपुरिं जरित्रे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Kathā śṛṇoti hūyamānamindrah kathā śṛṇvanna-vasāmasya veda. Kā asya pūrvīrupamātayo ha kathainamāhuḥ papurim jaritre.*

When does Indra listen to the supplicant? And while he listens, when does he grant that the time for his liberation and ultimate protection is come? What are, for sure, the ultimate bounds (if any) of the lord's gifts of grace? How do the celebrants sing of the gracious lord for the supplicant?

कथा सुबार्धः शशमानो अस्य नशदुभि द्रविणं दीर्घ्यानः ।
देवो भुवन्नवेदा म ऋतानां नमो जगृध्वाँ अभि
यज्जुजोषत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kathā sabādhaḥ śaśamāno asya naśadabhi
draviṇaṁ dīdhyānaḥ. Devo bhuvannavedā ma
ṛtānām namo jagṛbhvāñ abhi yajjujoṣat.*

When does the supplicant, though bound in his limitations yet intent upon his search for Divinity, attain to the wealth of the lord's grace?

When the lord self-refulgent and infinitely generous becomes cognizant of my yajnas of service and devotion, accepts my offers of food and fragrance in the vedi, and owns me as his child and disciple in faith, then does his grace shower on me.

कथा कदस्या उषसो व्युष्टौ देवो मर्तस्य सुख्यं जुजोष ।
कथा कदस्य सुख्यं सखिभ्यो ये अस्मिन्कामं सुयुजं
तत्तुष्टे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Kathā kadasyā uṣaso vyuṣṭau devo martasya
sakhyam jujoṣa. Kathā kadasya sakhyam
sakhibhyo ye asmin kāmam suyujaṁ tatasre.*

When would the refulgent and generous lord in this light of the dawn accept and cherish the devotion and friendship of mortal humanity? When would his love and friendship extend to the human friends who in this yajna of love and covenant extend their love and ambition over practical work in divine service?

किमादमत्रं सुख्यं सखिभ्यः कदा नु ते भ्रात्रं प्र ब्रवाम ।
श्रिये सुदृशो वपुर्स्य सर्गाः स्वर्णं चित्रतममिष आ
गोः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Kimādamatram sakhyam sakhibhyaḥ kadā nu te
bhrātram pra bravāma. Śriye sudṛśo vapuras-
ya sargāḥ svarṇa citratamamiṣa ā goḥ.*

O lord, when and how shall we describe your firm and protective love and friendship and your brotherly affection to our friends?

The cosmic body of this gracious lord and the various stages of his creation are for the beauty and glory of existence, blissful as heaven, various and most wondrous. So also are the beauties and generosityes of the sun for the love and sustenance of life.

द्रुहं जिघांसन्ध्वरसमनिन्द्रां तेतिक्ते तिग्मा तुजसे अनीका ।
ऋणा चिद्यत्र ऋण्या न उग्रो दूरे अज्ञाता उषसो बबाधे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Druhaṁ jighāṁsan-dhvarasamanindrām tetikte tigṁā tujase anīkā. Ṛṇā cidyatra ṛṇayā na ugro dūre ajñātā uṣaso babādhe.*

Keen to eliminate the hateful, destructive and rebellious elements, Indra sharpens his blazing armies to greater force, and where the existing forces thus grow fiercer, our ruler, awesome and bold as terror, like a man under pressure of an obligation, wipes out unknown fears like the dawns dispelling darkness.

ऋतस्य हि शुरुधुः सन्ति पूर्वीऋतस्य धीतिर्वृजिनानि हन्ति ।
ऋतस्य श्लोको बधिरा ततर्द कर्णौ बुधानः शुचमान
आयोः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ṛtasya hi śurudhaḥ santi pūrvīṛṇtasya dhītirvrjīnāni hanti. Ṛtasya śloko badhirā tatarda karṇā budhānaḥ śucamāna āyoh.*

The protective forces of truth are everlasting. The vision and understanding rooted in truth removes all hurdles and breaks the clouds of darkness. The word and message of truth clears up the ears of the deaf,

awakening and brightening up the man who hears, giving him the light of Divinity.

ऋतस्य दृळ्हा धरुणानि सन्ति पुरूणि चन्द्रा वपुषे वपूषि ।
ऋतेन दीर्घमिषणन्त पृक्ष ऋतेन गाव ऋतमा विवेशुः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Rtasya dr̥ḥhā dharuṇāni santi puruṇi candrā vapuṣe vapūṣi. Rtena dīrgham-iṣaṇanta pr̥kṣa rtena gāva ṛtamā viveśuḥ.*

The foundations of Truth and Eternal Law are unshakable, boundless and beautiful, the very embodiments of truth, beauty and Dharma for life forms. By the Law of truth do people enjoy long life and showers of joy. By the Law of truth do our voice and senses follow truth and reach the very source of reality and the seat of the law of eternal truth.

ऋतं येमान ऋतमिद्वनोत्यृतस्य शुष्मस्तुरया उ गव्युः ।
ऋताय पृथ्वी बहूले गभीरे ऋताय धेनू परमे दुहाते ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ṛtaṁ yemāna ṛtamidvanotyṛtasya śuṣmasturayā u gavyuḥ. Ṛtāya pr̥thvī bahule gabhīre ṛtāya dhenū parame duhāte.*

The pursuant of truth attains to truth. The operation of the eternal law of truth is fast, instantaneous, so fast that it is omnipresent, all operative. The abundant earth, deep interspaces and the high heavens all like the mother cow yield the milk of life in service of the eternal law of truth.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योऽं न पीपेः । अकारि
ते हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū śtuta indra nū grṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā syāma rathyaḥ sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, world ruler, omnipotent lord of universal truth and abundance, thus praised and worshipped, bear and bring food, energy, and the sustaining power of life for the celebrant in abundance like the rivers overflowing with life giving waters. This new song of homage and fragrant yajna is offered in worship, O lord of the universal dynamics of nature, in hope with prayer that with vision and intelligence we may be masters of the chariot and dedicated workers in your service of the law of truth.

Mandala 4/Sukta 24

Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

का सुष्टुतिः शवसः सूनुमिन्द्रमर्वाचीनं राधस आ ववर्तत् ।
ददिर्हि वीरो गृणते वसूनि स गोपतिर्निषिधां नो जनासः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kā suṣṭutiḥ śavasah sūnumindramarvācīnaṁ rādhasa ā vavartat. Dadirhi vīro grṇate vasūni sa gopatirniṣṣidhām no janāsaḥ.*

O citizens of the land, what is that order of praise and approbation which would persuade and move Indra toward us for our joint success and prosperity? A very child of might is he, inspirer of the brave, most youthful hero of latest knowledge and modern tactic, eminent warrior, creator and munificent giver of wealth for his supporters, manager and promoter of the earth and its resources, and leader and commander of the generous producers, our own pioneers.

स वृत्रहत्ये हव्यः स ईड्यः स सुष्टुत इन्द्रः सत्यराधाः ।

स यामन्ना मघवा मर्त्याय ब्रह्मण्यते सुष्वये वरिवो धात् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa vṛtrahatyē havyaḥ sa īdyaḥ sa suṣṭuta indraḥ satyarādhāḥ. Sa yāmannā maghavā martyāya brahmaṇyate suṣvaye varivo dhāt.*

He is to be invoked in the battles against darkness, evil and crime, lord adorable as he is, profusely adored, Indra, lord of honour and excellence, achiever of truth and giver of noble riches. He, lord of wealth, might and majesty, bears and bestows choice gifts of honour and freedom upon the mortals who dedicate themselves to the lord of existence and pray for success and divine grace in the ways of life.

तमिन्नरो वि ह्वयन्ते समीके रिरिक्वांसस्तन्वः कृण्वत त्राम् ।

मिथो यत्त्यागमुभयासो अग्नन्नरस्तोकस्य तनयस्य सातौ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Taminnaro vi hvayante samīke ririkvāmsastanvaḥ kṛṇvata trām. Mitho yattyāgamubhayāso agman narastokasya tanayasya sātau.*

People and leaders both call upon him in their battles of life in search of freedom, those who seek release and those who look to him for the protection of their bodies. Together, men and women, men and leaders, go to him for freedom from suffering as well as for the well being of their children and grand children.

क्रतूयन्ति क्षितयो योग उग्राऽऽशुषाणासो मिथो अणीसातौ ।

सं यद्विशोऽववृन्त युध्मा आदिन्नेम इन्द्रयन्ते अभीके ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kratūyanti kṣitayo yoga ugrā''śuṣāṇāso mitho aṇṣātau. Saṁ yadvīśo'vavṛnta yudhmā ādinnema indrayante abhīke.*

People of the land, both bright and blazing as well as impetuous in action, together, joining in the pursuit of knowledge and yajnic action do their best and holiest in faith in their own fields of social development freely, and when all the citizens thus engage in battle against the demons of darkness, evil and poverty and conduct themselves with discipline on a war footing, they unitedly and unanimously choose Indra as their guide and leader in action.

आदिद्ध नेम इन्द्रियं यजन्त आदित्यक्तिः पुरोळाशं
रिरिच्यात् । आदित्सोमो वि पपृच्यादसुष्वीनादिज्जुजोष वृषभं
यजध्यै ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ādiddha nema indriyaṃ yajanta āditpaktiḥ
puroḷāśaṃ riricyāt. Āditsomo vi papṛcyādasuṣvī-
nādiḥjujoṣa vṛṣabhaṃ yajadhyai.*

And then the warriors all work for the honour and excellence of the nation through joint action. And then let the fruit of the action and struggle, like delicious pudding seasoned, be consolidated and reserved. And then when the present and future is secured, let the soma of joy be prepared and ripened for the warriors of courage and valour, and then let all join Indra, virile and generous leader, in the celebration.

कृणोत्यस्मै वरिवो य इत्थेन्द्राय सोममुशते सुनोति ।
सुधीचीनेन मनसाविवेन तमित्सखायं कृणुते समत्सु ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Kṛṇotyasmai varivo ya itthendrāya somamuśate
sunoti. Sadhrīcīnena manasāvivenan tamitsa-
khāyaṃ kṛṇute samatsu.*

One who thus does honour and distinguished

service for Indra, ruler of the world, and distils the soma of excellence and joy for him who, of course, loves honour and excellence and joy for humanity, and one who, with an undivided dedicated mind, without any selfish axe to grind, acts as a friend and supportive warrior for him in the battles of humanity: Indra too for such a person creates and awards rare and choicest gifts of honour and dignity like a friend.

य इन्द्राय सुनवत्सोममद्य पचात्पक्तीरुत भृज्जाति धानाः ।
प्रति मनायोरुचथानि हर्यन्तस्मिन्दधृद् वृषणं शुष्म-
मिन्द्रः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ya indrāya sunavatsomamadya pacātpakfīruta bhrjjāti dhānāḥ. Prati manāyorucathāni haryan tasmin dadhadvṛṣaṇam śuṣmamindraḥ.*

Whoever for Indra, today, distils and ripens the soma of honour and excellence, confirms and consolidates the gains of victory over darkness, evil and want, and perfects the production for national consumption: to such a person Indra responds, loving and listening to his songs of praise arising from the heart, and the lord in-vests him with inner strength of valour and showers of unbounded generosity.

यदा समर्य व्यचेदृघावा दीर्घं यदाजिमभ्यख्यदर्यः ।
अचिक्रदद् वृषणं पत्न्यच्छा दुरोण आ निशितं सोम-
सुद्धिः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yadā samaryam vyacedrghāvā dīrgham yadāji-mabhyakhyadryaḥ. Acikradadvṛṣaṇam patnya-cchā duroṇa ā niśitam somasudbhiḥ.*

When the ruler of the land and noble head of

his people and destroyer of the enemies perceives a tumult of battle around and afar, he displays his long range deployment of arms and armies, while the citizenry at home, as a sustaining and supportive force, exhorts him and proclaims aloud his internal strength of morale created and sharpened by the creators and refiners of national energy.

भूयसा वस्त्रमचरत्कनीयोऽ विक्रीतो अकानिषं पुनर्यन् ।
स भूयसा कनीयो नारिरेचीद्दीना दक्षा वि दुहन्ति प्र
वाणम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Bhūyasā vasmamacarat kanīyo 'vikrīto akāniṣaṁ punaryan. Sa bhūyasā kanīyo nārireced dīnā dakṣā vi duhanti pra vāṇam.*

The poor ignorant trader buys the pleasure of glitter and sense at the great price of the spirit. Drained out, exhausted and disvalued, he goes back: "I want back what I had parted with in exchange for what I had got." No, not now. With all that he can surrender, he cannot redeem even a little of what he has lost. The poor as well as the intelligent get back only what they bargain for in word and action.

क इमं दशभिर्ममेन्द्रं क्रीणाति धेनुभिः ।
यदा वृत्राणि जङ्घनदथैनं मे पुनर्ददत् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ka imaṁ daśabhirnamendram kṛiṇāti dhenubhiḥ. Yadā vṛtrāṇi jaṅghanadathainaṁ me punardadat.*

Who can buy this Indra, this spiritual glory, from me for all time with the ten senses and their pleasure? None. Yes, when one dispels the evils of darkness, ignorance and indulgence, then the lord gives it back to

me.

नू ष्टुत इन्द्र नू गृणान इषं जरित्रे नद्योऽं न पीपेः । अकारि ते
हरिवो ब्रह्म नव्यं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū ṣṭuta indra nū grṇāna iṣaṁ jaritre nadyo
na pīpeḥ. Akāri te harivo brahma navyaṁ dhiyā
syāma rathyah sadāsāḥ.*

Indra, lord of glory, thus praised and celebrated, bless the supplicant with food, energy and enlightenment just as overflowing streams bring living waters for humanity. O lord of power and progress at high speed, thus is the song of celebration and yajnic homage offered to you, the newest presentation, so that with your blessings of intelligence and action we may be master warriors of the chariot and great servants of Divinity.

Mandala 4/Sukta 25

Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

को अद्य नर्यो देवकाम उशन्नन्द्रस्य सख्यं जुजोष ।
को वा महेऽवसे पार्याय समिद्धे अग्नौ सुतसोम ईद्वे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ko adya naryo devakāma uśnnindrasya sakhyaṁ
jojoṣa. Ko vā mahe'vase pāryāya samiddhe agnau
sutasoma īd्वे.*

Who today among noble humanity, lover of the light of divinity, inspired with holy ambition and enthusiasm, enjoys the favour and friendship of Indra? Or, who, having offered oblations of distilled soma into the lighted fire for the achievement of great redeeming divine protection, enjoys the honour and excellence of life? Answer: The friend and lover of humanity who is dedicated to Indra, the supreme ruler.

को नानाम वचसा सोम्याय मनायुर्वी भवति वस्त उस्त्राः ।
 क इन्द्रस्य युज्यं कः सखित्वं को भ्रात्रं वष्टि कवये क
 ऊती ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ko nānāma vacasā somyāya manāyurvā bhavati
 vasta usrāḥ. Ka indrasya yujyam kaḥ sakhitvaṁ
 ko bhrātraṁ vaṣṭi kavaye ka ūtī.*

Who bows with words of prayer to Indra for the gift of peace, pleasure, honour and excellence of body, mind and soul? And who submits to him in search of knowledge and self-awareness? Who loves the lights of the dawn and the lovely cows in the morning? Who waits on Indra for help and protection? Who feels anxious for friendship and fraternity with him? Who prays for security and poetic vision to the lord of omniscience? Answer: Who ever wants to do good unto all including the self as servant of Divinity.

को देवानामवो अद्या वृणीते क आदित्याँ अदितिं
 ज्योतिरीष्टे । कस्याश्विनाविन्द्रो अग्निः सुतस्यांशोः पिबन्ति
 मनसाविवेनम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ko devānāmavo adyā vṛṇīte ka adityaṁ aditiṁ
 jyotirīṣṭe. Kasyāśvināvindro agniḥ sutasyāṁ 'śoḥ
 pibanti manasāvivenam.*

Who these days opts for and wins the protection and benedictions of the divine powers of nature? Who pursues and prays for the light of the suns in orbital phases, the generosity of nature and mother earth, and the secrets and mysteries of light? Whose achievement of knowledge and contribution to life's peace and joy is favourably in tune with the nature and operation of

the laws and properties of the Ashvins, earth and the skies, Indra, the sun, and Agni, heat and magnetic energy of the earth? Answer: One who acts in cooperation with nature for life and in the service of Divinity.

तस्मा अग्निर्भरितुः शर्मं यंसज्ज्योक्पश्यात्सूर्यमुच्चरन्तम् ।
य इन्द्राय सुनवामेत्याहु नरे नर्याय नृतमाय नृणाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tasmā agnirbhārataḥ śarma yaṁsajjyok paśyāt sūryam-uccarantam. Ya indrāya sunavāmetyāha nare naryāya nṛtamāya nṛṇām.*

To him Agni, the cosmic power and presence that holds, sustains and governs the world of nature and humanity, provides a happy home, and he would watch the rising sun for a long long time who is able to say this with confidence: We pursue knowledge and create the means of comfort and happiness for humanity, the world of human interests, and the highest qualities and attainments of human values among the people of the world, and this we do for Indra, Lord of humanity and the entire world of existence.

न तं जिनन्ति बहवो न दध्रा उर्वस्मा अदितिः शर्मं यंसत् ।
प्रियः सुकृत्प्रिय इन्द्रे मनायुः प्रियः सुप्रावीः प्रियो अस्य
सोमी ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Na taṁ jinanti bahavo na dabhrā urvasmā aditiḥ śarma yaṁsat. Priyaḥ sukṛtpriya indre manāyuh priyaḥ supravīḥ priyo asya somī.*

Neither many nor few, nor even the fiercest, can overpower him who acts in the service of Indra, governing power and presence of the universe. Indeed mother earth, in fact mother nature of imperishable

wealth, blesses him with abundant peace and joy in a happy home, for, to Indra, the one who does good is dear, the lover of Divinity is dear, the follower of the path of rectitude is dear, and the creator of comfort, joy and enlightenment for life is dear to this lord.

सुप्राव्यः प्राशुषाळेष्ट वीरः सुष्वैः पक्तिं कृणुते केवलेन्द्रः ।
नासुष्वेरापिर्न सखा न जामिर्दुष्प्राव्योऽवहन्तेदवाचः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Suprāvyah prāśuṣāḷeṣa vīrah suṣveḥ paktim kṛṇute kevalendraḥ. Nāsuṣverāpirna sakḥā na jāmirdusprāvyo'vahantedavācaḥ.*

Indra, leader and ruler, instant destroyer of enmity, is openly accessible to the person who creates and produces good things and thus contributes positively to the peace, progress and happiness of life, and he fully protects and promotes such people and raises them to maturity as the sun ripens grain. But to the person who is uncreative, and malignant scandalizer, he is not accessible, not a friend, or a brother, or protector, in fact he is awfully opposed to such negatives.

(Creativity and a positive, contributive attitude to life is a value, while uncreativity and a negative, destructive attitude is a dangerous disvalue. The former is to be protected and promoted, but the latter has to be opposed and eliminated.)

न रेवता पणिना सख्यमिन्द्रोऽसुन्वता सुतपाः सं गृणीते ।
आस्य वेदः खिदति हन्ति नृगं वि सुष्वये पक्तये केवलो
भूत् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na revatā paṇinā sakhyamindro'sunvatā sutapāḥ saṁ grṇīte. Āsya vedah khidati hanti nagnaṁ vi suṣvaye paktaye kevalo bhūt.*

Not with the miserly man of wealth does Indra bargain any friendship since he is the master creator of peace and joy and lover of honour and excellence. He does not acknowledge, much less approve of the wealth of the ungenerous. In fact, he exposes the wealth of the hoarder until, exposed and ashamed, he is reduced to nullity, because, basically and exclusively he is for the creative and generous who produce and mature the wealth of the nation to the state of honour and dignity.

इन्द्रं परेऽ वरे मध्यमासु इन्द्रं यान्तोऽ वसितासु इन्द्रम् ।

इन्द्रं क्षियन्त उत युध्यमाना इन्द्रं नरो वाजयन्तो हवन्ते ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Indraṁ pare'vare madhyamāsa indraṁ yānto'-vasitāsa indram. Indraṁ kṣiyanta uta yudhya-mānā indraṁ naro vājayanto havante.*

People at the farthest and at the nearest, highest and lowest, and people at the middle, all call upon Indra, lord of honour and excellence. People on the move and those at the end of the journey call upon Indra, lord of peace and security. People settled in the home and warriors on the battle field call upon Indra, lord of prosperity and victory. And the leaders of the people and the men fighting for food, struggling for energy and panting for speed and progress call upon Indra, lord giver of food, energy and advancement.

Mandala 4/Sukta 26

*Indra Suparna Brahma Devata,
Vamadeva Gautama Rshi*

अहं मनुरभवम् सूर्यैश्चाऽहं कक्षीवाँ ऋषिरस्मि विप्रः ।

अहं कुत्समार्जुनेयं न्यूञ्जेऽहं कविरुशना पश्यता मा ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ahaṁ manurabhavaṁ sūryaścā'haṁ kakṣivāṇ
ṛṣirasmi vipraḥ. Ahaṁ kutsamārjuneyaṁ
nyrñje'-haṁ kavirūśanā paśyatā mā.*

I am the thinker and law-giver of existence, I am the light of life, I comprehend the time and space of the universe, I am the visionary, I am the centre and shaker at the core. I create the thunder and light and I make the thunderbolt. I am the poet of omniscience and passionate lover of my creation. Come ye all and see.

अहं भूमिमददामार्यीयाऽहं वृष्टिं दाशुषे मर्त्यीय ।

अहमपो अनयं वावशाना मम देवासो अनु केतमायन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ahaṁ bhūmimadadāmāryāyā'haṁ vṛṣṭim dāśuṣe
martyāya. Ahamapo anayaṁ vāvaśānā mama
devāso anu ketamāyan.*

I give the earth for noble humanity, and I bring rain and rolling oceans and waves of energy for the mortals who give in charity, and, in consequence, saints and sages who love are blest with light divine.

अहं पुरो मन्दसानो व्यैरं नव साकं नवतीः शम्बरस्य ।

शततमं वेश्यं सर्वताता दिवोदासमतिथिग्वं यदावम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ahaṁ puro mandasāno vyairam nava sākaṁ
navatīḥ śambarasya. Śatatamaṁ veśyaṁ sarvat-
ātā divodāsamatithigvaṁ yadāvam.*

In the state of perfect bliss, I first move ninty and nine streams of cloud showers together, and as I protect and promote the man of hospitality and the giver of enlightenment, I open hundred-fold gates of delight and prosperity for the whole world.

प्र सु ष विभ्यो मरुतो विरस्तु प्र श्येनः श्येनेभ्य आशुपत्वा ।
अचक्रया यत्त्वधया सुपर्णो ह्रव्यं भरन्मनवे देवजुष्टम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra su ṣa vibhyo maruto virastu pra śyenaḥ śyenebhya āśupatvā. Acakrayā yatsvadhayā suparṇo havyaṁ bharanmanave devajuṣṭam.*

Just as the eagle bird is the fastest of all the birds of prey in flight and descent so may that glorious heavenly bird of light wings, the sun, which moves by its own mighty force without wheels and which is prime among the powers of nature, the Maruts, may bring for humanity food and energy blest by the best and brilliant bounties of Divinity.

भरद्द्यदि विरतो वेविजानः पथोरुणा मनोजवा असर्जि ।
तूयं ययौ मधुना सोम्येनोत श्रवो विविदे श्येनो अत्र ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Bharadyadi virato vevijānaḥ pathoruṇā manojavā asarji. Tūyaṁ yayau madhunā somyenota śravo vivide śyeno atra.*

When the bird of the wings of light, vibrating as sunrays, flying fast as thought by the wide paths of space brings and releases food and energy here, and then from here itself flies back fast with earthly, sweets of soma juices (to bring them back, reinvigorated), thus this eagle wins thanks and praise from earthly humanity.

ऋजीपी श्येनो ददमानो अंशुं परावतः शकुनो मन्द्रं मदम् ।
सोमं भरद्वादृहाणो देवावान्दिवो अमुष्मादुत्तरादादाय ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Rjīpī śyeno dadamāno aṁśuṁ parāvataḥ śakuno mandraṁ madam. Somaṁ bharaddāḍṛ-hāṇo devāvān divo amuṣmāduttarādādāya.*

The eagle bird of light, enjoying the company of heavenly planets, coming from far off country by simple paths, having taken from that distant region of light sweet celestial delights of soma energies of life, gives us that nectar and, taking the soma sweets of earth grows stronger and more generous.

आदाय श्येनो अभर्त्सोमं सहस्रं सवाँ अयुतं च साकम् ।
अत्रा पुरन्धिरजहादरातीर्मदे सोमस्य मूरा अमूरः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ādāya śyeno abhart somam sahasraṁ savāṅ
ayutaṁ ca sākam. Atrā purandhir-ajahād-
arātīrmade somasya mūrā amūrah.*

The eagle bird of light, ruler and illuminator of the world, bears and brings a thousand delights of soma for life with unbounded yajnic creations of organic tonics for health and, in the ecstacy of the drink of soma on earth, doing noble actions and maintaining human habitations with wisdom and equanimity of mind, eliminates all stupidity and negativities!

Mandala 4/Sukta 27

Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

गर्भे नु सन्नन्वेषामवेदमहं देवानां जनिमानि विश्वा ।
शतं मा पुर आर्यसीररक्षन्नध श्येनो जवसा निरदीयम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Garbhe nu sannanveṣāmavedamaham devānām
janimāni viśvā. Śataṁ mā pura āyaśīrarakṣa-
nnadha śyeno javasā niradīyam.*

Having been in the mother's womb, I have witnessed and known the birth and growth of all these divine creations (such as the elements, earth, water,

senses, and mind, etc.). Hundreds of golden cities and iron walls have protected me. And having lived all this, I have got out to freedom like a falcon bird of the winds with impetuous speed.

(The mantra describes the soul's journey through births and death's across the body forms and then the release to the freedom of Moksha.)

न घा स मामप ज०षं जभाराऽभीमास त्वक्षसा वीर्येण ।

ईर्मा पुरन्धिरजहादरातीरुत वाताँ अतरच्छूशुवानः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Na ghā sa māmapa joṣaṁ jabhārā'bhīmāsa tvakṣasā vīryeṇa. Īrmā purandhirajahādarātīr-uta vātāñ ataracchūśuvānaḥ.*

That womb of nature couldn't hold me against my will and pleasure. I sat in there with all my vigour and penetrative vision. And when the Lord inspirer who sustains the hundreds of golden cities and iron walls of prison wards off the contraries of flesh and blood, then the falcon bird of the spirit, rising up and high, crosses the storms and shears of winds to freedom.

अव यच्छ्येनो अस्वनीदध द्योर्वि यद्यदि वात ऊहुः पुरन्धिम् ।

सृजद्यदस्मा अव ह क्षिपज्यां कृशानुरस्ता मनसा भुरण्यन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ava yacchyeno asvanīdadha dyorvi yadyadi vāta ūhuḥ purandhim. Śṛjadyadasmā ava ha kṣipa-jjyāṁ kṛśānurastā manasā bhuraṇyan.*

When the falcon bird of the spirit descends from heaven singing and roaring with energy, then if the winds and storms of existence hijack the master of the golden city, then, just as the warrior draws the string of

the bows and shoots off the arrow, so the soul, archer subduer of contraries, with the light radiating from the flame of the heart, draws up the string of yoga meditation and shoots away the fluctuations.

ऋजिप्य ईमिन्द्रावतो न भुज्युं श्येनो जभार बृहतो अधि
ष्णोः । अन्तः पतत्पतत्र्यस्य पुर्णमधु यामनि प्रसितस्य
तद्वेः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Rjipya imindrāvato na bhujyūṁ śyeno jabhāra
brhato adhi ṣṇoḥ. Antaḥ patatpatatryasya parṇa-
madha yāmani prasitasya tadveḥ.*

The falcon bird of the spirit, going by the path of rectitude always under the protection of Indra, lord of life, bears the sacred vessel of the body like a prize from the vast regions of joy and energy and, at the end, flying up, the bird on the wing jettisons the sacred vessel like the plume of a bird bound down to the nest.

अध श्वेतं कलशं गोभिर्क्तमापिप्यानं मधवा शुक्रमन्धः ।
अध्वर्युभिः प्रयतं मध्वो अग्रमिन्द्रो मदाय प्रति धृत्पिबध्यै
शूरो मदाय प्रति धृत्पिबध्यै ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Adha śvetam kalaśam gobhiraktamāpipyānam
maghavā śukramandhaḥ. Adhvaryubhiḥ pra-
yataṁ madhvo agramindro madāya prati
dhatpibadhyai śūro madāya prati dhatpi-badhyai.*

Let Indra, the brave soul, blest with and commanding honour and prosperity, bear, in response to the Lord's grace, the bright and beauteous body vessel nourished by mother earth and cows, satisfying, pure and powerful, and let him enjoy the food seasoned and sanctified by holy yajakas, and prime delicious drink

for realising the beauty and ecstasy of existence. Yes, let the fearless brave spirit bear the body vessel to drink of the joy of life and to celebrate the gift of divine rapture.

Mandala 4/Sukta 28

Indra-Soma Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

त्वा युजा तव तत्सोम सख्य इन्द्रो अपो मनवे सस्रुतस्वः ।
अहन्नहिमरिणात्सम सिन्धूनपावृणोदपिहितेव खानि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvā yujā tava tatsoma sakhya indro apo manave sasrutaskah. Ahannahimariṇāt sapta sindhūna-pāvrṇodapihiteva khāni.*

With you and for your friendship, O Soma, power, pleasure and excellence of life, did Indra, resplendent ruler of the world, set the spatial waters afloat, broke the cloud, made the seven streams of water flow and opened up the hidden treasures of life.

त्वा युजा नि खिदत्सूर्यस्येन्द्रश्चक्रं सहसा सद्य इन्द्रो । अधि
ष्णुना बृहता वर्तमानं महो द्रुहो अप विश्वायु धायि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvā yujā ni khidat-sūryasyendracśakraṁ sahasā sadya indo. Adhi ṣṇunā brhatā vartamā-naṁ maho druho apa viśvāyu dhāyi.*

Soma, power of cool and bliss of nature's cosmic energy, with force, constantly counters the cycle of solar radiations operating with mighty catalysis and coming from higher regions, and thus the great all round negativity of sun rays against life is warded off.

अहन्निन्द्रो अदहदग्निरिन्द्रो पुरा दस्यून्मध्यन्दिनादभीकै ।
दुर्गे दुरोणे क्रत्वा न यातां पुरू सहस्रा शर्वा नि बर्हीत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ahann-indro adahad-agnir-indro purā dasyūn madhyandinādabhīke. Durge duroṇe kratvā na yātām purū sahasrā śarvā ni barhūt.*

Indu, Soma, cool and bliss of mind, nature and people of the land and forces of peace, with your balancing action, Indra, powerful and blazing, destroys darkness and evil, as fire burns off the demoniac forces before the mid-day yajna in the battle of life. Thus does the spirit of life, with Indra and Soma, hot and cold in the existential circuit of nature, destroy and ward off a thousand onslaughts of impending dangers and attacks. And so do the acts of yajna in the home of the family and fortress of the ruler.

विश्वस्मात्सीमध्रमाँ इन्द्र दस्युन्विशो दासीरकृणोरप्रशस्ताः ।
अबाधेथाममृणतं नि शत्रूनविन्देथामपचितिं वधत्रैः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Viśvasmāt sīmadhamāñ indra dasyūn vīśo dāsīr-akṛṇorapraśastāḥ. Abādhethāmamṛṇataṁ ni śatrūn-avindethām-apacitiṁ vadhatraiḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world blazing as the sun, reduce the evil and wicked to nullity all round, and save the people and the forces of generosity from ignominy. Indra and Soma, power and peace of the land, ruler and people, bind down the enemy forces, give peace and security to the good, and thus win honour and fame with your weapons of protection.

एवा सत्यं मघवाना युवं तदिन्द्रश्च सोमोर्वमश्व्यं गोः ।
आदर्दृतमपिहितान्यश्ना रिरिचथुः क्षाश्चित्ततृदाना ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Evā satyaṁ maghavānā yuvaṁ tadindraśca somorvam-aśvyaṁ goḥ. Ādardṛtam-apihitāny-śnā riricathuḥ kṣāścīt-tatṛdānā.*

It is true, O potent commanders of honour and excellence, Indra and Soma, destroyer of evil and creator of peace and prosperity, together you release the earth's vast energy and progressive forces, break open the resources of wealth and fertility, and release the lands from oppression into freedom.

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Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

आ नः स्तुत उप वाजेभिस्तुति इन्द्र याहि हरिभिर्मन्दसानः ।
तिरश्चिदर्यः सर्वना पुरुण्याङ्गुषेभिर्गृणानः सत्यराधाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā naḥ stuta upa vājebhirūti indra yāhi haribhir-
mandasānaḥ. Tiraścidadaryaḥ savanā puruṇ-
yāṅgū-ṣebhirgrṇānaḥ satyarādhaḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler of honour and excellence, spirit incarnate of power and prosperity, come with all the vigour and velocity for our protection and progress. Invoked and invited, happy and rejoicing, come with the fastest achievements. You are the wealth of the nation incarnate, truly the harbinger of success. Praised, appraised and pursued by the highpriests of knowledge and action, come directly and indirectly by all paths of centripetal movement to bless our manifold yajnic programmes of creation and production.

आ हि ष्मा याति नर्यश्चिकित्वान्हूयमानः सौतृभिरुप यज्ञम् ।
स्वश्वो यो अभीरुर्मन्यमानः सुष्वाणेभिर्मदति सं ह
वीरैः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā hi śmā yāti naryaścikityvān hūyamānaḥ sotṛbhi-
rupa yajñam. Svaśvo yo abhīrur-man-yamānaḥ
suṣvāṇebhir-madati saṁ ha viraiḥ.*

And he does come, lord of men and master of knowledge all-aware, when he is invoked and invited to the yajna by those who distil the soma for yajna and sprinkle the vedi with holy water and ghrta. Then, commanding the horse and speed of the chariot, brave and fearless, self-confident and honoured, he rejoices with the heroes who create the soma, honour, grandeur and the joy of life for humanity.

श्रावयेदस्य कर्णौ वाजयध्यै जुष्टामनु प्र दिशं मन्दयध्यै ।

उद्वावृषाणो राधसे तुविष्मान्करत्र इन्द्रः सुतीर्थाभयं च ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Śrāyayedasya karnā vājayadhyai juṣṭāmanu pra diśaṁ mandayadhyai. Udvāvṛṣāṇo rādhaso tuviṣmān karanna indrah sutīrthābhayaṁ ca.*

Speak to him, let him hear, he loves to hear of the cherished policy and direction for the sake of speed and success in action so that he may be happy and rejoice with you all. And then he, Indra, ruler of all and creator of honour and excellence, generous as showers and blazing brave in action, would create paths of progress into a state of freedom from fear and success, and thence would flow the ultimate release.

अच्छा यो गन्ता नार्धमानमूती इत्था विप्रं हवमानं गृणन्तम् ।

उप त्वनि दधानो धुर्याशून्सहस्राणि शतानि वज्रबाहुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Acchā yo gantā nādhamānamūti itthā vipraṁ havamānaṁ gṛṇantam. Upa tmani dadhāno dhuryāśūntsaahasrāṇi śatāni vajrabāhuḥ.*

With grace, he goes to the supplicant with protection, thus, to bless the earnest seeker invoking him and singing in praise. He holds the supplicant and celebrant closest to his heart and, yoking a hundred

thousand horses to his chariot, wielding the thunderbolt for creation and protection, he hastens to the devotees.

त्वोतासो मघवन्निन्द्र विप्रा वयं ते स्याम सूरयो गृणन्तः ।

भेजानासो बृहदिवस्य राय आकाय्यस्य दावने पुरुक्षोः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvotāso maghavannindra viprā vyaṁ te syāma sūrayo grṇantaḥ. Bhejānāso bṛhaddivasya rāya ākāyyasya dāvane purukṣoḥ.*

Under your protection, O lord of power and glory, Indra, lord ruler and giver of honour and excellence, let us be earnest seekers of knowledge, brave and brilliant celebrants of Divinity, so that we may be dedicated sharers of the abundance of the lord of light, wealth, and generosity of sustenance incarnate.

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Indra, Indra and Usha Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

नकिरिन्द्र त्वदुत्तरो न ज्यायँ अस्ति वृत्रहन् ।

नकिरेवा यथा त्वम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Nakirindra tvaduttaro na jyāyāṁ asti vṛtrahan. Nakirevā yathā tvam.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, destroyer of evil and breaker of the cloud like the sun, there is none higher than you, none beyond, none greater, none even equal to you as you are.

सत्रा ते अनु कृष्टयो विश्वा चक्रेव वावृतुः ।

सत्रा महँ असि श्रुतः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Satrā te anu kṛṣṭayo viśvā cakreva vāvṛtuḥ. Satrā mahāṁ asi śrutaḥ.*

In truth and honour of conduct, all the people together move around you in orbit, harmoniously, as do the wheels of the chariot revolve round the axle. Truly you are great, commanding honour and universal fame.

विश्वे चनेदना त्वा देवास इन्द्र युयुधुः ।

यदहा नक्तमातिरः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Viśve canedanā tvā devāsa indra yuyudhuḥ.
Yadahā naktamātirah.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, all the nobilities of humanity and divinities of nature, with all their wisdom and resolution, relentlessly fight for you day and night so that you are always victorious over the enmities and negativities of life.

यत्रोत बाधितेभ्यश्चक्रं कुत्साय युध्यते ।

मुषाय इन्द्र सूर्यम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yatrota bādhibhayaścakram kutsāya yudhyate.
Muṣāya indra sūryam.*

Where the battle rages in support of the warriors fighting in defence of the oppressed and the wise, there Indra, O lord of honour, power and justice, take up the solar disc of thunder and crush the wicked.

यत्र देवाँ ऋघायतो विश्वाँ अयुध्य एक इत् ।

त्वमिन्द्र वनूरहन् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yatra devāñ ṛghāyato viśvāñ ayudhya eka it.
Tvamindra vanūrahan.*

Where in the battle against the evil and the

violent oppressing and fighting against all the nobilities of the world you take up arms, you destroy the wicked forces all alone.

यत्रोत मर्त्यीय कमरिणा इन्द्र सूर्यम् ।

प्रावः शचीभिरेतशम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yatrota martyāya kamariṇā indra sūryam.*
Prāvaḥ śacībhiretaśam.

Where you set in motion the streams and breezes of comfort and joy for humanity, there also you move and protect the sun orbiting at terrible speed with your actions of omnipotence.

किमादुतासि वृत्रहन्मघवन्मन्युमत्तमः ।

अत्राह दानुमातिरः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Kimādutāsi vṛtrahan maghavan manyumat-tamaḥ. Atrāha dānumātirah.*

And what more! You are, O lord ruler and commander of the wealth and power of the world, you are the most passionate lover of rectitude and fiercest destroyer of evil. And lo! you are the top redeemer of the generous and shatterer of the selfish.

एतद् घेदुत वीर्यमिन्द्र चकर्थ पौंस्यम् ।

स्त्रियं यदुर्हणायुवं वधीर्दुहितरं दिवः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Etad gheduta vīryamindra cakartha paumsyam.*
Striyam yaddurhaṇāyuvam vadhīrduhitaram
divaḥ.

This truly is the manly valour you display in action. In addition, this too is your wonder that you dispel and ward off the rays of the malevolent star which,

though, is the daughter of heaven like the dawn, the light of which, too, you overcome.

दिवश्चिद् घा दुहितरं महान्महीयमानाम् ।
उषासमिन्द्र सं पिणक् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Divaścid-ghā duhitarāṁ mahān mahīyamānām.*
Uṣāsamindra saṁ piṇak.

Indra, great you are. Surely the dawn is glorious, daughter of heaven, which you refine, adorn and glorify, and then make her disappear when she waxes with pride.

अपोषा अनसः सरत्संपिष्टादहं बिभ्युषी ।
नि यत्सीं शिश्नश्च वृषा ॥ १० ॥

10. *Apoṣā anasaḥ saratsampiṣṭādaha bibhyuṣī.*
Ni yatsīm śiśnathad vṛṣā.

Indra, mighty ruler of heavens, breaks the chariot of the dawn as she waxes, but when the chariot is broken, she withdraws from the broken chariot in fear and awe. (So do the forces of gate-crashing pride withdraw under the blazing power of the ruler.)

एतदस्या अनः शये सुसंपिष्टं विपाश्या ।
ससारं सीं परावतः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Etadasyā anaḥ śaye susampiṣṭaṁ vipāśyā.*
Sasāra sīm parāvataḥ.

When the chariot of this dawn is broken and lies in unobstructed path ways of space and the dawn is gone far away, then the sun, coming from afar, radiates its glory far and wide.

उत सिन्धुं विबाल्यं वितस्थानामधि क्षमि ।

परि ष्ठा इन्द्र मायया ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Uta sindhum vibālyam vitasthānāmadhi kṣami.*
Pari ṣṭhā indra māyayā.

Indra, lord of the elements, with your inexhaustible force and power, you sustain the flow of full and overflowing turbulent rivers on the earth.

उत शुष्णस्य धृष्णुया प्र मृक्षो अभि वेदनम् ।

पुरो यदस्य संपिणक् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Uta śuṣṇasya dhṛṣṇuyā pra mṛkṣo abhi vedanam.*
Puro yadasya sampiṇak.

And when with your force and power you break down the strongholds of this demon of drought and sprinkle the land with water, then you acquire the wealth of the land and the knowledge of science for the people.

उत दासं कौलितरं बृहतः पर्वतादधि ।

अवाहन्निन्द्र शम्बरम् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Uta dāsam kaulitaram bṛhataḥ parvatādadhi.*
Avāhannindra śambaram.

Indra, ruler of the elements and vast spaces on earth, you break the dark cloud of rain from the vast skies on high and make the rivers flow from the mountains, thereby rendering the generous people and venerable families stronger and more generous.

उत दासस्य वर्चिनः सहस्राणि शतावधीः ।

अधि पञ्च प्रधीरिव ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Uta dāsasya varcinaḥ sahasrāṇi śatāvadhīḥ.
Adhi pañca pradhīriva.*

But destroy the hundreds and thousands of the violent demons who are fixed in society like five fellies fixed round the spokes of a wheel.

उत त्वं पुत्रमग्रुवः परावृक्तं शतक्रतुः ।

उक्थेष्विन्द्र आभजत् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Uta tyaṁ putramagruvaḥ parāvṛktaṁ śatakratuḥ.
Uktheṣvindra ābhajat.*

And Indra, who performs hundreds of yajnic acts of creation and generosity with his knowledge of the Shastras, invites the formidable children of leading pioneers of the nation to participate in the theoretical and practical affairs of the state.

उत त्या तुर्वशा॒यदू॑ अस्ना॒तारा॒ शची॒पतिः॑ ।

इन्द्रो॑ वि॒द्वान् अपा॑रयत् ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Uta tyā turvaśāyadū asnātārā śacīpatiḥ.
Indro vidvāṅ apārayat.*

Indra, lord of the people and the sacred voice, ruler of the world and master of knowledge, helps the man of efficiency, the man of effort, and also the simple folk who do not know how to swim and enables them all to cross the hurdles of life over to the shore.

उत त्या सुद्य आ॒र्यी स॒रयो॑रिन्द्र पा॒रतः॑ ।

अ॒णीचि॒त्रर॑थावधीः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Uta tyā sadya āryā sarayorindra pārataḥ.
Aṇācitrarathāvadhiḥ.*

Indra, lord of goodness and nobility of power, always smashes the grabber and the smuggler in possession of wondrous transport across the world of movement and communication over the border.

अनु द्वा जहिता नयोऽन्धं श्रोणं च वृत्रहन् ।

न तत्ते सुम्नमष्टवे ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Anu dvā jahitā nayo'ndham śroṇaṁ ca vṛtrahan.*
Na tatte sumnamaṣṭave.

Indra, destroyer of evil and want, leader of humanity, you restore and rehabilitate the two, the blind and the disabled abandoned by society. None can reach that level of service and philanthropy.

शतमश्मन्मयीनां पुरामिन्द्रो व्यास्यत् ।

दिवोदासाय दाशुषे ॥ २० ॥

20. *Śatamaśmanmayīnāṁ purāmindro vyāsyat.*
Divodāsāya dāśuṣe.

Indra, lord of power, justice and generosity, for the sake of the creative and the generous giver you break a hundred adamant strongholds of hoarded wealth like the sun that breaks the cloud concentrations of rain to bless the generous earth.

अस्वापयद्दुभीतये सहस्रा त्रिंशत् हथैः ।

दासानामिन्द्रो मायया ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Asvāpayad-dabhītaye sahasrā trimśataṁ hathaiḥ.*
Dāsānāmindro māyayā.

Indra, the ruler, should smash three hundred thousand of social saboteurs with weapons of far reaching calibre for the peace and security of the law-

abiding servants of the nation and for keeping down of the violent.

स घेदुतासि वृत्रहन्त्समान इन्द्र गोपतिः ।

यस्ता विश्वानि चिच्युषे ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Sa ghedutāsi vṛtrahantsamāna indra gopatiḥ.*
Yastā viśvāni cicyuṣe.

Indra, such as you are, ruler and protector of the earth, destroyer of evil and promoter of the good, you are equal and kind, like the sun, for all in treatment since you bring about all that you do and achieve for all of them as they deserve according to law and justice.

उत नूनं यदिन्द्रियं करिष्या इन्द्र पौंस्यम् ।

अद्या नकिष्टदा मिनत् ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Uta nūnaṁ yadindriyaṁ kariṣyā indra pauamsyam.*
Adyā nakiṣṭadā minat.

Indra, lord ruler of the world, for sure whatever deeds of courage and valour and of manly honour and excellence you do for the good or against the wicked, none can deny, resist or undo.

वामं वामं त आदुरे देवो ददात्वय्यमा ।

वामं पूषा वामं भगो वामं देवः करूळती ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Vāmaṁ vamaṁ ta ādure devo dadātvaryamā .*
Vāmaṁ pūṣā vāmaṁ bhago vāmaṁ devaḥ darūḷatī.

Indra, lord of glory, ruler of the world, destroyer of evil, may Aryama, ordainer of the world's law and justice, give you the highest and most admirable gifts of honour. May Pusha, lord of health and sustenance

bless you with the best of vigour and strength. May Bhaga, lord of grandeur and excellence, grant you the highest prosperity and dignity. May the generous lord of art and beauty give you the best of art and craft and creative beauty.

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Indra Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

कया नश्चित्र आ भुवदूती सदावृधः सखा ।

कया शचिष्ठया वृता ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kayā naścitra ā bhuvadūti sadāvṛdhaḥ sakhā.
Kayā śaciṣṭhayā vṛtā.*

When would the Lord, sublime and wondrous, ever greater, ever friendly, shine in our consciousness and bless us? With what gifts of protection and promotion? What highest favour of our choice? What order of grace?

कस्त्वा सत्यो मदानां मंहिष्ठो मत्सदन्धसः ।

दृळ्हा चिदारुजे वसु ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kastvā satyo madānām mañhiṣṭho matsadan-dhasaḥ. Dṛḷhā cidāruje vasu.*

What is the truest and highest of joys and foods for body, mind and soul that may please you? What wealth and value of life to help you break through the limitations and settle on the rock-bed foundation of permanence?

अभी षु णः सखीनामविता जरितुणाम् ।

शतं भवास्यूतिभिः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Abhī ṣu ṇaḥ sakhīnāmavitā jaritṛṇām.
Śataṁ bhavāsyūtibhiḥ.*

Friend of friends and protector of celebrants you are, come and bless us too with a hundred modes of protection and advancement. Be ours, O lord!

अ॒भी न॒ आ व॑वृ॒त्स्व च॒क्रं न वृ॑त्तमर्व॑तः ।

नि॒यु॒द्धि॑श्चर्ष॒णीना॑म् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Abhī na ā vavṛtsva cakram na vṛttamarvataḥ.
Niyudbhiś-carṣṇīnām.*

Ruler of the world, turn and come to us on the wheels of a chariot in motion. Come lord and help us turn the wheel of the social order at the speed of winds.

प्र॒वता॑ हि क्रतू॒नामा॑ हा॒ पदे॒व गच्छ॑सि ।

अ॒भक्षि॑ सूर्ये॒ सचा॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pravatā hi kratūnāmā hā padeva gacchasi.
Abhakṣi sūrye sacā.*

You walk down to the people, as one walks on foot, by the paths of their holy words and actions of yajnic offerings. I worship you and serve you like the sun with the light of the sun.

सं यत्त॑ इन्द्र॒ मन्य॑वः॒ सं च॒क्राणि॑ दधन्वि॒रे ।

अध॒ त्वे अध॒ सूर्ये॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sam yatta indra manyavaḥ sam cakrāṇi dadhanvire. Adha tve adha sūrye.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, all the ardour, passions and yajnic offerings of men offered in honour and service to you move like wheels continuously and

reach you and then later to the sun.

उत स्मा हि त्वामाहुरिन्मघवानं शचीपते ।
दातारमविदीधयुम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Uta smā hi tvāmāhurinmaghavānaṁ śacīpate.*
Dātāramavidīdhayum.

O lord of beauty and grace, power, intelligence and will, sages of vision and devotion celebrate you as lord of infinite honour and excellence in existence, boundless giver and self-refulgent beyond imagination.

उत स्मा सद्य इत्परि शशमानाय सुन्वते ।
पुरू चिन्मंहसे वसु ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta smā sadya itpari śaśamānāya sunvate.*
Purū cinmaṁhase vasu.

Indra, lord of knowledge and power, you give immense wealth for the celebrant devotee and creator of soma instantly, and ever more augment it many ways all round.

नहि ष्मा ते शतं च न राधो वरन्त आमुरः ।
न च्यौत्नानि करिष्यतः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Nahi śmā te śataṁ cana rādho varanta āmuraḥ.*
Na cyautnāni kariṣyataḥ.

Indra, lord omnipotent of infinite wealth and generosity, the violent and the destroyers can never get, nor do they choose to receive, the hundreds of gifts and successes you bestow upon humanity, nor can they ever stall the wondrous deeds you do for the devotee.

अस्माँ अवन्तु ते शतमस्मान्सहस्रमृतयः ।

अस्मान्विश्वा अभिष्टयः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Asmāñ avantu te śatam-asmānt-sahasram-ūtayah.*
Asmān-viśvā abhiṣṭayah.

Indra, lord of infinite love, the hundred ways of your divine protection, we pray, may protect us, the thousand ways of promotion advance us, the infinite blessings and good wishes lead us to fulfilment.

अस्माँ इहा वृणीष्व सुख्याय स्वस्तये ।

महो राये दिवित्मते ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Asmāñ ihā vṛṇīṣva sakhyāya svastaye.*
Maho rāye divitmate.

Take us up, O lord, and receive us under your divine protection for friendship, all round well being, and for the great gift of the immense wealth of this heavenly world right here.

अस्माँ अविद्धि विश्वहेन्द्र राया परीणसा ।

अस्मान्विश्वाभिरूतिभिः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Asmāñ aviddhi viśvahendra rāyā parīṇasā.*
Asmān viśvābhir-ūtibhiḥ.

Ruler of the world, Indra, lead us on day and night with abundant wealth of all kinds, lead us on and on with all the protection and favours of divinity.

अस्मभ्यं तां अपा वृधि व्रजाँ अस्तेव गोमतः ।

नवाभिरिन्द्रोतिभिः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Asmabhyam tāñ apā vṛdhi vrajāñ asteva gomataḥ.*
Navābhirindrotibhiḥ.

Indra, lord ruler of the wealth of the world, open for us the gates of the cow stalls like the cow herd, open the secrets of the Divine Word like the Omniscient, open the treasures of the earth like the earth's ruler and protector, open the doors for us with the latest safeguards and methods of protection.

अस्माकं धृष्णुया रथो द्युमाँ इन्द्रानपच्युतः ।
गव्युरश्वयुरीयते ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Asmākaṁ dhṛṣṇuyā ratho dyumāṁ indrāna-pacyutaḥ. Gavyuraśvayurīyate.*

Indra, unchallengeable ruler of the world, our chariot of progress goes on advancing, bold and unobstructed, blazing bright, irresistible and imperishable, winning the wealth of the holy earth with unbounded speed and energy.

अस्माकमुत्तमं कृधि श्रवो देवेषु सूर्य ।
वर्षिष्ठं द्यामिवोपरि ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Asmākamuttamaṁ kṛdhi śravo deveṣu surya. Varṣiṣṭhaṁ dyāmivopari.*

Indra, refulgent sun, ruler of the world, lead us to the highest heights of glory, our fame resounding among the divinities, as in the most generous heavens far above.

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Indra, Indra-Ashva Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

आ तू न इन्द्र वृत्रहन्नास्माकमर्धमा गहि ।
महान्महीभिरूतिभिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā tū na indra vṛtrahannasmākamardhamā gahi.
Mahān mhibhirūtibhiḥ.*

Indra, lord and ruler of the world, mighty destroyer of darkness and evil, come with all great powers and protections, join and guide our progress.

भृमिश्चिद्धासि तूतुजिरा चित्र चित्रिणीष्वा ।

चित्रं कृणोष्युतये ॥ २ ॥

2. *Bhṛmiścidghāsi tūtujirā citra citriṇīṣvā.
Citram kṛṇoṣyūtaye.*

You are ever on the move, harbinger of good, instant promoter, wondrous great in the fighting forces of awful power, and you do wonders in matters of protection and all round human progress.

दध्रेभिश्चिच्छशीयांसं हंसि व्राधन्तमोजसा ।

सखिभिर्ये त्वे सचा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Dabhrebhiścicchaśīyāṁsaṁ haṁsi vrādhanta-
mojasā. Sakhibhirye tve sacā.*

You stand by friends who are dedicated to you even though they be the humblest and few, and with your mighty power and lustre punish the violator of the law and values of Dharma howsoever strong and powerful he be.

वयमिन्द्र त्वे सचा वयं त्वाभि नोनुमः ।

अस्माँअस्माँ इदुदव ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vayamindra tve sachā vayaṁ tvābhi nonumaḥ.
Asmāñ asmāñ idudava.*

Indra, ruler of the world, we are with you, wholly

dedicated in word and deed. We bow to you in obedience, without reserve. Help us all, save us all, protect us all.

स नश्चित्राभिरद्रिवोऽनवद्याभिरूतिभिः ।

अनाध्रष्टाभिरा गहि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa naścitrābhiradrivo'navadyābhirūtibhiḥ.*
Anādhrṣṭābhirā gahi.

Wielder of the thunderbolt of law and justice, come and join us with marvellous, irreproachable, and irresistible modes of defence, protection and promotion.

भूयामो षु त्वावतः सखाय इन्द्र गोमतः ।

युजो वाजाय घृष्वये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Bhūyāmo ṣu tvāvataḥ sakhāya indra gomataḥ.*
Yujo vājāya ghr̥ṣvaye.

Indra, mighty ruler, let us be well protected friends of yours, loyal and dedicated to you, blest with cows and lands, knowledge and culture for the sake of strength and speed of progress to resist and crush the negative forces.

त्वं ह्येक ईशिष इन्द्र वाजस्य गोमतः ।

स नो यन्धि महीमिषम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvaṁ hyeka īśiṣa indra vājasya gomataḥ.*
Sa no yandhi mahīmiṣam.

Indra, you alone rule over power and prosperity and the speed of progress. Pray bring us ample food and energy and the high speed of progress.

न त्वा वरन्ते अन्यथा यद्वित्ससि स्तुतो मघम् ।
स्तोतृभ्य इन्द्र गिर्वणः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Na tvā varante anyathā yadditsasi stuto magham.*
Stotṛbhya indra girvaṇaḥ.

The supplicants do not ask of you anything otherwise since, O lord of power and world's wealth, Indra, praised and celebrated, you liberally grant ample wealth of power and prosperity, honour and excellence to the celebrants and devotees.

अभि त्वा गोतमा गिराऽनूषत प्र दावने ।
इन्द्र वाजाय घृष्वये ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Abhi tvā gotamā girā'nūṣata pra dāvane.*
Indra vājāya ghr̥ṣvaye.

Indra, lord ruler of the world and its wealth and power, the most enlightened scholars and celebrants praise and pray to you in the holiest words for the gift of food and energy, power and progress beyond challenge.

प्र ते वोचाम वीर्यांश्च या मन्दसान आरुजः ।
पुरो दासीरुभीत्य ॥ १० ॥

10. *Pra te vocāma vīryā yā mandasāna ārujaḥ.*
Puro dāsīrabhītya.

Indra, lord of might, joyous and brilliant victor, we sing and celebrate those warlike exploits of yours in which you stormed the fortresses of slavery and broke them open into freedom.

ता ते गृणन्ति वेधसो यानि चक्रथ पौंस्या ।
सुतेष्विन्द्र गिर्वणः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tā te gṛṇanti vedhaso yāni cakartha paumsyā.
Suteṣvindra girvaṇaḥ.*

Indra, lord of victorious might, in those lands which you awakened into the joy of freedom, the celebrants, men of knowledge and wisdom all, sing in praise of you and celebrate those valorous deeds of yours which you performed in there as for your children.

अवीवृधन्त॒ गोत॑मा॒ इन्द्र॒ त्वे स्तोम॑वाहसः ।

ऐषु॑ धा वीरवृ॒द्यशः॑ ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Avīvr̥dhanta gotamā indra tve stomavāhasaḥ.
Aiṣu dhā vīravadyaśaḥ.*

Indra, lord of light and splendour, men of light and wisdom, best of them all, and the singers of song sing in praise of you and exalt your honour and fame. Pray bless them all with honour and excellence worthy of the brave.

यच्चि॒द्धि श॑श्व॒ताम॑सीन्द्र॒ साध॑रा॒णस्त्व॑म् ।

तं त्वा॑ व॒यं ह॑वामहे ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yacciddhi śaśvatāmasīndra sādharmaṇastvam.
Taṁ tvā vayaṁ havāmahe.*

Indra, lord of love and justice, fatherly omnipresence for all, since you are general and universal power of all the eternal presences, equal and universal for all, we invoke and pray to you as the one father figure for our good.

अ॒र्वाची॑नो व॒सो भ॒वाऽस्मे॒ सु म॒त्स्वान्ध॑सः ।

सोम॑ानामिन्द्र॒ सोम॑पाः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Arvācīno vaso bhavā'sme su matsvāndhasaḥ.
Somānāmindra somapāḥ.*

Indra, ancient, eternal and latest and immediate power and presence, haven and home for all, turn to us with divine favours, rejoice with us as guardian of the honour and excellence of humanity, giver and augments of food and freshness of energy and the creator and protector of the joy of life and ecstasy of living.

अस्माकं त्वा मतीनामा स्तोम इन्द्र यच्छतु ।

अर्वागा वर्तया हरी ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Asmākaṁ tvā maṭināmā stoma indra yacchatu.
Arvāgā vartayā harī.*

Indra, may the song of praise and prayer composed by our wise poets rise and reach you, and then, we pray, turn the horses of your chariot hitherward to us.

पुरोळाशं च नो घसौ जोषयासे गिरश्च नः ।

वधूयुरिव योषणाम् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Puroḷāśaṁ ca no ghaso joṣayāse giraśca naḥ.
Vadhūyuriva yoṣaṇām.*

And then taste the delicious sweets of our yajnic hospitality and enjoy the music of our song like a lover cherishing the company of his beloved.

सहस्रं व्यतीनां युक्तानामिन्द्रमीमहे ।

शतं सोमस्य खार्यः ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Sahasraṁ vyatīnaṁ yuktānāmindramīmahe.
Śataṁ somasya khāryaḥ.*

Indra, leader of power, pleasure and excellence, we pray for a thousand top speed generalists and a thousand intensive specialists and a hundred barrels of the soma of national excellence and celebrative joy.

सहस्रा ते शता वयं गवामा च्यावयामसि ।

अस्मत्रा राध एतु ते ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Sahasrā te śatā vayaṁ gavāmā cyāvayāmasi.*
Asmatrā rādha etu te.

Indra, lord of excellence and beneficence, we activate and accelerate a hundred and thousand schemes of development of research and extension of knowledge, enrichment and fertility of lands and improvement of cows, other cattle wealth and milk products, and hope that the wealth and prosperity of your social order would benefit us all.

दश ते कलशानां हिरण्यानामधीमहि ।

भूरिदा असि वृत्रहन् ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Dāśa te kalaśānāṁ hiraṇyānāmādhīmahi.*
Bhūridā asi vṛtrahan.

We study, research and produce tens of jars of liquid gold. Destroyer of ignorance and poverty, you are the giver and creator of unbounded wealth.

भूरिदा भूरि देहि नो मा दध्रं भूर्या भर ।

भूरि घेदिन्द्र दित्ससि ॥ २० ॥

20. *Bhūridā bhūri dehi no mā dabhraṁ bhūryā bhara.*
Bhūri ghedindra ditsasi.

Indra, giver of unbounded wealth, give us immense wealth, withhold not, give us not little, bear

and bring us profuse amounts of wealth. For you give and wish to give nothing less than immensity.

भृ॒रि॒दा ह्य॒सि॒ श्रु॒तः पु॒रु॒त्रा शू॒र वृ॒त्रहन् ।

आ नो॑ भज॒स्व रा॒ध॒सि ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Bhūridā hyasi śrutah purutrā śūra vṛtrahan.*
Ā no bhajasva rādhasi.

Indra, destroyer of want and darkness, for sure you are the giver of immensity. Brave and magnificent, you command universal fame and glory. Come, we pray, bless us, you are the giver of success and glory.

प्र ते॑ ब॒भू वि॒चक्ष॑ण॒ शंस॑मि गो॒षणो॑ नपात् ।

मा॒भ्यां गा॒ अनु॑ शि॒श्रथः॑ ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Pra te babhrū vicakṣaṇa śamsāmi goṣaṇo napāt.*
Mābhyām gā anu śīśrathah.

Lord of omniscience and the universal eye, giver of the Divine Word and the earth and her wealth, power and presence imperishable, I praise and celebrate your divine agencies that bear and bring us the wealth of life. Let these divinities keep it up, and allow not the earths and inspirations to slacken.

क॒नी॒नके॒व वि॒द्र॒धे न॒वे द्रु॒प॒दे अ॒र्भ॒के ।

ब॒भू या॒मे॒षु शो॒भ॒ते ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Kanīnakeva vidradhe nave drupade arbhake.*
Babhrū yāmeṣu śobhete.

Like the two pupils of the eyes, overly strong and lasting, ever new, ever cherished and subtle divine harbingers of the truth, goodness and beauty of existence, let nature's complementaries ever shine

blissfully in the hours of human yajna.

अरं म उस्त्रयाप्णेऽरमनुस्त्रयाप्णे । बभ्रू यामेष्वास्त्रिधा ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Araṁ ma usrayāmṇe'ramanusrayāmṇe.*
Babhrū yāmeṣvasridhā.

May the waves of divine energy, instant, constant and never failing, never hurtful, travelling in the day and in the night, to the upper solstice and the nether solstice, be ever blissful to me in the hours of yajnic life.

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Rbhavah Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

प्र ऋभुभ्यो दूतमिव वाचमिष्य उपस्तिरे श्वैतरीं धेनुमीळे ।
ये वार्तजूतास्तरणिभिरेवैः परि द्यां सद्यो अपसौ बभ्रुवुः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra ṛbhubhyo dūtamiva vācamīṣya upastire śvaitarīm dhenumīḷe. Ye vātajūtāstaraṇibhire-vaiḥ pari dyām sadyo apaso babhūvuh.*

I send up my words to the Rbhus, scientists, as a messenger, in order that they be broadcast around, and I hope that they would be converted into a subtle, clearer and more powerful message—words which, carried up by currents of energy by their own floating vibrations, immediately rise to the upper layers of space and become acts of nature to come back in the finer form I want.

यदारमक्रन्नुभवः पितृभ्यां परिविष्टी वेषणां दंसनाभिः ।
आदिदेवानामुप सख्यमायन्धीरासः पुष्टिमवहन्मनायै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yadāramakrannṛbhavaḥ pitṛbhyām pariviṣṭī veṣaṇā daṁsanābhiḥ. Ādiddevānāmupa sakhyamāyan dhīrāsaḥ puṣṭimavahan manāyai.*

When the Rbhus, sages and scientists, through service and action, receive instruction from parents and teachers, and have done enough to their own satisfaction and satisfaction of the seniors, they graduate to join the fraternity of the enlightened, and then, constant in study and meditation, bring about maturity and fullness of mind and spirit for independent work.

पुनर्ये चक्रुः पितरा युवानां सना यूपेव जर्णा शयाना । ते
वाजो विभ्वौ ऋभुरिन्द्रवन्तो मधुप्सरसो नोऽवन्तु
यज्ञम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Punarye cakruḥ pitarā yuvānā sanā yūpeva jaraṇā śayānā. Te vājo vibhvāñ ṛbhurindra-vanto madhupsaraso no'vantu yajñam.*

And then they, the Rbhus, who, with their knowledge and dedicated service, rejuvenate their parents and senior generation grown old, nerveless and almost lying like a broken pillar, and bring them back to their youthful time, thus keeping the tradition young and alive: may they, vigorous geniuses, far reaching in imagination, marvellous in invention, mighty and majestic in achievement, and brilliant and blissful in conduct, come to our yajna of science and research, protect us and promote our progress and advancement far ahead.

यत्संवत्समृभवो गामरक्षन्वत्संवत्समृभवो मा अपिंशन् ।
यत्संवत्समभरन्भासो अस्यास्ताभिः शमीभिरमृतत्व-
माशुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yat samvatsamṛbhavo gāmarakṣan yat samvatsamṛbhavo mā apimśan. Yat samvatsama-bharan bhāso asyāstābhiḥ śamībhir-amṛtatva-māśuḥ.*

The Rbhus, sages and scholars of genius and knowledge, bold and blissful, who protect the cow, mother knowledge and the speech of knowledge, and also the mother earth like nursing a holy child, those who serve the mother tradition and rejuvenate and strengthen every part of its body like a darling love, who bring new vigour and new lights to its body of science and knowledge, they, the Rbhus, attain to immortality in the living history of the advancement of human civilisation by these noble acts of holiness.

ज्येष्ठ आह चमुसा द्वा करेति कनीयान्त्रीन्कृणवामेत्याह ।

कनिष्ठ आह चतुरस्करेति त्वष्ट ऋभवस्तत्पनयद्वचो वः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Jyeṣṭha āha camasā dvā kareti kaṇīyān trīn kṛṇavāmetyāha. Kaniṣṭha āha caturaskareti tvaṣṭa ṛbhavastat panayad vaco vah.*

The eldest of the Rbhus says: Let us make two cups for the drink of soma for the celebration of life's enlightenment. The younger, more brilliant, says: Let us make three. The youngest, most brilliant, says: Let us make four. Tvashta, the teacher, universal lord maker of forms, O Rbhus, honours and praises these words of yours. (Thus knowledge, science and technology grows from one generation of scholars to another.)

The four cups of life may be interpreted as Dharma, righteousness, artha, material goods, 'kama', material and mental fulfilment, and Moksha, ultimate purpose of living and ultimate freedom.

सत्यमूचुर्न एवा हि चक्रुर्नु स्वधामृभवो जग्मुरेताम् ।

विभ्राजमानाश्चमसाँ अहेवाऽवेनत्त्वष्टी चतुरो ददृश्वान् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Satyamūcurnara evā hi cakruranu svadhām-
rbhavo jagmuretām. Vibhrājamānāmścamasāñ
ahevā'venattvaṣṭā caturo dadṛśvān.*

The Rbhus, brave and blessed, speak true what they speak, then they accomplish what they say, and then they achieve this reward of their action. Tvashta, the divine maker, wise and all-seeing eye of the world, who sees the Rbhus' cups of life shining as daylight sees them, loves them and blesses the makers. Thus should men do in life.

द्वादश द्यून् यदगोह्यस्याऽऽतिथ्ये रणन्नृभवः ससन्तः । सुक्षेत्रा-
कृण्वन्ननयन्त सिन्धून् धन्वातिष्ठन्नोषधीर्निम्नमापः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Dvādaśa dyūn yadagohyasyā''tithye raṇann-
rbhavaḥ sasantah. Sukṣetrākṛṇvannanayanta
sindhūn dhanvātiṣṭhann-oṣadhīr-nimnamāpah.*

When the scholars and sages of the science of yajna remain on holiday for twelve days in the years, resting and refreshing themselves, enjoying the hospitality of a prominent host, then the sky is overcast, the showers pour, fields are made fertile, the rivers flow and vegetation grows on barren lands, (and this by rain yajna).

रथं ये चक्रुः सुवृतं नरेष्ठां ये धेनुं विश्वजुवं विश्वरूपाम् । त
आ तक्षन्तृभवो रयिं नः स्ववसः स्वर्षसः सुहस्ताः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ratham ye cakruḥ suvṛtaṁ nareṣṭhām ye dhenum
viśvajuvam viśvarupām. Ta ā takṣantvrbhavo
rayim naḥ svavasah svapasah suhastāḥ.*

The Rbhus, who design and manufacture a strong built chariot for people to travel by, create a

universal language of universal knowledge for the world prevailing all over the world. May they create universal wealth for us all — heroes of noble action, noble protection, and dexterous of hand as they are.

अपो ह्येषामजुषन्त देवा अभि क्रत्वा मनसा दीध्यानाः ।
वाजो देवानामभवत्सुकर्मेन्द्रस्य ऋभुक्षा वरुणस्य
विभ्वा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Apo hyeṣāmajuṣanta devā abhi kratvā manasā dīdhyānāḥ. Vājo devānāmabhavat sukarmendraśya ṛbhukṣā varuṇasya vibhvā.*

The wonderful acts and products of these Rbhus, exceptional scientists, later, the younger intellectuals, themselves brilliant with their mind and work, honour and apply for further development: thus the food and energy becomes the favourite input for the 'devas', following researchers, for higher outputs of finer food and energy, the powerful thunderbolt becomes the arm for Indra, ruler and defender, and the extensive waves of subtle transmission become the perceptive and active agencies of Varuna, the presiding power.

ये हरी मेधयोक्था मदन्त इन्द्राय चक्रुः सुयुजा ये अश्वी ।
ते रायस्पोषं द्रविणान्यस्मे धत्त ऋभवः क्षेमयन्तो न
मित्रम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ye harī medhayokthā madanta indrāya cakruḥ suyujā ye aśvā. Te rāyaspoṣaṁ draviṇānyasme dhatta ṛbhavaḥ kṣemayanto na mitram.*

The Rbhus, holy thinkers, creators and makers, who, using their intellect and imagination and rejoicing with the revelations of the chants of sacred verses, create

the circuit of energies, produce the motive powers, and construct the chariot for Indra, ruler and the nation, may, we pray, bring us health and nourishment and wealth and build permanent assets for us as protective and promotive friends doing good to friends.

इ॒दा॒हः पी॒तिमु॒त वो॒ मदं॑ धु॒र्न ऋ॒ते श्रान्त॑स्य स॒ख्याय॑
दे॒वाः । ते नून॑म॒स्मे ऋ॒भवो॑ वसू॒नि तृती॑ये अ॒स्मिन्त्सव॑ने
दधा॒त ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Idāhnaḥ pītimuta vo madam dhurna ṛte śrāntasya sakhyāya devāḥ. Te nūnamasme ṛbhavo vasūni tṛṭīye asmintsavane dadhāta.*

O Rbhus, noble creators and makers, today the holy men bring you soma to celebrate and enjoy. The divines favour not the slothfuls, they extend no hand of friendship unless you are tested in the crucibles of hard work and self sacrifice. May the Rbhus bring us, in truth, the wealths of life in the third session of yajna.

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Rbhavah Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

ऋ॒भुर्वि॒भ्वा वा॒ज इन्द्रो॑ नो अ॒च्छेम॑ य॒ज्ञं रत्न॑धेयोप॒ यात॑ ।
इ॒दा हि वो॑ धि॒षणा॑ दे॒व्यह्ना॑म॒धात्पी॑तिं सं म॒दा अ॒ग्मता॑
वः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Rbhurvibhvā vāja indro no acchemam yajñam ratnadheyopa yāta. Idā hi vo dhiṣaṇā devyahnā-madhāt pītiṁ sam madā agmatā vah.*

Rbhu, the technologist, Vibhva, specialist of natural energy, Vaja, specialist of food and vitality, and Indra, specialist of electricity and power, all harbingers

of the jewels of wealth, may come and grace this science yajna of ours. Today, the divinity of intelligence brings you the nectar of joy and celebration of success for a drink. May the joy of the occasion inspire you.

विद्वानासो जन्मनो वाजरत्ना उत ऋतुभिर्ऋभवो मादयध्वम् ।
सं वो मदा अगमत् सं पुरन्धिः सुवीरामस्मे रयिमेरयध्वम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vidānāso janmano vājaratnā uta ṛtubhirṛbhavo mādayadhvam. Saṁ vo madā agmata saṁ purandhiḥ suvīrāmasme rayimerayadhvam.*

O Rbhus, blest from your very birth with the love of knowledge, commanding knowledge and the power of knowledge, work and rejoice with the scholars according to the seasons. May the peace and pleasure of life reach you, may divine intelligence and the ruling powers of the world with munificence bless you. And may you, for our sake, arouse the wealth of the nations, brave citizens and the coming generations.

अयं वो यज्ञ ऋभवोऽ कारि यमा मनुष्वत्प्रदिवो दधिध्वे ।
प्र वोऽच्छा जुजुषाणासो अस्थुरभूत् विश्वे अग्रियोत
वाजाः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ayaṁ vo yajña ṛbhavo'kāri yamā manuṣvat-pradivo dadhidhve. Pra vo'cchā jujuṣāṇāso asthurabhuta viśve agriyota vājāḥ.*

O Rbhus, this yajna is enacted for you which, come and take over like the best of men inspired with the bright light of knowledge and expertise. Friends and devotees would stand by you, and you would be the front leaders of the world at the speed of winds.

अभूदु वो विधते रत्नधेयमिदा नरो दाशुषे मर्त्यीय ।

पिबत वाजा ऋभवो ददे वो महि तृतीयं सर्वनं मदाय ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Abhūdu vo vidhate ratnadheyamidā naro dāśuṣe martyāya. Pibata vājā ṛbhavo dade vo mahi trītiyam savanam madāya.*

O Rbhus, leaders of humanity, may the yajna of yours be a source of jewel wealth for the common man, for the generous giver and for the organiser and sustainer of the programme. O leaders and pioneers of the speed of winds, carry on with joy, let all enjoy the fruits. I dedicate the final session of the yajna to the ecstatic joy of you all.

आ वाजा यातोष न ऋभुक्षा मुहो नरो द्रविणसो गृणाणाः ।

आ वः पीतयोऽभिपित्वे अह्नामिमा अस्तं नवस्वइव
ग्मन् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā vājā yātopa na ṛbhukṣā maho naro draviṇaso grṇānāḥ. Ā vaḥ pītayo bhipitve ahnāmimā astam navasva iva gman.*

Come, O potent, brilliant and great Rbhus, best of the leaders of men, commanding the wealth and knowledge of the world, praised and celebrated, come as a rising glowing youth comes home at the end of the day, and may these exhilarating drinks offered to you delight you.

आ नपातः शवसो यातनोपेमं यज्ञं नर्मसा हूयमानाः ।

सजोषसः सूरयो यस्य च स्थ मध्वः पात रत्नधा इन्द्र-
वन्तः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā napātaḥ śavaso yātanopemam yajñam narmasā hūyamānāḥ. Sajoṣasaḥ sūrayo yasya ca stha madhvaḥ pāta ratnadhā indravantaḥ.*

Rbhus, strong, imperishable heroes and leaders of science and knowledge, invoked and invited with reverence, come and join this yajnic programme of development and production. Loved and loving, eminent scholars, commanding wealth, honour and power, come and accept the delicious treat of the host and protect and promote the good fortune of the community.

सृजोषा इन्द्र वरुणेन सोमं सृजोषाः पाहिर्गिर्वणो मरुद्भिः ।
अग्रेपाभिर्ऋतुपाभिः सृजोषा ग्रास्यत्नीभी रत्नधाभिः
सृजोषाः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sajoṣā indra varuṇena somam sajoṣāḥ pāhi girvaṇo marudbhiḥ. Agrepābhirṛtupābhiḥ sajoṣā gnāspatnībhiḥ ratnadhābhiḥ sajoṣāḥ.*

Loved and loving Indra, lord of power and honour, come, share and promote the joy of the soma celebration of honour with Varuna, men of high endeavour and success. Loving friend, praised and celebrated, come, celebrate with the Rudras, people of justice and rectitude in the land, and protect and promote their honour and prestige. Loving, joining, socialising and celebrating with the leading pioneers, planning guardians of the nation according to the change of seasons, wedded couples, households and trustees of the jewel wealth of the land, protect and promote the honour and excellence of life with soma celebrations of joy.

सृजोषस आदित्यैर्मदीदयध्वं सृजोषस ऋभवः पर्वतेभिः ।
सृजोषसो दैव्येना सवित्रा सृजोषसः सिन्धुभी रत्नधेभिः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sajoṣasa ādityairmādayadhvam sajoṣasa ṛbhavaḥ parvatebhiḥ. Sajoṣaso daivyenā savitrā sajoṣasaḥ sindhubhiḥ ratnadhebhiḥ.*

O Rbhus, scientists and intellectuals, create joy and rejoice: Rejoice with the Adityas, scholars of the top order of brilliance in accord with the various phases of the sun, rejoice in harmony with the clouds and the mountains, rejoice together with the divine energy of nature and the life-sustaining light of the sun, and rejoice in confluence with the flowing rivers and the rolling seas and the treasures of the jewel wealth of nature, and share the joy with us too.

ये अश्विना ये पितरा य ऊती धेनुं ततक्षुर्ऋभवो ये अश्वी ।
ये अंसत्रा य ऋधग्रोदसी ये विभवो नरः स्वपत्यानि
चक्रुः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ye áśvinā ye pitarā ya ūtī dhenum tataksur-
rbhavo ye áśvā. Ye aṁsatrā ya ṛdhagrodaśī ye
vibhvo naraḥ svapatyāni cakruḥ.*

Who are the Rbhus? Those who create and activate complementary circuits of energies, who serve the parents and sustain and rejuvenate health anew, who provide protection and promotion, who refine and extend knowledge and the language of knowledge, develop cattle wealth and renew the earth resources, who design and structure fast modes of travel and communication, who design and construct armour against external attacks, who cross the globe unto the sky and space and who command universal knowledge: pioneers and leaders of the best of men who can raise, train and organise a noble younger generation.

ये गोमन्तं वाजवन्तं सुवीरं रयिं धृत्य वसुमन्तं पुरुक्षुम् ।
ते अग्रेषा ऋभवो मन्दसाना अस्मे धत्त ये च रातिं
गृणन्ति ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ye gomantaṁ vājavantaṁ suvīraṁ rayiṁ dhattha vasumantaṁ purukṣum. Te agrepā ṛbhavo mandasānā asme dhatta ye ca rātiṁ grṇanti.*

Those who create, bear and bring life's wealth full of cows and horses, food and energy, knowledge and speed of progress, all round prosperity, all round sustenance and security, and a brave new generation, and who create, praise and celebrate all such wealth of the world, such Rbhus, heroic scholars, leaders and pioneers, happy creators of joy, may bear and bring such wealth, honour and prosperity for us.

नापाभूत न वोऽतीतृषामाऽनिः शस्ता ऋभवो यज्ञे अस्मिन् ।
समिन्द्रेण मदथ सं मरुद्भिः सं राजर्भी रत्नधेयाय देवाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nāpābhūta na vo 'tīṭṛṣāmā' niḥśastā ṛbhavo yajñe asmin. Samindreṇa madatha saṁ marudbhiḥ saṁ rājabhī ratnadheyāya devāḥ.*

O Rbhus, never go away, never feel depreciated, never depressed. We shall never let you feel deprived, never thirsty for anything, you will ever feel praised and appreciated in this yajnic programme of creative life. Rejoice with Indra, ruler and commander of honour and power, rejoice with the Maruts, dynamic youthful citizens, and with the brilliant ruling leaders, O generous and refulgent creators of joy and prosperity, rejoice for the creation of the jewels of life's beauty more and ever more.

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इहोप यात शवसो नपातः सौधन्वना ऋभवो मापं भूत ।
अस्मिन्हि वः सर्वने रत्नधेयं गमन्त्विन्द्रमनु वो मदासः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ihopa yāta śavaso napātaḥ saudhanvanā
rbhavo māpa bhūta. Asmin hi vaḥ savane
ratnadheyam gamantvindramanu vo madāsaḥ.*

O Rbhus, mighty strong, imperishable warriors of the bow, come here close to us, do not stay away, never feel dispraised. In this yajna enacted for you, let the honour and joy of creation and celebration be as much for you as for Indra, resplendent lord giver of wealth.

आगन्तृभूणामिह रत्नधेयमभूत्सोमस्य सुषुतस्य पीतिः ।

सुकृत्या यत्स्वपस्यया चैकं विक्र चमसं चतुर्धा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Āgannrbhūnāmiha ratnadheyam-abhūtsomasya
suśutasya pītiḥ. Sukṛtyayā yatsvapasyayā caṁ
ekam vicakra camasaṁ caturdhā.*

Let the jewel wealth of the Rbhus' performance come and let the joy of the soma success distilled from nature be here for the people to share who deserve the prize, since with their admirable action and brilliant intelligence and will they have designed and manufactured one chariot fourfold in performance.

व्यकृणोत चमसं चतुर्धा सखे वि शिक्षेत्यब्रवीत । अथैत

वाजा अमृतस्य पन्थां गुणं देवानामृभवः सुहस्ताः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vyakṛṇota camasaṁ caturdhā sakhe vi śikṣet-
yabravīta. Athaita vājā amṛtasya panthām gaṇam
devānāmrbhavaḥ suhastāḥ.*

You develop the cup of life to fourfold success of completion and perfection: Dharma, artha (material development), kama (self-fulfilment), and Moksha (ultimate freedom). O friend, teach and say: This is it,

this is the art of living. And then, O eminent scholars, dynamic scientists, dexterous technologists, join the fraternity of divines and move on to the path of immortality.

किंमयः स्विच्चमस एष आसु यं काव्येन चतुरो विचक्र ।
अथा सुनुध्वं सवनं मदाय पात ऋभवो मधुनः सोम्य-
स्य ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kimmayah sviccamasa eṣa āsa yaṁ kāvyena caturō vicakra. Athā sunudhvaṁ savanaṁ madā-ya pāta ṛbhavo madhunaḥ somyasya.*

What in truth is this cup of life which, with your wisdom, you analyse, specify and realise as four-in-one? O sages of vision and imagination, distil the soma-essence of it for the joy of life and drink as well as protect and promote the nectar sweet of honey.

शच्याकर्त पितरा युवाना शच्याकर्त चमसं देवपानम् ।
शच्या हरी धनुतरावतष्टेन्द्रवाहवृभवो वाजरत्नाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Śacyākarta pitarā yuvānā śacyākarta camasaṁ devapānam. Śacyā harī dhanutarāvataṣṭendra-vāhāvṛbhavo vājaratnāḥ.*

O Rbhus, with your truth of knowledge and holy science, you rejuvenate your parents to youthful health. With truth of vision and imagination, you reveal the fourfold cup of life's beauty and joy for the drink of divinities. With your truth of science and technology you create the power and construct the chariot faster than bullet speed for the ride of Indra, world's presiding power of rule and law. You are really the master creators and controllers of the speed and jewels of life on earth.

यो वः सुनोत्यभिपित्वे अह्नां तीव्रं वाजासुः सर्वान् मदाय ।

तस्मै रयिमृभवः सर्ववीरमा तक्षत वृषणो मन्दसानाः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yo vaḥ sunotyabhipitve ahnām tīvraṁ vājāsaḥ savanaṁ madāya. Tasmai rayimṛbhavaḥ sarva-vīramā takṣata vṛṣaṇo mandasānāḥ.*

Whoever for you distils at the end of the day the exciting soma juice of the beauty and joy of life for the celebration of the holiness of existence, for him, O Rbhus, thinkers and wonder workers of the speed of winds, generous as showers from the clouds, spirits of ecstasy, create and give the wealth of an all round brave progeny for times to come.

प्रातः सुतमपिबो हर्यश्व माध्यन्दिनं सर्वान् केवलं ते ।
समृभुभिः पिबस्व रत्नधेभिः सखीर्यां इन्द्र चकृषे
सुकृत्या ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Prātaḥ sutamapibo haryaśva mādhyandināṁ savanaṁ kevalaṁ te. Samṛbhubhiḥ pibasva ratnadhebhiḥ sakhīṁ yāṁ indra cakṛṣe sukrtyā.*

Indra, world ruler of honour and majesty, rider of the chariot of sun rays, drink the soma distilled in the morning. Drink the soma distilled at midday only for you. Drink with the Rbhus, men of science and wisdom, creators of the jewels of wealth, whom you have drafted as friends by your noble action.

ये देवासो अभवता सुकृत्या श्येनाइवेदधिं दिवि निषेद ।

ते रत्नं धात शवसो नपातः सौधन्वना अभवतामृतासः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ye devāso abhavatā sukrtyā śyenā ivedadhi divi niṣeda. Te ratnaṁ dhāta śavaso napātaḥ saudhan-vanā abhavatāmṛtāsaḥ.*

The Rbhus who rise to divine virtues by noble actions and, like the eagle, soar to the skies, create and bestow jewels of life on others and, bold and courageous, infallible and imperishable warriors of the bow, they rise on and become immortal.

यत्तृतीयं सर्वं रत्नधेयमकृणुध्वं स्वपस्या सुहस्ताः । तद्भवः
परिषिक्तं व एतत्सं मदैभिरिन्द्रियेभिः पिबध्वम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yat tṛtīyaṁ savanaṁ ratnadheyam-akṛṇudhvaṁ svapasyā suhastāḥ. Tadrbhavaḥ pariṣiktaṁ va etat saṁ madebhirindr-iyebhiḥ pibadhvam.*

O Rbhus, generous at heart and dexterous of hand, the third yajnic session and creation of soma replete with the jewel wealth of life's essence which you have accomplished with your noble action, that nectar sweet of soma seasoned and reinforced is here for you. Drink it with the exciting pleasure of your senses, mind and soul.

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Rbhavaḥ Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

अ॒न॒श्वो जा॒तो अ॒न॒भी॒शु॒रु॒क्थ्यो॒रु॒ रथ॑स्त्रि॒चक्रः॑ परि॒ वर्त॑ते
रजः॑ । म॒हत्त॒द्वो दे॒व्यस्य॑ प्र॒वाच॑नं द्यामृ॒भवः॑ पृथि॒वीं यच्च॑
पुष्य॑थ ॥ ९ ॥

1. *Anaśvo jāto anabhīśurukthyo rathastricakraḥ pari vartate rajah. Mahattadvo devyasya pravācanam dyāmrbhavaḥ pṛthivīm yacca puṣyatha.*

O Rbhus, divine engineers of superhuman order, that admirable three wheel, three engine, three stage chariot of yours, powered without horse, controlled

without reins, created as your grand realisation of the divine formula, goes round and round over the earth, across the skies unto the regions of space without erring, and the same you control and feed.

रथं ये चक्रुः सुवृतं सुचेतसोऽ विह्वरन्तं मनसस्परि ध्यया ।
ताँ ऊ न्वस्य सर्वनस्य पीतय आ वो वाजा ऋभवो
वेदयामसि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ratham ye cakruḥ suvṛtaṁ sucetaso'vihvarantaṁ manasaspari dhyayā. Tāñ ū nvasya savanasya pītaya ā vo vājā ṛbhavo vedayāmasi.*

Those Rbhus, scientists and engineers of exceptional genius, alert of mind and vision, who created the well structured, well controlled unerring chariot with their thought, imagination and meditation beyond the mind, we recognise and invite to this soma session of scientific yajna for the order of national honour.

तद्वो वाजा ऋभवः सुप्रवाचनं देवेषु विभवो अभवन्म-
हित्वनम् । जिर्वी यत्सन्ता पितरा सनाजुरा पुनर्युवाना
चरथाय तक्षथ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tadvo vājā ṛbhavaḥ supravācanaṁ deveṣu vibhvo abhavanmahitvanam. Jivṛī yatsantā pitarā sanājurā punaryuvānā carathāya takṣatha.*

O Rbhus, fast and imaginative scientists and engineers universally recognised and honoured, that practical realisation of yours of the divine word and formula becomes a great news for the brilliant leaders and scholars, since by that you rejuvenate the parental ancestors old and worn out for long and equip them with new life and energy of youth to go about and

onward in time.

एकं वि चक्र चमसं चतुर्वयं निश्चर्मणो गामरिणीत
धीतिभिः । अथा देवेष्वमृतत्वमानश श्रुष्टी वाजा ऋभवस्तद्व
उक्थ्यम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ekaṁ vi cakra camasaṁ caturvayaṁ niścarmaṇo
gāmarinīta dhitibhiḥ. Athā deveṣvamṛtatvamā-
naśa śruṣṭī vājā ṛbhavas-tadva ukthyam.*

You develop one cup of soma into four, make one versatile chariot into fourfold efficiency, and reclaim and develop barren and eroded land back to fertility with your thought and imagination, and thus immediately you attain to a status of immortality among the divine benefactors of humanity. Rbhus of world fame and high speed of action, such achievement of yours is admirable.

ऋभुतो रयिः प्रथमश्रवस्तमो वाजश्रुतासो यमजीजनन्नरः ।
विभ्वतष्टो विदथेषु प्रवाच्यो यं देवासोऽवथा स
विचर्षणिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Rbhuto rayiḥ prathamaśravastamo vājaśrutāso
yamañjanannaraḥ. Vibhvataṣṭo vidatheṣu pra-
vācyo yaṁ devāso'vathā sa vicarṣaṇiḥ.*

The wealth most meritorious, received through the Rbhus, that which is created by the most famous and dynamic leaders, that which is created by the world famous Rbhus themselves, the person wide awake and perceptive whom the wise and generous divinities protect and promote: this is worthy of honour and celebration at public assemblies.

स वाज्यर्वा स ऋषिर्वचस्यया स शूरो अस्ता पृतनासु दुष्टरः ।
स रायस्पोषं स सुवीर्यं दधे यं वाजो विभ्वौ ऋभवो
यमाविषुः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa vājyārvā sa ṛṣirvacasyayā sa śūro astā pṛtanāsu duṣṭarah. Sa rāyaspoṣaṁ sa suvīryaṁ dadhe yaṁ vājo vibhvāu ṛbhavo yamāviṣuḥ.*

He is the hero, he is the pioneer, he is the visionary prophet by eloquence, he is the brave, he is the warrior, unchallengeable in battle contests, he wins health and wealth, and he wins strength and prowess whom the Rbhus, world heroes of the speed of winds, protect and patronise.

श्रेष्ठं वः पेशो अधि धायि दर्शतं स्तोमो वाजा ऋभवस्तं
जुजुष्टन । धीरांसो हि ष्ठा कवयो विपश्चितस्तान्व एना
ब्रह्मणा वेदयामसि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Śreṣṭhaṁ vaḥ peśo adhi dhāyi darśataṁ stomo vājā ṛbhavastaṁ jujuṣṭana. Dhīrāso hi ṣṭhā kavayo vipaścitastān va enā brahmaṇā veda-yāmasi.*

Most distinguished and elevating is the form and position held by you, Rbhus, masters of art and science and pioneers of progress. Accept and appreciate the song of celebration. Stay constant, poets and visionaries, scholars of high wisdom. Such we recognise and honour you by this holy song of praise.

यूयमस्मभ्यं धिषणाभ्यस्परि विद्वांसो विश्वा नयीणि
भोजना । द्युमन्तं वाजं वृषशुष्ममुत्तममा नो रयिर्मभवस्तक्षता
वयः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yūyamasmabhyaṃ dhiśaṇābhyaspari vidvāṃso viśvā naryāṇi bhojanā. Dyumantaṃ vājaṃ vṛṣaśuṣmamuttamamā no rayimṛbhavastakṣatā vayah.*

O Rbhus, scholars and scientists of high order, with your knowledge, art and wisdom, create and provide for us the food, energy and modes of care and comfort we need for the sustenance of humanity. Create and bring us the light of science and progress of technology, strength and power coupled with generosity, highest form of life's wealth and health and age.

इह प्रजामिह रयिं रराणा इह श्रवो वीरवत्तक्षता नः ।

येन वयं चितयेमात्यन्यान्तं वाजं चित्रमृभवो ददा नः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Iha prajāmiha rayim rarāṇā iha śravo vīravattakṣatā naḥ. Yena vayaṃ citayemātyanyān taṃ vājaṃ citramṛbhavo dadā naḥ.*

Happy, joyous and generous, O Rbhus, create and prepare for us here a noble progeny and a prosperous nation, create wealth here, food, knowledge and honour worthy of the brave here itself by which we may enlighten others too full well. O scholars of science and wisdom, give us that wonderful art and knowledge and all round progress.

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Rbhavah Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

उप नो वाजा अध्वरमृभुक्षा देवा यात पथिभिर्देवयानैः ।
यथा यज्ञं मनुषो विक्ष्वाइसु दधिध्वे रण्वाः सुदिनेष्व-
हाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Upa no vājā adhvaramṛbhukṣā devā yāta pathi-bhirdevayānaiḥ. Yathā yajñam manuṣo vikṣvāsu dadhidhve raṇvāḥ sudineṣvahnām.*

O generous Rbhus, brilliant sages, eminent scholars and leaders of science and progress, come and grace our yajnic programme of non-violent development, come by the paths of divinity so that, happy and joyous, you may take over the humanistic project of the people in these happy days of the season.

ते वो हृदे मनसे सन्तु यज्ञा जुष्टासो अद्य घृतनिर्णिजो
गुः । प्र वः सुतासो हरयन्त पूर्णाः क्रत्वे दक्षाय हर्षयन्त
पीताः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Te vo hr̥de manase santu yajñā juṣṭāso adya ghr̥tanirñijo guḥ. Pra vaḥ sutāso harayanta pūrñāḥ kratve dakṣāya harṣayanta pītāḥ.*

May those yajnic projects of yours for the creation of happiness and prosperity be satisfying and delightful to your heart and mind, and may the fruits of yajnas served by holy men and fed with ghr̥ta flow to you with fragrance. May the soma cups of joy full to the brim enrapture you and, drunk to the leas, excite and exhilarate you to your best performance.

त्र्युदायं देवहितं यथा वः स्तोमो वाजा ऋभुक्षणो ददे वः ।
जुह्वे मनुष्वदुपरसु विक्षु युष्मे सचा बृहद्विवेषु सोमम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tryudāyaṁ devahitaṁ yathā vaḥ stomo vājā ṛbhukṣaṇo dade vaḥ. Juhve manuṣvaduparāsu vikṣu yuṣme sacā br̥haddiveṣu somam.*

Rbhus, eminent scholars and miraculous makers, as your threefold gift of science, technology

and wealth of power and excellence for the highest of people is a source of bliss and comfort, so do I as one among the same people high and low, dedicated to the vast divinities, offer you the treat of soma, best of wealth and joy as gift, in truth of thought, word and deed, offering loved by the noblest divine souls, the Rbhus.

पीवोअश्वाः शुचद्रथा हि भूताऽयःशिप्रा वाजिनः सुनिष्काः ।
इन्द्रस्य सूनो शवसो नपातोऽ नु वश्चेत्यग्रियं मदाय ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pīvo aśvāḥ śucadrathā hi bhūtā'yaḥśiprā vājinaḥ
suniṣkāḥ. Indrasya sūno śavaso napāto 'nu vaśce-
tyagriyaṁ madāya.*

O Rbhus, commanding mighty horse power, riding brilliant chariots, clad in corselets of steel, be golden great, tempestuous as winds. Consequently, O children of Indra, universal energy, unassailable images of strength and power, for your joy and celebration, the first and foremost tribute of soma yajna is selected and offered.

ऋभुर्भुक्ष्णो रयिं वाजे वाजिन्तमं युजम् ।
इन्द्रस्वन्तं हवामहे सदासातममश्विनम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Rbhumṛbhukṣaṇo rayiṁ vāje vājintamaṁ yujam.
Indrasvantamaṁ havāmahe sadāsātamama-
śvinam.*

O Rbhus, in the struggle of life we invoke and call upon the wonder visionary man of art and science, wealth of all kinds, most heroic warrior, cooperative ally, most powerful leader, and furious fighting force ever dependable, inalienable. (That is the Rbhu we want.)

सेदृभवो यमवथ यूयमिन्द्रश्च मर्त्यम् ।

स धीभिरस्तु सनिता मेधसाता सो अर्वता ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sedrbhavo yamavatha yūyamindraśca martyam.
Sa dhībhirastu sanitā medhasātā so arvatā.*

O Rbhus, visionaries of science, power and action, whoever the man you and the ruler, Indra, protect and promote, would be the man of dedication and discrimination with actions and intelligence, an admirable ally in the business of life with the fastest modes of movement and progress.

वि नो वाजा ऋभुक्षणः पथश्चितन यष्टवे ।

अस्मभ्यं सूरयः स्तुता विश्वा आशास्तरिषणि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi no vājā ṛbhukṣaṇaḥ pathaścitana yaṣṭave.
Asmabhyaṁ sūrayaḥ stutā viśvā āśāstarīṣaṇi.*

O Rbhus, visionaries and craftsmen of the art and science of life, leaders of the speed of winds, teachers and pioneers bright and brave, open and reveal for us our paths of progress in our yajna of corporate living. We rightfully admire you and humbly pray to you so that we may realise all our hopes and ambitions and ultimately cross the ocean of life.

तं नो वाजा ऋभुक्षण इन्द्र नासत्या रयिम् ।

समश्वं चर्षणिभ्य आ पुरु शस्त मघत्तये ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tam no vājā ṛbhukṣaṇa indra nāsatyā rayim.
Samaśvaṁ carṣaṇibhya ā puru śasta maghattaye.*

O Rbhus, leaders and pioneers of vision and progress, O lord ruler of the world, Indra, never failing, ever true, teach us, give us that order of wealth and

speedy progress with power and horse which leads the people to honour and prosperity in life to the full.

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*Dyavaprthivi, Dadhikra Devata, Vamadeva
Gautama Rshi*

उतो हि वां दात्रा सन्ति पूर्वा या पूरुभ्यस्त्रसदस्युर्नितोशे ।
क्षेत्रासां ददथुरुर्वरासां घनं दस्युभ्यो अभिभूतिमुग्रम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Uto hi vām dātrā santi pūrvā yā pūrubhyastra-
sadasyurnitośe. Kṣetrāsām dadathururvarāsām
ghanam dasyubhyo abhibhūtimugram.*

O heaven and earth, ruler and commander, generous givers, whatever the gifts of munificence earlier than the earliest for the many recipients, they are all yours: whether they are gifts of fields and fertile lands with generous grants or, as terror for the wicked, you give to the evil doer the crushing bolt and intense fall from grace.

उत वाजिनं पुरुनिषिध्वानं दधिक्रामु ददथुर्विश्वकृष्टिम् ।
ऋजिप्यं श्येनं प्रुषितप्सुमाशुं चकृत्यमर्यो नृपतिं न
शूरम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Uta vājinam puruniṣṣidhvānam dadhikrāmu
dadathurviśvakṛṣṭim. Rjipyam śyenam pruṣita-
psumāsum carkṛtyamaryo nṛpatim na śūram.*

Or, like the brave parental master, you give the war horse, destroyer of many enemies, or the roaring war craft, winner of victories for many people of the world, and the refulgent hero like the rising sun, supporter and defender of humanity, or the simple man

of rectitude, or the eagle like fighter that pounces upon the target, or the instant flier and pilot or the relentless doer of the master's order.

यं सीमनु प्रवतेव द्रवन्तं विश्वः पूरुर्मदति हर्षमाणः ।

पद्भिर्गृध्यन्तं मेध्युं न शूरं रथतुरं वातमिव ध्रजन्तम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yaṁ sīmanu pravateva dravantaṁ viśvaḥ pūrur-madati harṣamāṇaḥ. Padbhirgrdhyantaṁ medha-yuṁ na śūraṁ rathaturāṁ vātamiva dhrajaṁtam.*

War horse or the aircraft which, rushing like turbulent waters to the sea, the people of the world admire and celebrate with joy, which, like a brave and tempestuous warrior, advances to the heat of battle by leaps and bounds and grabs the enemy and which, rushing like a wind sheer tears the enemy force apart.

यः स्मरुन्धानो गध्या समत्सु सनुतरश्चरति गोषु गच्छन् ।
आविर्ऋजीको विदथा निचिक्यत्तिरो अरतिं पर्याप
आयोः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yaḥ smārundhāno gadhyā samatsu sanutara-ścarati goṣu gacchan. Āvirṛjīko vidathā nicikyat tiro aratiṁ paryāpa āyoh.*

Which in battles stems the united force of the enemy and goes over lands and seas of the earth in majesty, which openly displays its strength of arms and thrust openly, and watches over the grand yajnic programmes of humanity and wards off the enemies and adversities from the life of noble people.

उत स्मैनं वस्त्रमथिं न तायुमनु क्रोशन्ति क्षितयो भरेषु ।
नीचार्यमानं जसुरिं न श्येनं श्रवश्चाच्छा पशुमच्छा
यूथम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Uta smainam vastramathim na tāyumanu krośanti kṣitayo bhareṣu. Nīcāyamānam jasurim na śyenam śravaścācchā paśumacca yūtham.*

Just as people cry out for help when a thief attacks their cloth and hearth and home, so do people call out to the fighter warrior in battles for the safety of their hearth and home and herds of cattle wealth when they see the terrible enemy descending like a hawk intending to attack.

उत स्मासु प्रथमः सरिष्यन्नि वेवेति श्रेणिभी रथानाम् । स्वजं कृण्वानो जन्यो न शुभ्वा रेणुं रेरिं हत्किरणं ददश्वान् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Uta smāsu prathamah sariṣyan ni veveti śreṇibhī rathānām. Srajam kṛṇvāno janyo na śubhvā reṇum rerihat kiraṇam dadaśvān.*

Keen to be the first and prime leader in front of these battle formations of the war chariots, creating a garland pattern, graceful like a bridegroom in procession, he goes like the wind raising a cloud of dust and radiating beams of light like the sun.

उत स्य वाजी सहुरिर्ऋतावा शुश्रूषमाणस्तन्वा समर्ये ।
तुरं यतीषु तुरयन्नृजिष्योऽधि भ्रुवोः किरते रेणुमुञ्जन् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Uta sya vājī sahurirṛtāvā śuśrūṣamāṇastanvā samarye. Turam yaṭiṣu turayannṛjipyō'dhi bhru-voḥ kirate reṇumṛñjan.*

And that hero, mighty and brilliant, dedicated to truth, keen for service in battle in his own person, commanding the strong and smart warriors on fronts, going up and forward by straight paths, tossing up dust in battle, shaking it off from the eyebrows, goes on

making things straight and favourable for all.

उत स्मास्य तन्यतोर्वि द्योर्ऋघायतो अभियुजो भयन्ते ।
यदा सहस्रमभि षीमयोधीदुर्वतुः स्मा भवति भीम
ऋञ्जन् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta smāsyā tanyatoriva dyorṛghāyato abhiyujō bhayante. Yadā sahasramabhi ṣīmayodhīd durvartuḥ smā bhavati bhīma ṛñjan.*

And when the hero in passion takes up arms in battle, those who face him shake in fear as from the thunder of lightning from the skies, and then when he engages thousands of adversaries he grows terrible and irresistible and comes out victorious.

उत स्मास्य पनयन्ति जना जूतिं कृष्टिप्रो अभिभूतिमाशोः ।
उतैनमाहुः समिथे वियन्तः परा दधिक्रा असरत्सहस्रैः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta smāsyā panayanti janā jūtim kṛṣṭipro abhibhūtimāśoḥ. Utaīnamāhuḥ samithe viyantaḥ parā dadhikrā asarat sahasraiḥ.*

And people praise the drive and superior power of this hero of human endeavour and accomplishment for humanity, and the warriors going to battle describe him as the roaring war horse, the booming war craft of the skies and the supreme of arms going with but ahead of thousands.

आ दधिक्राः शवसा पञ्च कृष्टीः सूर्यैव ज्योतिषाप-
स्ततान । सहस्रसाः शतसा वाज्यवी पृणक्तु मध्वा समिमा
वचांसि ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ā dadhikrāḥ śavasā pañca kṛṣṭīḥ sūrya iva jyotiṣāpastatāna. Sahasrasāḥ śatasā vājyavā prṇaktu madhvā samimā vacānsi.*

Just as the sun with its rays fills the skies and space, so does Dadhikra, the roaring war horse, the booming war-craft and the superior war hero with characteristic power and majesty fascinate all the five classes of people. May this hero, tempestuous mover, giver of a hundred and thousand favours to the people bring our words of praise to golden honey sweets of success and fulfilment.

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Dadhikra Devata, Vamadava Gautama Rshi

आशुं दधिक्रां तमु नु ष्टवाम दिवस्पृथिव्या उत चर्किराम ।
उच्छन्तीर्मांमुषसः सूदयन्त्वति विश्वानि दुरितानि पर्षन् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Āśuṁ dadhikrāṁ tamu nu ṣṭavāma divasprthivyā uta carkirāma. Ucchantīr-māmuṣasaḥ sūdayantvati viśvāni duriṭāni parṣan.*

Varily we praise the swift Dadhikra, the war horse of earth and skies, and we sing in praise of earth and heaven too. May the glorious dawns inspire and mature me, cleansing me of all the evils and weaknesses of earthly existence.

महश्चर्कर्म्यर्वतः क्रतुप्रा दधिक्राव्णः पुरुवारस्य वृष्णः ।
यं पुरुभ्यो दीदिवान्सं नाग्निं ददथुर्मित्रावरुणा ततुरिम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Mhaścarkarmyārvataḥ kratuprā dadhikrāvṇaḥ puruvārasya vṛṣṇaḥ. Yaṁ pūrubhyo dīdivāṁ-saṁ nāgniṁ dadathur-mitrāvaruṇā taturim.*

O Mitra and Varuna, President of the Council and commander of the army, dear as pranic energies of life, inspired and enlightened, I praise the mighty war

horse, Dadhikra, sustainer of sustainers, a shower of blessings, saviour of the people, a gift swift and blazing as fire, which you have given for the sake of noble humanity.

यो अश्वस्य दधिक्राव्णो अकारीत्समिद्धे अग्ना उषसो
व्युष्टौ । अनागसं तमदितिः कृणोतु स मित्रेण वरुणेना
सजोषाः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yo aśvasya dadhikrāvṇo akārīt samiddhe agnā
uśaso vyuṣṭau. Anāgasam tamaditiḥ kṛṇotu sa
mitreṇa varuṇenā sajoṣāḥ.*

Whoever does honour and worship to Dadhikra, mighty life sustaining energy of the Divine and offers oblations into the burning fire at the rise of dawn, him Aditi, mother earth and the skies and space, lead to a state of purity from sin and evil and elevate him to a state of love and friendship with Mitra and Varuna, friend and highest authority of humanity.

दधिक्राव्ण इष ऊर्जो महो यदमन्महि मरुतां नाम भद्रम् ।
स्वस्तये वरुणं मित्रमग्निं हवामह इन्द्रं वज्रबाहुम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Dadhikrāvṇa iṣa ūrjo maho yadamanmahi
marutām nāma bhadram. Svastaye varuṇam
mitramagniṁ havāmaha indram vajrabāhum.*

While we study and discover the food, energy and power gifts of the great Dadhikra, cosmic sustainer of sustaining energies and of the good that the Maruts, powerful people, for sure do for our good and advancement, we at the same time study with devotion Varuna, water energy, Mitra, solar energy, Agni, fire power, and Indra, electricity which wields the arms of

thunder.

इन्द्रमिवेदुभये वि ह्वयन्त उदीराणा यज्ञमुपप्रयन्तः ।
दधिक्रामु सूदनं मर्त्याय ददथुर्मित्रावरुणा नो अश्वम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indramivedubhaye vi hvayanta udīrāṇā yajñamu-
paprayantaḥ. Dadhikrāmu sūdanam martyāya
dadathurmitrāvaruṇā no aśvam.*

Science researchers and engineers and technologists going to centres of production, and both the rulers and the people, all invoke and develop Indra, electrical energy, Dadhikra, basic energy, flow of waters, and awareness of the modes of comfort which the friendly and generous powers, Mitra and Varuna, at national and international levels, give us as gifts for the people.

दधिक्राव्णो अकारिषं जिष्णोरश्वस्य वाजिनः ।
सुरभि नो मुखी करत्प्र ण आयूंषि तारिषत् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Dadhikrāvno akāriṣam jiṣṇoraśvasya vājinaḥ.
Surabhi no mukhā karat pra ṇa āyūṁṣi tāriṣat.*

We sing in praise of Dadhikra, divine energy, victorious, all achieving spirit and power, who may, we pray, refine our sense of taste and other refinements and may help us live a full and healthy life across the floods of existence.

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Dadhikra, Surya Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

दधिक्राव्ण इदु नु चर्किराम विश्वा इन्मामुषसः सूदयन्तु ।
अपामग्रेषसः सूर्यस्य बृहस्पतेराङ्गिरसस्य जिष्णोः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Dadhikrāvṇa idu nu carkirāma viśvā inmāmuṣasaḥ sūdayantu. Apāmagneruṣasaḥ sūryasya brhaspaterāṅgirasasya jiṣṇoḥ.*

We study and develop for human purposes the forces of Dadhikra, all victorious cosmic energy which impels various forms of natural energy, and we tap and develop the power sources of water, fire, dawns, sun, Brhaspati and pranas. May all the lights of the dawns and new revelations inspire me and mature my projects.

सत्वा भरिषो गविषो दुवन्यसच्छ्रवस्यादिष उषसस्तु-
रण्यसत् । सत्यो द्रवो द्रवरः पतङ्गरो दधिक्रावेषमूर्ज
स्वर्जनत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Satvā bhariṣo gaviṣo duvanyasacchravasyādiṣa uṣasasturanyasat. Satyo dravo dravaraḥ pataṅgaro dadhikrāveṣamūrjaṁ svarjanat.*

Dadhikrava, cosmic energy, potent and omnipresent, all sustaining, all inspiring of sense and mind, responsive to the dedicated enquirer, acting fast in foods, power sources and light of the dawns, true and imperishable, dynamic, flowing, heating, flying, may respond and create food, energy and the joy of life.

उत स्मास्य द्रवतस्तुरण्यतः पूर्णं न वेरनु वाति प्रगर्धिनः ।
श्येनस्येव ध्रजतो अङ्गसं परि दधिक्राव्णाः सहोजा
तरित्रतः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Uta smāsyā dravatasturanyataḥ parṇaṁ na veranu vāti pragardhinaḥ. Śyenasyeva dhrajato aṅkasam pari dadhikrāvṇaḥ sahorjā taritrataḥ.*

And like the wings of an arrow, everything follows the curves and waves of the motion of this

Dadhikra, cosmic energy, flowing, running, accelerating, flying, driving and pressing forward like an eagle, and traversing the spaces with terrific power and velocity.

उ॒त स्य वा॒जी क्षि॒प॒णिं तु॒र॒ण्य॒ति ग्री॒वायां ब॒द्धो अ॒पि॒क्क्ष
आ॒स॒नि । क्र॒तुं द॒धि॒क्रा अनु॑ स॒न्तवी॑त्व॒त्प॒थाम॑ङ्कां॒स्यन्वा॒पनी॑-
फ॒णत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uta sya vājī kṣipaniṁ turanyati grīvāyām baddho api kakṣa āsani. Kratum dadhikā anu santavītvat pathāmaṅkāṁsyanvāpanīphaṇat.*

And that flying horse, missile of terrific power, Dadhikra, tied and programmed at the mouth, neck and the flanks, carries a warhead at terrific speed, and, following its programmed action, crosses the marks of its course to the target.

हं॒सः शु॒चि॒ष॒द्वसु॑र॒न्तरि॑क्ष॒स॒द्धो॒ता वे॒दि॒ष॒द॒ति॒थि॒र्दु॒रो॒ण॒सत् ।
नृ॒ष॒द्वर्॒स॒दृ॒त॒स॒द्वयो॑म॒स॒दु॒ब्जा गो॒जा ऋ॒त॒जा अ॒द्रि॒जा
ऋ॒तम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Haṁsaḥ śuciṣad vasurantarikṣasaddhotā vediṣa-datithirduroṇasat. Nṛṣad varasadr̥tasad vyoma-sadabjā gojā ṛtajā adrijā ṛtam.*

Hansa, the divine bird, soul unpolluted, resides in purity in biological forms in the skies, and, as yajnic doer, sits on the vedi in family home among people, the best ones, and rises up to the heights of heavens. It is born of the waters on the earth from the Law of existence and from the clouds. That is the truth, the Law.

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Indra-Varuna Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

इन्द्रा को वां वरुणा सुम्नमाप स्तोमो हविष्मो अमृतो न
होता । यो वां हृदि क्रतुमां अस्मदुक्तः पस्पशीदिन्द्रावरुणा
नमस्वान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indrā ko vām varuṇā sumnamāpa stomo havi-
smāñ amṛto na hotā. Yo vām hṛdi kratumāñ
asmaduktaḥ pasparśadindrāvaruṇā namasvān.*

Indra, O lord of power and glory, O Varuna, lord of justice and rectitude, who could win the favour of your blessing, which song of praise and prayer, expressive of yajnic reverence like an immortal yajaka would win your favour? Which song and tribute, O Indra and Varuna, sung in your honour, expressing humility and surrender as holy offering would touch your heart?

इन्द्रा ह यो वरुणा चक्र आपी देवौ मर्तः सखाय प्रयस्वान् ।
स हन्ति वृत्रा समिथेषु शत्रूनवोभिर्वा महद्भिः स प्र
शृण्वे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Indrā ha yo varuṇā cakra āpī devau martāḥ
sakhyāya prayasvān. Sa hanti vṛtrā samitheṣu
śatrūn-avobhirvā mahadbhiḥ sa pra śṛṇve.*

Indra and Varuna, lord of power and of justice, abounding in strength and grace, generous and refulgent, the man who tries in honest action to win your friendship destroys darkness and evil and wins over enemies in battles with great weapons of defence and protection.

इन्द्रा ह रत्नं वरुणा धेष्टेत्था नृभ्यः शशमानेभ्यस्ता । यदी
सखाया सखाय सोमैः सुतेभिः सुप्रयसा मादयैते ॥ ३ ॥

2. *Indrā ha ratnaṁ varuṇā dheṣṭhetthā nrbhyaḥ śaśamānebhyastā. Yādī sakhāyā sakhyāya somaiḥ sutebhiḥ suprayasā mādayaite.*

Indra and Varuna, ruler and the elected people in power, if they hold and govern the jewel wealth of the nation in trust for the people, and the people would then appreciate, approve and admire them, then this way, they, both friends in agreement, for friendship of the people, would be happy and rejoice with the honour and prosperity of the law created with the honest effort of all in unison.

इन्द्रा युवं वरुणा दिद्युमस्मिन्नोजिष्ठमुग्रा नि वधिष्टं वज्रम् ।
यो नो दुरेवो वृकतिर्दभीतिस्तस्मिन्मिमाथामभि-
भृत्योजः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Indrā yuvaṁ varuṇā didyum-asminnojiṣṭham-ugrāni vadhiṣṭaṁ vajram. Yo no durevo vṛkatir-dabhītis-tasmin mimāthām-abhibhūtyojaḥ.*

Indra, ruler, and Varuna, chief of justice, mighty impassioned powers in this system, wield the light of knowledge and law in the social order. Who ever is malignant, evil doer and terror monger against us, strike the shattering blow of justice and punishment on him and create faith and confidence in the light and lustrous power of the law.

इन्द्रा युवं वरुणा भृतमस्या धियः प्रेतारा वृषभेव धेनोः ।
सा नो दुहीयद्यवसेव गत्वी सहस्रधारा पर्यसा मही गौः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrā yuvaṁ varuṇā bhūtamasyā dhiyaḥ pretārā vṛṣabheva dhenoh. Sā no duhiyadyava-seva gatvī sahasradhārā payasā mahī gauḥ.*

Indra, leader and giver of knowledge and power, and Varuna, embodiment of cherished virtue and intelligence, as Indra, lord of clouds sends down rain showers on earth and fertilises her, so, be the promoters of the intelligence and enlightenment of the children of the earth so that, as the earth, rich in vegetation, overflows with food in a thousand ways, so the knowledge, language and enlightenment of the community may grow a thousandfold and overflow with creative work on the great moving earth.

तोके हिते तनय उर्वरासु सूरौ दृशीके वृषणश्च पौंस्ये ।
इन्द्रो नो अत्र वरुणा स्यातामवोभिर्दस्मा परितक्म्या-
याम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Toke hite tanaya urvarāsu sūro dṛṣhīke vṛṣaṇaśca pauṁsyē. Indrā no atra varuṇā syātāmavobhir-dasmā paritakmyāyām.*

Indra and Varuna, ruler and administrator, for the good of our children and grand children on these fertile lands on this moving and progressive earth, be the sun for the health and beauty of life, be the cloud for the fertility and virility of the nation. Indra, giver of light and energy, Varuna, lord of law and justice, with all your protections and promotions, be the destroyers of want and suffering, be the harbingers of health and plenty and enlightenment.

युवामिद्ध्यवसे पूर्व्याय परि प्रभूती गविषः स्वापी ।
वृणीमहे सख्याय प्रियाय शूरा मंहिष्ठा पितरेव शंभू ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yuvāmiddhyavase pūrvyāya pari prabhūti gavi-ṣaḥ svāpī. Vṛṇīmahe sakhyāya priyāya śūrā maṁhiṣṭhā pitareva śambhū.*

Indra and Varuna, ruler and sustainer, lord of life and power, giver of freedom and justice, we choose to dedicate ourselves to you for the sake of protection and progress as ever before, great and beneficent friends like brothers, brave and fearless, greatest majestic, and kind as parents as you are. Lovers of the earth and cows, knowledge and the language of Divinity as we are, we opt for you in freedom for the sake of love and friendship.

ता वां धियोऽ वसे वाजयन्तीराजिं न जग्मुर्यवयूः सुदानू ।
श्रिये न गाव उप सोममस्थुरिन्द्रं गिरो वरुणं मे
मनीषाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tā vāṁ dhiyo'vase vājayantrīrajim na jagmuryu-vayūḥ sudānū. Śriye na gāva upa somamasthur-indraṁ giro varuṇaṁ me manīṣāḥ.*

Indra and Varuna, benevolent energy and inspiration of nature and Divinity, all senses, mind and intelligence in search of efficiency and refinement in the business of life flow to you for the sake of protection and promotion. So may my mind, senses, vision and voices of exploration and celebration turn to Indra and Varuna for light and inspiration and abide by them for beauty and delicacy like the earth and other planets relating to the moon for the sweetness and beauty of their products.

इमा इन्द्रं वरुणं मे मनीषा अगमन्नपु द्रविणमिच्छमानाः ।
उपेमस्थुर्जोष्टार इव वस्वो रध्वीरिव श्रवसो भिक्षमाणाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Imā indraṁ varuṇaṁ me manīṣā agmannupa draviṇamicchamānāḥ. Upemasthurjoṣṭāra iva vasvo raghvīriva śravaso bhikṣamāṇāḥ.*

These senses and mind of mine keenly desiring to win the wealth and vision of life may proceed to Indra and Varuna, light and power and inspiration of nature and Divinity, and abide thereby, awaiting, getting and enjoying the wealth and wisdom of life like little Brahmacharinis of a girls' institution of education waiting upon their teacher mother.

अश्व्यस्य त्मना रथ्यस्य पुष्टेर्नित्यस्य रायः पतयः स्याम ।
ता चक्राणा ऊतिभिर्नव्यसीभिरस्मत्रा रायो नियुतः
सचन्ताम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Aśvyasya tmanā rathyasya puṣṭernityasya rāyaḥ patayaḥ syāma. Tā cakrāṇā ūtibhirnavyasībhir-asmatrā rāyo niyutaḥ sacantām.*

May we, with our mind and soul, be masters of the lasting wealth of horses and chariots, of achievement and further progress, of health and nourishment, and may those two, Indra and Varuna, ruler and administrator, teacher and preacher, ever active with their latest modes of protection, promotion and progress join us and share our health.

आ नो बृहन्ता बृहतीभिरूती इन्द्र यातं वरुण वाजसातौ ।
यद्दिद्यवः पृतनासु प्रक्रीळान् तस्य वां स्याम सनितारं
आजेः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā no brhantā brhatībhirūti indra yātaṁ varuṇa vājasātau. Yad didyavaḥ pṛtanāsu prakrīlān tasya vām syāma sanitāra ājeḥ.*

Indra ruler, and Varuna, administrator and commander, great and majestic, come to us with the best of protection, promotion, progress and welfare and

join our battle of life so that, participating in the struggles of that battle, joining and shining together with you, we may play our game with the best of capacities.

Mandala 4/Sukta 42

Atma, Indra-Varuna Devata,

Trasadasyu Paurukutsya Rshi

मम द्विता राष्ट्रं क्षत्रियस्य विश्वायोर्विश्वे अमृता यथा नः ।
क्रतुं सचन्ते वरुणस्य देवा राजामि कृष्टेरुपमस्य वव्रे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mama dvitā rāṣṭraṁ kṣatriyasya viśvāyorviśve amṛtā yathā naḥ. Kratuṁ sacante varuṇasya devā rājāmi kṛṣṭerupamasya vavreḥ.*

I am Indra, sovereign spirit of the universe. Twofold is my kingdom: heaven and earth, or, the world of nature and the world of humanity. I am Varuna, highest Intelligence and the Ruling Power of the universe. All the Immortals, divine forces in the service of Varuna are ours, they comprise and conduct the mighty yajna system of the universe. Thus I rule all: the world of humanity, all that is highest and closest in the world of forms, and all that is hidden.

(This mantra is a metaphor of the living, breathing, intelligent, self-organising, autonomous and sovereign system of the universe as macrocosm as well as microcosm. At the macrocosmic level, Indra is the Supreme Sovereign, immanent and transcendent Spirit, and Varuna is the immanent ruling force, intelligence and the law of Rtam. Indra-varuna is a functional version of the Supreme Spirit which is both immanent and transcendent. At the microcosmic level, Indra-Varuna

is the individual soul with all its faculties of awareness, intelligence, mind and senses. At the world level too, Indra-Varuna may be interpreted as the Ruler and the President-in-council.)

अ॒हं राजा॒ वरु॑णो॒ मह्यं॑ तान्य॒सुर्यी॑णि प्रथ॒मा धा॑रयन्त ।

क्रतुं॑ सचन्ते वरु॑णस्य दे॒वा राजा॑मि कृ॒ष्टेरु॑प॒मस्य॑ व॒व्रेः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ahaṁ rājā varuṇo mahyaṁ tānyasuryāṇi prathamā dhārayanta. Kratuṁ sacante varuṇasya devā rājāmi kṛṣṭerupamasya vavreḥ.*

I am Varuna, ruling spirit of the world, best and highest. For me do the first manifestations of the spirit in nature hold the wealth and power of existence. They are the divine immortals who comprise and conduct the creative yajna, the spirit in body form. I rule the world of humanity, the phenomenal forms and all that is hidden in potentiality.

अ॒हमिन्द्रो॑ वरु॑णस्ते म॒हित्वो॒र्वी ग॑भीरे रज॒सी सु॑मेके । त्वष्टे॑व
वि॒श्व्वा भु॑वनानि वि॒द्वान्त्समै॑रयं॒ रोद॑सी धा॒रयं॑ च ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ahamindro varuṇaste mahitvorvī gabhīre rajasī sumeke. Tvaṣṭeva viśvā bhuvanāni vidvānt-samairayaṁ rodasī dhārayaṁ ca.*

I am Indra, the highest, omnipotent, and transcendent. I am Varuna, highest and best immanent and omniscient. Happy and exalted, having created the vast and deep and firm heaven and earth as Tvashta, cosmic maker, I hold and move in unison the sun and earth and all other regions of the universe.

अ॒हम॑पो अ॒पिन्व॑मु॒क्षमा॑णा धा॒रयं॑ दि॒वं स॑दनं ऋ॒तस्य॑ ।

ऋ॒तेन॑ पु॒त्रो अ॒दिते॑ऋ॒तावो॑त त्रि॒धातुं॑ प्रथय॒द्वि भू॑म् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ahamapo apinvamukṣamāṇā dhārayaṁ divaṁ sadana rtasya. Rtena putro aditerṛtāvota tridhātu prathayad vi bhūma.*

I shower the rains of energising and fertilising waters. I hold and rule the sun and cosmic energy in the space of nature within eternal law. By the same eternal law of mine, the child of eternity, the threefold world of natural constituents, sattva, rajas and tamas (thought, energy and matter) manifests and expands and keeps to the law. Thus do I create, hold and rule the universe.

मां नरः स्वश्वा वाजयन्तो मां वृताः समरणे हवन्ते ।
कृणोम्याजिं मघवाहमिन्द्र इयर्मि रेणुमभिभूत्योजाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Mām naraḥ svaśvā vājayanto mām vṛtāḥ samaraṇe havante. Kṛṇomyājim maghavāhamindra iyarmi reṇum-abhibhūtyojāḥ.*

The best of men and leaders, equipped with good horses and modes of transport and communication, fighting for strength and sustenance, the chosen ones, knowing me and struggling to attain to me call upon me in the battle of existence. I, Indra, commanding the wealth and power of the world, highest of the lustre and glory in existence, create the battle for their victory and raise the heat of action.

अहं ता विश्वा चकरं नकिर्मा दैव्यं सहो वरते अप्रतीतम् ।
यन्मा सोमासो ममदन्यदुक्थोभे भयेते रजसी अपारे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ahaṁ tā viśvā cakaraṁ nakirmā daivyaṁ saho varate apraṭitam. Yanmā somāso mamadanyad-ukthobhe bhayete rajasī apāre.*

I do all those acts of creation, sustenance and

victory. None can restrain or resist the supernal power that's mine, mysterious and unknown. When the flames of my soma yajna rise, the fire crackles and the hymns of celebration reverberate, the boundless heaven and earth shake in fear. There is none that equals me.

विदुष्टे विश्वा भुवन्नानि तस्य ता प्र ब्रवीषि वरुणाय वेधः ।
त्वं वृत्राणि शृण्विषे जघन्वान्त्वं वृताँ अरिणा इन्द्र
सिन्धून् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Viduṣṭe viśvā bhuvanāni tasya tā pra bravīṣi varuṇāya vedhaḥ. Tvaṁ vṛtrāṇi śṛṇviṣe jaghanvān tvaṁ vṛtāṅ ariṇā indra sindhūn.*

That greatness and grandeur of yours all the scholars of the worlds know. O lord omniscient, you yourself speak of it to the selected men of vision. You are the breaker of the clouds, we hear, and you set the rivers aflow and release the waters locked up in lakes and clouds.

अस्माकमत्र पितरस्त आसन्त्सप्त ऋषयो दौर्गहे बध्यमाने ।
त आयजन्त त्रसदस्युमस्या इन्द्रं न वृत्रतुरमर्धदेवम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Asmākamatra pitarasta āsantsapta ṛṣayo daurgahe badhyamāne. Ta āyajanta trasadasyu-masyā indraṁ na vṛtraturam-ardhadevam.*

When the seven sages, senses, pranic energies and flowing streams, which are our feeding and sustaining powers like father and mother, are locked up in darkness then, as they join Indra, so they join the sun (wakefulness), who is superior to the darkness of Vrtra and presides over half of this world with his light (until light and life is restored).

पुरुकुत्सानी हि वामदाशब्द्व्येभिरिन्द्रावरुणा नमोभिः ।

अथा राजानं त्रसदस्युमस्या वृत्रहणं ददथुरर्धदेवम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Purukutsānī hi vāmadāśaddhavyebhirindrā-varuṇā namobhiḥ. Athā rājānaṁ trasada-syuma-syā vṛtrahaṇaṁ dadathur-ardhadevam.*

O Indra and Varuna, the abundant power of the thunderbolt, light and showers offer you the homage of yajnic inputs of food for consumption and holistic expansion of creative nourishment. And thence, further, you give it on to this earth's ruler, destroyer of darkness and evil, who presides over half the world (and rises in majesty with the break of dawn).

राया वयं ससवांसो मदेम हव्येन देवा यवसेन गावः । तां
धेनुमिन्द्रावरुणा युवं नो विश्वाहा धत्तमनपस्फुरन्तीम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Rāyā vayaṁ sasavāṁso madema havyena devā yavasena gāvaḥ. Tāṁ dhenum-indrāvaruṇā yuvaṁ no viśvāhā dhattam-anapasphuranīm.*

Let us rejoice with the wealth of peace and refreshment with energy while we sleep, just as the devas, divine powers of nature, are replenished with spirit and joy by the offer of yajnic homage, and cows rejoice with grass. That vibrating energy of life, Indra and Varuna, you bear and bring for us day and night without break. Reveal that language of enlightenment, all calm and undisturbed.

Mandala 4/Sukta 43

Ashvinau Devate, Purumidhajamidhau Sauhotrau Rshis

क उ श्रवत्कतमो यज्ञियानां वन्दारु देवः कतमो जुषाते ।
कस्येमां देवीममृतेषु प्रेष्टां हृदि श्रेष्ठाम सुष्टुतिं सुहव्याम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ka u śravatkatamo yajñiyanām vandāru devaḥ katamo juṣāte. Kasyemām devīmamṛteṣu pre-
sthām hr̥di śreṣṭhāma suṣtutim suhavyām.*

Who listens? Which of the adorables? Which brilliant divinity loves and entertains the song of prayer and adoration? To whose heart shall we dedicate this eulogy, divine, highly presentable, and dearest to the immortals.

को मृळाति कतम आगमिष्ठो देवानामु कतमः शंभविष्ठः ।
रथं कर्माहुर्द्रवदश्वमाशुं यं सूर्यस्य दुहितावृणीत ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ko mṛlāti katama āgamiṣṭho devānāmu katamaḥ śambhaviṣṭhaḥ. Ratham kamāhurdravadaśva-
māśuṁ yaṁ sūryasya duhitāvṛṇīta.*

Who is kind and blissful? Which one comes at the fastest and earliest? Which one of the adorable divinities is the most benevolent? Which one is the chariot, power driven, which moves instantly at the fastest, they say, which the daughter of the sun, the Dawn, chooses for the ride?

मक्षू हि ष्मा गच्छथ ईवतो द्युनिन्द्रो न शक्तिं परितक्म्यायाम् ।
दिव आर्जाता दिव्या सुपर्णा कया शचीनां भवथः
शचिष्ठा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Makṣu hi śmā gacchatha īvato dyūnindro na śaktim paritakmyāyām. Diva ājātā divyā suparṇā
kayā śacinām bhavathaḥ śaciṣṭhā.*

Ashvins, complementary powers of nature and humanity, magnificent on the move, you come instantly at the call of time like rays of the sun displaying his power over the smiling earth at the end of night. Coming

from the heavens, divine with wings of light, by which one of nature's immaculate forces do you become the most powerful and eloquent?

का वां भूदुपमातिः कया न आश्विना गमथो हूयमाना ।
को वां महश्चित्यजसो अभीक उरुष्यत माध्वी दस्रा न
ऊती ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kā vām bhūdupamātiḥ kayā na āśvinā gamatho hūyamānā. Ko vām mahaścīt-tyajaso abhīka uruṣyataṁ mādhvī dasrā na ūtī.*

Ashvins, what could be the simile or metaphor to describe or define you? On whose invocation and invitation would you come to us? Even though someone might be great, who could be as great and selfless around as you? Sweet powers, destroyers of evil, rise higher and higher for our defence and protection.

उरु वां रथः परि नक्षति द्यामा यत्समुद्रादभि वर्तते वाम् ।
मध्वा माध्वी मधु वां प्रुषायन्यत्सी वां पृक्षो भुरजन्त
पक्वाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Uru vām rathaḥ pari nakṣati dhyāmā yatsamu-drādabhi vartate vām. Madhvā mādhvī madhu vām pruṣāyan yat sīm vām prkṣo bhurajanta pakvāḥ.*

Great and grand is your chariot that goes round the regions of light, it comes to you from the oceans and from the oceans of spatial waters. Honey sweet you are, honey sweet is your wisdom. You and your wisdom shower us with sweetness of honey when your people at the stage of ripeness reach you for company and advice.

सिन्धुर्ह वां रसया सिञ्चदश्वान्वृणा वयोऽरुषासः परि
गमन् । तद् षु वामजिरं चेति यानं येन पती भवथः
सूर्यायाः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sindhurha vām rasayā siñjadaśvān ghr̥ṇā vayo'-
ruṣāsaḥ pari gman. Tadū ṣu vāmajiraṁ ceti
yānaṁ yena patī bhavathaḥ sūryāyāḥ.*

The waters of the flowing rivers and rolling seas evaporate and lend moisture to your horses of sun rays which rise like birds bright and red, and then your chariot, quick and soaring, coming and rising, is seen and known by which you become masters of the dawns.

इहेह यद्वां समना पपृक्षे सेयमस्मे सुमतिर्वीजरत्ना ।
उरुष्यतं जरितारं युवं ह श्रितः कामो नासत्या युवद्रिक् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Iheha yadvām samanā papṛkṣe seyamasme
sumatir-vājaratnā. Urūṣyatam jaritāraṁ yuvam
ha śritaḥ kāmo nāsatyā yuvadrik.*

Here itself in this world, O Ashvins, both of you, ever correct and true as you are, of equal mind and rich with the treasures of wealth and speed of light, may that holy and dynamic intelligence and wisdom which attends on you may, we pray, be for us too and may it bless and promote the celebrant who, looking to you with surrender and faith, may achieve the desire of his heart. Our ambition and fulfilment is centred on you only.

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तं वां रथं वयमद्या हुवेम पृथुज्रयमश्विना संगतिं गोः ।
यः सूर्या वहति बन्धुरायुर्गिर्वीहसं पुरुतमं वसूयुम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tām vām ratham vayamadyā huvema prthujra-yamaśvinā sangatiṁ goḥ. Yaḥ sūryām vahati vandhurāyur-girvāhasam purutamaṁ vasūyum.*

Ashvins, complementary currents of cosmic energy of the Divine, today we invoke you and call for that chariot of yours which is wide extended, joins earth and heaven, carries the light and energy of sunrays, ages not, carries the sound and which is abundant in various wealth which never diminishes but continuously enriches the earth.

युवं श्रियमश्विना देवता तां दिवौ नपाता वनथुः शचीभिः ।
युवोर्वपुर्भि पृक्षः सचन्ते वहन्ति यत्ककुहासो रथे
वाम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yuvam śriyam-aśvinā devatā tām divo napātā vanathaḥ śacībhiḥ. Yuvor-vapur-abhi prkṣaḥ sacante vahanti yatkakuhāso rathe vām.*

Ashvins, children of light, infallible and imperishable, generous and brilliant divinities, with your intelligence, power and expertise, you win that treasure of wealth which the spaces conduct and concentrate in your chariot and thereby provide food and nourishment for your body and mind.

को वामद्या करते रातहव्य ऊतये वा सुतपेयाय वार्केः ।
ऋतस्य वा वनुषे पूर्व्याय नमो येमानो अश्विना ववर्तत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ko vāmadya karate rātahavya ūtaye vā sutape-yāya vārkaiḥ. Ṛtasya vā vanuṣe pūrvyāya namo yemāno aśvinā vavartat.*

Ashvins, who with the offer of homage today directs his thoughts and prayers to you for the sake of

protection and advancement, or for the drink of soma in celebration of success, or to learn and win the truth of eternal Dharma of existence, Rtam? Who with salutations and liberal hospitality prays for favour of your attention toward him?

हिरण्ययेन पुरुभू रथेनेमं यज्ञं नासत्योप यातम् ।

पिबाथ इन्मधुनः सोम्यस्य दधथो रत्नं विधते जनाय ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Hiraṇyayena purubhū rathenemam yajñam nāsatyopa yātam. Pibātha inmadhunaḥ somyasya dadhatho ratnam vidhate janāya.*

Ashvins, twin powers of the Divine, universal of form and presence, ever constant in thought and action, come by the golden chariot to join this yajna of ours, drink of this honey sweet of the soma of success and bring the jewels of wealth for the supplicant people of action and endeavour.

आ नो यातं दिवो अच्छा पृथिव्या हिरण्ययेन सुवृता रथेन ।

मा वामन्ये नि यमन्देवयन्तः सं यद्दे नाभिः पूर्या वाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā no yātam devo acchā pṛthivyā hiraṇyayena suvṛtā rathena. Mā vāmanye ni yaman deva-yantaḥ saṁ yaddade nābhiḥ pūrvyā vām.*

Come well and soon to us by the paths of heaven and earth riding your well structured chariot of gold. Let not others detain you, nor divert you from the natural life link which the forefathers and teachers of old gave you in pursuit of Divinity.

नू नो रयिं पुरुवीरं बृहन्तं दस्त्रा मिमाथामुभयेष्वस्मे ।

नरो यद्वाग्निना स्तोममावन्त्सधस्तुतिमाजमीळ्हासो

अगम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Nū no rayīm puruvīram bṛhantaṁ dasrā mimāthā-mubhayeṣvasme. Naro yad vāmaśvinā stomamā-vantsadhastutim-ājamīlḥāso agman.*

Ashvins, destroyers of evil and misery, brilliant as the sun and gracious cool as the moon, give us the wealth of life comprising brave children, great and vast prosperity for all of us, rulers as well as the people, since the leaders of the nation offer you songs of adoration and teachers of the people shower you with words of prayer in praise of Divinity.

इहेह यद्वां समुना पपृक्षे सेयमस्मे सुमतिर्वीजरत्ना ।
उरुष्यतं जरितारं युवं ह श्रितः कामो नासत्या युवद्रिक् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Iheha yadvām samanā paprkṣe seyamasme sumatir-vājaratnā. Urusyatam jaritāram yuvam ha śritah kāmō nāsatyā yuvadrik.*

Ashvins, ever constant and true, here itself in this world, may this holy wisdom and knowledge of yours which is peaceable and procurative of science and speed of prosperity and progress, bless us, we pray. Both of you, we pray, protect, promote and elevate the celebrant. Our desire and ambition depends on you and we look forward up to you alone.

Mandala 4/Sukta 45

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एष स्य भानुरुदियति युज्यते रथः परिन्मा दिवो अस्य
सान्वि । पृक्षासो अस्मिन्मिथुना अधि त्रयो दृतिस्तुरीयो
मधुनो वि रंषाते ॥ १ ॥

1. *Eṣa sya bhānurudiyarti yujyate rathaḥ pariṁmā divo asya sānavi. Prkṣāso asmin mithunā adhi trayo dṛtisturīyo madhuno vi rapśate.*

There rises the sun, chariot of the Ashvins in motion. It goes high up on top of the heavens, gaining heights and leaving the regions below. In this are three analogous kinds of food and energy: wind, water and electricity. And there is the fourth, the cloud on top of all, laden with the honey sweets of showers.

उद्धां पृक्षासो मधुमन्त ईरते रथा अश्वास उषसो व्युष्टिषु ।
अपोर्णुवन्तस्तम आ परीवृतं स्वर्णं शुक्रं तन्वन्त आ
रजः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Udvām prkṣāso madhumanta īrate rathā aśvāsa uṣaso vyuṣṭiṣu. Apornuvantastama ā parīvṛtaṁ svarṇa śukraṁ tanvanta ā rajah.*

On the rise of dawns, honey sweets of foods and energies and the horses and the chariots raise you high up, Ashvins, while they remove the veil of darkness and spread the brilliance of morning light like the glory of heaven all round.

मध्वः पिबतं मधुपेभिरासभिरुत प्रियं मधुने युञ्जाथां रथम् ।
आ वर्तनिं मधुना जिव्थस्पथो दूतिं वहथे मधुमन्तम-
श्विना ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Madhvaḥ pibataṁ madhupebhirāsabhiruta priyaṁ madhune yuñjāthāṁ ratham. Ā vartaniṁ madhunā jinvathaspatho dṛtiṁ vahethe madhumantamaśvinā.*

Ashvins, drink the sweets with lips addicted to

the taste of honey. Start the chariot to reach the dear sweets of life. Take to the high road on the way home by the chariot bearing the sweets of success as the sun and wind bear the cloud of showers.

हंसासो ये वां मधुमन्तो अस्त्रिधो हिरण्यपर्णा उहुव उषर्बुधः ।
उदप्रुतो मन्दिनो मन्दिनिस्पृशो मध्वो न मक्षः सर्वनानि
गच्छथः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Haṁsāso ye vāṁ madhumanto asridho hiraṇya-parṇā uhuva uṣarbudhaḥ. Udaप्रुतो mandino mandinispr̥so madhvo na makṣaḥ savanāni gacchathaḥ.*

Flying gracefully like hansa birds, pleasant and agreeable, fleet and comfortable, golden winged morning birds floating across mists and waters, giving the luxurious feel of breezy ecstasy: such are your horses which transport you across the spaces like bees flying to the honey cups of flowers, by which you proceed to the yajnic programmes of humanity creating the honour and excellence of life.

स्वध्वरासो मधुमन्तो अग्नय उस्त्रा जरन्ते प्रति वस्तोर्श्विना ।
यन्निक्तहस्तस्तरणिर्विचक्षुणः सोमं सुषाव मधुमन्त-
मद्रिभिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Svadhvarāso madhumanto agnaya usrā jarante prati vastoraśvinā. Yanniktahastas-taraṇirvica-kṣaṇaḥ somam suṣāva madhumantam-adribhiḥ.*

Holy yajnic performers, creating and bearing honey sweets of vitality, leaders and pioneers brilliant as fire, every morning, welcome and praise the first rays of the sun, while the clean handed, clear eyed, wise

priest, saviour from sin and disease, grinds with stones the holy plant of soma for honey juice and all wait for your arrival, O Ashvins, harbingers of morning joy.

आकेनिपासो अहभिर्दिविध्वतः स्वर्णं शुक्रं तन्वन्त आ
रजः । सूरश्चिदश्वान्युयुजान ईयते विश्वां अनु स्वधया
चेतथस्मथः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ākenipāso ahabhir-davidhvataḥ svarṇa śukraṁ tanvanta ā rajaḥ. Suraścidaśvān yuyujāna īyate viśvāṅ anu svadhayā cetathaspathaḥ.*

While the approaching and vitalising morning rays everyday dispel the darkness and spread the brilliant light across the skies like regions of heaven, and the sun, using the rays as chariot horses, goes in majesty, you show the paths of the world by virtue of your own power.

प्र वामवोचमश्विना धियंधा रथः स्वश्वो अजरो यो अस्ति ।
येन सद्यः परि रजांसि याथो हविष्मन्तं तरणिं भोज-
मच्छ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Pra vām-avocam-aśvinā dhiyandhā rathaḥ svaśvo ajaro yo asti. Yena sadyaḥ pari rajāṁsi yātho haviṣmantam taraṇim bhojamaccha.*

Ashvins, path makers of the world, having the knowledge and intelligence that I have attained, I speak to you of the chariot that's yours, which is imperishable, equipped with unfailing horse power, by which you instantly and all time go over the skies and spaces and by which you bear and bring excellent food and energy full of sacrificial vitality that carries us across the seas of life.

Mandala 4/Sukta 46***Indra-Vayu Devate, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi***

(Indra and Vayu are open-ended symbols to be interpreted according to the context of life which the mantra shows: Indra may be interpreted as power and protection, and Vayu as power in motion, energy for motion and advancement.)

अग्रं पिबामधूनां सुतं वायो दिविष्टिषु ।

त्वं हि पूर्वपा असि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agram pibā madhūnām sutam vāyo diviṣṭiṣu.*
Tvaṁ hi pūrvapā asi.

Vayu, fast as waves of energy, drink the first and best of honeyed drinks distilled in the best of our heavenly acts, since you are the protector and promoter of the earliest arts, acts and nobilities of humanity.

शतेना नो अभिष्टिभिर्नियुत्वाँ इन्द्रसारथिः ।

वायौ सुतस्य तृप्पतम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Śatenā no abhiṣṭibhir-niyutvāṁ indrasārathiḥ.*
Vāyo sutasya tṛmpatam.

Vayu, strong in command of vast forces with Indra as your charioteer, come with hundreds of choice acts and gifts, and enjoy a drink of the best of our preparations to your heart's content.

आ वां सहस्रं हरय इन्द्रवायू अभि प्रयः ।

वहन्तु सोमपीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā vām sahasraṁ haraya indravāyū abhi prayah.*
Vahantu somapītaye.

Indra and Vayu, may a thousand horses moving to the choice delicacies transport you hither for a drink of soma.

रथं हिरण्यवन्धुरमिन्द्रवायू स्वध्वरम् ।

आ हि स्थार्थो दिविस्पृशम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ratham hiranyavandhuram-indravāyū svadhva-ram. Ā hi sthātho divisprśam.*

Indra and Vayu, come, take to the chariot of golden frame, rising and touching the heavens, serviced and heading to a holy yajnic programme, be there.

रथेन पृथुपार्जसा दाश्वान्समुप गच्छतम् ।

इन्द्रवायू इहा गतम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Rathena prthupājasā dāśvāmsamupa gaccha-tam. Indravāyū ihā gatam.*

Indra and Vayu, come here by the chariot, big and spacious and powerful, and go to reach the man of charity.

इन्द्रवायू अयं सुतस्तं देवेभिः सजोषसा ।

पिबतं दाशुषो गृहे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indravāyū ayam stutastam devebhiḥ sajoṣasā . Pibatam dāśuṣo gr̥he.*

Indra and Vayu, friends with the devas, generous brilliancies of nature and humanity, distilled is this soma, the best in the house of the generous yajaka, drink to your heart's content.

इह प्रयार्णमस्तु वामिन्द्रवायू विमोचनम् ।

इह वां सोमपीतये ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Iha prayāṇamastu vāmindravāyū vimocanam.
Iha vām somapītaye.*

Indra and Vayu, here may be the end of your journey for the drink of soma and here may the chariot and the horses be released so that you may drink the soma of Moksha.

(This sukta may be interpreted in another way in the light of this mantra: Indra as the soul, Vayu as the prana energy of breath and blood circulation, the chariot as the body and horses as the organs of perception and volition, distillation of soma as creative yajnic action, drinking as the fruit of action, and release of chariot and horses as the freedom of the soul from the body and senses.)

Mandala 4/Sukta 47

Indra, Indra-Vayu Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

वायौ शुक्रो अयामि ते मध्वो अग्रं दिविष्टिषु ।
आ चाहि सोमपीतये स्पार्हो देव नियुत्वता ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vāyo śukro ayāmi te madhvo agraṁ diviṣṭiṣu.
Ā yāhi somapītaye spārho deva niyutvatā.*

Vayu, lord omnipotent, self-refulgent and generous centre object of universal love, I come to the top of the honey sweets of yajnic creations of light and joy for the life divine, cleansed and pure as I am now. Come for a drink of soma by the chariot and the team of horses.

इन्द्रश्च वायवेष्वां सोमानां पीतिमर्हथः ।
युवां हि यन्तीन्द्रवो निम्नमापो न सृध्यक् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Indraśca vāyaveṣāṁ somānām pītimarhathaḥ.
Yuvāṁ hi yantīndavo nimnamāpo na sadhryak.*

Indra and Vayu, you two love and deserve the drink of these somas distilled in yajnas. Just as waters all together flow to the sea, so do all flows of soma and all movements of dedicated devotees end up when they join you.

वायुविन्द्रश्च शुष्मिणा सुरथं शवसस्पती ।
नियुत्वन्ता न ऊतय आ यातुं सोमपीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vāyavindraśca suṣmīṇā saratham śavasaspatī.
Niyutvantā na ūtaya ā yātum somapītaye.*

Vayu and Indra, most powerful, commander and ruler of the power and force of existence, controllers of the dynamics of energy, come hither together by the same chariot as two in one for the protection and promotion of our yajna of production, honour and excellence.

या वां सन्ति पुरुस्पृहो नियुतो दाशुषे नरा ।
अस्मे ता यज्ञवाहुसेन्द्रवायू नि यच्छतम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yā vām santi purusprho niyuto dāśuṣe narā.
Asme tā yajñavāhasendravāyū ni yacchatam.*

Indra and Vayu, omnipotent power and most dynamics Divinity, power and energy of nature, ruler and controller of humanity, leaders and pioneers of the community, and lords of the accomplishment of yajnas, loved and honoured of all, bless us with all those acts and gifts of yours which are surely and certainly divine for the sake of the generous and charitable devotees.

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वि॒हि हो॒त्रा॒ अवी॑ता॒ वि॒पो न रा॒यो अ॒र्यः ।
वा॒य॒वा च॒न्द्रेण॑ रथे॒न या॒हि सु॒तस्य॑ पी॒तये॑ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vihi hotrā avitā vipo na rāyo aryah.*
Vāyavā candreṇa rathena yāhi sutasya pītaye.

Vayu, receiver of the inputs of yajna and carrier of the fragrance, imperishable, lord of wealth as the vibrant scholar, come by the golden chariot as glorious as the moon to our yajna for a drink of soma and for protection and promotion of the honour and excellence of our programme.

नि॒र्यु॒वा॒णो अ॒श॒स्तीर्नि॒यु॒त्वाँ इन्द्र॑सारथिः ।
वा॒य॒वा च॒न्द्रेण॑ रथे॒न या॒हि सु॒तस्य॑ पी॒तये॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Niryuvāṇo aśastīrniyutvāṅ indrasārathiḥ.*
Vāyavā candreṇa rathena yāhi sutasya pītaye.

Perennial young, ineffable, constant in motion and velocity, mover of fire, electricity and the sun, Vayu, highpriest of cosmic yajna, come by the golden chariot of the moon for a drink of soma and for protection and promotion of the finest creations of humanity.

अनु॑ कृ॒ष्णे वसु॑धित्ति॒ येमा॑ते॒ विश्व॑पेशसा ।
वा॒य॒वा च॒न्द्रेण॑ रथे॒न या॒हि सु॒तस्य॑ पी॒तये॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Anu kṛṣṇe vasudhitiḥ yemāte viśvapeśasā.*
Vāyavā candreṇa rathena yāhi sutasya pītaye.

Vayu, both heaven and earth, sustained by your cosmic energy, hold and sustain the wealth of the world

and are themselves the form and wielders of the forms of the world, moving in accord with your force and law. Come by the chariot of the golden beauty of the moon and drink the soma distilled by us in our yajna.

वहन्तु त्वा मनोयुजो युक्तासो नवतिर्नव ।

वायवा चन्द्रेण रथेन याहि सुतस्य पीतये ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vahantu tvā manoyujo yuktāso navatirnavā.*
Vāyavā candreṇa rathena yāhi sutasya pītaye.

Vayu, may the ninety nine forces of cosmic energy yoked to your chariot transport you by the golden chariot of the moon controlled by thought of the mind. Come to our yajna for a drink of soma.

वायो शतं हरीणां युवस्व पोष्याणाम् ।

उत वा ते सहस्रिणो रथ आ यातु पाजसा ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vāyo śataṁ harīṇāṁ yuvasva poṣyāṇām.*
Uta vā te sahasriṇo ratha ā yātu pājasā.

Vayu, vibrant ruler of power, force and yajnic development, use a hundred of the best of force and people in your project of development, and let your chariot of a thousandfold wealth and power come to us for our yajna.

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Indra-Brhaspati Devate, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

इदं वामास्ये हविः प्रियमिन्द्राबृहस्पती ।

उक्थं मदश्च शस्यते ॥ १ ॥

1. *Idaṁ vāmāsyē haviḥ priyamindrābṛhaspatī.*
Ukthaṁ madaśca śasyate.

Indra, O lord intrepidable of ruling power, Brhaspati, O lord protector and promoter of the wide world and its comprehensive knowledge, this is the holy offering of food and this the heartfelt offering of happy tribute made for your acceptance and enjoyment.

अयं वां परि विच्यते सोम इन्द्राबृहस्पती ।

चारुर्मदाय पीतये ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ayam vām pari śicyate soma indrābrhaspatī.
Cārurmadāya pītaye.*

Indra and Brhaspati, ruler and scholar of eminence, this soma for you is offered as a drink of pleasure and ecstasy of the highest order.

आ न इन्द्राबृहस्पती गृहमिन्द्रश्च गच्छतम् ।

सोमपा सोमपीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā na indrābrspatī gṛhamindraśca gacchatam.
Somapā somapītaye.*

May Indra-Brhaspati, ruler scholar of eminence, and Indra, controller and defender of power, honour and excellence, connoisseurs of the delight of soma, come to our home for a drink of soma. May they protect and promote the honour and prestige of the land.

अस्मे इन्द्राबृहस्पती रयिं धत्तं शतग्विणम् ।

अश्वावन्तं सहस्रिणम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Asme indrābrhaspatī rayiṁ dhattam śatagvinam.
Āśvāvantam sahasriṇam.*

May Indra and Brhaspati bear and bring for us a hundredfold wealth of cows, lands and knowledge,

and may they bring us a thousandfold wealth of horses, transport and progress in science and technology.

इन्द्राबृहस्पती वयं सुते गीर्भिर्हवामहे ।

अस्य सोमस्य पीतये ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrābrhaspatī vyaṁ sute gīrbhirhavāmahe.*
Asya somasya pītaye.

Indra and Brhaspati, the soma is extracted and distilled. We invoke and invite you for a drink of this soma.

सोममिन्द्राबृहस्पती पिबतं दाशुषो गृहे ।

मादयेथां तदोकसा ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Somamindrābrhaspatī pibatam dāśuṣo gr̥he.*
Mādayethāṁ tadokasā.

Indra and Brhaspati of the house of honour and power, drink the soma in the home of the generous yajamana as your own and give us the honour and pleasure of your company.

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Brhaspati, Indra-Brhaspati Devate, Vamadeva
Gautama Rshi

यस्तस्तम्भ सहसा वि ज्यो अन्तान्बृहस्पतिस्त्रिषधस्थो
रवेण । तं प्रत्नास ऋषयो दीध्यानाः पुरो विप्रा दधिरे
मन्त्रजिह्वम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yastastambha sahasā vi jmo antān brhaspatis-*
triṣadhasṭho raveṇa. Taṁ pratnāsa ṛṣayo dīdhyā-
nāḥ puro viprā dadhire mandrajihvam.

Brhaspati, the sun, which, positioned in the

midst of the three regions of earth, skies and heaven, sustains the earth and other planets to the ends with its force and its rays of light and gravitation;

Or, the Lord of mighty universe who is omnipresent in the worlds of earth, skies and the heavens of light and rules the universe to the ends of it with his omnipotence and Word of revelation;

Or, the ruler, who, self-established in knowledge, action, and prayer, rules the world to the ends of the earth with his power and word and force of law;

Or, the eminent scholar, who, master of the three realms of knowledge, Divinity, Prakrti, and the soul with the word of the Veda, rules the heart and intellect of the people to the ends of the earth with his knowledge that is power and his word:

Him, lord of sweet voice and vibrations of communication and gravitation, the ancient seers, shining since the first moments of human existence, vibrant with living knowledge and holy desire, sing, celebrate and advance in human consciousness.

धुनेतयः सुप्रकेतं मदन्तो बृहस्पते अग्नि ये नस्ततस्त्रे ।

पृषन्तं सृप्रमदब्धमूर्व बृहस्पते रक्षतादस्य योनिम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Dhunetayah supraketaṁ mandanto bṛhaspate aghi ye nastatasre. Pṛsantaṁ sṛpramadabdhāmū-rvaṁ bṛhaspate rakṣatādasya yonim.*

O Brhaspati, vibrant scholars and heroes are they who inspire the holy and brilliant man of knowledge and centres of advancement, and help us progress in

culture and achievement. O lord of progress and advancement, protect and promote the home and profession of every such person and institution, creative, brilliant, fearless, and generous and extensive in possibilities.

बृहस्पते या परमा परावदत आ त ऋतस्पृशो नि वेदुः ।
तुभ्यं खाता अवता अद्रिदुग्धा मध्वः श्चोतन्त्यभितो
विरष्णम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Brhaspate yā paramā parāvadata ā ta ṛtasprśo
ni śeduḥ. Tubhyaṁ khātā avatā adridugdhā
madhvaḥ ścotantyaabhito virapṣam.*

Brhaspati, far off and most high is your seat of majesty whence travel and ever abide your rays of light and Law which then touch the oceans of water to break them into vapours so that, like deep dug wells and clouds laden with milky showers of honey sweets, they pour down in abundant rain in your service for you and your people.

बृहस्पतिः प्रथमं जायमानो महो ज्योतिषः परमे व्योमन् ।
सप्तार्यस्तुविजातो रवेण वि सप्तरश्मिरधमत्तमांसि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Brhaspatiḥ prathamam jāyamāno maho jyotiṣaḥ
parame vyoman. Saptāsyas-tuvijāto raveṇa vi
saptaraśmir-adhamat-tamāmsi.*

Brhaspati, the cosmic sun, first born of the supreme light of existence in the highest heaven, with seven mouths for consumption of materials and seven rays of light for creation of energy, born among many the mightiest, dispels the darknesses from the world with the thunder and lightning power of its majesty.

(So should the ruler and the scholar be in knowledge and power.)

स सुष्टुभा स ऋक्ता गुणेन वलं रुरोज फलिगं रवेण ।
बृहस्पतिरुस्त्रिया हव्यसूदः कनिक्रदद्वावशतीरुदाजत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa suṣṭubhā sa ṛkvatā gaṇena valaṁ ruroja phali-
gaṁ raveṇa. Bṛhaspatirusriyā havyasūdaḥ kani-
kradad vāvaśatīrudājat.*

With a mighty jubilant roar of thunder and terrible shower of electric energy, Brhaspati breaks the crooked cloud, releases the showers, activates the production of food for holy offerings and wins the gratitude of the green earth, fertile cows and rejoicing humanity.

एवा पित्रे विश्वदेवाय वृष्णे यज्ञैर्विधेम नमसा हविर्भिः ।
बृहस्पते सुप्रजा वीरवन्तो वयं स्याम पतयो रयीणाम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Evā pitre viśvadevāya vṛṣṇe yajñairvidhema
namasā havirbhiḥ. Bṛhaspate suprajā vīravanto
vayaṁ syāma patayo rayīṇām.*

Thus do we, O lord Brhaspati, offer homage to the father, divine giver of light and rain showers, with food, and salutations, yajnas and oblations of fragrant havis, and we pray that we may be blest with noble and brave progeny, and we may be masters of the wealths of life.

स इद्राजा प्रतिजन्यानि विश्वा शुष्मेण तस्थावभि वीर्येण ।
बृहस्पतिं यः सुभृतं बिभर्ति वल्गूयति वन्दते पूर्व-
भार्जम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sa id rājā pratijanyāni viśvā śuṣmeṇa tasthāvabhi vīryeṇa. Bṛhaspatiṃ yaḥ subhṛtaṃ bibharti valgūyati vandate pūrvabhājam.*

He surely is ruler of the world who faces all the practical battles of life with his own strength and courage, and who holds in faith, honours and worships Brhaspati, lord supreme sustainer of the universe, most cherished and the first immanent lord of life.

स इत्क्षेति सुधित ओकसि स्वे तस्मा इळा पिन्वते
विश्वदानीम् । तस्मै विशः स्वयमेवा नमन्ते यस्मिन्ब्रह्मा राजनि
पूर्व एति ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa itkṣeti sudhita okasi sve tasmā ilā pinvate viśvadānīm. Tasmai viśaḥ svayamevā namante yasmin brahmā rājani pūrva eti.*

Surely he dwells with peace and contentment in his own home, and him nature favours with all her gifts as her loving all-generous child, and to him all people spontaneously bow in reverence, whom Brahma, Lord Supreme as well as visionary of the Vedas, prime Spirit and prime person, favours and blesses as the brilliant ruler with the divine presence.

अप्रतीतो जयति सं धनानि प्रतिजन्यान्युत या सजन्या ।
अवस्यवे यो वरिवः कृणोति ब्रह्मणे राजा तमवन्ति
देवाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Apratīto jayati saṃ dhanāni pratijanyānyuta yā sajanyā. Avasyave yo varivaḥ kṛṇoti brahmaṇe rājā tamavanti devāḥ.*

Unchallenged, unopposed, that ruler wins over

and rules all the wealth and powers, assets and liabilities, whether they belong to the opposition or to his own supporters, who does honour and service to the holy man of Vedic knowledge, who feels he needs protection and support and offers worship and support to the lord omniscient and omnipotent in support of his people. Indeed all the nobilities of humanity and all powers of nature strengthen, support and protect that ruler as the man of God for all his people.

इन्द्रश्च सोमं पिबतं बृहस्पतेऽस्मिन्यज्ञे मन्दसाना वृषण्वसू ।
आ वां विशन्त्विन्द्रवः स्वाभुवोऽस्मे रयिं सर्ववीरं नि
यच्छतम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Indraśca somam pibatam bṛhaspate'smin yajñe mandsānā vṛṣaṇvasū. Ā vām viśantvindravaḥ svābhuvo'sme rayim sarvavīram ni yacchatam.*

Brhaspati, master of the knowledge of omniscience, and Indra, lord ruler of the world, both rejoicing and giving showers of wealth and comfort to the people, drink the soma of bliss in this yajna of human excellence. O lords of glory in your own right, may the majesty and sublimity of divinity bless you both and may you create and give us the wealth and honour of a brave and perfect nation with a brave young generation.

बृहस्पत इन्द्र वधतं नः सचा सा वां सुमतिर्भूत्वस्मे । अविष्टं
धियो जिगृतं पुरन्धीर्जजस्तमर्यो वनुषामरातीः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Bṛhaspata indra vardhatam naḥ sacā sā vām sumatirbhūtvasme. Aviṣṭam dhiyo jigṛtam puran dhīrjajastamaryo vanuṣāmarātīḥ.*

Brhaspati and Indra, scholar teacher of science

and Divinity, ruler of the world, lead us on to advancement, we pray, be with us as our own, and may your vision and wisdom be ours for ourselves. Inspire and protect our mind and soul, awaken our thought and action. Lord and master, kind and favourable, help us exhaust and eliminate our weaknesses, want and poverty, dedicated supplicants as we are.

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Usha Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

इदमु त्यत्पुरु तमं पुरस्ताज्ज्योतिस्तमसो वयुनावदस्थात् ।
नूनं दिवो दुहितरो विभातीर्गतुं कृणवन्नुषसो जनाय ॥ १ ॥

1. *Idamu tyat purutamam purastājjyotistamaso vayunāvadasthāt. Nūnam divo duhitaro vibhātīr-gātum kṛṇavannuṣaso janāya.*

Yonder in the east arises and shines that glorious light of the dawn revealing itself from the depths of night's darkness and inspiring us to wake up and see the light of knowledge. Surely daughters of heaven, the sublime lights of the dawn illuminate the earth for us to see the paths of the day's action.

अस्थुरु चित्रा उषसः पुरस्तान्मिताइव स्वरवोऽध्वरेषु ।
व्यू व्रजस्य तमसो द्वारोच्छन्तीरव्रज्जुचयः पावकाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Asthuru citrā uṣasaḥ purastān-mitā iva svaravo'-dhvareṣu. Vyū vrajasya tamaso dvārocchantīra-vrañ-chucayaḥ pāvakāḥ.*

The lights of the dawn, various wondrous, shine magnificent in the east like daughters of omniscience, bright and bold like flag posts of yajnas of the day, pure

and purifying as flames of fire, opening the doors of light from the deep folds of the night's darkness.

उच्छन्तीरद्य चितयन्त भोजात्राधोदेयायोषसो मघोनीः ।
अचित्रे अन्तः पणयः ससन्त्वबुध्यमानास्तमसो विमध्ये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ucchantīradya citayanta bhojān rādhodeyā-
yoṣaso maghonīḥ. Acitre antaḥ paṇayaḥ sasantva-
budhyamānās-tamaso vimadhye.*

Brilliant and blissful magnificent lights of the dawn now in the early hours of the morning wake up and inspire liberal yajakas for the gifts of charity and performance of the morning yajna, while deep down in the folds of impenetrable darkness the slothful misers sleep on, unconscious, unaware and lost in the state of ignorance.

कुवित्स देवीः सनयो नवो वा यामो बभूयादुषसो वो अद्य ।
येना नवगवे अङ्गिरे दशगवे सप्तास्ये रेवती रेवदूष ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kuvitsa devīḥ sanayo navo vā yāmo babhū-
yāduṣaso vo adya. Yenā navagve aṅgire daśagve
saptāsye revatī revadūṣa.*

O divinities of the dawn, let that ancient chariot of yours which is ever new every morning be ever so great and magnificent by which, rich and luxurious in wealth and grace of beauty, you come and shine for your darling, dear as breath of life, who has nine cows or ten, i.e., earthly virtues, and seven mouths for consumption and many more for creation.

यूयं हि देवीर्ऋतयुग्भिरश्वैः परिप्रयाथ भुवनानि सद्यः ।
प्रबोधयन्तीरुषसः ससन्तं द्विपाच्चतुष्पाच्चरथाय जीवम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yūyam hi devīr-ṛtayugbhiraśvaiḥ pariprayātha bhuvanāni sadyaḥ. Prabodhayanānīruṣasaḥ sasantam dvipāc-catuspāc-carathāya jīvam.*

O divine lights of dawn, you always move over and across regions of the world by the rays of light travelling by the straight paths of truth and natural law across the oceans of space, waking up and inspiring the sleeping world of life, humans and animals, to rise and move for the day's activity.

ॐ स्वदासां कतमा पुराणी यया विधाना विदधुर्ऋभूणाम् ।
शुभं यच्छुभ्रा उषसश्चरन्ति न वि ज्ञायन्ते सदृशीर-
जुर्याः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Kva sivadāsām katamā purānī yayā vidhānā vidadhur-rbhūṇām. Śubham yacchubhrā uṣasa-ścaranti na vi jñāyante sadṛśīr-ajuryāḥ.*

Where and which of these dawns is that ancient one by which the wonder works of the Rbhus, miraculous artists and experts, were accomplished? Which one of these glorious dawns that go about so blissfully, all alike and unaging? No, not known.

ता घा ता भद्रा उषसः पुरासुरभिष्टिद्युम्ना ऋतजातसत्याः ।
यास्वीजानः शशमान उक्थैः स्तुवञ्छंसन्द्रविणं सद्य
आप ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tā ghā tā bhadrā uṣasaḥ purāsurabhiṣṭidyumnā ṛtajātasatyāḥ. Yāsvījānaḥ śaśamāna ukthaiḥ stuvañchaṁsan-draviṇam sadya āpa.*

For sure those were the dawns of ancient time, givers of abundant wealth of one's heart's desire, born of the law of Divinity, rooted in eternal truth and

rectitude, in which the holy yajaka, worshipping the Divine with songs of praise and celebration, always and immediately achieved the wealth of his choice and desire. They are the same even now, the old ever new.

ता आ चरन्ति सम॒ना पु॒रस्ता॑त्समा॒नतः॑ सम॒ना प॑प्र॒थानाः॑ ।
ऋ॒तस्य॑ दे॒वीः सद॑सो बु॒धाना॑ गवां॒ न सर्गी॑ उ॒षसो॑ जरन्ते ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tā ā caranti samanā purastāt samānataḥ samanā paprathānāḥ. Ṛtasya devīḥ sadaso budhānā gavāṃ na sargā uṣaso jarante.*

They are the celestial lights of Divinity, part of cosmic dynamics, waking up the homesteads to activity and proceeding like streams of cows going to the pastures. Thus do the dawns arise, radiate, wake up life and celebrate the Divine. They rise and act the same way in the east since eternity, radiate equally the same way, illuminating the same way, eternal, ever new, old yet ever young.

ता इ॒न्वे॒व स॑म॒ना स॑मा॒नीर॑मी॒तवर्णा॑ उ॒षस॑श्चरन्ति ।
गू॒हन्ती॑र॒भ्वम॑सि॒तं रु॒शद्भिः॑ शु॒क्रास्त॑नू॒भिः शु॒चयो॑
रु॒चानाः॑ ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tā innveva samanā samānīr-amītavarṇā uṣasa-ścaranti. Gūhantīr-abhvamasitaṃ ruśadbhiḥ śukrāstanūbhiḥ śucayo rucānāḥ.*

Thus do the dawns, equal, alike, unobstructed and inviolable, radiate and roam around, covering the vast spatial darkness with light and vesting things with beautiful forms of their own by their catalytic rays of light and blaze, penetrating, pure, purifying, beautiful and edifying.

रयिं दिवो दुहितरो विभातीः प्रजावन्तं यच्छतास्मासु देवीः ।
स्योनादा वः प्रतिबुध्यमानाः सुवीर्यस्य पतयः स्याम ॥ १० ॥

10. *Rayim divo duhitaro vibhātīḥ prajāvantam yacchatāsmāsu devīḥ. Syonādā vaḥ pratibudhya-mānāḥ suvīryasya patayaḥ syāma.*

O daughters of the light of heaven, angelic damsels of divinity, bear and bless us with the wealth of progeny so that, illuminative as you are, edified into a state of wakefulness and enlightenment through the peace and bliss of your love and beauty, we, awake and enlightened, may command a blessed force of warlike heroes.

तद्वो दिवो दुहितरो विभातीरुप ब्रुव उषसो यज्ञकेतुः । वयं
स्याम यशसो जनैषु तद् द्यौश्च धत्तां पृथिवी च देवी ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tadvo divo duhitaro vibhātīrupa bruva uṣaso yajñaketuḥ. Vayaṁ syāma yaśaso janeṣu tad dyauśca dhattām prthivī ca devī.*

O lights of dawn, daughters of the glory of heaven, brilliant, radiating and illuminative as you are, I sing of you as you are, symbol of cosmic yajna, and I pray we may be blest with the glory of divinity, splendour of humanity and the honour and wealth of excellence which the heaven and earth and the daughters of heaven and earth may bear and bring for us.

(Swami Dayananda extends the meaning of the dawns from 'daughters of heaven' to heavenly daughters of humanity', enlightened women, makers of happy homes. A happy home is a very heaven, he says.)

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प्रति ष्या सूनरी जनीं व्यूच्छन्ती परि स्वसुः ।
दिवो अदर्शि दुहिता ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prati śyā sūnatī janī vyucchantī pari svasuḥ.*
Divo adarśi duhitā.

That joyous dawn, pioneer of the sun, harbinger of the new day, shining at the departure of her sister, the night, rises to view every morning as the daughter of heaven, arousing the world to fresh life.

अश्वेव चित्रारुषी माता गवामृतावरी ।
सखाभृदश्विनोरुषाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Aśveva citrāruṣī mātā gavāmṛtāvarī.*
Sakhābhṛdaśvinorūṣāḥ.

Like a graceful mare, crimson red, wondrous bright, mother pioneer of sunrays, shower of nature's light and bliss, the dawn is a friend of the Ashvins, the sun and moon.

उत सखास्यश्विनोरुत माता गवामसि ।
उतोषो वस्व ईशिषे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Uta sakhāsyāśvinoruta mātā gavāmasi.*
Utoṣo vasva īśiṣe.

O Dawn, while you are a friend of the sun and moon and mother of sunrays, you also command the wealths of the world.

यावयद् द्वेषसं त्वा चिकित्वित्सूनृतावरि ।
प्रति स्तोमैरभुत्समहि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yāvayaddveṣasaṁ tvā cikitvitsūṇṛtāvari.
Prati stomairabhutsmahi.*

O bright and illuminative dawn, spirit and beauty of truth and holiness, while you dispel hate and anger and inspire love and admiration, let us know and celebrate you with songs of praise and honour.

प्रति भद्रा अदृक्षतु गवां सर्गा न रश्मयः ।

ओषा अप्रा उरु जयः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Prati bhadraṁ adr̥kṣata gavāṁ sargā na raśmayah.
Oṣā aprā uru jrayah.*

The bright and blessed light rays of the dawn appear moving like herds of cows, like showers of solar energy and like clusters of galaxies: the refulgent dawns filling the wide spaces with light and splendour.

आपप्रुषी विभावरि व्यावर्ज्योतिषा तमः ।

उषो अनु स्वधामव ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Āpaprūṣī vibhāvari vyāvarjyotiṣā tamah.
Uṣo anu svadhāmava.*

Bright and wide awake, inspiring the world with light and awareness, replete with the virtue of divinity, removing the veil of darkness with light, O dawn, protect us, protect and promote all, as you have the power and wakefulness.

आ द्यां तनोषि रश्मिभिरान्तरिक्षमु रु प्रियम् ।

उषः शुक्लेण शोचिषा ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ā dyāṁ tanoṣi raśmibhir-āntarikṣamuru priyam.
Uṣaḥ śukreṇa śociṣā.*

O dawn, with your rays of light, you radiate and fill the wide heavens and the skies, and the regions of universal love, so do you bless your loved one with the purest light of love and bliss.

(Swami Dayananda interprets the dawn literally as well as metaphorically: The dawn is not only the light of the morning, daughter of the sun, but also the light of the home, blessed and beautiful lady of the house who fills the home with light and virtue and inspires her beloved husband with love and bliss.)

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तद्देवस्य सवितुर्वार्यं^१ महद् वृणीमहे असुरस्य प्रचेतसः ।
छर्दिर्येन दाशुषे यच्छति त्मना तन्नो मह्यं उदयान्देवो
अक्तुभिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tad devasya saviturvāryam mahad vṛṇīmahe asurasya pracetasah. Chardiryena dāsūṣe yachati tmanā tanno mahān udayāndevo aktubhiḥ.*

We love, choose and pray for that great, lovable and cherished energy and refulgence of Savita, self-refulgent, all observant, giver of light, life and breath of energy by which, all by himself, he gives the peace and shelter of a blessed home to the generous yajnic devotee. May the same lord of light and life arise for us day by day and bless us with the bliss of a sweet home.

दिवो धर्ता भुवनस्य प्रजापतिः पिशङ्गं द्रापिं प्रति मुञ्चते
कविः । विचक्षणः प्रथर्यन्नापृणन्नुर्वजीजनत्सविता सुम्न-
मुक्थ्यम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Devo dhartā bhuvanasya prajāpatiḥ piśaṅgam drāpiṁ prati muñcate kaviḥ. Vicakṣaṇaḥ prathayannāpṛṇannurvaḷjanat savitā sumnamukth-yam.*

Upholder of the heaven of light, sustainer of the universe, Prajapati Savita, lord of light and vision, wears the refulgent mantle of many forms and colours and, all watching, illuminative, radiating and expansive, filling all regions with the life breath of energy, creates and inspires adorable peace and joy of living.

आप्रा रजांसि दिव्यानि पार्थिवा श्लोकं देवः कृणुते स्वाय
धर्मणे । प्र ब्राह्म अस्त्राक्सविता सर्वांमनि निवेशयन्प्रसुव-
न्नक्तुभिर्जगत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Āprā rajāṁsi divyāni pāṛthivā ślokaṁ devaḥ kṛṇute svāya dharmāṇe. Pra bāhū asrāksavitā savīmani niveśayan prasuvannaktubhirjagat.*

Savita, self-refulgent creator, giver of light and life, pervades the highest regions of light, the middle regions of the skies and the regions of the earth and creates the poetry of omniscience for the revelation and communication of his own divine law. He extends the arms of his omnipotential power and presence thereby in-vesting and advancing the world of his creation into the honour and excellence of life day and night.

अदाभ्यो भुवनानि प्रचाकशद् व्रतानि देवः सविताभि रक्षते ।
प्रास्त्राग्बाहू भुवनस्य प्रजाभ्यो धृतव्रतो महो अज्मस्य
राजति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Adābhyo bhuvanani pracākaśad vratāni devaḥ savitābhi rakṣate. Prāsrāgbāhū bhuvanasya prajābhyo dhṛtavrato maho ajmasya rājati.*

Undaunted and intrepidable, the self-refulgent lord of infinite generosity, Savita, illuminates the worlds of existence and guards and superintends the laws of nature and holy resolutions of humanity. He extends his arms of help and protection for the children of the earth and, wielding his omnipotence of the laws of existence, he shines and rules over the wide regions of the mighty universe.

त्रिरन्तरिक्षं सविता महित्वना त्री रजांसि परिभूस्त्रीणि
रोचना । तिस्रो दिवः पृथिवीस्तिस्व इन्वति त्रिभिर्व्रतैरभि
नो रक्षति त्मना ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Trirantarikṣaṁ savitā mahitvanā trī rajāṁsi paribhūstrīṇi rocanā. Tisro devaḥ pṛathivīstisra invati tribhir-vratair-abhi no rakṣati tmanā.*

Lord Savita with his power and presence pervades and inspires threefold middle regions, threefold regions of firmament and spatial oceans, threefold lights of fire, lightning and the sun, three orders of heaven and threefold regions of earth, and with his love and power he guides, protects and fulfils us by the threefold laws of creation, sustenance and dissolution of the world.

बृहत्सुम्नः प्रसवीता निवेशनो जगतः स्थातुरुभयस्य यो
वशी । स नो देवः सविता शर्मा यच्छत्वस्मे क्षयाय त्रिवरूथ-
महंसः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Bṛhatsumnaḥ prasavītā niveśano jagataḥ sthātu-rubhayasya yo vaśī. Sa no devaḥ savitā śarma yacchatvasme kṣayāya trivarūthamaṇ-hasaḥ.*

Lord giver of abundant peace and joy, creator

sustainer, mainstay of the moving and unmoving world and controller of both, may the self-refulgent lord Savita of infinite generosity grant us peace and prosperity of an excellent home for threefold protection of body, mind and soul, elimination of sin and evil and rest in tranquillity.

आर्गन्देव ऋतुभिर्वर्धतु क्षयं दधातु नः सविता सुप्रजा-
मिषम् । स नः क्षपाभिरहंभिश्च जिन्वतु प्रजावन्तं रयिमस्मे
समिन्वतु ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Āgandeva ṛtubhir-varḍhatu kṣayaṁ dadhātu naḥ
savitā suprajāmiṣam. Sa naḥ kṣapābhirahabhiṣca
jinvatu prajāvantam rayimasme saminvatu.*

May the self-refulgent lord Savita arise, promote the peace and prosperity of our home by every season and bring us abundant food and energy with the bliss of noble progeny. May he inspire us day and night to higher honour and achievement and advance us all round to a settled state of homely wealth for generations to come.

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अभूद्देवः सविता वन्द्यो नु न इदानीमहं उपवाच्यो नृभिः ।
वि यो रत्ना भजति मानवेभ्यः श्रेष्ठं नो अत्र द्रविणं यथा
दधत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Abhūddevaḥ savitā vandyo nu na idānīmahna
upavācya nṛbhiḥ. Vi yo ratnā bhajati mānave-
bhyaḥ śreṣṭhaṁ no atra draviṇaṁ yathā dadhat.*

Lord Savita, giver of abundant light and joy, is adorable for all of us, the lord who is now praised and

worshipped day in and day out by the best of men and leaders of humanity, and who gives for the people abundant good fortune of the jewels of wealth just as he creates and gives the best and highest of wealth for us.

देवेभ्यो हि प्रथमं यज्ञियेभ्योऽमृतत्वं सुवसि भागमुत्तमम् ।
आदिद्दामानं सवितर्व्यूर्णुषेऽनूचीना जीविता मानुषेभ्यः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Devebhyo hi prathamam yajñīyebhyo'mṛtatvaṁ suvasi bhāgamuttamam. Ādiddāmānaṁ savitar-vyūrṇuṣe'nūcīnā jīvītā mānuṣebhyaḥ.*

Savita, lord creator of life, you alone first of all create and inspire the immortal bliss of freedom, the highest gift of divinity for mankind, awarded to the devotees of yajna and divine worship, and then you alone reveal yourself and open up the treasures of divine gifts for the generous people followed by children who keep up the family tradition of piety.

अचित्ती यच्चकृमा दैव्ये जने दीनैर्दक्षैः प्रभूती पूरुषत्वता ।
देवेषु च सवितर्मानुषेषु च त्वं नो अत्र सुवतादनागसः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Acittī yaccakṛmā daivye jane dīnairdakṣaiḥ prabhūti pūruṣatvatā. Deveṣu ca savitarmānuṣesu ca tvaṁ no atra suvatādanāgasah.*

Whatever our trespass whether out of ignorance, or helplessness, or pride, or arrogance, or sense of power, either among or toward the divine people, or the generous and brilliant, or even ordinary people, for that trespass, O lord Savita, giver of light and inspiration, give us the strength and inspiration to correct ourselves and be free from sin and evil here itself in this life we are human, after all.

न प्रमिये सवितुर्दैव्यस्य तद्यथा विश्वं भुवनं धारयिष्यति ।
यत्पृथिव्या वरिमन्त्रा स्वङ्गुरिर्वर्ष्मन्दिवः सुवति सत्यमस्य
तत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Na pramiye savitur-daivyasya tad yathā viśvaṁ
bhuvanam dhārayiṣyati. Yatpṛthivyā varimannā
svaṅgurir-varṣmandivaḥ suvati satyamasya tat.*

Never shall the grandeur of divine Savita be violated and destroyed, grandeur by which he wields and shall ever wield the whole universe, by which he creates the wide expanse of the earth and the glory of high heaven whereon is seen the imprint of his fingers. That grandeur is ever true, imperishable.

इन्द्रज्येष्ठान्बृहद्भ्यः पर्वतेभ्यः क्षयाँ एभ्यः सुवसि
पस्त्यावतः । यथायथा पतयन्तो वियेमिर एवैव तस्थुः
सवितः सुवाय ते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrajyeṣṭhān bṛhadbhyaḥ parvatebhyaḥ kṣayāñ
ebhyaḥ suvasi pastyāvataḥ. Yathāyathā patayanto
viyemira evaiva tasthuḥ savitaḥ savāya te.*

Savita, O lord creator, you create the stars and forces great as the sun and cosmic energy, greater than the mighty mountains and the thunderous clouds, and you create the regions and orbits for these wherein they abide like home dwellers. And as these fly around and observe the cosmic law, so they abide for your honour and grandeur doing homage to your glory.

ये ते त्रिरहन्त्सवितः सुवासो दिवेदिवे सौभगमासुवन्ति ।
इन्द्रो द्यावापृथिवी सिन्धुरद्भिरादित्यैर्नो अदितिः शर्म
यंसत् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ye te trirahant-savitaḥ savāso divedive saubha-
gamāsuṃvanti. Indro dyāvāprthivī sinduradbhir-
ādityair-no aditiḥ śarma yaṃsat.*

Savita, lord creator, the created ones such as sun and moon and the human beings, who daily do homage to you thrice every day, may all these, earth and heaven, the sea with waters, mother nature with her solar lights, and Indra, the sun, and lord omnipotent create for us homely sweetness and give us a peaceful home for rest.

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Vishvedeva Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

को वस्त्राता वसवः को वरुता द्यावाभूमी अदिते त्रासीथां
नः । सहीयसो वरुण मित्र मर्तात्को वोऽध्वरे वरिवो धाति
देवाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ko vastrātā vasavaḥ ko varūtā dyāvābhūmī adite
trāsīthām naḥ. Sahīyaso varuṇa mitra martāt ko
vo'dhvare varivo dhāti devāḥ.*

O Vasus, shelter homes of life, which one of you is our saviour, our protector? O heaven and earth, O mother nature, safeguard us. O Mitra and Varuna, friend and lord of justice, who is our protector and defender against the powerful challenging man? O noble people, who bears and brings us the best gifts in yajna?

प्र ये धामानि पूर्व्याण्यर्चान्वि यदुच्छान्वियोतारो अमूराः ।
विधातारो वि ते दधुरजस्त्रा ऋतधीतयो रुरुचन्त दस्माः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Pra ye dhāmāni pūrvyāṇyarcān vi yaducchān-
viyotāro amūrāḥ. Vidhātāro vi te dadhurajasrā
ratadhītayo rurucanta dasmāḥ.*

Those who love and respect and have realised the primal seats and sources of divine bliss, who dispel the darkness and illuminate them, wise destroyers of suffering, creators and sustainers of boons of divine bliss, bear and bring immortal bliss without relent, they are the destroyers of want and misery, and they abide by and sustain the laws of truth and shine in glory.

प्र प॒स्त्या॒इमदि॑तिं सि॒न्धुम॑कैः स्व॒स्तिमी॑ळे सु॒ख्याय॑ दे॒वीम् ।
उ॒भे यथा॑ नो अ॒हनी॑ नि॒पात॑ उ॒षासा॑न॒क्ता क॑रताम॒दब्धे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pra pastyāmaditiṁ sindumarkaiḥ svastimīḷe sakhyāya devīm. Ubhe yathā no ahanī nipāta uṣāsānaktā karatāmadabdhe.*

I praise the divine Aditi, Mother Nature and imperishable Eternity, blessed home of existence and the ocean, with songs of celebration for the sake of friendship and the gift of welfare and happiness, and I pray that just as the two protect and sustain us day and night, so may the night and the dawns, both intrepidable, nourish and sustain us.

व्य॒र्य॒मा वरु॑णश्चेति॒ पन्था॑मिष॒स्पतिः॑ सु॒वितं॑ गा॒तुम॑ग्निः ।
इन्द्रा॑विष्णू नृ॒वदु॑षु स्तवा॑ना॒ शर्म॑ नो यन्त॒ममव॑द्वरू॒थम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vyaryamā varuṇaśceti panthāmiṣaspatiḥ suvitam gātumagniḥ. Indrāviṣṇū nṛvadu ṣu stavānā śarma no yantamamavadvarūtham.*

May Aryama, lord of justice, and Varuna, supreme ruler, show us the paths of life with light and knowledge. May Agni, leading creator and controller of food and energy, open up the paths of progressive development on earth. May Indra, controller and

commander of power, and Vishnu, sustainer and protector of a steady state of law and order, both praised and celebrated as leaders of excellence, provide us a life of peace, freedom and security and a sweet home of conjugal bliss and promising progeny.

आ पर्वतस्य मरुतामवांसि देवस्य त्रातुरव्रि भगस्य ।

पात्पतिर्जन्यादंहसो नो मित्रो मित्रियादुत न उरुष्येत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā parvatasya marutā mavāṃsi devasya trāturavri bhagasya. Pātpatirjanyādaṃhaso no mitro mitriyāduta na uruṣyet.*

I pray for protections of the cloud, the mountain and the winds and warriors, and for the gifts of Bhaga, generous giver of power and prosperity, the lord protector and promoter of all. May the ruler of the land save us from sin and crime that might arise, and Mitra, friends, like real friends, protect and advance us in life.

नू रोदसी अहिना बुध्न्येन स्तुवीत देवी अप्येभिरिष्टैः ।

समुद्रं न संचरणे सनिष्यवो घर्मस्वरसो नद्योऽप्यर्प व्रन् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Nū rodasī ahinā budhnyena stuvīta devī apye-bhiriṣṭaiḥ. Samudraṃ na saṃcaraṇe saniṣyavo gharmaśvaraso nadyo apyā vran.*

As the sailors who desire to cross the sea study and appraise the sea and sea conditions to sail over, so, O dedicated performers of yajna, study the earth and heaven along with thunder and clouds and the desired water gifts of the skies so that streams of vapour and showers of rain be released for the rivers to flow over land to the sea.

देवैर्नो देव्यदितिर्नि पातु देवस्त्राता त्रायतामप्रयुच्छन् ।

नहि मित्रस्य वरुणस्य धासिमहीमसि प्रमियं सान्वग्नेः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Devairno devyaditirni pātu devastrātā trāyatāmaprayucchan. Nahi mitrasya varuṇasya dhāsi-marhāmasi pramiyaṁ sānvagneḥ.*

May divine Aditi, Mother Nature, with all her generous forces nourish and sustain us. May divine saviour save, protect and sustain us without relent and neglect. (So may our mother and father guide, protect and sustain us.) And we must not try, much less even feel, that we can hurt or compromise the high position and favour of Mitra, the friend, Varuna, senior guide and judge, and Agni, leader, fire and vital energy.

अग्निरींशे वसव्यस्याऽग्निर्महः सौभगस्य ।

तान्यस्मभ्यं रासते ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Agnirīṣe vasavyasyā'gnirmahaḥ saubhagasya. Tānyasmabyaṁ rāsate.*

Agni, ruler of action and endeavour, rules the wealth, power and honours of life. Agni, fire, commands the prosperity, good fortune and grandeur of humanity. Agni provides all these for us.

उषो मघोन्या वहु सूनृते वार्यी पुरु ।

अस्मभ्यं वाजिनीवति ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uṣo maghonyā vaha sūnṛte vāryā puru. asmabyaṁ vājīnīvati.*

Usha, O lady of morning light, beauty of the home, blest with holy speech of inspiration, commanding wealth and honour, mistress of intelligence

and speed of progress in action and endeavour, bring us manifold wealth and honour of our cherished desire.

तत् सु नः सविता भगो वरुणो मित्रो अर्यमा ।

इन्द्रो नो राधसा गमत् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tat su naḥ savitā bhago varuṇo mitro aryamā.
Indro no rādhasā gamat.*

That power, prosperity, honour and excellence for us, may Savita, the sun, Bhaga, ruler of wealth and power, Varuna, the chosen leader, Mitra, the friend, Aryama, the chief of justice, and Indra, commander and controller of power and rule of law and order, may bring us with all wealth and success of excellence and joy.

Mandala 4/Sukta 56

Dyavapṛthivi Devata, Vamadeva Gautama Rshi

मही द्यावापृथिवी इह ज्येष्ठे रुचा भवतां शुचयद्भिरर्कैः ।

यत्सीं वरिष्ठे बृहती विमिन्वन्नुवद्धोक्षा पप्रथानेभिरेवैः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mahī dyāvāpṛthivī iha jyeṣṭhe rucā bhavatām
śucayadbhir-arkaiḥ. Yatsīm variṣṭhe bṛhatī
viminvan ruvaddhokṣā paprathānebhīr-evaiḥ.*

The great heaven and earth, greatest here both, grow bright and beautiful with pure and purifying showers of light when the sun, radiating and all round pervading both the great and best regions of the universe, rises and roars like a bull in the heavens with wide expansive rays of its glorious radiation.

देवी देवेभिर्यजते यजत्रैरमिनती तस्थतुरुक्षमाणे ।

ऋतावरी अद्रुही देवपुत्रे यज्ञस्य नेत्री शुचयद्भिरर्कैः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Devī devebhīryajate yajatrair-amināṁ tasthat-
urukṣamāṇe. R̥tāvarī adruhā devaputre
yajñasya netrī śucayadbhir-arkaiḥ.*

Divine dyavapṛthivī, sun and earth with their divine forces—the sun with light and the earth with her motherly nurture and noble people — both worthy of love and study with dedication, loving and non-violent, abide constant in the universe. They are generous with showers of light and vitality, firm in the cosmic law of truth, replete with waters of life, loving all and hating none, blest with bright and creative progeny — the sun with planets and satellites and the earth with vegetation — carrying on and leading the process of cosmic yajna with their pure and purifying rays of light and vibrations of creative generosity.

स इत्स्वपा भुवनेष्वास य इमे द्यावापृथिवी जजान ।

उर्वी गभीरे रजसी सुमेके अवंशे धीरः शच्या समैरत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa itsvapā bhuvaneṣvāsa ya ime dyāvāpṛthivī
jajāna. Urvī gabhīre rajasī sumeke avamśe dhīraḥ
śacyā samairat.*

That One alone, lord of omnipotent holy action omnipresent in these worlds of the universe, is the lord who creates the heaven and earth wide and deep with concentrations of particles together in beautiful forms self-sustained without external support. He is the lord eternal and omniscient who moves these with his vision and holy power.

नू रोदसी बृहद्धिर्नो वरूथैः पत्नीवद्धिरिषयन्ती सजोषाः ।

उरुची विश्वे यजते नि पातं धिया स्याम रथ्यः सदासाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Nū rodasī bṛhadbhirno varūthaiḥ patnīva-
dbhir-iṣayanī sajoṣāḥ. Urūcī viśve yajate ni
pātām dhiyā syāma rathyaḥ sadāsāḥ.*

May the heaven and earth, vast, together loving,
kind, favourable and fertile, revered and admired by
the world, bless us with vast homes managed by
dedicated ladies and may we, with our will and
intelligence, achieve and command many chariots and
assistants under their protection.

प्र वां महि द्यवीं अभ्युपस्तुतिं भरामहे ।

शुची उप प्रशस्तये ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pra vām mahi dyavī abhyupastutiṁ bharāmahe.
Śucī upa praśastaye.*

O resplendent heaven and earth, pure and
unsullied, we offer earnest praise in honour to you and
approach you with prayers.

पुनाने तन्वा मिथः स्वेन दक्षेण राजथः ।

रुह्याथे सनादृतम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Punāne tanvā mithaḥ svena dakṣeṇa rājathaḥ.
Uhyāthe sanāḍṛtam.*

Divine and pure heaven and earth, together in
body with your innate power and potential, you shine
in glory and observe the laws of eternal truth in
existence.

मही मित्रस्य साधथस्तरन्ती पिप्रती ऋतम् ।

परि यज्ञं नि षेदथुः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Mahī mitrasya sādhatas-tarantī pipratī ṛtam.
Pari yajñam ni ṣedathuḥ.*

O mighty heaven and earth, helping friends and devotees to cross the hurdles to attainment, fulfilling the laws of truth to bliss, you preside over the yajnas of life to perfection of success.

Mandala 4/Sukta 57

*Kshetrapati, Shuna, Shunasira, Sita Devata,
Vamadeva Gautama Rshi*

क्षेत्रस्य पतिना वयं हितेनेव जयामसि ।

गामश्च पोषयित्वा स नो मृळतीदृशे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kṣetrasya patinā vyaṁ hiteneva jayāmasi.
Gāmaśvaṁ poṣayitvā sa no mṛṭādīrṣe.*

We prosper in life by virtue of the master of the field as by a benefactor or a friendly army. May he, giver of good health and nutriments, develop fertile fields, cows and horses and, in this way, provide peace and joy for us all.

क्षेत्रस्य पते मधुमन्तमूर्मि धेनुरिव पयो अस्मासु धुक्ष्व ।

मधुश्चुतं घृतमिव सुपूतमृतस्य नः पतयो मृळयन्तु ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kṣetrasya pate madhumantam-ūrmiṁ dhen-uriva
payo asmāsu dhukṣva. Madhuścutam ghr̥tamiva
supūtam-ṛtasya naḥ patayo mṛṣayantu.*

Master of the field, as the cow produces milk and you milk the nectar for us, so produce the rippling sweets of honey for us, and so may the masters of running waters, laws of nature and holy action discover the sacred knowledge of science like sanctified ghr̥ta seasoned with honey for the peace and joy of us all.

मधुमतीरोषधीद्याव आपो मधुमत्रो भवत्वन्तरिक्षम् ।
क्षेत्रस्य पतिर्मधुमात्रो अस्त्वरिष्यन्तो अन्वेनं चरेम ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Madhumatīroṣadhīdyāva āpo madhumanno bhavatvantarikṣam. Kṣetrasya patir-madhum-ānno astvarisyanto anvenam carema.*

May the herbs and trees, all vegetation indeed, be full of honey for us. May the heavens of light, the skies and the oceans of earth and space be full of honey for us. May the farmer, master of the field, be gracious with honey for us. And let us join, serve and cooperate with the farmer as well as with nature as we should without hurting, injuring and polluting.

शुनं वाहाः शुनं नरः शुनं कृषतु लाङ्गलम् ।
शुनं वरत्रा बध्यन्तां शुनमष्ट्रामुदिङ्गय ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Śunam vāhāḥ śunam naraḥ śunam kṛṣatu lāṅga-lam. Śunam varatrā badhyantām śunamaṣṭrā-mudiṅgaya.*

Let the oxen and horses draw the plough and carry the burdens happily for growth and prosperity. Let the men work happily, let the plough furrow the field neatly, and let the whole process move on happily and effectively for growth and prosperity.

शुनासीराविमां वाचं जुषेथां यद्विवि चक्रथुः पयः ।
तेनेमामुप सिञ्चतम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Śunāsīrāvimām vācam juṣethām yad divi cakra-thuḥ payah. Tenemāmupa siñcatam.*

O Vayu and Aditya, wind and sun, farmer and helpers, listen to this word and follow: the water which

you create in the regions of light, and which you move in the light of science, pray bring down to irrigate this holy land of the fields.

अ॒र्वाचीं सु॒भगे भव॑ सी॒ते व॒न्दामहे॑ त्वा ।

यथा॑ नः सु॒भगा॑सी॒सि यथा॑ नः सु॒फला॑सी॒सि ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Arvācī subhage bhava sīte vandāmahe tvā.
Yathā naḥ subhagāsasi yathā naḥ suphalāsasi.*

O charming furrow, be straight and deeply well drawn. We love and celebrate you so that you bring us good fortune, so that you bring us the best fruit of our labour and endeavour.

इन्द्रः॑ सी॒तां नि गृ॑ह्णातु तां पू॒षानु॑ यच्छतु ।

सा नः॑ प॒र्य॒स्वती दु॒हामु॒त्तरा॑मु॒त्तरां॑ स॒माम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Indraḥ sītāṁ ni grhnātu tāṁ pūṣānu yacchatu.
Sā naḥ payasvatī duhām-uttarāmuttarāṁ samām.*

Let Indra, the farmer, take over and look after the furrow with seed, and may the sun shine warmly over the seed. Let Pusha, fertility of nature, feed and energise the grain. And let the earth mother, full of the milk of life, produce more and more of pure foods year by year for us.

शुनं॑ नः फा॒ला वि कृ॑षन्तु भूमिं शुनं॑ की॒नाशा॑ अ॒भि य॑न्तु
वा॒हैः । शुनं॑ प॒र्जन्यो॑ म॒धुना॑ प॒योभिः॑ शुना॑सी॒रा शुन॑म॒स्मासु॑
ध॒त्तम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Śunaṁ naḥ phālā vi kṛṣantu bhūmim śunaṁ
kīnāśā abhi yantu vāhaiḥ. Śunaṁ parjanya ma-
dhunā payobhiḥ śunāsīrā śunamasmāsu dhattam.*

Let the ploughmen plough the land happily for

our peace and nourishment. Let the farmers work with the oxen and horses happily for peace and joy. Let the clouds shower with milk and honey joyously for peace and prosperity. Let the share and plough, the ploughmen and their helpers, and the powers of fertility bear and bring us peace, prosperity and joy for us all.

Mandala 4/Sukta 58

*Agni, Surya, Apah, Gavah, or Ghrtam Devata, Vamadeva
Gautama Rshi*

समुद्रादूर्मिर्मधुमाँ उदारदुपांशुना सममृतत्वमानद् ।

घृतस्य नाम गुह्यं यदस्ति जिह्व देवानाममृतस्य नाभिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Samudrād-ūrmir-madhumāñ udāradupāṁśunā samamṛtatvamānaḥ. Ghṛtasya nāma guhyaṁ yadasti jihvā devānāmamṛtasya nābhiḥ.*

From the seas of earth and space arises the wave of honeyed energy, and close by the sun and soma that is produced in the solar yajna it joins and collects the nectar of immortality. That mysterious identity of cosmic fertility which is for us and for life as a whole flows from the tongue of divinities and originates from the centre of Eternity.

वयं नाम प्र ब्रवामा घृतस्याऽस्मिन्यज्ञे धारयामा नमोभिः ।

उप ब्रह्मा शृणवच्छस्यमानं चतुःशृङ्गेऽवमीदौर एतत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vayaṁ nāma pra bravāmā ghṛtasyā'smin yajñe dhārayāmā namobhiḥ. Upa brahmā śṛṇavacchasyamānaṁ catuḥśṛṅgo'vamīd aurā etat.*

The name and identity of that spirit of energy and immortality we sing and celebrate in divine words

in this yajna, and, with reverence, surrender and self sacrifice, give it unto ourselves in the soul to hold on to it in life. May the Lord Omniscient so close to us hear it well chanted in celebration, the same Lord of Vak, the eternal Word, who commands the four Vedas as high peaks of knowledge and breathes out the same for us in revelation.

चत्वारि शृङ्गा त्रयो अस्य पादा द्वे शीर्षे सप्त हस्तासो अस्य ।
त्रिधा बद्धो वृषभो रोरवीति महो देवो मर्त्या आ विवेश ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Catvāri śṛṅgā trayo asya pādā dve śīrṣe sapta hastāso asya. Tridhā baddho vṛṣabho roravīti maho devo martyāñ ā viveśa.*

Of this mighty self-refulgent Lord, Word and Dharma, four are the high peaks of light and self proclamation: Rgveda, Yajurveda, Samaveda and Atharva-veda; three legs on which it rests: jnana or knowledge, karma or action, and upasana or prayer; two heads: abhyudaya or worldly well being, and Nihshreyas or moksha or ultimate freedom; seven hands or the seven verse forms. Three way bound in faith, action and meditation, it is the thundervoice of Divinity which proclaims itself through the beauty, wonder and terror of nature and the music of the Veda. And this mighty presence of mighty self-refulgent Lord and the self-awareness of omniscience is enshrined in the heart of mortal humans.

त्रिधा हितं पणिभिर्गुह्यमानं गवि देवासो घृतमन्वविन्दन् ।
इन्द्र एकं सूर्य एकं जजान वेनादेकं स्वधया निष्टतक्षुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tridhā hitam paṇibhirguhyamānam gavi devāso ghr̥tamanvavindan. Indra ekam sūrya ekam jajāna venādekaṁ svadhayā niṣṭatakṣuḥ.*

Ghrta, the essence of the nature, purpose and science of life, three way hidden in mystic language and held by natural forces, the enlightened ones discover, create and produce: Indra, cosmic energy, electricity, thunder and lightning, holds and reflects one, the sun holds and radiates another, and the third they discover from their meditation on Divinity with their own vision and intelligence.

एता अर्षन्ति हृद्यात्समुद्राच्छतव्रजा रिपुणा नावचक्षे । घृतस्य
धारा अभि चाकशीमि हिरण्ययो वेतसो मध्य आसाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Etā arṣanti hr̥dyātsamudrācchatavrajā ripuṇā nāvacakṣe. Ghr̥tasya dhārā abhi cākaśimi hiraṇyayo vetaso madhya āsām.*

These streams of light and life's energy flow in a hundred streams from the innermost depth of the heart-ocean, but not perceptible to the negative soul. Residing in the golden grove, myself wrapped in golden hue in their midst, I watch the light all round, the gold and the essence of life.

सम्यक्स्त्रवन्ति सरितो न धेना अन्तर्हृदा मनसा पूयमानाः ।
एते अर्षन्त्यूर्मयो घृतस्य मृगाइव क्षिपणोरीषमाणाः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Samyak sravanti sarito na dhenā antarhr̥dā manasā pūyamānāḥ. Ete arṣantyūrmayo ghr̥tasya mṛgā iva kṣipañorīṣamāṇāḥ.*

These streams of light and life flow like vibrations of the voice divine, purified and sanctified by the innermost soul of the heart and mind. The streams of ghrta, joy of life, flow like deer flying from the hunter's arrows towards the shelter of the divine saviour.

सिन्धोरिव प्राध्वने शूघनासो वातप्रमियः पतयन्ति यद्वाः ।
घृतस्य धारा अरुषो न वाजी काष्ठा भिन्दन्नूर्मिभिः पिन्व-
मानः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sindhoriva prādhvane śūghanāso vātapramiyaḥ
patayanti yahvāḥ. Gṛtasya dhārā aruṣo na vājī
kāṣṭhā bhindannūrmibhiḥ pinvamānaḥ.*

The streams of ghrta, life's energy, flow on to join the sea like strong currents of a river rushing on in tumult by simple, straight and holy paths of the bed carved by Divinity, and I, inspired by the waves of ghrta, like a fiery stallion flying, breaking the bounds of world pressures all round by the force of inner vibrations, move on to my divine destination.

अभि प्रवन्त समनेव योषाः कल्याण्यः स्मयमानासो
अग्निम् । घृतस्य धाराः समिधो नसन्त ता जुषाणो हर्यति
जातवेदाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Abhi pravanta samaneva yoṣāḥ kalyāṇyaḥ smaya-
mānāso agnim. Gṛtasya dhārāḥ samidho nasanta
tā juṣāṇo haryati jātavedāḥ.*

As youthful ladies of love and virtue, inspired with passion and smiling in bliss, proceed to meet agni, enlightened husband, so do streams of ghrta move and flow into the vedi to meet the lighted fire, and the rising fire, loving and gracious, cherishes to receive the flow of the holy yajaka's offer.

कन्याइव बहुमेतवा उ अञ्ज्यञ्जाना अभि चाकशीमि ।
यत्र सोमः सूयते यत्र यज्ञो घृतस्य धारा अभि तत्पवन्ते ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Kanyā iva vahatumetavā u añjyañjānā abhi cāka-śīmi. Yatra somaḥ sūyate yatra yajño ghṛtasya dhārā abhi tatpavante.*

Where the yajna of holy action and meditation is enacted and the bliss of divine soma is created, there I see all round the flow of the streams of consciousness into that vedi of divine fire wherein, like a maiden in all her beauty, finery and perfume proceeding to meet her bridegroom at the wedding yajna, the individual soul flies and is accepted and sanctified in the supreme spirit of Divinity.

अभ्यर्षत सुष्टुतिं गव्यमाजिमस्मासु भद्रा द्रविणानि धत्त ।
इमं यज्ञं नयत देवता नो घृतस्य धारा मधुमत्पवन्ते ॥ १० ॥

10. *Abhyarṣata suṣṭutiṁ gavyam-ājim-asmāsu bhadraḥ draviṇāni dhatta. Imaṁ yajñaṁ nayata devatā no ghṛtasya dhārā madhumat-pavante.*

Let the voice of holy praise and divine celebration rise and resound, O saints and sages and scholars of eminence, bear and bring us the light of knowledge enshrined in holy speech, lead us to honour, excellence and victory, and help us create wealth for the world leading all to the bliss of peace and common good. Guide, lead and direct this yajna of ours, the streams of honeyed ghṛta flow for the fire divine.

धामन्ते विश्वं भुवनमधि श्रितमन्तः समुद्रे हृद्यन्तरायुषि ।
अपामनीके समिथे य आभृतस्तमश्याम मधुमन्तं त
ऊर्मिम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Dhāman te viśvaṁ bhuvanamadhi śritamantaḥ samudre hṛdyantarāyusi. Apāmanīke samithe ya ābhṛtastamaśyāma madhumantaṁ ta ūrmim.*

O Lord, within your presence by your power is sustained the entire world of existence. That same power and presence vibrates in the depths of the oceans, in the cave of the heart, in the breath of life and age, in the waves of water and energy, in the vibrations of thought, and in the heat of action in nature and humanity. That power and presence vibrating in existence, O Lord, we pray, let us realise. Let us flow with that constant flow of vibration of Divinity in and across the fluctuations of mutability.

॥ इति चतुर्थ मण्डलम् ॥

MANDALA 5

Mandala 5/Sukta 1

Agni Devata, Budha-Gavishthara of Atreya Family Rshis

अबोध्यग्निः समिधा जनानां प्रति धेनुमिवायतीमुषासम् ।
यह्वाइव प्र वयामुज्जिहानाः प्र भानवः सिस्त्रते नाक-
मच्छ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Abodhyagniḥ samidhā janānām prati dhenumi-
vāyatīmuṣāsam. Yahvā iva pra vayāmujjihānāḥ
pra bhānahaḥ sisrate nākamaccha.*

Agni is seen and known while rising by the burning samidhas lighted by the yajakas at dawn coming up like a cow early in the morning, and the flames, like branches of a mighty tree, rise brilliantly and touch the sky where there is no pain, no darkness.

अबोधि होता यजथाय देवानूध्वो अग्निः सुमनाः प्रातरस्थात् ।
समिद्धस्य रुशददर्शि पाजो महान्देवस्तमसो निरमोचि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Abodhi hotā yajathāya devānūrdhvo agniḥ
sumanāḥ prātarasthāt. Samiddhasya ruśada-
darśi pājo mahān devastamaso niramoci.*

The yajaka Agni, good at heart, is seen to invoke the divinities and noble sages to the yajna and rises high while the fire keeps burning and rising. The light of the burning fire is seen as a blissful divine power and then the great refulgent sun rises from the night's darkness.

यदीं गणस्य रशनामजीगः शुचिरङ्गे शुचिभिर्गोभिरग्निः ।
आदक्षिणा युज्यते वाजयन्त्युत्तानामूध्वो अधयजुहूभिः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yadīm gaṇasya raśanāmajīgaḥ śuciraṅkte śucibhiringobhiragniḥ. Ādakṣiṇā yujyate vājaya-ntyuttānāmūrdhvo adhayajjuhūbhiḥ.*

When the pure and lustrous fire of yajna, as the sun, rises with its pure bright flames and takes over the reins of the conduct of the yajnic world around, then the invigorating and powerful dakshina offering is made with the ladles, the flames of fire rise high, and the fire higher and higher up voraciously consumes the offering.

अग्निमच्छ देवयतां मनांसि चक्षूषीव सूर्ये सं चरन्ति । यदीं
सुवाते उषसा विरूपे श्वेतो वाजी जायते अग्रे अह्नाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Aghimacchā devayatām manāṁsi cakṣūṁṣīva sūrye saṁ caranti. Yadīm suvāte uṣasā virūpe śveto vājī jāyate agre ahnām.*

The minds of holy celebrants of Divinity turn intently to Agni as their eyes wait for and turn to the rising sun. And when the heaven and earth, both different of form, one bright and the other dark and green, bring forth this Agni at the rise of the dawn, day light appears and the world grows bright.

जनिष्ट हि जेन्यो अग्रे अह्नां हितो हितेष्वरुषो वनेषु ।
दमेदमे सप्त रत्ना दधानोऽग्निर्होता नि षसादा यजीयान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Janiṣṭa hi jenyō agre ahnām hito hiteṣvaruṣo vaneṣu. Damedame sapta ratnā dadhāno'gnir-hotā ni ṣasādā yajīyān.*

Arises Agni, victorious yajaka, the fire and the sun, for sure in advance of the day every morning, benevolent, active in everything good and holy, bright in the woods and every home, bearing sevenfold jewels

of light and flame, and then settles in yajnic business, carrying the yajna on and on. The yajna must go on.

अ॒ग्नि॒र्हो॒ता न्य॒सीद॒द्यजी॒यानु॒पस्थे॑ मा॒तुः सु॒र॒भा उ॑ लो॒के ।
यु॒वा क॒विः पु॑रु॒निःष्ठ ऋ॒तावा॑ ध॒र्ता कृ॑ष्टी॒नामु॒त मध्य॑
इ॒द्धः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Agnirhotā nysīdadyajīyānupasthe mātuh surabhā u loke. Yuvā kaviḥ puruniḥṣṭha ṛtāvā dhartā kṛṣṭīnāmuta madhya iddhaḥ.*

Agni, host and performer of yajna, settles in the lap of the mother, earth and nature, in the beautiful fragrant world and its people, conducting the yajnic business of life which must go on. Young and bold, bright, intelligent and creative, imaginative as a poet, dedicated to all without exception, committed to truth and the law divine, sustainer and controller of the people, he goes on at the centre of everything, bright and blazing, never relenting, never slackening. The yajna must go on.

प्र णु॒ त्यं वि॒प्रम॒ध्वरे॒षु सा॒धुम॒ग्निं हो॒तार॒मीळ॑ते॒ नमो॑भिः । आ
यस्त॒तान॒ रोद॑सी ऋ॒तेन॒ नित्यं॑ मृ॒जन्ति॒ वा॒जिनं॑ घृ॒तेन॑ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Pra ṇu tyam vipramadhvareṣu sādhumagniṁ hotāramīḷate namobhiḥ. Ā yastatāna rodasī ṛtena nityam mrjanti vājinam ghrtena.*

Ever and onward, with food, surrender and service in faith, people light, praise and worship that Agni, wise and vibrating, excellent in the accomplishment of yajnic projects, host, priest and organiser of life's business, who pervades heaven and earth with light and fragrance and blesses the people

with enlightenment. Daily they renew their dedication and commitment with vows of truth, feed the power with ghrta, and refine the light and power to shine it more and more.

मार्जाल्यो मृज्यते स्वे दमूनाः कविप्रशस्तो अतिथिः शिवो
नः । सहस्रशृङ्गो वृषभस्तदोजा विश्वौ अग्ने सहसा
प्रास्यन्थान् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Māṛjālyo mṛjyate sve damūnāḥ kavipraśasto
atiithiḥ śivo naḥ. Sahasraśṛṅgo vṛṣabhastadojā
viśvāñ agne sahasā prāsyanyān.*

Agni, pure and purifying catalytic power, is refined in itself. Self-controlled and a powerful controller, sung and celebrated by poets, it is a welcome guest, auspicious and beneficent for all of us as a breeze of peace and freshness. Agni, O light of a thousand flames of eminence, generous as cloud showers, blazing lustrous, you are the pioneer, overtaking, conquering, and leading all others forward with your power and force.

प्रसद्यो अग्ने अत्येष्यन्थानाविर्यस्मै चारुतमो बभूथ । ईलेन्यो
वपुष्यो विभावा प्रियो विशामतिथिर्मनुषीणाम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pra sadyo agne atyeṣyanyānāviryasmai cāru-
tamo babhūtha. Īlenyo vapuṣyo vibhāvā priyo
viśāma-tithirmānuṣīṇām.*

Agni, lord of light and power, for whosoever you rise on the vedi, light up in the home, or shine in flame in the cave of the heart most lovely and gracious, for him you excel and surpass everything else instantly and forever: adorable, sublime, effulgent, dearest and

most welcome guest of all communities and habitations of men and women.

तुभ्यं भरन्ति क्षितयो यविष्ठ बलिमग्ने अन्ति त ओत दूरात् ।
आ भन्दिष्ठस्य सुमतिं चिकिद्धि बृहत्ते अग्ने महि शर्म
भद्रम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tubhyam bharanti kṣitayo yaviṣṭha balimagne antita ota dūrāt. Ā bhandiṣṭhasya sumatiṁ cikiddhi brhatte agne mahi śarma bhadram.*

Agni, most youthful power and presence, devoted people from far and near bear and bring and offer homage and yajaka to you. Listen, know and accept the praise and prayer of the celebrant. May your shelter and protection for us be wide and great, full of peace and well being.

आद्य रथं भानुमो भानुमन्तमग्ने तिष्ठ यजतेभिः समन्तम् ।
विद्वान्पथीनामुर्वन्तरिक्षमेह देवान्हविरद्याय वक्षि ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ādya ratham bhānumo bhānumantamagne tiṣṭha yajatebhiḥ samantam. Vidvān pathīnām-urvanta-rikṣameha devān haviradyāya vakṣi.*

Agni, refulgent lord of knowledge, ascend your strong and brilliant chariot of light today with your adorable powers and associates, and across the wide paths of space bring here the nobilities of eminence of your alliance for joining and sharing our feast of yajnic offerings to the divinities.

अवोचाम कवये मेध्याय वचो वन्दारु वृषभाय वृष्णे ।
गविष्ठिरो नमसा स्तोममग्नौ दिवीव रुक्ममुरुव्यञ्च-
मश्रेत् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Avocāma kavaye medhyāya vaco vandāru vṛṣa-
bhāya vṛṣṇe. Gaviṣṭhiro namasā stomamagnau
divīva rukmamuruvyañcamāśret.*

We sing this song of adoration in honour of the lord of light and knowledge, holy, potent, and generous. The holy yajaka dedicated to sacred speech and light of heaven, thus, ought to direct his beautiful song of praise and prayer with oblations and salutations rising high to the skies as to the sun in heaven.

Mandala 5/Sukta 2

Agni Devata, Kumara Atreya or Vrsha Jana or both Rshis

कुमारं माता युवतिः समुब्धं गुहा बिभर्ति न ददाति पित्रे ।
अनीकमस्य न मिनज्जनासः पुरः पश्यन्ति निहित-
मरतौ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kumāraṁ mātā yuvatiḥ samubdham guhā
bibharti na dadāti pitre. Anīkamasya na mina-
jjanāsaḥ puraḥ paśyanti nihitamaratau.*

The youthful mother bears and supports the foetus concealed in the womb, she does not, cannot, give it to the father in the state of immaturity. People cannot hurt its strength and vitality hidden in secret. But when it is born, they see its beauty and vitality before their eyes.

कमेतं त्वं युवते कुमारं पेयी बिभर्षि महिषी जजान ।
पूर्वीर्हि गर्भः शरदो ववर्धाऽपश्यं जातं यदसूत माता ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kametaṁ tvaṁ yuvate kumāraṁ peṣī bibharṣi
mahiṣī jajāna. Pūrvīrhi garbhaḥ śarado vavar-
dhā'paśyaṁ jātaṁ yadasūta mātā.*

O youthful lady, sweet is this baby you carry which the consecrated mother bore. I saw the foetus grow and grow for many many years many times before. And I see it born of the mother when she delivered it.

हिरण्यदन्तं शुचिवर्णमारात्क्षेत्रादपश्यमायुधा मिमानम् ।
ददानो अस्मा अमृतं विपृक्वत्किं मामनिन्द्राः कृणवन्न-
नुवथाः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Hiranyadantam śucivarnam-ārāt-kṣetrād-apaśya-māyudhā mimānam. Dadāno asmā amṛtaṁ vipṛkvatkiṁ māmanindrāḥ kṛṇavannan-ukthāḥ.*

I see him born of the mother's womb far and near with a golden spoon in his month, pure and bright of form, wielding his weapons of essential potential. And I give him the feed of immortal elixir for life. What can those deny Indra, the soul? What can those who reject knowledge and celebration of Divinity do against me? Nothing.

क्षेत्रादपश्यं सनुतश्चरन्तं सुमद्युथं न पुरु शोभमानम् ।
न ता अग्रभृन्नजनिष्टहि षः पलिक्नीरिद्युवतयो भवन्ति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Kṣetrādapaśyaṁ sanutaścarantaṁ sumadyūtham na puru śobhamānam. Na tā agrbhṛnna-janiṣṭa hi ṣaḥ paliknīr-id-yuvatayo bhavanti.*

I see him born of the mother, mother earth and Mother Nature, see him roaming around since eternity by himself like an army on the march, commanding great beauty and grace. When he is born they hold him not, withhold him not, they cannot, and the young mothers, having given him birth, grow old and grey haired, and

then they grow youthful again.

के मे मर्यकं वि यवन्त गोभिर्न येषां गोपा अरणश्चिदास ।
य ई^१ जगृभुरव ते सृजन्त्वाजाति पश्व उप नश्चि-
कित्वान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ke me maryakam vi yavanta gobhirna yeṣāṃ gopā arañścidāsa. Ya īm jagṛbhurava te sṛjantvājāti paśva upa naścikityān.*

Who can take away my wealth alongwith my lands and cows, sense and mind, feeling as if they are the cowherd stealing away my bull alongwith the cows, when in fact Agni himself is their protector and energiser? And those who try to grab them must despair and give up since the lord omniscient continues to protect, create and recreate the human wealth.

वसां राजानं वसतिं जनानामरातयो नि दधुर्मर्त्येषु ।
ब्रह्माण्यत्रेरव तं सृजन्तु निन्दितारो निन्द्यासो भवन्तु ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vasām rājānaṃ vasatiṃ janānāmarātayo ni dadhurmartyeṣu. Brahmāṇyatreraṇava taṃ sṛjantu ninditāro nindyāso bhavantu.*

The law and order of humanity and the human habitations, negative forces try to obstruct and sabotage in the communities among themselves. But the power, potential and intelligence of Atri, enlightened people free from physical, mental and spiritual fears and limitations disinflate that negative effort and the saboteurs themselves become self-condemned.

शुनश्चिच्छेपं निदितं सहस्त्राद्यूपादमुञ्चो अशमिष्ट हि षः ।
एवास्मदग्रे वि मुमुग्धि पाशान्होतश्चिकित्व इह तू
निषद्य ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Śunaścicchepaṁ niditaṁ sahasrād yūpādamuñco aśamiṣṭa hi ṣaḥ. Evāsmadagne vi mumugdhi pāsān hotaścikīṭva iha tū niṣadya.*

Agni, O lord of light and ruler of the world, you save even shunah-shepa, the connoisseur lost in senses, reviled and condemned; you save him from a thousand snares of the world so that the man settles back in peace of mind. Same way, O lord and light of the world, come, O highpriest of the yajna of life, grace our yajna here and snap the snares of suffering and slavery off our body, mind and soul.

हृणीयमानो अप हि मदैद्येः प्र मे देवानां व्रतपा उवाच ।
इन्द्रो विद्वाँ अनु हि त्वा चक्ष तेनाहमग्ने अनुशिष्ट
आगाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Hṛṇīyamāno apa hi madaiyeḥ pra me devānām vratapā uvāca. Indro vidvāṁ anu hi tvā cacakṣa tenāhamagne anuṣiṣṭa āgām.*

The observer of the laws of righteousness and divinity says: Let the element of hate and anger be away from me. Indra, man of knowledge and power, who knows and speaks of you, O Agni, destroyer of the pollution and impurity of body, mind and soul, has spoken to me and, instructed by him, I come to you in search of purity and purgation.

वि ज्योतिषा बृहता भ्रात्यग्निराविर्विष्वानि कृणुते महित्वा ।
प्रादेवीर्मायाः संहते दुरेवाः शिशीते शृङ्गे रक्षसे विनिक्षे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Vi jyotiṣā brhatā bhātyagnirāvīrviśvāni kṛṇute mahitvā. Pradevīrmāyāḥ sahate durevāḥ śiṣīte śṛṅge rakṣase vinikṣe.*

Agni shines and blazes expansively with mighty rising flames of light, and with its lustre and power illuminates and reveals all things of the world. It sharpens and extends its arms of light and power for the destruction of evil and challenges and throws out the strength and wiles and acts of the clever forces of negation and destruction.

उत स्वानासौ दिवि षन्त्वग्नेस्तिग्मायुधा रक्षसे हन्तवा उ ।
मदे चिदस्य प्र रुजन्ति भामा न वरन्ते परिबाधो
अदेवीः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Uta svānāso divi śantvagnes-tigmāyudhā rakṣase hantavā u . Made cidasya pra rujanti bhāmā na varante paribādho adevīḥ.*

And let the blazing weapons of fire roaring in the heights of the skies be raised for the destruction of evil forces, for as they strike for the joy and victory of life's positive forces as the very flames of terror, the obstructive forces of evil would fail to avert or oppose them.

एतं ते स्तोमं तुविजातु विप्रो रथं न धीरुः स्वपा अतक्षम् ।
यदीदग्ने प्रति त्वं देव हर्याः स्वर्वतीरुप एना जयेम ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Etam te stomam tuvijāta vipro ratham na dhīrah svapā atakṣam . Yādīdagne prati tvaṁ deva haryāḥ svarvatīrapa enā jayema.*

Agni, light and power divine among the strong and wise, I, dedicated to knowledge and service, bold and patient, keen to do good in word and action, structure this song of celebration like a skillful engineer designing and making a chariot for you. O lord refulgent,

if you are kind and gracious to accept it, then by the same song we would win sweet and heavenly waters of life, light and energy for the joy of life.

तुविग्रीवो वृषभो वावृधानोऽश्वर्यः समजाति वेदः ।
इतीममग्निममृता अवोचन्बर्हिष्मते मनवे शर्म यंसद्धविष्मते
मनवे शर्म यंसत् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Tuvigrīvo vṛṣabho vāvṛdhāno'śatrvaryaḥ sama-jāti vedāḥ. Itīmam-agnim-amṛtā avocan barhi-ṣmate manave śarma yaṁsaddhaviṣmate manave śarma yaṁsat.*

Agni, strong and graceful power and flame, roaring as a bull and generous as cloud showers, growing and promoting, free from enemies, master ruler and sustainer, creates and bestows wealth and power of the noblest kind: Thus do men of spiritual vision and divine wisdom celebrate this Agni in holy words. May Agni bless the man of generosity and self sacrifice, man of thought and discrimination, with a happy and peaceful life, holy family and a happy home.

Mandala 5/Sukta 3

Agni Devata, Vasushruta Atreya Rshi

त्वमग्ने वरुणो जायसे यत्त्वं मित्रो भवसि यत्समिद्धः ।
त्वे विश्वे सहसस्पुत्र देवास्त्वमिन्द्रो दाशुषे मर्त्याय ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvamagne varuṇo jāyaso yat tvam mitro bhavasi yatsamiddhaḥ. Tve viśve sahasasputra devā stvamidro dāśuṣe martyāya.*

Agni, flaming fire, light of knowledge and power of the world, when you are born, you shine like

Varuna, light of the dawn and spirit of justice and discrimination in mankind. When you are in full blaze of your glory, you are like Mitra, bright sun, friend of all. In you reside and abide all the powers of nature's divinity, O child of omnipotence, and you are Indra, giver of honour and excellence for the man of charity and generosity.

त्वमर्यमा भवसि यत्कनीनां नाम स्वधावन्गुह्यं बिभर्षि ।
अञ्जन्ति मित्रं सुधितं न गोभिर्यद्वम्पती समनसा
कृणोषि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvamaryamā bhavasi yat kanīnām nāma svadhāvan guhyam bibharṣi. Añjanti mitram sudhitam na gobhiryaddampatī samanasā kṛṇoṣi.*

Agni, lord of energy and living vitality, when you bear the mysterious name of youth among men and women, you become Aryama and assume the role of a judge with discrimination. When you join man and woman in wedlock, with equal love of mind and heart, they celebrate you with holy words and hospitality with cow's milk and butter.

तव श्रिये मरुतो मर्जयन्त रुद्र यत्ते जनिम चारु चित्रम् ।
पदं यद्विष्णोरुपमं निधायि तेन पासि गुह्यं नाम गोनाम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tava śriye maruto marjayanta rudra yatte janima cāru citram. Padam yadviṣṇorupam nidhāyi tena pāsi guhyam nāma gonām.*

Agni, you are Rudra, lord of justice and dispensation. For your honour and excellence vibrant people come to you and anoint you and glorify the beautiful and wonderful name that is yours. The office

of Vishnu, protector and sustainer, is vested in you, by that you protect and maintain the secret name and identity of the lights of stars.

तव श्रिया सुदृशो देव देवाः पुरू दधाना अमृतं सपन्त ।

होतारमग्निं मनुषो नि वेदुर्दशस्यन्त उशिजः शंसमायोः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tava śriyā sudṛśo deva devāḥ purū dadhānā amṛtaṁ sapanta. Hotāramagniṁ manuṣo ni śedurdaśasyanta uśijah śamsamāyoḥ.*

O lord of light and generosity, ruler of the world, by virtue of your light, honour and grace, brilliant scholars of vision, commanding wide powers and immortal knowledge, and the people in general, loving and desiring admirable wealth and beauty of life, establish, serve and expand the fire of various forms of yajna of social and scientific projects, in your honour, holy yajaka and giver of life's benefits.

न त्वद्धोता पूर्वो अग्ने यजीयान्न काव्यैः परो अस्ति स्वधावः ।

विशश्च यस्या अतिथिर्भवासि स यज्ञेन वनवद्देव
मतीन् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Na tvaddhotā pūrvo agne yajīyān na kāvyaiḥ paro asti svadhāvaḥ. Viśaśca yasyā atithirbha-vāsi sa yajñena vanavad-deva martān.*

Agni, there never is a generous giver and yajnic performer before you, nor is there any one higher celebrated by poets in hymns, lord of your own essential wealth and power as you are, worthy of homage. Lord of light and generosity, whoever the host where you are invoked and invited as yajnic deity, you bless the people by the yajna with fulfilment.

वयमग्ने वनुयाम त्वोता वसूयवो हविषा बुध्यमानाः ।

वयं समर्ये विदथेष्वाह्नां वयं राया सहसस्पुत्र मतीन् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vayamagne vanuyāma tvotā vasūyavo haviṣā budhyamānāḥ. Vayaṁ samarye vidatheṣvahnām vayaṁ rāyā sahasasputra martān.*

Agni, lord refulgent ruler of the world, may we grow and prosper, we pray, under your protection, searching for wealth, raising the fire with havi offerings and ourselves rising in wealth and knowledge with the yajna. Let us win in life's contests, in yajnas, day by day, O child of strength and protector of power and valour, and let us be blest with children and grand children.

यो न आगो अभ्येनो भरात्यधीदघमघशंसे दधात । जही चिकित्वो अभिशीस्तिमेतामग्ने यो नो मर्चयति द्वयेन ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yo na āgo abhyeno bharātyadhīdaghamagha-śamse dadhāta. Jahī cikitvo abhiśastimetā-magne yo no marcayati dvayena.*

Whoever commits sin and crime against us, may Agni, lord ruler and dispenser of justice, turn that sin and crime upon the sinner and calumniator. May the lord of light and knowledge, Agni, silence that imprecation, whoever be the person that hurts us with double dealing, sin and scandal.

त्वामस्या व्युषि देव पूर्वे दूतं कृण्वाना अयजन्त हव्यैः ।

संस्थे यदग्न ईयसे रयीणां देवो मर्तेर्वसुभिरिध्यमानः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tvāmasyā vyuṣi deva pūrve dūtaṁ kṛṇvānā ayajanta havyaiḥ. Saṁsthe yadagna īyase rayī-ṇām devo martair-vasubhir-idhyamānāḥ.*

Agni, refulgent power of light and generosity settled in the midst of this people, yajakas ever since time immemorial honouring you as harbinger of nature's wealth join you and adore you in yajna with oblations of havi. And when you join them and settle in their midst then, raised and fed by the people on fragrant materials, you rise in flames as brilliant lord giver of the wealth of life.

अव स्पृधि पितरं योधि विद्वान्पुत्रो यस्ते सहसः सून ऊहे ।
कदा चिकित्त्वो अभि चक्षसे नोऽग्रे कदा ऋतचिद्यात-
यासे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ava sprdhi pitaraṁ yodhi vidvān-putro yaste sahasaḥ sūna ūhe. Kadā ciditvo abhi cakṣase no'gne kadāñ ṛtacyātayāse.*

Agni, born of omnipotence, I think of you, meditate on you: You are the saviour from suffering and mortality as a child is for the parent. You are the scholar of science, visionary of existence and observer of the eternal laws of Dharma. Emulate, excel and save the parent, the protector and the yajaka who lights you in the vedi, fight out and eliminate suffering, sufferance, evil and destruction. Pray when would your eye of grace favour us? When would you inspire us and show the path of rectitude to guide us?

भूरि नाम वन्दमानो दधाति पिता वसो यदि तज्जोषयासे ।
कुविदेवस्य सहसा चकानः सुम्नमग्निर्वनते वावृधानः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Bhūri nāma vandamāno dadhāti pitā vaso yadi tajjoṣayāse. Kuviddevasya sahasā cakānaḥ sumnam-agnir-vanate vāvṛdhānaḥ.*

O shelter home of life, Agni, father and sustainer of living beings as you are, the worshipper adores you by many names which adoration if you accept and acknowledge with pleasure then the worshipper, loving, adoring and growing like fire by the light and power of the generous lord, creates joy and well being for himself, and Agni too, loving and favouring the adorer by his own divine knowledge and power, waxing with love and kindness, bestows the joy and well being of life upon the supplicant.

त्वमङ्ग जरितारं यविष्ठ विश्वान्यग्रे दुरितातिं पर्षि । स्तेना
अदृश्रन्निपवो जनासोऽज्ञातकेता वृजिना अभूवन् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tvamaṅga jaritāraṁ yaviṣṭha viśvānyagne dūritāti parṣi. Stenā adṛśranripavo janāso-
'jñātaketā vṛjinā abhūvan.*

Dearest ruler of the earth, most youthful power of the world, Agni, save the celebrant, purge the supplicant of all the evil and sufferings of the world: thieves are seen prowling around, enemies lying in wait, ignorant people lying in hidden corners, all following crooked ways, flags flying.

इमे यामासस्त्वद्रिगभूवन्वसवे वा तदिदागो अवाचि ।
नाहायमग्निर्भिषास्तये नो न रीषते वावृधानः परा
दात् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Ime yāmāsas-tvadrig-abhūvan vasave vā tadidāgo avāci. Nāhāyam-agnir-abhiśastaye no
na rīṣate vāvṛdhānaḥ parā dāt.*

These celebrants and supplicants observing the law divine are dedicated to you, O lord Agni. Also,

whatever their weakness or trespass, that too has been confessed to the lord protector and sustainer. We pray may this Agni, lord omniscient and omnipotent, increasingly pleased and gracious, never forsake us and never deliver us unto the maligner or the injurer or the evil of failure and disaster.

Mandala 5/Sukta 4

Agni Devata, Vasushruta Atreya Rshi

त्वामग्ने वसुपतिं वसूनामभि प्र मन्दे अध्वरेषु राजन् । त्वया
वाजं वाजयन्तो जयेमाऽभि ध्याम पृत्सुतीर्मर्त्यानाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvāmagne vasupatiṁ vasūnāmabhi pra mande adhvareshu rājan. Tvayā vājaṁ vājayanto jayemā'bhi śyāma pṛtsutīr-martyānām.*

Agni, lord and brilliant ruler of the world, protector and sustainer of the wealths of life, I serve and celebrate you in the constructive business of cooperative living without hate and violence. With you and under your guidance and inspiration, collecting speed and strength for progress, let us, we pray, win the battles of mortal humanity and be happy.

हव्यवाळग्रिर्जरः पिता नो विभुर्विभावा सुदृशीको
अस्मे । सुगार्हपत्याः समिषो दिदीहास्मद्र्यक्सं मिमीहि
श्रवांसि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Havyavāḷagnir-ajarah pitā no vibhurvibhāvā sudṛśīko asme. Sugārhapatyāḥ samīṣo didī-hyasmadryak-saṁ mimīhi śravānsi.*

Agni, our father, sustainer and ruler, ever youthful and unaging, carrier of holy materials and

fragrances over and across the world is all pervasive in power and presence, resplendent, all illuminative and all revealing, and blissful in form and appearance. May he provide for us all the healthful food, and energies for a happy household and may he, knowing us well and what is good for us, measure out, determine and grant all the bounds and laws of our wealth and properties, rights and duties, which we must not violate or neglect.

विशां कविं विशपतिं मानुषीणां शुचिं पावकं घृतपृष्ठमग्निम् ।
नि होतारं विश्वविदं दधिध्वे स देवेषु वनते वार्याणि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Viśāṁ kavim viśpatim mānuṣīṇāṁ śuciṁ pāvakaṁ
ghṛtapṛṣṭhamagnim. Ni hotāraṁ viśvavidam
dadhidhve sa deveṣu vanate vāryāṇi.*

Install Agni in the seat of power, protection and creative governance, Agni the poetic sage and visionary of the people, chief of human settlements, pure and unsullied, the light and fire of the world, strongly based in ghrta and waters, highpriest of the yajnic human organisation, conversant with every detail of the social order, and he procures and rules the choice gifts which people love and desire.

जुषस्वाग्ना इळया सजोषा यतमानो रश्मिभिः सूर्यस्य ।
जुषस्व नः समिधं जातवेद आ च देवान्हविरद्याय
वक्षि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Juṣasvāgna iḷayā sajoṣā yatamāno raśmibhiḥ
sūryasya. Juṣasva naḥ samidham jātaveda
ā ca devān haviradyāya vakṣi.*

Agni, all knowing lord of light and destroyer of

enemies, pervasive across the earth and pleased with world voice, joining the sunrays and working with them, come, join our yajna lighted and rising with the fuel on fire, enjoy yourself and bring the noblest generous powers of nature and humanity along to partake of the fruits of our corporate endeavour of yajna.

जुष्टो दमूना अतिथिर्दुरोण इमं नो यज्जमुष याहि विद्वान् ।
विश्वा अग्ने अभियुजो विहत्या शत्रूयतामा भरा
भोजनानि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Justo damūnā atithirduroṇa imam no yajjama-upa
yāhi vidvān. Viśvā agne abhiyujō vihatyā śatrū-
yatāmā bharā bhojanāni.*

Agni, enlightened scholar, ruler of the world, loved and honoured as a member of the family and welcome visitor to the house, having challenged and eliminated all the opposing forces of hate and enmity in the world, come to this yajna of ours and bring us cherished foods and delicacies.

वधेन दस्युं प्र हि चातयस्व वयः कृण्वानस्तन्वेऽस्वयै ।
पिपर्षि यत्सहसस्पुत्र देवान्तसो अग्ने पाहि नृतम् वाजे
अस्मान् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vadhena dasyum pra hi cātayasva vayaḥ kṛṇvā-
nastanve svāyai. Piparṣi yatsahasasputra devā-
ntso agne pāhi nṛtama vāje asmān.*

Agni, enlightened ruler of the world, born and risen as the very child of strength and honour, drive away the wicked, thieves and robbers, augmenting the food and energy for your own body politic. O best of men and leaders, protect and promote the noble

enlightened people and replenish the powers of nature and thus strengthen and promote us in our joint endeavour of living.

वयं ते अग्न उक्थैर्विधेम वयं हव्यैः पावक भद्रशोचे । अस्मे
रयि विश्ववारं समिन्वास्मे विश्वानि द्रविणानि धेहि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vayaṁ te agna ukthairvidhema vayaṁ havyaiḥ pāvaka bhadraśoce. Asme rayiṁ viśvavāraṁ saminvāsmo viśvāni draviṇāni dhehi.*

Agni, noble ruler of life and humanity of the earth, pure and purifying power, rising in flames of piety and well being, with holy songs of celebrative knowledge and practical work and with correct inputs of yajnic materials, we offer you homage and service for human progress and all round welfare. For us, create, collect and receive the wealth of universal value and hold in trust the honour and prestige of the entire human nation.

अस्माकमग्ने अध्वरं जुषस्व सहसः सूनो त्रिषधस्थ हव्यम् ।
वयं देवेषु सुकृतः स्याम शर्मणा नस्त्रिवरूथेन पाहि ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Asmākamagne adhvaraṁ juṣasva sahasaḥ sūno triṣadhasṭha havyam. Vayaṁ deveṣu sukṛtaḥ syāma śarmaṇā nastrivarūthena pāhi.*

Agni, blazing light and fire, child of omnipotence, ruler of three worlds, join and bless our non-violent yajna of creation and production for the good of life. Let us be blest, we pray, to be followers of universal Dharma and piety of action, and protect and promote us with peace and comfort in a happy home of threefold bliss for body, mind and soul through three

seasons for the human family.

विश्वानि नो दुर्गहा जातवेदः सिन्धुं न नावा दुरितानि पर्षि ।
अग्ने अत्रिवन्नमसा गृणानोऽस्माकं बोध्यविता तनू-
नाम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Viśvāni no durgahā jātavedaḥ sindhum na nāvā duritāni parṣi. Agne atrivannamasā grṇāno'sm-ākam bodhyavitā tanūnām.*

Agni, lord ruler commanding knowledge of the world of existence, constantly supported by relentless active assistants, as a sailor helps travellers to cross the sea by boat, so do you, we pray, help us cross the most difficult obstacles of the world. Served and celebrated with homage and service with surrender, you are the protector and sustainer of our bodies and material interests, this be gracious to know we know.

यस्त्वा हृदा कीरिणा मन्यमानोऽमर्त्यं मर्त्यो जोहवीमि ।
जातवेदो यशो अस्मासु धेहि प्रजाभिरग्ने अमृतत्वम-
श्याम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yastvā hṛdā kīriṇā manyamāno 'martyaṁ martyo johavīmi. Jātavedo yaśo asmāsu dhehi prajā-bhiragne amṛtatvamaśyām.*

While I, a mortal man, invoke, sing and celebrate your gifts and glory, immortal lord omnipresent in the world of existence, I pray with a sincere heart in full awareness of your omniscience and omnipotence as a suppliant, give us the gift of honour and excellence and bless us that with good progeny we may attain the state of immortality and ultimate freedom.

यस्मै त्वं सुकृते जातवेद उ लोकमग्ने कृणवः स्योनम् ।
अश्विनं स पुत्रिणं वीरवन्तं गोमन्तं रयिं नशते स्वस्ति ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Yasmai tvaṁ sukrte jātaveda u lokamagne
kṛṇavaḥ syonam. Ásvinaṁ sa putriṇaṁ vīravan-
taṁ gomantaṁ rayiṁ naśate svasti.*

Whoever the person doing noble work in piety, for whom, O Jataveda, lord all knowing the things born, Agni, lord refulgent ruler of the world, you create and provide a lovely life of freedom and action, he attains a wealth of horses, dynamic self-progress, noble children, brave warriors, lands and cows, and above all the bliss of well being.

Mandala 5/Sukta 5

Apri Sukta, Mantrawise Devata, Vasushruta Atreya Rshi

सुसमिद्धाय शोचिषे घृतं तीव्रं जुहोतन ।
अग्नये जातवेदसे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Susamiddhāya śociṣe ghr̥taṁ tīvraṁ juhotana.
Agnaye jātavedase.*

For success and self-fulfilment, ardenly offer hot and sharply catalytic ghr̥ta into the intense fire, lighted, rising and radiant in the vedi, Jataveda, fire of life vibrating in everything in existence including yourself.

For self-realisation in meditation, collect and concentrate your mind and consciousness into focus and direct it into the light of Divinity all pervasive, and shining in the cave of your heart also.

नराशंसः सुषूदतीमं यज्ञमदाभ्यः ।

कविरिहि मधुहस्त्यः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Narāsaṁsaḥ suṣūdatīmaṁ yajñamadābhyaḥ.
Kavirhi madhuhastyah.*

Only the best of men admired by humanity effects such a yajna, the man intrepidable, whatever the circumstances, the man of poetic vision, so generous that sweetness and charity flows from his hand like honey dripping from the honey suckle.

ईळितो अग्र आ वहेन्द्रं चित्रमिह प्रियम् ।

सुखै रथेभिरूतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Īlito agna ā vahendram citramiha priyam.
Sukhai rathebhirūtaye.*

Served and celebrated in yajna, O light of life, Agni, hastening hither-ward by holy chariots for our protection and advancement, bring into the world the dearest wonderful wealth of honour and excellence with peace, comfort and freedom from fear.

ऊर्णम्रदा वि प्रथस्वाऽभ्यर्का अनूषत ।

भवानः शुभ्र सातये ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ūṇamradā vi prathasvā'bhyarkā anūṣata.
Bhavā naḥ śubhra sātaye.*

O ruling light of the world, soft, softening and protective, the mantric songs resound, arise and expand, bright and pure. Be gracious for our good and give us our share of wealth, honour and enlightenment in the social system.

देवीर्द्वारो वि श्रयध्वं सुप्रायणा न ऊतये ।
प्रप्र यज्ञं पृणीतन ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Devīrdvāro vi śrayadhvaṁ suprāyaṇā na ūtaye.*
Prapra yajñam pṛṇītana.

O celestial doors of light divine, open welcome wide for us to walk through to the heavenly shades of peace and protection, expand, beautify and beatify the yajna of life for us.

सुप्रतीके वयोवृधा यह्वी ऋतस्य मातरा ।
दोषामुषासमीमहे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Supratīke vayovṛdhā yahvī ṛtasya mātārā.*
Doṣāmuṣāsamīmahe.

We arise, welcome and honour the night and the dawn of day, both gracious and blissful of form, energisers of life, mighty strong, observers of nature's law and makers of yajna.

वातस्य पत्मन्नीलिता दैव्या होतारा मनुषः ।
इमं नो यज्ञमा गतम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vātasya patmannīlitā daivyā hotārā manuṣaḥ.*
Imam no yajñamā gatam.

Divine performers of yajna, night and the dawn of day, blessed benefactors of humanity, celebrated in songs of praise and prayer, come by flight of the winds to grace this yajna of ours.

इळा सरस्वती मही तिस्त्रो देवीर्मयोभुवः ।
बर्हिः सीदन्त्वस्त्रिधः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Īlā sarasvatī mahī tisro devīrmayobhuvah.
Barhīh sīdantvasridhah.*

Ila, divine knowledge of infinite omniscience, Sarasvati, divine language of existencial knowledge, and the divine spirit of mother earth, three divine givers of material, mental and spiritual bliss, may, we pray, come and sanctify our holy grass on the vedi and bless our yajna without delay and without fail.

शिवस्त्वष्टरिहा गहि विभुः पोष उत त्मना ।

यज्ञेयज्ञे न उदव ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Śivastvaṣṭarihā gahi vibhuḥ poṣa uta tmanā.
Yajñeyajñe na udava.*

Shiva, lord of peace and bliss, Tvashta, destroyer of suffering, spirit of the universe all pervasive, come to us in our business of health and growth by your own love and grace and protect and advance us all round in every performance of ours, yajna by yajna.

यत्र वेत्थ वनस्पते देवानां गुह्या नामानि ।

तत्र हव्यानि गामय ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yatra vettha vanaspate devānām guhyā nāmāni.
Tatra havyāni gāmaya.*

Lord of sun rays and master of vegetation and forests, wherever you know are the secret abodes of the divine powers of nature and their names and definitions, there guide our yajna to reach for knowledge and further development.

स्वाहाग्रये वरुणाय स्वाहेन्द्राय मरुद्भ्यः ।

स्वाहा देवेभ्यो हविः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Svāhāgnaye varuṇāya svāhendrāya marudbhyah. Svāhā devebhyo haviḥ.*

Let there be right words of description and exact definition for Agni, light and fire energy. Let there be right words of knowledge and choice for Varuna, right values and judgement. Let there be right actions for Indra, power, energy, honour and excellence for the Maruts, the people. Let there be honour and holy care for the divinities of nature and nobilities of humanity. Let there be right materials as inputs for the holy scientific yajna of development and growth in gratitude to nature and the Lord Divine.

Mandala 5/Sukta 6

Agni Devata, Vasushruta Atreya Rshi

अग्निं तं मन्ये यो वसुरस्तं यं यन्ति धेनवः । अस्तमर्वन्त
आशवोऽस्तं नित्यासो वाजिन इषं स्तोतृभ्य आ भर ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agnim taṁ manye yo vasurastaṁ yaṁ yanti dhenavaḥ. Astamarvanta āśavo'staṁ nityāso vājina iṣaṁ stotr̥bhya ā bhara.*

Agni is that power and presence of energy, I believe, which pervades everything and in which and by which all things abide and function. The cows abide in it, move by it and end up into it. Horses abide in it, move by it and end into it. So do all fast moving streams and objects, permanent forms, and all forms of energy move by it and retire into it. O scholar of Agni, universal energy, produce and bring up food and energy for the celebrants and supplicants for Agni. This energy is originally set in motion by Agni, the Cosmic omnipotent Spirit. (In the mantra agni is described as astam, i.e.,

set into motion.)

सो अ॒ग्निर्यो वसु॑र्गृणे सं यमा॒यन्ति धे॒नवः । सम॑र्व॒न्तो रघु॑द्रुवः
सं सु॒जा॒तासः सूर॑य इषं स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ २ ॥

2. *So agniryo vasurgr̥ṇe saṁ yamāyanti dhenavaḥ.
Samarvanto raghudruvaḥ saṁ sujātāsaḥ sūraya
iṣaṁ stotr̥bhya ā bhara.*

That is Agni which is the abiding power, pervasive and moving force, and that is what I study and celebrate. The cows and horses, stars and planets and the rays of light, and sound and word come from, move by and go unto it, from which and into which and by which the slow moving ones move and function; and by which and toward which brave and eminent scholars rise to fame and create and produce the wealth of food and energy for the celebrants and supplicants.

अ॒ग्निर्हि वा॒जिनं वि॒शे ददा॑ति वि॒श्वच॑र्षणिः । अ॒ग्नी रा॒ये
स्वा॒भुव॑ं स प्री॒तो या॑ति वा॒र्यमि॑षं स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Agnirhi vājinam viśe dadāti viśvacarṣaṇiḥ. Agnī
rāye svābhuvam sa prīto yāti vāryamiṣaṁ stotr̥-
bhya ā bhara.*

Agni, light and energy of existence, alone provides fast modes of transport for the people. Studied and developed for wealth, Agni provides automatic and self-sustaining energy for the people. O scholar scientist, create and bring choice foods and energies for the celebrants and supplicants.

आ ते॑ अ॒ग्न इ॒धोम॑हि ह्यु॒मन्तं दे॒वा॒जर॑म् । यद्ध॑ स्या ते॒ पनी॑यसी
स॒मिद्दी॑द॒र्यति॒ ह्यवी॑षं स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā te agna idhīmahi dyumantaṁ devājaram.
Yaddha syā te paṇīyasī samiddhīdayati dyavīṣaṁ
stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Let us kindle you, light and fire of life, generous divinity, refulgent and unaging so that the wonderfully admirable light of your blaze shines in heaven and you bring food and energy for the celebrants.

आ ते अग्न ऋचा हविः शुक्रस्य शोचिषस्पते । सुश्चन्द्र
दस्म विस्पते हव्यवाद् तुभ्यं हूयत इषं स्तोतृभ्य आ
भर ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā te agna ṛcā haviḥ śukrasya śociṣaspate.
Suścandra dasma viśpate havyavāt tubhyaṁ
hūtaya iṣaṁ stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Agni, light of life, lord of power, purity and splendour, golden beautiful, generous, sustainer of the people and carrier of fragrant oblations across the spaces, fragrant offers are made to you with the chant of holy verses in praise of your identity, attributes and functions. Generous creative power, create and bring food and energy for the celebrants.

प्रो त्वे अग्नयोऽग्निषु विश्वं पुष्यन्ति वार्यम् । ते हिन्विरे त
इन्विरे त इषण्यन्त्यानुषगिषं स्तोतृभ्य आ भर ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Pro tye agnayo'gniṣu viśvaṁ puṣyanti vāryam.
Te hinvire ta invire ta iṣaṇyantyānuṣag-iṣaṁ
stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Those radiations of your energy into other forms of energies feed, invigorate and develop the wealth and growth of life in existence. They inspire, impel and collect, they expel, expand and organise, and thus they

animate the circuitous dynamics of centripetal and centrifugal forces in systemic unison of the universe. O living power, create and bring food and energy for the celebrants.

तव॒ त्ये अ॒ग्ने अ॒र्चयो॒ महि॑ व्राधन्त॒ वा॒जिनः॑ । ये प॒त्त्वभिः॑
श॒फानां॑ व्र॒जा भु॒रन्त॒ गोना॒मिषं॑ स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tava tye agne arcayo mahi vrādhanta vājinaḥ.
Ye patvabhiḥ śaphānām vrajā bhuranta gonām-
iṣaṁ stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Agni, O mighty power of the universe, those mighty radiations of your flames of energy feed and animate all objects into motion in space and they, with the radiating waves of your power, energise, expand and hold in poise the orbits of motions for the stars, planets and the galaxies. O mighty power, create and hold the food and energy of life and bless the celebrants.

नवा॑ नो अ॒ग्न आ भ॑र स्तो॒तृभ्यः॑ सु॒क्षिती॒रिषः॑ । ते स्या॑म॒ य
आ॒नृचु॒स्त्वादू॒तासो॑ दमे॒दम॒ इषं॑ स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Navā no agna ā bhara stotṛbhyaḥ suksīfīriṣaḥ.
Te syāma ya ānṛcus-tvādūtāso damedama iṣaṁ
stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Agni, mighty power and light of knowledge, bring us new forms of food and energy and give us new revelations of blissful earths and stars in existence. And we pray, may we, who worship and celebrate you, be your messengers in every home. O lord, bring us the food and energy of life and light of knowledge ever new for us, your celebrants and supplicants.

उ॒भे सु॒श्चन्द्र॑ स॒र्पिषो॑ द॒र्वीं श्री॑णीष आ॒सनि॑ । उ॒तो न॒ उत्पु॑पू॒र्या
उ॒क्थे॑षु श॒वस॑स्प॒त इषं॑ स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ubhe suścandra sarpiṣo darvī śrīṇīṣa āsani. Uto na ut papūryā uktheṣu śavasaspata iṣaṁ stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Agni, mighty lord of golden glory in form, creator and wielder of universal energy, you catalyse two ladlefuls of liquid fuel in your crucible for impulsion and expulsion in cosmic metabolism. Thus, O lord, fulfil us too in holy tasks of yajna and create and bring food and energy for the celebrants.

ए॒वाँ अ॒ग्निम॑जु॒र्यमु॑र्गी॒र्भिर्य॑ज्ञेभि॒रानु॑षक् । द॒धद॑स्मे सु॒वीर्य॑मु॒त
त्यदा॑श्व॒श्व्यमि॑षं स्तो॒तृभ्य॒ आ भ॑र ॥ १० ॥

10. *Evāñ agnim-ajur-yamur-gīrbhir-yajñebhir-ānuṣak. Dadhadasme suvīryamuta tyadāśvaś-vyamiṣaṁ stotṛbhya ā bhara.*

Thus do the celebrants and supplicants positively dedicated to Agni study and apply natural energy for practical purposes by holy speech and yajnic structures of research and experimentation, so that agni may hold and bring us lustrous strength and dynamic energy of electric speed and success.

O lord of power and energy, create and bring food and energy for the celebrants.

Mandala 5/Sukta 7

Agni Devata, Isha Atreya Rshi

स॒खायः॑ सं वः स॒म्यञ्च॑मिषं स्तोमं चा॒ग्रये॑ । व॒र्षि॑ष्टाय
क्षि॒तीना॑मृ॒जो न॑ष्टे स॒ह॒स्वते॑ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sakhāyaḥ saṁ vaḥ samyañcamīṣaṁ stomaṁ cāgnaye. Varṣiṣṭhāya kṣiṭināmūrjo naptre sahasvate.*

O friends, all your food and energy well collected and all your song of description and celebration is for Agni and is dedicated to Agni, lord giver of light and energy, highest of the powers and abodes in the universe, power manifest in divine manifestations of energy and the power omnipotent over all.

कुत्रा चिद्यस्य समृतौ रण्वा नरो नृषदने ।
अर्हन्तश्चिद्यमिन्धते संजनयन्ति जन्तवः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kutrā cidyasya samṛtau raṇvā naro nṛṣadane. Arhantaścidyamindhate saṁjanayanti jantavaḥ.*

Where is that Agni on whose revelation and arrival in the home-steads of humanity, people, the best and highest of them, rejoice? which scholars and sages light and raise? and which even the least of living beings generate?

सं यदिषो वनामहे सं हव्या मानुषाणाम् ।
उत द्युम्नस्य शर्वस ऋतस्य रश्मिमा ददे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sam yadiṣo vanāmahe saṁ havyā mānuṣāṇām. Uta dyumnasya śavasa ṛatasya raṣmīmā dade.*

When we join together and pray for foods and energy forms, and the oblations of holy materials into the fire for the good of humanity rise in fragrance, then Agni with its power takes over the reins of rain showers and abundance of wealth and well being.

स स्मा कृणोति केतुमा नक्तं चिद् दूर आ सते ।

पावको यद्वनस्पतीन् प्र स्मा मिनात्यजरः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa smā kṛṇoti ketumā naktam ciddūra ā sate.
Pāvako yad-vanaspatīn pra smā minātyajarah.*

He, the power unaging, pure and purifying, gives signals of his light and guidance even for those who are far away when he leaves behind the night and rides the waves of light over the tops of trees.

अव स्म यस्य वेषणे स्वेदं पथिषु जुह्वति ।

अभीमह स्वजेन्यं भूमा पृष्ठेव रुरुहुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ava sma yasya veṣaṇe svedam pathiṣu juhvati.
Abhīmaha svajenyaṁ bhūmā pṛṣṭheva ruruhuḥ.*

On whose rise, as the sun's, and in whose service people shed the sweat of their brow in pursuit of the paths of life, to that Agni and the sun, the entire people of the earth look up and rise as children rise on the back of the parent.

यं मर्त्यैः पुरुस्पृहं विदद्विश्वस्य धार्यसे ।

प्र स्वादानं पितृनामस्ततातिं चिदायवे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yaṁ martyāḥ puruspr̥haṁ vidadviśvasya dhā-
yase. Pra svādanam pitūnām-astatātim cidāyave.*

For the service of Agni, unaging sustainer of the world, let mortal man know and attain to Agni, favourite love of all, because Agni is supreme among the pleasures of life and Agni is the ultimate home of living beings, in fact, of everything in existence.

स हि ष्मा धन्वाक्षितं दाता न दात्या पशुः ।

हिरि'श्मश्रुः शुचि'दन्तु भुरनि'भृष्टतविषिः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sa hi śmā dhanvākṣitaṁ dātā na dātyā paśuḥ.
Hiriśmaśruḥ śucidannṛbhumanibhrṣṭataviṣiḥ.*

Like a generous man with a golden beard and pure white teeth, Agni, wise and expert with his forces intact, his effulgence undiminished, watches all and, like a liberal giver, gives to the dedicated supplicant a dwelling in the skies.

शुचिः ष्म यस्मा अत्रिवत्प्र स्वधितीव रीयते ।

सुषूरसूत माता क्राणा यदानुशे भगम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Śuciḥ śma yasmā atrivat pra svadhiṭiva rīyate.
Suṣūrasūta mātā krāṇā yadānaśe bhagam.*

For him, i.e., the supplicant yajaka, the man free from threefold suffering of body, mind and soul, Agni, bright and pure, releases the honour and splendour of life like currents of thunder power, which mother nature spontaneously generates for him and which flows to him incessantly.

आ यस्ते सर्पिरासुतेऽग्रे शमस्ति धायसे ।

एषु द्युम्नमुत श्रव आ चित्तं मर्त्येषु धाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ā yaste sarpirāsute'gne śamasti dhāyase.
Aiṣu dyumnam-uta śrava ā cittaṁ martyeṣu dhāḥ.*

Agni, lord of light, giver of peace and power, when the ghrta has been offered into the fire and the flames arise, then let there be a shower of peace for the bearer of oblations, your gift for the yajaka. O lord, bear and bring wealth of honour and excellence, food and energy, and a noble mind with wisdom and vision and vest the same in these dedicated people.

इति चिन्मन्युमध्रिजस्त्वादातमा पशुं ददे । आदग्ने अपृण-
तोऽग्निः सासह्यादस्यूनिषः सासह्यावृन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Iti cinmanyum-adhrijas-tvādātamā paśum dade.
Ādagne aprṇato'triḥ sāsaḥyād-dasyūn-iṣaḥ
sāsaḥyān-nṛṇ.*

This is the song of praise and prayer, O lord, Agni, giver of light, peace and power. Born among the dedicated aspirants, I accept the gift of peace and passion, power and property and cattle wealth. Let man be Atri, free from threefold suffering of body, mind and soul. Let man challenge the ungenerous and fight out the impending dangers, human as well as natural, and hold on to noble men and aspirations.

Mandala 5/Sukta 8

Agni Devata, Isha Atreya Rshi

त्वामग्ने ऋतायवः समीधिरे प्रत्नं प्रत्नासं ऊतये सहस्कृत ।
पुरुश्चन्द्रं यजतं विश्वधायसं दमूनसं गृहपतिं वरेण्यम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvāmagne ṛtāyavaḥ samīdhire pratnam pratnāsa
ūtaye sahaskrta. Puruścandram yajataṁ viśva-
dhāyasam damūanasam grhapatiṁ vareṇyam.*

You, light of the world, life of life, Agni, the lovers of Truth and universal law dedicated to yajna since time immemorial kindle and install in the home for protection and progress: Agni, ancient and eternal born of omnipotence, golden glorious, worthy of reverence, sustainer of the universe, self-controlled and abiding in divine law, head of human family, chosen and worthy of choice.

(Swami Dayananda applies this hymn by implication and extension to home life and the homely fire yajna, of which the head and yajamana is the married couple. Agni, further, may be interpreted as the head of a state and of the world government elected and anointed by common consent.)

त्वामग्ने अतिथिं पूर्य्य विशः शोचिष्केशं गृहपतिं नि षेदिरे ।
बृहत्कैतुं पुरुरूपं धनुस्पृतं सुशर्माणं स्ववसं जरद्विषम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvāmagne atithim pūrvyam viśaḥ śociṣkeśam grhapatiṁ ni ṣedire. Br̥hatketuṁ pururūpaṁ dhanaspṛtaṁ suśarmāṇaṁ svavasam jaradvīṣam.*

Agni, light of life, people have enshrined and consecrated you in their heart and home: Agni, a welcome guest on the rounds, ancient presence with flames of fire for locks of hair, master of the home, high beacon of light, pervasive in all forms of the world, creator, lover and giver of wealth, neatly settled in homes, commanding noble and sure modes of protection and progress, pure, cleansed and free from hate and poisonous enmity.

त्वामग्ने मानुषीरीळते विशो होत्राविदुं विविचिं रत्नधातमम् ।
गुहा सन्तं सुभग विश्वदर्शतं तुविष्वणसं सुयजं घृत-
श्रियम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvāmagne mānuṣīrīḷate viśo hotrāvidaṁ vivicim ratnadhatamam. Guhā santaṁ subhaga viśva-darśataṁ tuviṣvaṇasaṁ suyajaṁ ghr̥taśriyam.*

Agni, human communities all adore you enshrined in the heart, knower of the yajakas and the delicacies of yajna, discriminator between right and

wrong, positive and negative, good and evil, highest treasurehold of the jewels of wealth, gracious and glorious with honour and excellence, light of the universe, loud and bold in universal service, directly accessible in yajna and rising in flames by ghrta.

त्वामग्ने धर्णसि विश्वधा वयं गीर्भिर्गृणन्तो नमसोप सेदिम ।
स नो जुषस्व समिधानो अङ्गिरो देवो मर्तस्य यशसा
सुदीतिभिः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvāmagne dharṇasim viśvadhā vayaṁ gīrbhir-grṇanto namasopa sedima. Sa no juṣasva samidhāno aṅgiro devo martasya yaśasā sudītibhiḥ.*

Agni, lord of light and sustainer of the world, celebrating you in many ways with holy songs of praise and prayer, we sit by you with reverence, with offers of oblations in the holy fire. O lord Angira, pervasive in every particle of the universe, bright and generous, kindled and rising in flames by the mortals' offers of havi, be gracious, accept our homage and bless us with honour and excellence in life.

त्वमग्ने पुरुरूपो विशेविशे वयो दधासि प्रलथा पुरुष्टुत ।
पुरुण्यन्ना सहसा वि रजसि त्विषिः सा ते तित्विषाणस्य
नाधृषे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvamagne pururūpo viśeviśe vayo dadhāsi prathā puruṣṭuta. Puruṇyannā sahasā vi rājasi tviṣiḥ sā te titviṣāṇasya nādhṛṣe.*

Agni, pervading in all the many forms of existence, praised and celebrated by all since time immemorial, you bear and bring abundant food and health and life for every individual and every

community. You shine with might and splendour, and that splendour of yours, glorious one, no one dare challenge.

त्वामग्ने समिधानं यविष्ठ्य देवा दूतं चक्रिरे हव्यवाहनम् ।

उरुज्रयसं घृतयोनिमाहुतं त्वेषं चक्षुर्दीधिरे चोदयन्मति ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvāmagne samidhānaṁ yaviṣṭhya devā dūtaṁ cakrire havyavāhanam. Urujrayasaṁ ghr̥tayo-nimāhutaṁ tveṣaṁ cakṣurdadhire codayanmati.*

Agni, ever youngest, unaging power of existence, kindled and shining in flames, bright and generous sages and scholars among humanity and divinities of nature make you the carrier and disseminator of fragrant energies of life and health, and install and enshrine you in the vedi, ghr̥ta fed, wide expansive, brilliant, watchful and inspirer of intelligence, ever invoked and invited.

त्वामग्ने प्रदिव आहुतं घृतैः सुम्नायवः सुषमिधा समीधिरे ।
स वावृधान ओषधीभिरुक्षितोऽभि ज्रयांसि पार्थिवा वि
तिष्ठसे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvāmagne pradiva āhutaṁ ghr̥taiḥ sumnāyavaḥ suṣamidhā samīdhire. Sa vāvṛdhāna oṣadhī-bhirukṣito'bhi jrayāṁsi pāṛthivā vi tiṣṭhase.*

Agni, light of life invoked and received from the revelations of heaven, enlightened people in pursuit of self-realisation enkindle and raise you in the vedi with fuel and ghr̥ta of the holiest kind. They light you in the heart with the fuel of their sense and mind and self-awareness. And you, rising with the fuel and sprinkled with ghr̥ta, ever abide expansive in all their

business of earthly existence.

Mandala 5/Sukta 9

Agni Devata, Gaya Atreya Rshi

त्वामग्ने हविष्मन्तो देवं मतीस ईळते ।

मन्ये त्वा जातवेदसं स हव्या वक्ष्यानुषक् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvāmagne haviṣmanto devaṁ martāsa īlate.*
Manye tvā jātavedasaṁ sa havyā vakṣyānuṣak.

You, O fire divine, mortals bearing havis with reverence in homage, honour, celebrate and worship, and I meditate on your presence in omniscience to pray: Radiate the holy light and fragrance all round and let it come to me also, generous one.

अग्निर्होता दास्वतः क्षयस्य वृक्तबर्हिषः ।

सं यज्ञासृश्चरन्ति यं सं वाजासः श्रवस्यवः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Agnirhotā dāsvataḥ kṣayasya vṛktabarhiṣaḥ. Saṁ yajñāsraścaranti yaṁ saṁ vājāsaḥ śravasyavaḥ.*

Agni is the high-priest of Nature's abundance for humanity, blessing the house of the liberal devotee ready to kindle the holy fire, since all nutriments, energies and all yajnic gifts of Divinity coexist and work with Agni.

उत स्म यं शिशुं यथा नवं जनिष्टारणी ।

धर्तारं मानुषीणां विशामग्निं स्वध्वरम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Uta sma yaṁ śiśuṁ yathā navam janiṣṭārāṇī.*
Dhartāraṁ mānuṣīṇāṁ viśāmagniṁ svadhvaram.

And just as two arani woods produce the fire, and just as mother and father beget and nurse a new

born baby, so do we kindle, raise and serve the holy fire of yajna and worship the lord of life, sustainer of human communities and high-priest of cosmic yajna.

उत स्म दुर्गृभीयसे पुत्रो न ह्वार्याणाम् ।

पुरू यो दग्धासि वनाऽग्रे पशुर्न यवसे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uta sma durgrbhīyase putro na hvāryāṇām.*
Purū yo dagdhāsi vana'gne paśurna yavase.

You who burn up vast forests and devour grasses like a hungry animal are a product of tortuous waves of energy, too tempestuous and too difficult to grab.

अध स्म यस्यार्चयः सम्यक्संयन्ति धूमिनः । यदीमहं त्रितो
दिव्युप ध्मातेव धमति शिशीते ध्मातरी यथा ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ādha sma yasyārcayaḥ samyaksaṁyanti dhūmi-*
naḥ. Yādīmaha trito divyupa dhmāteva dhamati
śiśīte dhmātārī yathā.

Fire whose flames mixed together with smoke rise up and shine when the yajaka or the yogi, thrice excelling others in body, mind and soul, lights up the fire, refines, intensifies and raises the flames close to and into the heights of heaven just like a smelter blowing and intensifying the fire with the blower.

तवाहमग्न ऊतिभिर्मित्रस्य च प्रशस्तिभिः ।

द्वेषोयुतो न दुरिता तुर्याम मर्त्यानाम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tavāhamagna ūtibhirmitrasya ca praśastibhiḥ.*
Dveṣoyuto na duritā turyāma martyānām.

O light and fire of life, Agni, may we, with your protections and friendly exhortations, cross over the sins and weaknesses of mortal humanity as we overcome

the hate and enmity of the wicked.

तं नो अग्ने अभि नरो रयिं सहस्व आ भर । स क्षेपयत्स
पोषयद्भुवद्वाजस्य सातय उतैधि पृत्सु नो वृधे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Taṁ no agne abhī naro rayiṁ sahasva ā bhara.*
Sa kṣepayat sa poṣayad bhuvadvājasya sātaya
utaidhi pṛtsu no vṛdhe.

O lord of patience and power, Agni, create the right leaders among us. Bless us with the wealth of life. Inspire and move us to act. Come, be with us for the achievement of food, energy and prosperity. Help us win and make progress in our battles of life.

Mandala 5/Sukta 10

Agni Devata, Gaya Atreya Rshi

अग्न ओजिष्ठमा भर द्युम्नमस्मभ्यमध्रिगो ।
प्र नो राया परीणसा रत्सि वाजाय पन्थाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agna ojiṣṭhāmā bhara dyumnasmabhyam-*
adhrigo. Pra no rāyā parīṇasā ratsi vājāya pan-
thām

Agni, irresistible power of motion and advancement for the aspirants, bring us the most brilliant honour and excellence of life. Bless us with abundant wealth, open the path of progress and guide us on the way.

त्वं नो अग्ने अद्भुत क्रत्वा दक्षस्य मंहना ।
त्वे असुर्यमारुहत्क्राणा मित्रो न यज्ञियः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvaṁ no agne adbhuta kratvā dakṣasya maṇhanā.*
Tve asuryamāruhat krāṇā mitro na yajñiyah.

Agni, unique unrivalled power of the world, help us advance by yajnic action and the greatness of our experts. The man rising in divine strength and intelligence and acting in your service is adorable for us.

त्वं नो अग्र एषां गयं पुष्टिं च वर्धय ।

ये स्तोमेभिः प्र सूरयो नरो मघान्यानाशुः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvaṁ no agna eṣāṁ gayam puṣṭim ca vardhaya.*
Ye stomebhiḥ pra sūrayo naro maghānyānaśuḥ.

For us, Agni, lord of light and knowledge, increase and exalt the health and home of these, men of vision and splendour, sages, scholars, teachers, leaders and all, bright and brave who, with songs of praise and prayer, have come to attain the honour and excellence of existence.

ये अग्रे चन्द्र ते गिरः शुम्भन्त्यश्वराधसः । शुष्मेभिः शुष्मिणो
नरो दिवश्चिद्येषां बृहत्सुकीर्तिर्बोधति त्मना ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ye agne candra te girah śumbhantyaśvarādhasaḥ.*
Śuṣmebhiḥ śuṣmiṇo naro divaścidyeṣāṁ brhatsu-
kīrtirbodhati tmanā.

Agni, lord of beauty, majesty and ecstasy, the words of your voice, potent and pregnant with sense and power, shine and reverberate all round in space with the message of action and achievement at the fastest, the wise expansive vibrancy of which, a shower from heaven, by itself, awakens and inspires the leading people of imagination with flames of fire.

तव त्ये अग्रे अर्चयो भ्राजन्तो यन्ति धृष्णुया ।

परिज्मानो न विद्युतः स्वानो रथो न वाजयुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tava tye agne arcayo bhrājanto yanti dhr̥ṣṇuyā.
Parijmāno na vidyutaḥ svāno ratho na vājayuḥ.*

Agni, those flames of your light and fire, bright and blazing, go round with might and majesty like cosmic waves of lightning energy commanding the kingdom of the world, as if by a roaring chariot leading to victory.

नू नो॑ अग्र ऊ॒तये॑ स॒बाध॑सश्च रा॒तये॑ । अ॒स्माका॑सश्च सू॒रयो॑
विश्वा॒ आशा॑स्तरी॒षणि॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Nū no agna ūtaye sabādhasaśca rātaye.
Asmākāsaśca sūrayo viśvā āśāstarīṣaṇi.*

And now Agni, for our protection and progress and for the relief and advancement bound in limitations, come so that all our leaders, bright and bold, may cross over all the bounds in all the directions of space.

त्वं नो॑ अ॒ग्ने अ॒ङ्गिरः॑ स्तु॒तः स्तवा॑न॒ आ भ॑र । हो॒त॑र्वि॒भ्वा॒सहं॑
र॒यिं स्तो॑तृ॒भ्यः॑ स्त॒र्वसे॑ च न उ॒तैधि॑ पृ॒त्सु नो॑ वृ॒धे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvaṁ no agne aṅgiraḥ stutaḥ stavāna ā bhara.
Hotarvibhvāsaham rayiṁ stotṛbhyaḥ stavase ca
na utaidhi pṛtsu no vṛdhe.*

Agni, light of the world, dear as breath of life, generous sage and scholarly yajaka, liberal giver, praised by devotees and approving and praising the celebrants, bring us wealth for the devotees and the worshipper good enough to challenge the mighty, and come for us so that we may win the battles of life and grow higher and higher.

Mandala 5/Sukta 11*Agni Devata, Sutambhara Atreya Rshi*

जनस्य गोपा अजनिष्ट जागृविग्निः सुदक्षः सुविताय नव्यसे ।
 घृतप्रतीको बृहता दिविस्पृशा द्युमद्वि भाति भरतेभ्यः
 शुचिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Janasya gopā ajaniṣṭa jāgrviragniḥ sudakṣaḥ
 suvitāya navyase. Ghṛtapratīko bṛhatā diviṣprśā
 dyumadvi bhāti bharatebhyaḥ śuciḥ.*

Agni, fire energy, friend and protector of man, ever awake, versatile power, it arises for the latest good of humanity. Feeding and rising on the fuel of ghṛta, shining pure and magnificent with heat and light touching the skies, it shines and gives light for those who feed and keep the fire burning.

यज्ञस्य केतुं प्रथमं पुरोहितमग्निं नरस्त्रिषधस्थे समीधिरे ।
 इन्द्रेण देवैः सरथं स बर्हिषि सीदन्नि होता यजथाय
 सुक्रतुः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yajñasya ketuṁ prathamam purohitamagnim
 narastrīṣadhasthe samīdhire. Indreṇa devaiḥ
 saratham sa barhiṣi sidanni hotā yajathāya
 sukrutah.*

Agni is the leader, mark of the science of yajna, first highpriest in the process, which the leading lights among people kindle and establish in three stages of life in three departments of the acquisition of knowledge, observance of Dharma and performance of karma, in three regions of earth, sky and the solar sphere. And Agni takes the prime seat on the grass on the vedi with Indra, power, devas, divine givers of nature, as it

comes with its chariot which carries it with fragrance to all regions. It is the sanctifier for yajnic initiation, conduct and congregation, and it is the very light, beauty and grace of the holy project.

असंमृष्टो जायसे मा॒त्रोः शुचि॑र्म॒न्द्रः क॒विरु॑दतिष्ठो वि॒वस्व॑तः ।
घृ॒तेन॑ त्वावर्धयन्नग्र आहुत धू॒मस्ते॑ के॒तुर॑भवद्दिवि श्रि॒तः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Asaṁmr̥ṣṭo jāyase mātroh śucirmandraḥ kaviru-*
datiṣṭho vivasvataḥ. Ghr̥tena tvāvardhayannagna
āhuta dhūmaste keturabhavad-divi śritaḥ.

Agni, born of parents natural, unadorned and free, pure and radiant, charming, with the gift of being the leading light rising from the sun, when you are invoked and invited, people raise and advance you with oblations of ghr̥ta and then your light and fragrance as the flag of your majesty rises to the regions of the sun.

अ॒ग्नि॒र्नो॑ य॒ज्ञमु॑प वेतु साधु॒याऽग्निं॑ नरो वि भ॒रन्ते॑ गृ॒हेगृ॑हे ।
अ॒ग्नि॒र्दू॒तो अ॑भवद्द॒व्यवा॒ह॒नोऽग्निं॑ वृ॒णा॒ना वृ॑णते क॒वि॒क्र॒तुम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Agnirno yajñamupa vetu sādhyā 'gnim naro vi*
bharante gr̥hegr̥he. Agnirdūto abhavaddha-
vyavāhano 'gnim vṛṇānā vṛṇate kavikratum.

May Agni come straight to our yajnic actions of social value. Leading and enlightened people light and raise Agni in every home. Agni is the disseminator of the fragrance of yajna over lands and spaces. Intelligent people of holy action take to Agni, the power that effects creative actions of the enlightened for social good.

(Swami Dayananda interprets agni in the sense of the enlightened leading heights of society who help

people to do good to the community. Agni is thus not only the divine fire but also the leader, teacher and the preacher.)

तुभ्येदमग्ने मधुमत्तमं वचस्तुभ्यं मनीषा इयमस्तु शं हृदे ।
त्वां गिरः सिन्धुमिवावनीर्महीरा पृणन्ति शर्वसा वर्धयन्ति
च ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tubhyedamagne madhumattamaṁ vacastubhyaṁ manīṣā iyamastu śaṁ hr̥de. Tvāṁ girāḥ sindu-mivāvanīrmahīrā pṛṇanti śarvasā vardhayanti ca.*

Agni, this sweetest song of honour and adoration is presented to you. The holy sentiment and prayer is addressed to you in praise of your holiness and peace at heart. The great holy voices protect, promote and fulfil you and make you stronger with power just as great rivers flow and add to the depth and power of the sea.

त्वामग्ने अङ्गिरसो गुहा हितमन्वविन्दञ्छिश्रियाणं वनेवने ।
स जायसे मथ्यमानः सहो महत्त्वामाहुः सहसस्पुत्र-
मङ्गिरः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvāmagne aṅgirasō guhā hitam-anvavindañ-chiśriyāṇaṁ vanevane. Sa jāyase mathyamānaḥ saho mahat tvāmāhuḥ sahasasputram-aṅgiraḥ.*

Angira, life breath of the universe, light and fire of the world, Agni, pervading every forest, every ray of light and every living being, holy yajakas dedicated to you as to the breath of life awaken and realise you through meditation in the cave of the heart when you are hidden as a mysterious flame, and you, stirred through contemplation, concentrated and enkindled, rise

as a great power of light and victory. Rightly they call you manifestation of the omnipotent.

Mandala 5/Sukta 12

Agni Devata, Sutambhara Atreya Rshi

प्राग्रये बृहते यज्ञियाय ऋतस्य वृष्णे असुराय मन्म ।
यृतं न यज्ञ आस्येऽस्य सुपृतं गिरं भरे वृषभाय प्रतीचीम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prāgnaye bṛhate yajñiyāya ṛtasya vṛṣṇe asurāya manma. Ghrtaṁ na yajña āsyē supūtaṁ giram bhare vṛṣabhāya pratīcīm.*

As in yajna, we bear and bring and offer oblations of ghrta into the vedi, so do I compose and bring the language of inner consciousness purified in meditation and offer it in honour of Agni, great, adorable in yajna, giver of the showers of water and the light of truth, life breath of the world, inspirer of thought, and generous giver of strength and power.

ऋतं चिकित्व ऋतमिच्छिकिद्धयृतस्य धारा अनु तृन्धि
पूर्वीः । नाहं यातुं सहसा न द्वयेन ऋतं संपाम्यरुषस्य
वृष्णः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Rtaṁ cikitva ṛtamiccikiddhyṛtasya dhārā anu tṛndhi pūrvīḥ. Nāhaṁ yātuṁ sahasā na dvayena rtaṁ sapāmyaruṣasya vṛṣṇaḥ.*

Agni, light of the world, you know the law and dynamics of world order. Know the truth and sincerity of our yajna and worship, and release the showers of eternal light of truth and open the doors of nature's generosity. I follow the generous and brilliant lord's path of truth and rectitude but not by violence nor with

duplicity. I follow the path of honesty and sincerity.

कया नो अग्र ऋतयन्नृतेन भुवो नवेदा उचथस्य नव्यः ।
वेदा मे देव ऋतुपा ऋतूनां नाहं पतिं सनितुरस्य रायः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Kayā no agna ṛtayannṛtena bhuvo navedā ucatha-sya navyaḥ. Vedā me deva ṛtupā ṛtūnām-nāham patim saniturasya rāyaḥ.*

For what reason, Agni, you being the latest scholar and observer of the laws of truth by the laws of truth, would you not know of the earth and of our songs of adoration? Lord protector and observer of the laws and cycle of the seasons, generous and brilliant, give me the knowledge. I do not well know the lord giver and protector of the wealth of life.

के ते अग्ने रिपवे बन्धनासः के पायवः सनिषन्त द्युमन्तः ।
के धासिमग्ने अनृतस्य पान्ति क आसतो वचसः सन्ति
गोपाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ke te agne ripave bandhanāsaḥ ke pāyavaḥ saniṣanta dyumantaḥ. Ke dhāsimagne anṛtasya pānti ka āsato vacasaḥ santi gopāḥ.*

Agni, ruler of humanity, what are your injunctions and prohibitions of law and order to deal with the opposite forces? Who are the guards and what are the safeguards? Who are your allies? Who the leading lights? Who preserve and maintain food supplies and food resources? Who are the people and what the elements that shelter falsehood? What are the safeguards against false and malicious words and reports?

सखायस्ते विषुणा अग्र एते शिवासः सन्तो अशिवा
अभूवन् । अधूर्षत स्वयमेते वचोभिर्ऋजूयते वृजिनानि
ब्रुवन्तः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sakhāyaste viṣuṇā agna ete śivāsaḥ santo aśivā
abhūvan. Adhūrṣata svayamete vacobhir-ṛjūyate
vṛjināni bruvantaḥ.*

Agni, bright ruler, those friends and allies of yours, wide spread and intelligent, who were favourable earlier but have become unfavourable and negative later would of themselves be destroyed, all these, by their own words, speaking crooked things to simple people of rectitude. See they are eliminated.

यस्ते अग्ने नमसा यज्ञमीदृ ऋतं स पात्यरुषस्य वृष्णः ।

तस्य क्षयः पृथुरा साधुरेतु प्रसस्त्रीणस्य नहुषस्य शेषः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yaste agne namasā yajñamīṭṭa ṛtaṁ sa pātyaruṣa-
sya vṛṣṇaḥ. Tasya kṣayaḥ prthurā sādihuretu
prasarsrāṇasya nahuṣasya śeṣaḥ.*

O brilliant ruler, Agni, whoever the man with reverence and holy oblations in yajna serves your yajna of the social order, he protects and promotes the rule of truth and rectitude, the rule of the generous, brilliant and non-violent ruler. May his house as the house of the ruler go on rising high and higher, from good to better, the house of the progressive man on sound foundations of economic surplus and all round security.

Mandala 5/Sukta 13*Agni Devata, Sutambhara Atreya Rshi*

अर्चन्तस्त्वा हवामहेऽर्चन्तः समिधीमहि ।

अग्ने अर्चन्त ऊतये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Arcantastvā havāmahe'rcantaḥ samidhīmahi.*
Agne arcanta ūtaye.

Agni, light of life, brilliant ruler, reverend teacher and scholar, singing hymns of adoration we invoke you. Singing songs of joy we enkindle and celebrate you. With homage and reverence, we come and pray for protection, light and advancement.

अग्नेः स्तोमं मनामहे सिध्रमद्य दिविस्पृशः ।

देवस्य द्रविणस्यवः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Agneḥ stomam manāmahe sidhramadya divispr-śaḥ. devasya draviṇasyavḥ.*

With desire for the creation and achievement of the wealth and power of brilliant Agni, we study and concentrate on fire energy in focus and structure a joyous song of success in praise of the rich and generous power touching the lights of heaven and for sure that would make the achievement possible.

अग्निरुषत नो गिरो होता यो मानुषेष्वा ।

स यक्षदैव्यं जनम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Agnirjuṣata no giro hotā yo mānuṣeṣvā.*
Sa yakṣad-daivyam janam.

May Agni, life and light and fire of the world, yajaka, creator and giver of wealth among the people,

hear and accept our prayer, come and join the brilliant creative geniuses and bless us with wealth.

त्वमग्ने सप्रथा असि जुष्टो होता वरेण्यः ।

त्वया यज्ञं वि तन्वते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvamagne saprathā asi juṣṭo hotā vareṇyaḥ.*
Tvayā yajñam vi tanvate.

Agni, you are all pervasive, loving and integrative, creator and giver, cherished and venerable leader for choice. By you is the yajna of life and the yajna of the social order enacted and extended.

त्वामग्ने वाजसातमं विप्रा वर्धन्ति सुष्टुतम् ।

स नो रास्व सुवीर्यम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvāmagne vājasātamaṁ viprā vardhanti suṣṭutam.*
Sa no rāsva suvīryam.

Agni, praised and celebrated power, creator giver of food and energy and winner of victories, intelligent people serve, develop and raise you to the heights. May Agni give us valour, virility and honour.

अग्ने नेमिराँइव देवाँस्त्वं परिभूरसि ।

आ राधाँश्चित्रमृञ्जसे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Agne nemirarāṅ iva devāṅstvaṁ paribhūraṣi.*
Ā rādhaś-citram-ṛñjase.

Agni, just as the felly of a wheel holds and surrounds the spokes of the wheel, you hold and reign over the brilliancies and divinities of nature and humanity, and you create and refine all the wonderful varieties of the world's wealth for us.

Mandala 5/Sukta 14*Agni Devata, Sutambhara Atreya Rshi*

अग्निं स्तोमेन बोधय समिधानो अमर्त्यम् ।
 हव्या देवेषु नो दधत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agniṁ stomena bodhaya samidhāno amatryam.*
Havyā deveṣu no dadhat.

Light the immortal holy fire, physical, mental and spiritual, with a celebrative song of its attributes and qualities. Refulgent, it bears the wealth of life in nature's variations, carries the fragrance of oblations to these divinities and brings us the gifts of divinity to bless the nobilities of humanity.

तमध्वरेष्वीळते देवं मर्ता अमर्त्यम् । यजिष्ठं मानुषे जने ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tamadhvareṣvīlate devaṁ martā amartyam.*
Yajisṭhaṁ mānuṣe jane.

That refulgent immortal divine fire bearing rich gifts, loved and most loving among the human community, the mortals light, serve and worship in creative, productive and holiest projects of yajna, love and non-violence in the service of the Lord and humanity.

तं हि शश्वन्त ईळते स्तुचा देवं घृतश्चुता । अग्निं हव्याय
 वोळ्हवे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Taṁ hi śaśvanta īlate sruṇā devaṁ ghr̥taścutā.*
Agniṁ havyāya voḥhave.

Agni, that divine refulgent generous power, the humans, immortal souls, with ladles dripping with ghr̥ta, sprinkle, serve and worship so that it may carry their

offerings across the spaces and bring them the sweets of yajna.

अ॒ग्निर्जा॒तो अ॒रोच॒त घ्न॒न्दस्य॑ज्ज्योति॒षा तमः॑ ।

अ॒विन्दु॒द् गा अ॒पः स्वः॑ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Agnirjāto arocata ghnan dasyūñjyotiṣā tamah.
Avindadgā apah svah.*

Agni, lighted, raised and manifesting, rises radiant and, destroying the negativities, dispelling the darkness and driving away the wicked with its blazing light, reaches over the earth and rays of the sun, waters in the middle regions of the skies and touches the lights of heaven.

अ॒ग्निमी॒लेन्यं॑ क॒विं घृ॒तपृ॑ष्ठं स॒पर्य॑त ।

वेतु॑ मे शृ॒णव॒द्भव॑म् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Agnimīlenyam kavim ghṛtapṛṣṭhaṁ saparyata.
Vetu me śṛṇavaddhavam.*

Serve, develop, honour and worship Agni, adorable, poetic visionary of omniscience, shining bright on ghrta and rooted in fertility. May Agni hear and accept my invocation and prayer and come to bless my yajnic business of life.

अ॒ग्निं घृ॒तेन॑ वावृ॒धुः स्तोमे॑भिर्वि॒श्वच॑र्षणिम् ।

स्वा॒धीभि॑र्वच॒स्युभिः॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Agnim ghṛtena vāvṛdhuḥ stomebhir-viśvacarṣanim. Svādhībhir-vacasyubhiḥ.*

The devotees light, raise and exalt Agni, light of life, ever wakeful watcher of the world, with songs of adoration, deeply meditative and highly eloquent,

created by realised souls with words of Divinity in the state of samadhi.

Mandala 5/Sukta 15

Agni Devata, Dharuna Angirasa Rshi

प्र वेधसे कवये वेद्याय गिरं भरे यशसे पूर्व्याय । घृतप्रसत्तो
असुरः सुशेवो रायो धर्ता धरुणो वस्वो अग्निः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra vedhase kavaye vedyāya giram bhare yaśase pūrvyāya. Ghr̥taprasatto asuraḥ suśevo rāyo dhartā dharuṇo vasvo agniḥ.*

I bear and offer words of adoration in honour of Agni, omniscient presence, visionary creator, glorious and eternal lord worth knowing. Pleased with the offer of ghr̥ta and sincere devotion in yajna, Agni is the breath of life, gracious, giver and commander of the wealth of existence, sustainer of the universe and ultimate haven of the world.

ऋतेन ऋतं धरुणं धारयन्त यज्ञस्य शाके परमे व्योमन् ।
दिवो धर्मन् धरुणो सदुषो नृज्जातैरजातां अभि ये ननक्षुः ॥ २ ॥

2. *R̥tena ṛtaṁ dharuṇaṁ dharayanta yajñasya śāke parame vyoman. Devo dharman dharuṇe saduṣo nṛñjātairajātāṁ abhi ye nanakṣuḥ.*

Those who know and realise the unborn eternals of existence by the forms and functioning of the manifested mutables, and sit by the leading lights abiding by the sustainer of the laws of heavenly stars, would know the mysteries and power of yajna in the highest heaven, abide by the sustainer of the laws of R̥tam, and realise the Truth, observing the laws by themselves.

अंहोयुवस्तन्वस्तन्वते वि वयो महद्दुष्टं पूर्यार्य । स संवतो
नवजातस्तुतुर्यात्सिंहं न क्रुद्धमभितः परि ष्ठुः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Añhoyuvas-tanvas-tanvate vi vayo mahad-
duṣṭaram pūrvyāya. Sa sañvato navajātas-
tuturyāt sinham na kruddham-abhitah pari ṣṭhuḥ.*

Those who eliminate sin and perplexity grow inwardly in the self and offer incomparable gifts of austerities and meditation for the eternal power, Agni within. And he, the lordly power newly arisen in the soul, would, like a passionate lion, destroy the hostile powers prowling around.

मातेव यद्भरसे पप्रथानो जनंजनं धार्यसे चक्षसे च ।
वयोंवयो जरसे यद्धानः परि त्मना विषुरूपो जिगासि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Māteva yadbharase paprathāno janamjanam
dhāyase cakṣase ca. Vayovayo jarase yaddadhā-
naḥ pari tmanā viṣurūpo jigāsi.*

Agni, rising and expansive, you bear and sustain every person like a mother, taking and giving food for nourishment and enlightenment. You go to everyone, shine as fire within for a new lease of life even for the weak, and in this way you glorify life, and by yourself go on self-revealing, taking on new and universal forms of life.

वाजो नु ते शवासस्यात्वन्तंमुरुं दोघं धरुणं देव रायः ।
पदं न तायुर्गुहा दधानो महो राये चितयन्नत्रिमस्यः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vājo nu te śavasas-pātvantam-urum dogham
dharuṇam deva rāyaḥ. Padam na tāyurguhā
dadhāno maho rāye citayann-atrim-aspaḥ.*

Agni, light of life, generous giver, may your omnipotence protect the strength and courage of humanity to the highest degree, our plenty and prosperity to the utmost bounds, and may you, we pray, protect the wealth of humanity like a guard holding his foot firmly down. And revealing the light of divinity in the cave of the heart, enlightening the devotee for great spiritual wealth, you bless all with the vision of Divinity.

Mandala 5/Sukta 16

Agni Devata, Puru Atreya Rshi

बृहद्वयो हि भानवेऽची देवायाग्रये ।

यं मित्रं न प्रशस्तिभिर्मर्तसो दधिरे पुरः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Br̥hadvayo hi bhānave'rcā devāyāgnaye. Yam mitram na praśastibhirmartāso dadhire puraḥ.*

For heat and light, energy and power, and for vision and excellence in life, study, develop and revere that mighty inexhaustible Agni with vast and rich inputs, which like a friend, people have lighted and instituted as a prime and divine power with high praise and celebrations since the earliest times.

स हि द्युभिर्जनानां होता दक्षस्य ब्राह्मोः ।

वि हव्यमग्निरानुषग्भगो न वारमृण्वति ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa hi dyubhir janānām hotā dakṣasya bāhvoḥ. Vi havyam-agnirānuṣag-bhago na vāramṛṇvati.*

With light and power, and with holy acts, Agni, highpriest of humanity, giver of the strength of arms, bears our inputs to the divinities of nature and, like a friend, brings us cherished gifts of nature and Divinity.

Agni makes the development and achievement possible like Bhaga, excellence incarnate.

अस्य स्तोमे मघोनः सख्ये वृद्धशोचिषः ।

विश्वा यस्मिन्तुविष्वणि समर्ये शुष्ममादधुः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Asya stome maghonaḥ sakhye vṛddhaśociṣaḥ.*
Viśvā yasmin tuviṣvaṇi samarye śuṣmamādadhuḥ.

In the song and celebration of this mighty power of excellence, in the friendship of this lord of high light and majesty, in this roaring power and energy, in this noble master of wealth and all round prosperity, Agni, in which all mankind place their faith and trust, let us all abide, invest, preserve and develop our power and potential, and from this let us receive our strength and fragrance of life.

अथा ह्यग्र एषां सुवीर्यस्य मंहना ।

तमिद्यह्वं न रोदसी परि श्रवो बभूवतुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Adhā hyagna eṣāṁ suvīryasya mañhanā.*
Tamidyahvaṁ na rodasī pari śravo babhūvatuḥ.

Agni, lord refulgent of power and glory, bless these heroes with the gifts of strength and noble valour. As the heaven and earth go round that mighty sun in orbit and homage, so do the honour and valour of life's dynamics move round you.

नू न एहि वार्यमग्ने गृणान आ भर । ये वयं ये च सूर्यः
 स्वस्ति धामहे सचोतैधि पृत्सु नो वृधे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nū na ehi vāryamagne grṇāna ā bhara. Ye vayaṁ*
ye cha sūryaḥ svasti dhāmahe sacotaidhi pṛtsu
no vṛdhe.

Agni, come and bless us now as ever, come roaring, rejoicing and joining our celebration, bring us the gifts we cherish. All of us here and all the brilliant brave wholly dedicated to you pray for peace and joy. Come as a friend, our own, promote and advance us in the battles of life's dynamics.

Mandala 5/Sukta 17

Agni Devata, Puru Atreya Rshi

आ यज्ञैर्देव मर्त्यं इत्था तव्यांसमृतये ।

अग्निं कृते स्वध्वरे पूरुरीळीतावसे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā yajñairdeva martya itthā tavyāṁsamūtaye.
Agniṁ kṛte svadhvare pūrurīḷitāvase.*

Come Agni, generous self-refulgent life of the world, the entire humanity thus, having organised holy projects of peace and non-violence, invokes and invites you, potent power, with yajnas for the sake of protection and advancement in knowledge, power and achievement.

अस्य हि स्वयशस्तर आसा विधर्मन्मन्यसे ।

तं नाकं चित्रशोचिषं मन्द्रं परो मनीषया ॥ २ ॥

2. *Asya hi svayaśastara āsā vidharman manyase.
Taṁ nākaṁ citraśociṣaṁ mandraṁ paro manī-
ṣayā.*

O man, honourable in your own right by your own virtue, dedicated to your particular duties of Dharma, with best of thought and mind, with your words of mouth, for sure, praise that Agni, bliss beyond suffering, wonderfully brilliant, charming and gracious,

and supreme over all.

अस्य वासा उ अर्चिषा य आयुक्त तुजा गिरा ।

दिवो न यस्य रेतसा बृहच्छोचन्त्यर्चयः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Asya vāsā u arciṣā ya āyukta tujā girā.*
Devo na yasya retasā brhacchocantyarcaayah.

O man, blest with the holy speech of communion and the divine light of this Agni, by whose energy-showers streams of adoration shine all round widely like rays of the sun, by that same holy light and divine speech destroy the want and suffering of existence.

अस्य क्रत्वा विचेतसो दस्मस्य वसु रथ आ ।

अधा विश्वासु हव्योऽग्निर्विक्षु प्र शस्यते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Asya kratvā vicetaso dasmasya vasu ratha ā.*
Adhā viśvāsu havyo'gnirvikṣu pra śasyate.

By the yajna and holy action of this brilliant generous power, creators of positives and destroyers of negatives, men of wisdom and discernment, achieve wealth and circulation of wealth by modes of transport and communication. And then Agni, venerable power for development, is valued and honoured among all human habitations.

नू न इद्धि वार्यमासा संचन्त सूरयः । ऊर्जो नपादभिष्टये
 पाहि शग्धि स्वस्तय उतैधि पृत्सु नो वृधे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nū na iddhi vāryamāsā sacanta sūrayaḥ. Ūrjo*
napādabhiṣṭaye pāhi śagdhi svastaya utaidhi
prtsu no vṛdhe.

Brave men of knowledge, wisdom and brilliance study, produce and bring us cherished gifts of Agni, fire

and electricity, gifts of divinity, by word of mouth and steady application. Agni, O power of permanence, for all our good, protect and promote energy, be strong and strengthen us for all our good and well-being, and stand by us for our success and advancement in our battles of the business of life.

Mandala 5/Sukta 18

Agni Devata, Dvita Mrktavaha Atreya Rshi

प्रातरग्निः पुरुप्रियो विशः स्तवेतातिथिः ।

विश्वानि यो अमर्त्यो हव्या मर्तेषु रण्यति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prātaragniḥ purupriyo viśaḥ stavetātithiḥ.
Viśvāni yo amartyo havyā marteṣu raṇyati.*

Let Agni, beloved of all people, freely roaming around as a visitor, be welcomed and honoured early morning, the immortal spirit and power which pervades, energises and beatifies all acts and things worth doing, giving and receiving among the mortals.

द्विताय मृक्तवाहसे स्वस्य दक्षस्य मंहना ।

इन्दुं स धत्त आनुषक्स्तोता चित्ते अमर्त्य ॥ २ ॥

2. *Dvitāya mrktavāhase svasya dakṣasya maṁ-
hanā. Induṁ sa dhatta ānuṣak stotā citte amartya.*

Agni, immortal spirit and power, by virtue of the grandeur of your own potential bring light and sweetness, power and prosperity for dvita, dedicated celebrant twice born, educated and cultured, who loves free knowledge and bears the knowledge and power for your service only.

तं वो दीर्घायुशोचिषं गिरा हुवे मघोनाम् ।

अरिष्टो येषां रथो व्यश्वदावृत्रीयते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tam vo dirghāyusociṣam girā huve maghonām.
Ariṣṭo yeṣām ratho vyaśvadāvannīyate.*

O dedicated celebrants, for you with holy words of prayer I invoke Agni, harbinger of light and power, good health and long age, that presiding power of yajna, that welcome visitor. O lord giver of speed, power and progress, Agni, I pray for them whose chariot, blest with light, power and prosperity as they are, rolls on unchallenged.

चित्रा वा येषु दीधितिरासन्नृक्त्वा पान्ति ये ।

स्तीर्णं बर्हिः स्वर्णरे श्रवांसि दधिरे परि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Citrā vā yeṣu dīdhitirāsannukthā pānti ye.
Sfīrṇam barhiḥ svarṇare śravānsi dadhire pari.*

Who are the holy visitors like Agni? Who are the dedicated celebrants and yajnic devotees of Agni? Those in whom the light of Divinity shines bright and various, who preserve and promote holy songs of dedication and pursue yajnic actions, and who spread holy grass on the vedi, propagate knowledge, and bear and offer holy materials in yajnic projects of love and non-violence among people for the sake of peace and ultimate freedom of salvation.

ये मे पञ्चाशतं ददुरश्वानां सधस्तुति । द्युमदग्रे महि श्रवो
बृहत्कृधि मघोनां नृवदमृत नृणाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ye me pañcāśataṁ daduraśānām sadhastuti.
Dyumadagne mahi śravo bṛhatkṛdhi magho-nām
nṛvadamṛta nṛṇām.*

Those who give me fifty modes of speed and progress in life alongwith their description and words of thanks to Divinity, for those men of power and excellence among the leaders of humanity, O lord of light and heavenly knowledge, Agni, spirit of immortality, just like a human friend and leader, create and bring honour and glory of vast and universal order.

Mandala 5/Sukta 19

Agni Devata, Vavri Atreya Rshi

अ॒भ्यव॒स्थाः प्र जा॑यन्ते प्र व॒व्रेर्व॒ त्रि॒श्चि॒केत॑ ।
उप॒स्थे मा॒तुर्वि॒ चष्टे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Abhyavasthāḥ pra jāyante pra vavrervavriściketa.*
Upasthe māturvi caṣṭe.

For the man of attainment, adverse circumstances do arise. Let the man in the real situation accept this eventuality. And then, let him be close to mother Divinity for light and rise to face it successfully.

जु॒हुरे वि चि॒तय॑न्तोऽ नि॒मिषं॑ नृ॒म्यं पा॑न्ति ।
आ दृ॒ळ्हां पु॒रं वि॒विशुः॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Juhure vi citayanto'nimiṣam nṛmṇam pānti.*
Ā drlḥām puram viviśuḥ.

Those who challenge adverse circumstances and sit by Agni, light of Divinity, day and night without a wink of sleep, they enter the adamant city celestial.

आ श्वै॑त्रेयस्य॑ ज॒न्तवो॑ ह्यु॒मद्व॑र्धन्त॒ कृष्टयः॑ ।
नि॒ष्क॒ग्री॒वो बृ॒हदु॑क्थ ए॒ना म॒ध्वा न वा॑ज॒युः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā śvaitreyasya jantavo dyumadvardhanta
krṣṭayah. Niṣkgarīvo brhaduktha enā madhvā na
vājayuh.*

Living beings of spatial waters, common men on earth, the man wearing a golden necklace, and the priest chanting loud hymns, loving and wanting food and energy sweet as honey, all grow by the energy of vital fire and, with holy chant and yajnic action, develop the light and power of brilliant Agni.

प्रियं दुग्धं न काम्यमजामि जाम्योः सची ।

घर्मो न वाजजठरोऽ दब्धः शश्वतो दभः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Priyam dugdham na kamyam-ajāmi jāmyoḥ sacā.
Gharmo na vājajatharo' dabdhaḥ śaśvato dabhaḥ.*

Friend and associate of heaven and earth, intrepidable, eternal, dynamic, like the vital fire of the body which assimilates all it receives for energy, I, living fire of existence, receive and assimilate all I love as delicious milk and remain unconquered.

क्रीळन्नो रश्म आ भुवः सं भस्मना वायुना वेविदानः । ता
अस्य सन्धृषजो न त्रिग्माः सुसंशिता वक्ष्यो वक्षणेस्थाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Krīlanno raśma ā bhuvah sam bhasmanā vāyunā
vevidānaḥ. Tā asya sandhrṣajo na tigmāḥ
susamśitā vakṣyo vakṣaṇesthāḥ.*

Agni, radiant as rays of the sun, sporting with the wind and self-declaring with heat and ash, come and be good to us, and so too may be those potent flames of yours, fierce, fiery, sharp and penetrating, fully collected and intensified in form in vehicles and batteries for transport and communication.

Mandala 5/Sukta 20*Agni Devata, Prayaswantah Atreyah Rshis***यमग्ने वाजसातम् त्वं चिन्मन्यसे रयिम् ।****तं नो गीर्भिः श्रवाय्यं देवत्रा पनया युजम् ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Yamagne vājasātama tvam cinmanyase rayim.
Tam no gīrbhiḥ śravāyyaṁ devatrā panayā yujam.*

Agni, scholar of eminence, expert in matters of food, energy, success and victory in the affairs of life, whatever you think is the real wealth worthy to be heard of, acknowledged, and, accepted for application as friendly and companionable power, speak to us among the generous and illuminative divines in words of truth in faith with admiration.

ये अग्ने नेरयन्ति ते वृद्धा उग्रस्य शवसः ।**अप द्वेषो अप ह्वरोऽन्यव्रतस्य सश्चिरे ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Ye agne nerayanti te vṛddhā ugrasya śavasah.
Apa dveṣo apa hvaro'nyavratasya saścire.*

Agni, these senior dedicated devotees of yours, who take to the strength of your power and passion for truth, do not waver in their faith, they keep away from malice, crookedness, double dealing and tortuous behaviour.

होतारं त्वा वृणीमहेऽग्ने दक्षस्य सार्धनम् ।**यज्ञेषु पूर्व्यं गिरा प्रयस्वन्तो हवामहे ॥ ३ ॥**

3. *Hotāram tvā vṛṇīmahe'gne dakṣasya sādha-nam.
Yajñeṣu pūrvyam girā prayasvanto havā-mahe.*

Agni, we opt for dedication to you, original

yajaka, generous giver, agent and instrument of strength and success, and, creatively endeavouring in our yajnic programmes, we invoke and invite you with the holy voice of faith.

इत्था यथा त ऊतये सहसावन्दिवेदिवे । राय ऋताय सुक्रतो
गोभिः प्याम सध्रमादो वीरैः स्याम सध्रमादः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Itthā yathā ta ūtaye sahasāvan divedive. Rāya ṛtāya sukrato gobhiḥ śyāma sadhamādo viraiḥ śyāma sadhamādaḥ.*

O lord giver of strength and light of life, enlighten us so that we may, under your protection, advance on way to wealth and rectitude day by day, and by our words and voice be your companions and co-dwellers in the home, blest with brave children.

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Agni Devata, Sasa Atreya Rshi

मनुष्वत्त्वा नि धीमहि मनुष्वत्समिधीमहि ।
अग्रै मनुष्वदङ्गिरो देवान्देवयते यज ॥ १ ॥

1. *Manuṣvattvā ni dhīmahi manuṣvat-samidhī-mahi. Agne manuṣvadaṅgiro devān-devayate yaja.*

Agni, light of life, like a living human presence we meditate on you. Like a living human power, we enkindle, serve and develop you. O breath of life, Angira, like a human power and sagely presence, inspire the brilliant and generous sages with the light of life for the sake of those who love the divinities.

त्वं हि मानुषे जनेऽग्रे सुप्रीत इध्यसे ।
स्वुचस्त्वा यन्त्यानुषक्सुजात सर्पिरासुते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvaṃ hi mānuṣe jane'gne supṛīta idhyase.
Srucastvā yantyānuṣak sujāta sarpirāsute.*

Agni, fire of life, loved and kindled, you shine and blaze in the human community. Excellent in form and beauty by birth and nature you are, and ladles full of ghrta move to you in love and faith and, on the oblations of ghrta, you rise and shine among humanity.

त्वां विश्वे सजोषसो देवासो दूतमक्रत ।
सपर्यन्तस्त्वा कवे यज्ञेषु देवमीळते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvāṃ viśve sajoṣaso devāso dūtamakrata.
Saparyantastvā kave yajñeṣu devamīlate.*

All the divine powers of nature and all brilliant sages of humanity in one accord, with love and reverence for you, install you as the conductor and carrier of their yajna forward. Serving you, O visionary of poetic excellence, they honour and worship you as a divine power in their yajnas of creative and corporate projects.

देवं वो देवयज्ययाऽग्निमीळीत मर्त्यः । समिद्धः शुक्र
दीदिहृतस्य योनिमासदः ससस्य योनिमासदः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Devāṃ vo devayajyayā'gnimīlīta martyaḥ.
Samiddhaḥ śukra dīdihyrtasya yonimāsadaḥ
sasasya yonimāsadaḥ.*

O sages and scholars, with your service in yajnas of love and non-violence in honour of the divinities of nature and noble humanity, man serves and worships the generous and radiant Agni. O radiant power and presence, Agni, pure and potent, lighted and raised to the full, shine on, illuminate the truth of existence and

the flow of life from the particle onward and reveal the chain of cause and effect in the process of evolution.

Mandala 5/Sukta 22

Agni Devata, Vishvasama Atreya Rshi

प्र विश्वसामन्नत्रिवदर्ची पावकशोचिषे ।

यो अध्वरेष्वीड्यो होता मन्द्रतमो विशि ॥ १ ॥

22. *Praviśvasāmannatrivadarçā pāvakasociṣe.*
Yo adhvareshvīḍyo hotā mandratamo viśi.

O vishvasaman, master of all world power and property, songs of praise and prayer, peace and tranquillity, shine, illuminate, develop, honour and sing in celebration of Agni, blazing as fire, pure and potent power and presence of nature and humanity, yajaka, creator and giver, most enlightened and blissful among people, worthy of song and celebration in yajnic projects. Celebrate Agni like Atri, man of vast knowledge and freedom from suffering.

न्य॑ग्निं जा॒तवे॑दसं दधा॒ता दे॒वमृ॑त्विजम् ।

प्र य॒ज्ञ ए॒त्वानु॑षग॒द्या दे॒वव्य॑चस्तमः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Nyagnim jātavedasam dadhātā devamṛtvijam.*
Pra yajña etvānuṣagadyā devavyacastamaḥ.

Hold on to Agni, meditate, worship the power omnipresent in things born, generous Divinity, cosmic yajaka in seasons of time, holiest friend and companion, haven and home of divinities such as earth and heaven, and ultimately the power that winds up the cosmic game. May that Power and Presence, most intimate, reveal Itself in the heart, the friend, the Self.

चिकित्विन्मनसं त्वा देवं मर्तीस ऊतये ।

वरैण्यस्य तेऽ वस इयानासो अमन्महि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Cikitvinmanasaṁ tvā devaṁ martāsa ūtaye.*
Vareṇyasya te'vasa iyānāso amanmahi.

Agni, refulgent lord of life and giver of light, we mortals, approaching the generous lord of supreme intelligence worthy of choice for protection and enlightenment, meditate on your presence and pray for the favour of your grace.

अग्ने चिकिद्ध्यस्य न इदं वचः सहस्य । तं त्वा सुशिप्र
दम्पते स्तोमैर्वर्धन्त्यत्रयो गीर्भिः शुम्भन्त्यत्रयः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Agne cikiddhyasya na idam vacaḥ sahasya. Tam*
tvā suśipra dampate stomairvardhan-tyatrayo
gīrbhiḥ śumbhantyaatrayaḥ.

Agni, giver of strength and courage, listen to this word of our prayer for light, protection and advancement. O lord of gracious visor and presiding power of the home and family, celebrants free from three kinds of suffering, of body, mind and soul, exalt you with songs of celebration, supplicants free from three kinds of passion, hate, anger and greed, adore you with words of worship.

Mandala 5/Sukta 23

Agni Devata, Dyumna Vishvacharshani Atreya Rshi

अग्ने सहन्तमा भर द्युम्नस्य प्रासहा रयिम् ।

विश्वा यश्चर्षणीरभ्यासा वाजेषु सासहत ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne sahintamā bhara dyumnasya prāsahā*
rayim. Viśvā yaścārṣaṇīrabhyā sā vājeṣu sāsahat.

Agni, commander of honour, power and majesty, bring us that wealth of strength and courage of the conviction, honour and dignity most forbearing, challenging and victorious which may instantly face, fight and overthrow all the opposing forces against humanity in the battles of life.

तमग्ने पृतनाषहं रयिं सहस्र आ भर ।

त्वं हि सत्यो अद्भुतो दाता वाजस्य गोमतः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tamagne pṛtanāṣaḥaṁ rayiṁ sahasva ā bhara.*
Tvaṁ hi satyo adbhuto dātā vājasya gomataḥ.

Agni, commander of valour and power, forbearing, challenging and victorious, bring us that overwhelming wealth of fighting force and stability which may face and overthrow the opposing forces of the enemy. You are the pillar of truth indispensable, wonderful, generous giver of food, energy and endurance, wonderful and in possession of cows, lands and the right language of communication.

विश्वे हि त्वा सजोषसो जनासो वृक्तबर्हिषः ।

होतारं सदासु प्रियं व्यन्ति वार्यी पुरु ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Viśve hi tvā sajoṣaso janāso vṛktabarhiṣaḥ.*
Hotāraṁ sadmasu priyaṁ vyanti vāryā puru.

Agni, all people, all friendly and allied forces ready in arms for the call, come and make choice offers of things required, without reservation, to you, host and yajaka, dear most welcome in homes and seats of government.

स हि ष्वा विश्वचर्षणिर्भिमति सहो दधे । अग्न एषु क्षयेष्वा
रेवन्नः शुक्र दीदिहि द्युमत्पावक दीदिहि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa hi śmā viśvacarṣaṇirabhimāti saho dadhe.
Agnā eṣu kṣayeṣvā revannaḥ śukra dīdīhi dyumat
pāvaka dīdīhi.*

Agni, that all watchful commander of the world brings us challenging strength and victorious force. Agni, light of life and ruler of the world, in these homes and places, shine, lord of wealth, shine for us, fire pure and light illuminating, shine in command of the wealth and honour of humanity.

Mandala 5/Sukta 24

*Agni Devata, Bandhu, Subandhu, Shrutabandhu,
Viprabandhu Gopayana or Laupayana Rshis*

अग्ने त्वं नो अन्तम उत त्राता शिवो भवा वरूथ्यः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne tvam no antama uta trātā śivo bhavā
varūthyah.*

Agni, lord of light, fire of life, you are our closest friend and saviour. Be good and gracious, the very spirit and security of the home for the inmates.

वसुर्ग्निरवसुश्रवा अच्छा नक्षि द्युमत्तमं रयिं दाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vasuragnir-vasuśravā acchā nakṣi dyumatta-
mam rayim dāḥ.*

Agni, you are the home and shelter of the world. Pure and purifier, you create and give the food for life and energy, wealth and honour. Give us the food, energy and light of life. Come and pervade this home as the very spirit and security.

स नो बोधि श्रुधी हवमुरुष्या णो अघायतः समस्मात् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa no bodhi śrudhī havamuruṣyā ṇo aghāyataḥ samasmāt.*

Such is Agni. May the lord awaken us, listen, enlighten us. Hear our prayer, save us from all sin. We want no sin. We love no sin and evil.

तं त्वा शोचिष्ठ दीदिवः सुम्नाय नूनमीमहे सखिभ्यः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Taṁ tvā śociṣṭha dīdivaḥ sumnāya nūnamīmahe sakhibhyaḥ.*

Lord most pure and purifying, light of illumination, with all our friends, for sure, we pray to you for peace and life's well being.

Mandala 5/Sukta 25

Agni Devata, Vasuyavah Atreya Rshis

अच्छा वो अग्निमवसे देवं गांसि स नो वसुः ।

रासत्पुत्र ऋषूणामृतावा पर्षति द्विषः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Acchā vo agnimavase devaṁ gāsi sa no vasuḥ. Rāsat putra ṛṣūṇāmṛtāvā parṣati dviṣaḥ.*

Sing well of Agni, light of Divinity, with enthusiasm, for your protection and progress. He, spirit of truth and rectitude, who inspires the sages with the light of truth and life's stability may, we pray, give us wealth and stability. Agni is a saviour as a son is, overcomes hate and enmity and takes us across the seas of life.

स हि सत्यो यं पूर्वं चिद्देवासश्चिद्यमीधरे ।

होतारं मन्द्रजिह्वमित्सुदीतिभिर्विभावसुम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa hi satyo yaṁ pūrve cid devāsaścīd yaṁīdhire.
Hotāraṁ mandrajihvamit suḍītibhirvibhāvasum.*

That alone is true, unquestionable and inviolable whom the seniors and brilliant sages kindle and install on the vedi, the leader and ruler, liberal giver and host of yajna, sweet and serious of tongue and commander of wealth and splendour by virtue of his innate light and flames of holy fire.

(Swami Dayananda applies this mantra to the choice and investiture of a ruler.)

स नो धीती वरिष्ठया श्रेष्ठया च सुमत्या ।
अग्रं रायो दिदीहि नः सुवृक्तिभिर्वरेण्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa no dhīti variṣṭhayā śreṣṭhayā ca sumatyā. Agne
rāyo didīhi naḥ suvṛktibhir-vareṇya.*

Agni, O lord of our love and choice, life of life, light of the world, give us the stability of mind and intelligence and, alongwith the highest, choicest and best thought and understanding, kindle and bring us splendid wealth with do's and don'ts of holy teaching.

अग्निर्देवेषु राजत्यग्निर्मर्तेष्वविशन् ।
अग्निर्नो हव्यवाहानोऽग्निं धीभिः संपर्यत ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ag nirdeveṣu rājatyagnir-marteṣvāṁśan.
Ag nirno havyavāhano 'gnim dhībhiḥ saparyata.*

Agni, life of life, light of existence, revealing intelligence, natural energy, leading light, pervades, energises, inspires, shines, illuminates and enlightens as it is present in divinities such as earth, and nobilities such as scholars and sages, and vibrates in all mortals.

O scholars and sages, serve, pursue, and develop Agni with the best of your intelligence and understanding.

अ॒ग्निस्तुवि॒श्रवस्तमं॑ तुवि॒ब्रह्माणमुत्त॑मम् ।

अ॒तूर्तं¹ श्राव॑य॒त्पतिं॑ पु॒त्रं द॑दाति द॒शुषे॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Agnis-tuviśravastamaṁ tuvibrahmāṇamuttamam.
Atūrtam śrāvayatpatiṁ putraṁ dadāti dāśuṣe.*

Agni, generous light of yajna, gives to a liberal yajaka and man of charity progeny fond of study and listening, abundant in food and wealth, widely read in sacred lore, most virtuous and invincible, who brings honour and glory to the parents.

अ॒ग्निर्द॑दाति स॒त्पतिं॑ सा॒साह॒ यो यु॒धा नृ॒भिः ।

अ॒ग्निर॒त्यं रघु॑ष्यदं॒ जेतार॑म॒परा॒जितम्॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Agnirdadāti satpatiṁ sāsāha yo yudhā nṛbhiḥ.
Agniratyam raghuṣyadam jetāramaparājitam.*

Agni, lord of light and ruler, gives us a leader, ruler, and progeny who protects and supports the good, who fights and wins over evil with arms and forces, and to this invincible victor he gives transport and communications of fastest efficiency.

यद्वा॒हिष्ठं॑ तद॒ग्नये॑ बृ॒हदर्च॑ वि॒भावसो॑ ।

महि॑षीव॒ त्वद्र॒यिस्त्वद्वा॒जा उ॒दीर॑ते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yad vāhiṣṭhaṁ tadagnaye bṛhadarca vibhāvaso.
Mahiṣīva tvadrayistvad vājā udirate.*

The fastest transport, fastest communication, lightning adoration is for Agni, lord of light and power. Shine high and wide and intense, blazing power, and as all greatness and grandeur flows from you, so do all

wealth, all energy and all victories flow from you.

तव द्युमन्तो अर्चयो ग्रावेवोच्यते बृहत् ।

उतो ते तन्यतुर्यथा स्वानो अर्त त्मना दिवः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tava dyumanto arcayo grāvevocyate bṛhat.*
Uto te tanyaturyathā svāno arta tmanā divaḥ.

Blazing are your flames of fire, radiant your rays of light. Your identity is proclaimed like rumble of the cloud, and your voice like thunder and lightning radiates from heavens by itself.

एवाँ अग्निं वसूयवः सहसानं ववन्दिम ।

स नो विश्वा अति द्विषः पर्षन्नावेव सुक्रतुः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Evāñ agniṁ vasūyavaḥ sahasānam vavandima.*
Sa no viśvā ati dviṣaḥ parṣannāveva sukratuḥ.

Thus do we, aspiring for wealth and power, adore and celebrate you, lord of forbearance, challenge and victory. May Agni, omnipotent lord of holy action, save us and, like a boat over seas, help us cross over all hate and enmity of the world.

Mandala 5/Sukta 26

Agni Devata, Vasuyavah Atreya Rshis

अग्ने पावक रोचिषा मन्द्रया देव जिह्वया ।

आ देवान्वक्षि यक्षि च ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne pāvaka rociṣā mandrayā deva jihvayā.*
Ā devān vakṣi yakṣi ca.

Agni, light of Divinity, fire of life, generous and brilliant giver of knowledge and enlightenment, with a sweet and lustrous tongue, bright and blissful, you bear

and bring the divinities of nature and nobilities of humanity to the vedi and serve them from here with light and energy.

तं त्वा घृतस्त्रवीमहे चित्रभानो स्वर्दृशम् ।

देवाँ आ वीतये वह ॥ २ ॥

2. *Taṁ tvā ghr̥tasnavīmahe citrabhāno swardṛśam.*
Devāñ ā vītaye vaha.

Agni, pure and purifier, light of fire feeding on ghr̥ta, showerer of life's beauty and grace, shining with manifold lustre, indeed the very light and bliss of heaven, we pray: With a sweet and lustrous tongue of flame full of bliss, bring for us the nobilities and divinities of nature and humanity for a feast of pleasure and enlightenment and serve them with love and reverence.

वीतिहोत्रं त्वा कवे द्युमन्तं समिधीमहि ।

अग्ने बृहन्तमध्वरे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vitihotram tvā kave dyumantaṁ samidhīmahi.*
Agne bṛhantaṁ-adhvare.

Agni, creative visionary of the light of heaven, in our yajnic project of love and non-violence, we invoke and enkindle you, universally great, self-refulgent and giver of the gifts of peace and enlightenment.

अग्ने विश्वेभिरा गहि देवेभिर्हव्यदातये ।

होतारं त्वा वृणीमहे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Agne viśvebhirā gahi devebhir-havyadātaye.*
Hotāraṁ tvā vṛṇīmahe.

Agni, light and fire of yajna, spirit of creation

and cooperation, come with all the divinities and nobilities of nature and humanity for the presentation of the fruits of yajnic creation. We elect and invite you as the presiding priest and the chief yajaka.

यजमानाय सुन्वत आग्ने सुवीर्यं वह ।

देवैरा सत्सि बर्हिषि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yajamānāya sunvata āgne suvīryam vaha.*
Devairā satsi barhiṣi.

Agni, giver of the prizes of yajna, come with the divinities, sit with the nobilities on the holy grass in the holy assembly, bearing noble vigour and splendour for the host of yajna who prepares and offers the pleasure and power of peace and excellence in the yajna and bless him and all.

समिधानः सहस्रजिदग्ने धर्माणि पुष्यसि ।

देवानां दूत उक्थ्यः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Samidhānaḥ sahasrajjidagne dharmāṇi puṣyasi.*
Devānaṁ dūta ukthyah.

Agni, burning and blazing, winning a thousand forces over, you protect and promote the universal values of knowledge and practical conduct in cooperation. Surely you are the adorable harbinger of the bounties of God and nature for humanity.

न्यग्निं जातवेदसं होत्रवाहुं यविष्ठयम् ।

दधाता देवमृत्विजम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Nyagnim jātavedasam hotravāham yaviṣṭhyam.*
Dadhātā devam-ṛtvijam.

Hold on to Agni, light and fire of life, pervasive

in all things in existence, bearer of yajna fragrance, most youthful energy, and divine yajaka of nature and humanity.

प्र यज्ञ एत्वानुषगद्या देवव्यचस्तमः ।

स्तृणीत बर्हिरासदे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pra yajña etvānuṣagadyā devavyacastamah.
Strṇīta barhirāsade.*

May the yajna, creative and fragrant activity of mankind and nature, spread around in due order and reach the bounds of divinities pervasive unto the ends of the expansive universe. Come ye devout performers, spread the holy grass for the yajnas and expansion of the fire and fragrance.

एदं मरुतो अश्विना मित्रः सीदन्तु वरुणः ।

देवासः सर्वया विशा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Edaṁ maruto aśvinā mitraḥ sīdantu varuṇaḥ.
Devāsaḥ sarvayā viśā.*

May the Maruts, dynamic leaders, Ashvins, complementary powers like teachers and preachers, friends, Varuna, judges, and brilliant nobilities with all the people come, and sit on this vedi for yajna.

Mandala 5/Sukta 27

*Agni and Indra-Agni Devata, Tryaruna Traivrshna,
Trasadasyu, Paurukutsa, Ashva-medha Bharata, or Atri
Bhauma Rshis*

अनस्वन्ता सत्यतिमामिहे मे गावा चेतिष्ठो असुरो मघोनः ।

त्रैवृष्णो अग्ने दशभिः सहस्रैर्वैश्वानर व्यरुणश्चिकेत ॥ १ ॥

1. *Anasvantā satpatirmāmahe me gāvā cetiṣṭho asuro maghonah. Traivṛṣṇo agne daśabhiḥ sahasrair-vaiśvānara tryaruṇāściketa.*

Agni, life and leader of humanity, the Lord, protector and sustainer of the true and the good, giver of higher knowledge, mighty powerful and dear as breath of life, shower of bliss for and from the earth and heaven and the sky, commanding existence, omniscience and beatitude, has blest me with tens, hundreds and thousands of cows and transports. I honour and exalt the lord of all wealth and power and pray the lord may know my people and my gifted power and potential and protect the same.

यो मे शता च विंशतिं च गोनां हरीं च युक्ता सुधुरा ददाति ।
वैश्वानर सुष्टुतो वावृधानोऽग्रे यच्छ त्र्यरुणाय शर्म ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yo me śatā ca viṁśatiṁ ca gonām harī ca yuktā sudhurā dadāti. Vaiśvānara suṣṭuto vāvṛdhāno'gne yaccha tryaruṇāya śarma.*

Agni, life and light pervasive in the world, leader of entire humanity, honoured, exalted and exalting in the universe, you give me teams of twenty and hundred cows and horses yoked to well structured and firmly balanced chariots, pray give a happy and comfortable home for the man aspiring for the truth, beauty and goodness of life.

एवा ते अग्रे सुमतिं चकानो नविष्ठाय नवमं त्रसदस्युः । यो
मे गिरस्तुविजातस्य पूर्विर्युक्तेनाभि त्र्यरुणो गृणाति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Evā te agne sumatiṁ cakāno naviṣṭhāya navamaṁ trasadasyuh. Yo me girastuvijātasya pūrvīryukte-nābhi tryaruṇo gṛṇāti.*

O lord of light and life, Agni, thus does Trasadasyu, the man terror for the wicked, aspiring for favour of your attention and kindness, Tryaruna, blest with physical health, mental insight and spiritual vision, with concentrative mind sings anew in praise of you, lord ever fresh and most youthful, who 'for me (i.e. Trasadasyu, Tryaruna) reveal the ancient and eternal Word of omniscient awareness'.

यो म इति प्रवोचत्यश्वमेधाय सूरये ।

ददद्वा सनिं यते ददन्मेधामृतायते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yo ma iti pravocatyaśvamedhāya sūraye.*
Dadadṛcā sanim yate dadanmedhāmṛtāyate.

"Who for me reveals the ancient and eternal Word...", whoever speaks thus in homage to Agni in the interest of the social order of the world and for advancement of the brave, enlightened people, to him, endeavouring with holy chant, may Agni give wealth, to him, aspiring for truth and rectitude, may the lord grant the light of divine intelligence.

यस्य मा परुषाः शतमुद्धर्षयन्त्युक्षणाः ।

अश्वमेधस्य दानाः सोमाइव त्राशिरः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yasya mā paruṣāḥ śatamuddharṣayantyu-kṣaṇaḥ.*
Aśvamedhasya dānāḥ somā iva tryāśiraḥ.

The loud and bold voices, creative acts and generous gifts of 'ashvamedha', national yajna in relation to threefold programmes for life, environment and energy, like a drink of soma, give me pleasure in a hundred ways.

इन्द्राग्नी शतदान्यश्वमेधे सुवीर्यम् ।

क्षत्रं धारयतं बृहद्विवि सूर्यमिवाजरम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indragñī śatadāvnyaśvamedhe suvīryam.*
Kṣatram dhārayataṁ bṛhad divi sūryamivājaram.

May Indra and Agni, knowledge and power, force of law and enlightenment, generous and giving in a hundred ways, in this ashvamedha yajna, i.e., non-violent holy plan and programme of national development and governance, enact, uphold and sustain the social order as they hold the sun in the vast heaven. Unaging, ever young harbingers of honour and valour to the system, ever fresh they are.

Mandala 5/Sukta 28

Agni Devata, Vishvavara Atreyi Rshi

समिद्धो अग्निर्दिवि शोचिरश्रेत्प्रत्यङ्ङुषसमुर्विया वि भाति ।
 एति प्राचीं विश्ववारा नमोभिर्देवाँ ईळाना हविषा
 घृताचीं ॥ १ ॥

1. *Samiddho agnirdivi śociraśret pratyāññuṣasa-*
murviyā vi bhāti. Eti prācī viśvavārā namobhir-
devāñ īlānā haviṣā ghṛtācī.

The fire of yajna, kindled and rising, reaches the light and energy in the solar sphere and, with its various and expansive lustre, extends to the dawn, and then the East. Vishvavara, laden with versatile food and energy for the world, activating nature's bounties like a yajnic ladle full of ghrta, it illuminates and showers the world with gifts of Divinity at the end of the dewy night.

समिध्यमानो अमृतस्य राजसि हविष्कृण्वन्तं सचसे
स्वस्तये । विश्वं स धत्ते द्रविणं यमिन्द्रस्यातिथ्यमग्ने नि च
धत्त इत्पुः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Samidhyamāno amṛtasya rājasi haviṣkṛṇvantam
sacase svastaye. Viśvaṁ sa dhatte draviṇaṁ
yaminvasyātiithyamagne ni ca dhatta it purah.*

Agni, O light and fire of life, kindled and raised in the vedi and in the mind, you rise and shine in the midst of immortality and abide with the supplicant yajaka as a friend for his life's well being. Whoever you inspire, invigorate and, as a friend, take up under your care and protection, the person wins, holds and commands the world's wealth in existence and, since then for all time, O light divine, he offers service with complete surrender in obedience to your will like hospitality in obligation to an honoured guest.

अग्ने शर्धं महते सौभगाय तव द्युम्नान्युत्तमानि सन्तु । सं
जास्पत्यं सुयममा कृणुष्व शत्रूयतामभि तिष्ठा महंसि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Agne śardha mahate saubhagāya tava dyumnā-
nyuttamāni santu. Saṁ jāspatyam suyamamā
kṛṇuṣva śatrūyatāmabhi tiṣṭhā mahāṁsi.*

Agni, mighty power, may your highest gifts of wealth, honour and splendour be for great good fortune and well being in life. Make our homes full of conjugal bliss, well maintained with discipline and control. Help us face and fight out the greatest enemies in the conflicts of life.

समिद्धस्य प्रमहसोऽग्ने वन्दे तव श्रियम् ।
वृषभो द्युम्नवाँ असि समध्वरेष्विध्यसे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Samiddhasya pramahasō'gne vande tava śriyam.
Vṛṣabho dyumnavāñ asi samadhvareṣ-vidhyase.*

Agni, mighty ruling power of the world, burning bright and great, I honour and adore your wealth and splendour. Valorous and generous, prosperous and majestic, you shine glorious in the yajnic projects of the world.

समिद्धो अग्न आहुत देवान्यक्षि स्वध्वर ।
त्वं हि हव्यवाळसि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Samiddho agna āhuta devān yakṣi svadhvara.
Tvam hi havyavāḥasi.*

Agni, invoked, kindled and raised to the full in light and splendour, you honour and inspire the nobilities of humanity and feed and replenish the bounties of nature. O noble power of the yajnas of love and non-violence, you are the receiver and disseminator of our oblations and you are the harbinger of the gifts of nature's bounties.

आ जुहोता दुवस्यताग्निं प्रयत्यध्वरे ।
वृणीध्वं हव्यवाहनम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā juhotā duvasyatā'gnim prayatyadhvare.
Vṛṇūdhvam havyavāhanam.*

O man, honour and serve Agni with offers of fragrant havi in creative and developmental programmes of love and non-violence in humanity. Select, elect and serve the light and fire of life, receiver of our oblations and giver of the gifts of life and nature.

(Swami Dayananda interprets Agni as the fire

of yajna, as the scholar and teacher who gives knowledge, and as the ruler who receives, creates and distributes the wealth in the social order of humanity with love and without violence.)

Mandala 5/Sukta 29

Indra, Indra Ushana Devata, Gauriviti Shaktya Rshi

अ॒र्य॒मा म॒नुषो दे॒वता॒ता त्री रो॒चना दि॒व्या धा॒रय॒न्त । अ॒र्च॒न्ति
त्वा म॒रुतः॑ पू॒तद॑क्षा॒स्त्वमे॑षा॒मृषि॑रिन्द्रा॒सि धी॒रः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tryaryamā manuṣo devatātā trī rocanā divyā dhārayanta. Arcanti tvā marutaḥ pūta dakṣāstvameṣām-ṛṣir-indrāsi dhīrah.*

Indra, lord of power and ruling power of the world, in the holy yajna of the social order, its governance and administration, those heroes of the speed of winds honour and serve you whose strength and expertise is pure and sanctified : men of judgement and discretion who are thrice blest with full knowledge, noble action and devotion to Divinity; men of brilliance who are self-established with health of body, mind and soul, familial joy and social commitment; and men who enjoy the favour and grace of Divinity. Indra, you are their seer, philosopher and guide, imperturbable, inviolable and unchallengeable.

नु यदी॑ म॒रुतो॑ म॒न्दसा॒नमा॒र्चन्नि॒न्द्रं प॒पिवा॑सं सु॒तस्य॑ ।
आ॒दत्त॑ वज्र॒म॒भि यद॑हिं ह॒व॒पो य॒ह्वीर॑सृ॒जत्स॑र्त्वा उ॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Anu yadīm maruto mandasānamārcannindram papivāmsam sutasya. Ādatta vajramabhi yadahim hannapo yahvīrasrjat sarvatā u.*

With dedication and loyalty, when the Maruts,

supportive heroes of the social order, serve and honour Indra, the ruler, happy and honourable, ruling and enjoying the state entrusted to him, then, just as the sun with thunder and lightning breaks up the clouds and releases the showers and mighty streams aflow, he too takes over the thunderbolt of law and power and, striking the serpentine demons of darkness and evil, sets the mighty streams of national energy to flow in showers and creative streams.

उत ब्रह्माणो मरुतो मे अस्येन्द्रः सोमस्य सुषुतस्य पेयाः ।
तद्धि हव्यं मनुषे गा अविन्ददहन्नहिं पपिवाँ इन्द्रो अस्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Uta brahmāṇo maruto me asyendraḥ somasya suṣutasya peyāḥ. Taddhi havyaṁ manuṣe gā avindad-ahann-ahim papivāñ indro asya.*

And may the Maruts, heroes of the winds, dedicated to Brahma and the Vedas and the ruling lord Indra, now drink of this soma of national honour and glory so well distilled by me. That honour and glory alone, dedicated to Divinity in yajna, for man can win cows and lands and holy wisdom, of which Indra alone is the guardian, having destroyed the forces of evil.

आद्रोदसी वितरं वि ष्कभायत्संविब्यानश्चिद्वियसे मृगं
कः । जिगर्तिमिन्द्रो अपजर्गुराणः प्रति श्वसन्तमव दानवं
हन् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ād rodasī vitaraṁ vi ṣkabhāyat saṁvivyānaścid bhiyase mṛgaṁ kaḥ. Jigartim-indro apajargurā-ṇaḥ prati śvasantamava dānavam han.*

And then Indra holds and firms up the earth and heaven separate and yet together pervading both with

his presence and power just like separating a fear-stricken deer and a devouring tiger by the power of his presence and holding off the demon tiger snorting fiercely.

(Compare the laws of gravitation separating and holding together in firm relationship two heavenly bodies according to their mass and distance under the presiding presence of the force of natural omnipotence.)

अध॒ क्रत्वा॑ म॒घव॑न्तु॒भ्यं दे॒वा अनु॑ वि॒श्वे अ॒ददुः सोम॑पेयम् ।
यत्सूर्य॑स्य ह॒रितः॑ प॒तन्तीः॑ पु॒रः स॒तीरु॑प॒रा ए॒त॒शे कः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Adha kratvā maghavan tubhyaṁ devā anu viśve adaduh somapeyam. Yat sūryasya haritaḥ patantīḥ purāḥ satīruparā etaśe kaḥ.*

And further, O lord of honour and power of omnipotence, all the divinities of nature and humanity offer you the drink of soma in response to your yajnic action of systemic integration and sustenance when the various rays of the sun radiating forward all round and nourishing life stop on the planet on your behest (to feed life and drink up the sweet juices of soma).

न॒व॒ यद॑स्य न॒व॒तिं च॑ भो॒गान्त्सा॒कं वज्रे॑ण म॒घवा॑ विवृ॒श्चत् ।
अ॒र्च॒न्तीन्द्रं॑ म॒रुतः॑ स॒धस्थे॑ त्रैष्टु॒भेन॒ वच॑सा बा॒धत॒ द्याम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Nava yadasya navatiṁ ca bhogāntsākam vajreṇa maghavā vivṛścat. Arcantīndraṁ marutaḥ sadhasthe traiṣṭubhena vacasā bādhatta dyām.*

When Indra with thunder and lightning destroys ninety-nine serpentine strongholds of evil and darkness obstructing the light of Divinity in this world, then the Maruts, guardian forces of humanity on earth, honour

and adore the omnipotent lord with trishtubha hymns of celebration.

सखा सख्ये अपचतूर्यमग्निर्स्य क्रत्वा महिषा त्री शतानि ।
त्री साकमिन्द्रो मनुषः सरांसि सुतं पिबद् वृत्रहत्याय
सोमम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sakhā sakhye apacat tūyamagnirasya kratvā mahiṣā trī śatāni. Trī sākamindro manuṣaḥ sarāṁsi sutam pibad bṛtrahatyāya somam.*

Agni, a friend, for a friend, Indra, alongwith Indra and the holy action of Indra, the sun, in this world soon ripens the sap in three hundred fields and forests of man, and then Indra, great and generous, drinks up the soma in order to break the clouds of rain and let the rivers flow to fill three great lakes in three worlds of heaven, earth and sky.

त्री यच्छता महिषाणामघो मास्त्री सरांसि मघवा सोम्यापाः ।
कारं न विश्वे अहन्त देवा भर्मिन्द्राय यदहिं जघान ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Trī yacchatā mahiṣāṇāmagho māstrī sarāṁsi maghavā somyāpāḥ. Kāraṁ na viśve ahvanta devā bharamindrāya yadahim jaghāna.*

Indra, inviolable lord, commanding honour, power and excellence, when you ripen and mature three hundred great fields and forests and create and protect three great lakes of soma, all the divinities of the world invoke Indra like a great hero and offer homage since he breaks the cloud of serpentine hoards of showers.

उशना यत्सहस्यैरुयातं गृहमिन्द्र जूजुवानेभिरश्वैः ।
वन्वानो अत्र स्रथं ययाथ कुत्सेन देवैर्वनोर्ह शुष्णम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uśanā yat sahasyairayātaṁ gṛhamindra
jūjuvānebhiraśvaiḥ. Vanvāno atra saratham
yayātha kutsena devairavanorha śuśṇam.*

Indra, glorious ruler, when the man of light and passion and you both come home by chariot driven by swift and robust horses, then, again with love and desire for victory, pray go with the thunderbolt and the best of the brilliancies and defend the strength and honour of the nation.

प्रान्यच्चक्रमवृहः सूर्यस्य कुत्सायान्यद्वरिवो यातवेऽकः ।
अनासो दस्यूरमृणो वधेन नि दुर्योण आवृणङ्मृध-
वाचः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Prānyaccakramavṛhaḥ sūryasya kustāyānyad
varivo yātave'kaḥ. Anāso dasyūñramṛṇo vadhena
ni duryoṇa āvṛṇaṁ mṛdhravācaḥ.*

Extend the orbit of enlightenment for the thunderbolt. Clear the paths and areas for development, peace and freedom of movement. Eliminate the shameless, the wicked and the thieves with punishment, and stop the entry of the malicious, throw them in jail.

स्तोमासस्त्वा गौरिवीतेरवर्धन्नरन्धयो वैदथिनाय पिप्रुम् । आ
त्वामृजिष्वो सख्याय चक्रे पचन्पक्तीरपिबः सोम-
मस्य ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Stomāsastvā gaurivīteravardhannarandhayo
vaidathināya piprum. Ā tvāmṛjīsvā sakhyāya
cakre pacan pakṭīrapibaḥ somamasya.*

May the eulogies of the poetic lovers of song and their singers exalt you. Punish the man who exalts

and raises the warring forces against you. Let the men of simple honest mind be keen to make friends with you. Maturing and completing the plans and programmes of the state, celebrate and enjoy the honour and splendour of the order.

नवग्वासः सुतसोमास इन्द्रं दशग्वासो अभ्यर्चन्त्यर्केः । गव्यं
चिदूर्वमपिधानवन्तं तं चिन्नरः शशमाना अर्प व्रन् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Navagvāsaḥ sutasomāsa indram daśagvāso
abhyarcantyarkaiḥ. Gvyaṁ cidūrvamapidhāna-
vantaṁ te cinnaraḥ śaśamānā apa vran.*

Men of new ideas treading new paths of knowledge and polity, men of controlled mind and senses, celebrants ready with distilled exhilarating soma, adore Indra with songs and presentations of homage and, celebrating him, the dedicated admirers, best of men and leaders, extol him revealing his vast but hidden virtues of divine knowledge.

कथो नु ते परि चराणि विद्वान्वीर्यी मघवन्या चकर्थ । या
चो नु नव्या कृणवः शविष्ठ प्रेदु ता ते विदथेषु ब्रवाम ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Katho nu te pari carāṇi vidvān vīryā maghavan
yā cakartha. Yā co nu navyā kṛṇavaḥ śaviṣṭha
predu tā te vidatheṣu bravāma.*

Indra, ruler of the world, mightiest hero commanding wealth, power, honour and excellence, sage and scholar, how shall we, in yajnic assemblies of the nation, fully describe, sing and celebrate your achievements and your potential, the exploits that you have done and those new ones you are sure to achieve henceforth ?

एता विश्वा चकृवाँ इन्द्र भूर्यपरीतो जनुषा वीर्येण । या
चिन्नु वज्रिन्कृणवो दधृष्वान्न ते वर्ता तविष्या अस्ति
तस्याः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Etā viśvā cakṛvāñ indra bhūryaparīto januṣā
vīryena. Yā cinnu vajrin kṛṇavo dadhṛṣvān
na te vartā taviṣyā asti tasyāḥ.*

All these many exploits of the world [from creation and sustenance to organisation, organisational elimination included], Indra, ruler and lord of power and excellence, which you have done and which you would do, unresisted and irresistible, by nature and nurture, by vigour and valour, O wielder of the thunderbolt, bold and terrific, no one can comprehend. There is none who can obstruct, hold or surpass those overwhelming powers and forces of yours.

इन्द्र ब्रह्म क्रियमाणा जुषस्व या ते शविष्ठ नव्या अकर्म ।
वस्त्रेव भद्रा सुकृता वसूयू रथं न धीरः स्वपा अत-
क्षम् ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Indra brahma kriyamāṇā juṣasva yā te śaviṣṭha
navyā akarma. Vastreva bhadṛā sukṛtā vasūyū
ratham na dhīraḥ svapā atakṣam.*

Indra, the holy chant and homage of gifts, newest and latest, being offered, graciously accept and cherish, which, for you, O lord most powerful, we have created. Like a beautiful dress of thought and devotion, I, a sincere artist in pursuit of life's wealth and peace and a steadfast and skilful maker, have designed and created the song like a chariot.

Mandala 5/Sukta 30***Indra, Indra and Rnanchaya Devata, Babhru Atreya Rshi***

क्व॑स्य वी॒रः को अ॑पश्यदिन्द्रं सु॒खर॑थमीयमानं॑ हरि॒भ्याम् ।
 यो रा॒या व॒ज्री सु॒तसो॑ममिच्छन्तदोको॑ गन्ता॑ पुरु॒हूत
 ऊ॒ती ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kva sya vīraḥ ko apaśyadindram sukharathamīyamānaṁ haribhyām. Yo rāyā vajrī sutaso-mamicchan tadoko gantā puruhūta ūtī.*

Where is that thunderous catalytic power? Who saw that Indra, harbinger of peace and comfort travelling like a pleasing chariot along the waves of attraction and repulsion which, laden with wealth and wielding the force of thunder moves on and, invoked and invited by many for protection and promotion, goes to the house of the host with desire for the taste of life's pleasure?

अवा॑चचक्षं प॒दम॑स्य स॒स्वरु॒ग्रं नि॒धातु॑रन्वा॒यमिच्छन् ।
 अपृ॑च्छम॒न्याँ उ॒त ते म॑ आहु॒रिन्द्रं नरो॑ बु॒बुधा॒ना अ॑शेम ॥ २ ॥

2. *Avācacakṣaṁ padamasya sasvarugraṁ nidhāturanvāyamicchan. Aprcchamanyāñ uta te ma āhurindram naro bubudhānā aśema.*

With the desire to pursue and achieve success, I have discovered and described the science of this mighty source of immanent energy. Let me consult and ask others too who would speak of Indra, the energy, to me. And the best of men and leading scholars among men, enlightened all, we would realise and achieve it in full.

प्र नु व॒यं सु॒ते या ते॑ कृ॒तानीन्द्र॑ ब्र॒वाम॑ यानि॑ नो जु॒जोषः ।
 वेद॑दवि॒द्विष्णु॑गव॒च्च वि॒द्वान्व॑हतेऽ यं म॒धवा॑ स॒र्वीसे॑नः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pra nu vyaṁ sute yā te kṛtānīdra bravāma yāni no juṣaḥ. Vedadavidvāñchṛṇavacca vidvān vahate 'yaṁ maghavā sarvasenaḥ.*

The knowledge acquired and energy created in practice, O scholar, Indra, let us speak of and proclaim your achievements which you share with us. Let those who don't know hear and know of it too. This scholar who bears the knowledge and power is the mighty possessor of honour and excellence, and he commands all the power and the forces.

स्थिरं मनश्चकृषे जात इन्द्र वेषीदेको युधये भूर्यसश्चित् ।
अश्मानं चिच्छवसा दिद्युतो वि विदो गवामूर्वमुस्त्रिया-
णाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sthiraṁ manaścakṛṣe jāta indra veṣīdeko yudhaye bhūryasaścit. Aśmānaṁ cicchavasā didyuto vi vido gavāmūrvamusriyāṇām.*

Indra, commander of light, knowledge and power, rising, you firm and resolve the mind to stability and constancy. In battle, you alone, by yourself, overcome many. You illuminate the cloud and the firmament and break the mountain with your power and force, and you recover and reveal the vastness of earth, the sun rays, the wisdom of knowledge and the ocean fire enshrined in words.

परो यत्त्वं परम् आजनिष्ठाः परावति श्रुत्यं नाम बिभ्रत् ।
अतश्चिदिन्द्रादभयन्त देवा विश्वा अपो अजयद्दास-
पत्नीः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Paro yat tvaṁ parama ājaniṣṭhāḥ parāvati śrutyaṁ nāma bibhrat. Ataścidindrādabha-yanta devā viśvā apo ajayad dāsapatnīḥ.*

When you, highest and best power, arise and manifest, bearing great name and high renown in far off regions, and win over and release the waters concealed in the cloud, since then all the forces of nature accept the power of Indra and obey the divine law.

तुभ्येदेते मरुतः सुशेवा अर्चन्त्यर्कं सुन्वन्त्यन्धः । अहि-
मोहानमप आशयानं प्र मायाभिर्मायिनं सक्षदिन्द्रः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tubhyedete marutaḥ suśevā arcantyarkam sunvantyandhaḥ. Ahimohānamapa āśayānam pra māyābhirmāyinaṁ sakṣadindraḥ.*

Vibrant heroes and these yajakas in obedient service offer you songs of adoration, prepare the food and distil the soma for you, Indra. And with his wondrous forces, Indra engages the crafty cloud holding the waters by his deceptive wiles and sleeping like a giant in apparent security.

वि षू मृधो जनुषा दानमिन्वन्नहन्गवा मघवन्त्संचकानः ।
अत्रा दासस्य नमुचेः शिरो यदवर्तयो मनवे गातु-
मिच्छन् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi ṣū mṛdho januṣā dānaminvannahan gavā maghavantsaṁcakānaḥ. Atrā dāsasya namuceḥ śiro yadavartayo manave gātumicchan.*

Indra, commander of honour and valour, ruling lord of excellence, from your very emergence thirsting for battle, breaking the cloud with the roar of thunder and lightning, energising and winning prizes for humanity with the desire to make way for progress, you arise here and now and break the stronghold of the dark cloud locking up the waters of rain showers.

युजं हि मामकृथा आदिदिन्द्र शिरो दासस्य नमुचेर्म-
थायन् । अश्मानं चित्स्वर्यं वर्तमानं प्र चक्रियेव रोदसी
मरुद्भ्यः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yujam hi māmakṛthā ādidindra śiro dāsasya
namucermathāyan. Aśmānaṁ cit svaryaṁ
vartamānaṁ pra cakriyeva rodasī marudbhyah.*

Make me your friend and instrument since you break the top of the cloud, replete with vapours but resistant to release the rain, hold the firmament wheeling, circling and resounding, and divide space into earth and heaven and make them turn round and round like wheels for the winds to blow in the firmament and the humans to live on the earth.

स्त्रियो हि दास आयुधानि चक्रे किं मां करन्नबला अस्य
सेनाः । अन्तर्ह्यख्यदुभे अस्य धेने अथोप प्रैद्युधये दस्यु-
मिन्द्रः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Striyo hi dāsa āyudhāni cakre kiṁ mā karanna-
balā asya senāḥ. Antarhyakhyadubhe asya dhene
athopa praid yudhaye sasyumindrah.*

Dasa, enemy of an inferior order, uses women as secret weapons and warriors. But what can these poor forces do against me (in violation of my discretion). Let the ruler, Indra, see deep into both the language and warriors [of this enemy, the open policy and the secret tactics), and then advance upon the slavish enemy to engage him in battle.

समत्र गावोऽभितोऽनवन्तेहेह वत्सैर्वियुता यदासन् । सं ता
इन्द्रो असृजदस्य शाकैर्यदो सोमासुः सुषुता अमन्दन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Samatra gāvo'bhito'navanteheha vatsairviyutā yadāsan. Sañ tā indro asrjadasya śākairyadīm somāsaḥ suṣutā amandan.*

If the cows exult in unison with calves everywhere, if the sunrays play together on the herbs, if the lands smile with greenery and the earth rejoices with her children, and then, suppose the cows were separated from the calves, the rays of the sun were intercepted from the herbs, the lands were locked off from greenery, the earth were bereft of her children, then must Indra, brilliant ruler of the earth and the skies, should join the mothers and children with his might so that the soma drinks distilled may gladden him and his ruling order.

यदीं सोमा बभ्रुधूता अमन्दन्नरोरवीद् वृषभः सादनेषु ।
 पुरन्दरः पपिवाँ इन्द्रो अस्य पुनर्गवामददादुस्त्रिया-
 णाम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Yadīm somā babhrudhūtā amandannaroravīd vṛṣabhaḥ sādaneṣu. Purandaraḥ papivāñ indro asya punargavāmadadādusriyāṇām.*

When the somas, honours and pleasures of the earth, created, distilled and energised by the sagely scholars and people of yajnic creativity, exhilarate Indra, the ruler and his order, then the generous and valorous lord roars in the assemblies and in the homesteads and he, breaker of the enemy strongholds, having drunk of the honour and glory of the nation, again gives to the nation fertile lands, cows, open sunlight and words of holy speech.

भद्रमिदं रुशमा अग्ने अक्रन्गवां चत्वारि ददतः सहस्रा ।
ऋणंचयस्य प्रयता मृगानि प्रत्यग्रभीष्म नृतमस्य
नृणाम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Bhadramidaṁ ruśamā agne akran-gavāṁ catvāri
dadataḥ sahasrā. Ṛṇaṁcayasya prayatā maghā-
nipratyagrabhīṣma nṛtamasya nṛṇām.*

Agni, refulgent ruler, it is a great blessing of Indra, the sun, giver of four thousand rays of light, wealth of existence, and destroyers of negativities, which he collects from nature, and gives us. He is the best leader and guide of humanity, and with gratitude and best efforts we should acknowledge and benefit from these gifts of energy and power.

सुपेशसं माव सृजन्त्यस्तं गवां सहस्रै रुशमासो अग्ने । तीव्रा
इन्द्रममन्दुः सुतासोऽक्तोव्युष्टौ परितकम्यायाः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Supēśasaṁ māva sṛjantyastaṁ gavāṁ sahasrai
ruśamāso agne. Tīvrā indram-amanduḥ sutāso
'ktorvyuṣṭau paritakmyāyāḥ.*

Agni, refulgent ruler, brilliant forces, destroyers of evil and darkness, create and give me a beautiful home with a thousand bright rays of light, and at the end of the departing night in the light of the dawn, blazing fires bear distilled soma oblations and rise to Indra, the sun, and give him delight.

औच्छत्सा रात्री परितकम्या याँ ऋणंचये राजनि रुशमानाम् ।
अत्यो न वाजी रघुरज्यमानो बभ्रुश्चत्वार्यसनत्सहस्रा ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Aucchat sā rātrī paritakmyā yāṅ ṛṇaṁcaye rājani
ruśamānām. Atyo na vājī raghurajyamāno
babhruścatvāryasanat sahasrā.*

When the fugitive night of rest and peace in the home departs, having made up the want of light at the rise of dawn, blest and beautiful, collecting and bearing nature's gifts, then babhru, the crimson sun, sustainer of life, moving like a flying horse at instant speed, showers four thousand gifts of energy and intelligence and the creative yajaka receives and shares the gifts on and from the vedi.

चतुःसहस्रं गव्यस्य पश्वः प्रत्यग्रभीष्म रुशमेष्वग्रे । घर्मश्चित्तसः प्रवृजे य आसीदयस्मयस्तम्वादाम् विप्राः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Catuḥ sahasraṁ gavyasya paśvaḥ pratyagra-bhīṣma ruśameṣvagne. Gharmaścit taptāḥ pravṛje ya āsīdayasmayastamvādāma viprāḥ.*

Agni, O self-refulgent light of life, glorious ruler of the world, let us receive and share four thousand gifts of the wealth of light, energy and intelligence present in the lights of the dawn, and let us, O friends of knowledge, vibrant scholars, receive and share that golden wealth and heat of life which is tempered and refined in the pravargya yajna of self sacrifice and surrender.

Mandala 5/Sukta 31

Indra, Indra or Kutsa, Indra or Ushana, Indra and Kutsa Devatah, Avasyu Atreya Rshi

इन्द्रो रथाय प्रवतं कृणोति यमध्यस्थान्मघवा वाजयन्तम् ।
यूथेव पश्वो व्युनोति गोपा अरिष्टो याति प्रथमः सिषा-
सन् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indro rathāya pravataṁ kṛṇoti yamadhyasthā-nmaghavā vājayantam. Yūtheva paśvo vyunoti gopā ariṣṭo yāti prathamāḥ siṣāsan.*

Indra, lord of honour and excellence, commander of power and forces, accelerates whichever supersonic chariot he rides and inspires whichever region he rules for a great leap forward to the heights. All round protector and pioneer, like a shepherd who leads and drives his flock and followers forward, he gives the clarion call, gathers his forces with the desire to advance and win, and goes fast forward, unhurt and unobstructed, first and foremost leader and pioneer thirsting to realise his ambition.

आ प्र द्रव हरिवो मा वि वेनः पिशङ्गराते अभि नः सचस्व ।
नहि त्वदिन्द्र वस्यो अन्यदस्त्यमेनाँश्चिज्जनिवतश्च-
कर्थ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā pra drva harivo mā vi venah piśaṅgarāte abhi naḥ sacasva. Nahi tvadindra vasyo anyadastyamenāñścijjanivataścakārtha.*

Indra, commander of horse and speed of progress, giver of golden wealth, advance all round, be not lustful, be with us and share the honours. There is none better settled, successful and prosperous than you. Look after the unmarried, widows and widowers, help them to have a meaningful life.

उद्यत्सहः सहस्र आजनिष्ट देदिष्ट इन्द्र इन्द्रियाणि विश्वा ।
प्राचोदयत्सुदुघा वव्रे अन्तर्वि ज्योतिषा संववृत्वत्त-
मोऽवः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Udyat sahaḥ sahasa ājaniṣṭa dediṣṭa indra indriyāṇi viśvā. Prācodayat sudughā vavre antarvī jyotiṣā saṁvavṛtvat tamo'vaḥ.*

When strength and virility is born and matures

with the growth of health and vitality, then let Indra, the disciplined soul, control and command all the senses, mind and intellect, awaken and exercise the creative potentials innate but yet dormant within, and with inner light of the soul keep off the resurgent darkness.

अ॒न॒वस्ते॑ रथ॒मश्व॑वाय तक्ष॒न्त्वष्टा॑ वज्रं पुरु॒हूत॑ द्युम॒न्तम् ।

ब्र॒ह्मा॒ण॒ इन्द्रं॑ म॒हय॑न्तो अ॒र्कैर॒वर्ध॑य॒न्नह॑ये हन्त॒वा उ॑ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Anavaste rathamaśvāya takṣan tvaṣṭā vajraṁ puruhūta dyumantam. Brahmāṇa indraṁ mahayanto arkairavardhayannahaye hantavā u.*

Indra, mighty ruler, expert craftsmen design and make the chariot for your fast movement and communication, the defence scientist and engineer, Tvashta, makes the blazing thunderbolt for you, and the scholars of the Veda celebrate your power and glory with hymns of adoration and exalt you to break the demonic cloud of darkness and want for showers of rain and prosperity.

वृ॒ष्णे॒ यत्ते॑ वृ॒षा॒णो अ॒र्कम॑च॒र्निन्द्र॑ ग्रा॒वा॒णो अ॒दि॒तिः
स॒जोषाः॑ । अ॒न॒श्वा॒सो ये॑ प॒वयो॑ऽर॒था इन्द्रे॑षि॒ता अ॒भ्यव॑र्तन्तु
दस्यु॑न् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vṛṣṇe yat te vṛṣaṇo arkamarcānindra grāvāṇo aditiḥ sajoṣāḥ. Anaśvāso ye pavayo'rathā indreṣitā abhyavartanta dasyūn.*

Indra, ruler of honour and excellence, when the brave warriors and noble citizens offer songs of adoration to you, then, O generous lord, the clouds and the sky in unison with them and with you and those dynamic powers even without horse and chariot,

inspired by your power and grace, surround the wicked and destroy them.

प्र ते पूर्वीणि करणानि वोचं प्र नूतना मघवन्त्या चकथ ।
शक्तीवो यद्विभरा रोदसी उभे जयन्नपो मनवे दानु-
चित्राः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Pra te pūrvāṇi karaṇāni vocaṁ pra nūtanā maghavan yā cakartha. Śathīvo yad vibharā rodasī ubhe jayannapo manave dānucitrāḥ.*

Indra, lord of wealth, honour and excellence, commanding force and power, let me speak to you of the acts and instruments old and new which you have achieved and which you would achieve, which scholars and scientists, having immense knowledge and bearing immense possibilities of gifts for mankind, exploring both earth and the skies, would make it possible for you to win waters from the clouds and pranic energies from air.

तदिन्नु ते करणं दस्म विप्राऽहिं यद् घ्नन्नोजो अत्रामिमीथाः ।
शुष्णस्य चित्परि माया अगृभ्णाः प्रपित्वं यन्नप-
दस्यूरसेधः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tadinnu te karaṇaṁ dasma viprā'hiṁ yad ghnannojō atrāmimīthāḥ. Śuṣṇasya cit pari māyā agrbhñāḥ prapitvaṁ yannapa dasyūṅhrasedhaḥ.*

That is your act, achievement and further possibility, generous ruler of the world, giver of gifts, and eminent scholar, since you break the clouds, destroy the serpentine demons of darkness, create prosperity and excellence for mankind here on earth, and, mastering the wondrous knowledge of the secrets of

energy and techniques of power, you stall the negativities, make the waters flow and achieve further progress.

त्वम्पो यदवे तुर्वशायाऽरमयः सुदुघाः पार इन्द्र ।
उग्रमयातमवहो ह कुत्सं सं ह यद्वामुशनारन्त देवाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tvamapo yadave turvaśāyā'ramayaḥ sudughāḥ pāra indra. Ugramayātamavaho ha kutsam sam ha yad vāmuśanāranta devāḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world, giver of honour and glory, pioneer and helmsman of the people, you make the abundant waters flow for Yadu and Turvasha, men of management, production and control, you achieve the rare and difficult energy of electricity powerful as thunderbolt, and then the brilliant people, lovers of life and humanity all, enthusiastically admire and celebrate both you and your thunderous achievement.

इन्द्राकुत्सा वहमाना रथेनाऽऽ वामत्या अपि कर्णे वहन्तु ।
निः षीमद्भ्यो धर्मथो निः षधस्थान्मघोनो हृदो वरथस्त-
मांसि ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Indrākutsā vahamānā rathenā''vāmatyā api karṇe vahantu. Niḥ ṣīmadbhyo dhamatho niḥ ṣadhasthānmaghono hrdo varathastamānsi.*

Indra, ruler of the world, and Kutsa, creator and controller of energy and the force of power, both travelling by chariot, let the running horse powers of energy at instant speed transport you both to the centre of life's business. Both energy and power arise from the currents of waters and waves (as of sunrays), and both of you control and complete the projects from your

seat of office and residence, wherefrom you dispel the darkness and want from the centre of their power and prosperity.

वातस्य युक्तान्सुयुजश्चिदश्वान्कविश्चिदेषो अज-
गन्नवस्युः । विश्वे ते अत्र मरुतः सखाय इन्द्र ब्रह्माणि
तविषीमवर्धन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Vātasya yuktānt-suyujaścid-aśvān kaviścid-eṣo
ajagann-avasyuh. Viśve te atra marutaḥ sakhāya
indra brahmāṇi taviṣīm-avardhan.*

Let this scholar of creative vision working for defence and protection, take to, explore and advance the forceful currents of winds employed as effective agents of travel and transport. All your scholars, friends and forces here, O powerful ruler, at the speed of winds increase and advance the power, prosperity and defence potential of the land.

सूरश्चिद्रथं परितक्म्यायां पूर्वं करदुपरं जूजुवांसम् ।
भरच्चक्रमेतशः सं रिणाति पुरो दधत्सनिष्यति क्रतुं
नः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Sūraścid ratham paritakmyāyām pūrvam kara-
duparam jūjuvāṁsam. Bharaccakrametaśaḥ saṁ
riṇāti puro dadhat saniṣyati kratum naḥ.*

Let the brave and brilliant pilot of the chariot first steady the chariot in the initial motion in the night and then take off rising to the clouds. The craft bearing its gears and stages of motion presses forward, conducting our project onward perfectly as intended.

आयं जना अभिचक्षे जगामेन्द्रः सखायं सुतसोममिच्छन् ।
वदन्ग्रावाव वेदिं भ्रियाते यस्य जीरमध्वर्यवश्चरन्ति ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Āyam janā abhicakṣe jagāmendrah sakhāyam sutasomamicchan. Vadan grāvāva vedim bhriyāte yasya jīram-adhvaryavaś-caranti.*

O citizens of the land, this Indra, the ruling lord, has come to the yajna vedi to see his friends and all with the desire to observe and enjoy the finest achievements of the nation. The scholars too proclaiming their achievements are brought to the vedi where learned priests dedicated to the yajna of love and non-violence conduct and manage the programme and its progress.

ये चाकनन्त चाकनन्त नू ते मर्ती अमृत मो ते अंह आरन् ।
वावन्धि यज्यूरुत तेषु धेह्योजो जनेषु येषु ते स्याम ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ye cākananta cākananta nū te martā amṛta mo te amha āran. Vāvandhi yajyūruta teṣu dhehyo-jo janeṣu yeṣu te syāma.*

O lord of immortality, Indra, those who love truth, knowledge and peaceful progress for themselves and others may abide loving and self sacrificing. May the mortals never come to suffer evil, never commit sin and crime. Bond with the yajakas who are committed to truth and holy action, vest them with honour and splendour, and bless us that we too, your own, be among them.

Mandala 5/Sukta 32

Indra Devata, Gatu Atreya Rshi

अर्ददुरुत्समसृजो वि खानि त्वमर्णवान्बद्धधानाँ अरम्णाः ।
महान्तमिन्द्र पर्वतं वि यद्वः सृजो वि धारा अव दान्व
हन् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ādardarutsam-asrjo vi khāni tvamarṇavān bad-badhānāṅ aramṇāḥ. Mahāntamindra parvataṁ vi yad vaḥ sṛjo vi dhārā ava dānavam han.*

Indra, maker and breaker of things, you break open the springs, open the doors, let the streams aflow, and free the bonded to live free and enjoy, you who break the cloud and the mountain, let out the streams to flow into rivers and the sea, having destroyed the demons and broken the cloud.

त्वमुत्साँ ऋतुभिर्बद्धधानाँ अरंहु ऊधुः पर्वतस्य वज्रिन् । अहिं
चिदुग्र प्रयुतं शयानं जघन्वाँ इन्द्र तविषीमधत्थाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvamutsāṅ ṛtubhirbadbadhānāṅ aramha ūdhaḥ parvatasya vajrin. Ahim cidugra prayutaṁ śayānaṁ jaghanvāṅ indra taviṣīm-adhatthāḥ.*

Indra, lord of the thunderbolt, you let the locked up springs of water flow like milky streams of the cloud down the mountain slopes according to the seasons. O ruling lord of light and lustre, breaker of the serpentine cloud of darkness, take up and command the blazing forces for action.

त्यस्य चिन्महतो निर्मृगस्य वधर्जघान तविषीभिरिन्द्रः ।
य एक इदप्रतिर्मन्यमान आदस्मादुन्यो अजनिष्ट तव्यान् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tyasya cinmahato nirmṛgasya vadharjaghāna taviṣībhir-indraḥ. Ya eka idapratirmanyamāna ādasmādanyo ajaniṣṭa tavyān.*

Indra, the ruling lord, alone by himself, unequalled and universally acknowledged and adored, destroys the might of that great formidable demon of

darkness and negativities with his blazing powers and actions like the sun breaking the cloud, and then he creates other powers greater than demonic negativities.

त्यं चिदेषां स्वधया मदन्तं मिहो नपातं सुवृधं तमोगाम् ।
वृषप्रभर्मा दानवस्य भामं वज्रेण वज्री नि जघान
शुष्णम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tyaṁ cideṣāṁ svadhayā madantaṁ miho napātaṁ suvr̥dhaṁ tamogām. Vṛṣaprabharmā dānavasya bhāmaṁ vajreṇa vajrī ni jaghāna śuṣṇam.*

That demon of darkness and negativity whose might is only the drought, locking up the rains and consuming and thriving on the food and morale of these people of the earth, growing and growing and roaming around in the prevailing darkness and want is strong: yet the might and rage of that demon, shushna, drought and famine, Indra, wielder of the thunderbolt, destroys with his lightning strike and rises as lord victor of the clouds and rain showers.

त्यं चिदस्य क्रतुभिर्निषत्तममर्मणो विददिदस्य मर्म ।
यदीं सुक्षत्र प्रभृता मदस्य युयुत्सन्तं तर्मसि हर्म्ये धाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tyaṁ cidasya kratubhir-niṣattam-amarmaṇo vidadidasya marma. Yādīm sukṣatra prabhṛtā madasya yuyutsantaṁ tamasi harmye dhāḥ.*

O noble lord of the mighty social order, Indra, with your actions and intelligence you know and expose the hidden weakness of this otherwise incomprehensible demon thirsting for fight, and, happy and elated in the hope and thrill of victory, you shut him up in the depths

of darkness.

त्यं चिदित्था कत्पयं शयानमसूर्ये तमसि वावृधानम् ।
तं चिन्मन्दानो वृषभः सुतस्योच्चैरिन्द्रो अपगूर्यी जघान ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tyaṁ ciditthā katpayam śayānam-asūrye tamasi vāvr̥dhānam. Taṁ cinmandāno vṛṣabhaḥ sutasyo-ccair-indro apagūryā jaghāna.*

That demon of drought and negativity thus lying and sleeping in sunless darkness with some vapours of water but still growing, Indra, ruler of the social order, great and generous, exhilarated by the hope and joy of victory and raising his thunderbolt breaks, and destroys that demon.

उद्यदिन्द्रो महते दानवाय वधर्यमिष्ट सहो अप्रतीतम् ।
यदीं वज्रस्य प्रभृतौ ददाभ विश्वस्य जन्तोर्धमं चकार ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ud yadindro mahate dānavāya vadharyamiṣṭa saho aprititam. Yadīm vajrasya prabhṛtau dadābha viśvasya jantoradhamam cakāra.*

And when Indra raises the thunderbolt of justice and punishment against the great demon of wickedness, in favour of the great and generous man of charity, and thus displays his mysterious force and power, and at the raising of the bolt he punishes the wicked, he reduces them to the lowest state of living beings.

त्यं चिदर्ण^१ मधुपं शयानमसिन्वं वज्रं मह्याददुग्रः ।
अपादमत्रं महता वधेन नि दुर्योण आवृणङ्मृध्रवाचम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tyaṁ cidarṇaṁ madhupaṁ śayānam-asinvaṁ vavraṁ mahyādadugraḥ. Apādamatraṁ mahatā vadhena ni duryoṇa āvr̥ṇaṁ mṛdhra-vācam.*

For sure that flood of water, honey sweet, dormant, unbounded, cavernous, floating, expansive and roaring, the blazing sun, Indra, seizes with a great blow of electric charge of thunderbolt and breaks it in its own place.

(So should the ruler break open the hidden treasures of the land.)

को अस्य शुष्मं तविषीं वरात् एको धनां भरते अप्रतीतः ।
इमे चिदस्य ज्रयसो नु देवी इन्द्रस्यौजसो भियसा जिहाते ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ko asya śuṣmaṁ taviṣīm varāta eko dhanā bharate apratītaḥ. Ime cidasya jrayaso nu devī indrasyaaujaso bhiyasā jihāte.*

Who can comprehend and hold his force and blaze? The One alone by himself bears all the wealths though unseen. And these two divine creations, heaven and earth, move by the awful force and blazing splendour of this mighty Indra.

न्यस्मै देवी स्वधितिर्जिहीत इन्द्राय गतुरुशतीव येमे ।
सं यदोजो युवते विश्वमाभिरनु स्वधाद्वे क्षितयो नमन्त ॥ १० ॥

10. *Nyasmai devī svadhitirjihīta indrāya gāturuśatīva yeme. Saṁ yadojo yuvate viśvamābhiranu svadhāvne kṣitayo namanta.*

To this Indra, cosmic energy and the earth, both divine, submit in love and obedience like a maiden in love submitting herself to her lover. When Indra radiates the cosmic splendour and power with these natural phenomena, then the entire humanity and all stars and planets do homage to the divine and self-refulgent omnipotence of Indra with these acts of obedience to

the law.

एकं नु त्वा सप्ततिं पाञ्चजन्यं जातं शृणोमि यशसं जनेषु ।
तं मे जगृभ्र आशसो नविष्टं दोषा वस्तोर्हवमानास
इन्द्रम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ekam nu tvā saptatiṁ pāñcajanyaṁ jātaṁ śṛṇomi
yaśasaṁ janeṣu. Taṁ me jagrbhra āśaso navi-
ṣṭhaṁ doṣā vastorhavamānāsa indraṁ.*

I hear you, feel your vibrations manifested among the people: One and only one self-existent and self-refulgent lord and protector in truth, guardian of all the five people, commanding divine excellence and majesty. I hope and pray that my people, hoping and loving, self sacrificing day and night, may attain to the latest manifestations of Indra and his newest gifts of excellence.

एवा हि त्वामृतुथा यातयन्तं मघा विप्रेभ्यो ददतं शृणोमि ।
किं ते ब्रह्माणो गृहते सखायो ये त्वाया निदधुः काम-
मिन्द्र ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Evā hi tvāmṛtuthā yātayantaṁ maghā viprebhyo
dadataṁ śṛṇomi. kiṁ te brahamāṇo Gṛhate
sakhāyo ye tvāyā nidadhuḥ kāmamindra.*

Indra, ruling lord of the world, thus do I hear of you, I feel the vibrations, inspiring life according to the seasons, bestowing wealth and honour on noble scholars, what the sages dedicated to divine knowledge receive and what desires and ambitions with prayers they place in you.

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महिं महे तवसे दीध्ये नृनिन्द्रायेत्था तवसे अतव्यान् ।
 यो अस्मै सुमतिं वाजसातौ स्तुतो जनै समर्यश्चिकेत ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mahi mahe tavase dīdhye nṛnindrāyetthā tavase atavyān. Yo asmai sumatiṁ vājasātau stuto jane samaryaściketa.*

For the sake of great strength and power, let me thus focus on the people who are not too strong and draw the attention of this mighty ruler, Indra, who, honoured and admired among people, is keen to fight for progress and, in the struggle onward, enlightens our mind and directs our efforts on the right path.

स त्वं न इन्द्र धियसानो अर्केर्हरीणां वृषन्योक्त्रमश्रेः ।
 या इत्था मघवन्ननु जोषं वक्षो अभि प्रार्यः सक्षि जनान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa tvam na indra dhiyasāno arkairharīṇām vṛṣaṇ yoktramaśreḥ. Yā itthā maghavannanu joṣaṁ vakṣo abhi prāryaḥ sakṣi janān.*

And you Indra, master and ruler of the nation, commanding power and prosperity, generous as showers of rain, thus addressed with reverence and listening to our prayer, take up the reins of the people, be with them and harness their energy, and with love and faith pursue the noble policies for advancement to completion.

न ते त इन्द्राभ्यस्मदृष्ट्वाऽयुक्तासो अब्रह्मता यदसन् ।
 तिष्ठ रथमधि तं वज्रहस्ताऽऽरश्मिं देव यमसे स्वश्वः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Na te ta indrābhyasmadr̥ṣvā'yuktāso abrahmatā yadasan. Tiṣṭhā rathamadhi taṁ vajrahastā'' raśmim deva yamase svaśvaḥ.*

Indra, mighty lord, refulgent and generous, those who are not with us and are not for you are disjoined from reality. It is their ignorance and impiety toward the motherland. O lord of the force of thunder in hand, ride the chariot, take up the reins, equipped as you are with excellent forces for advancement. Guide and lead.

पुरु यत्त इन्द्र सन्त्युक्था गवे चकर्थोर्वरासु युध्यन् । ततक्षे
सूरीय चिदोकसि स्वे वृषा समत्सु दासस्य नाम चित् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Purū yat ta indra santyukthā gave cakartha-rāsu yudhyan. Tatakṣe sūryāya cidokasi sve vṛṣā samatsu dāsasya nāma cit.*

Many are your acts of generosity, Indra, which you have done for the land and cattle wealth and for fertility of the fields, O generous lord, and while fighting in the battles of life in your own seat, you create the light of life like the sun and earn for yourself the name and fame of the abundant cloud of showers.

वयं ते त इन्द्र ये च नरः शर्धो जज्ञाना याताश्च रथाः ।
आस्माज्जगम्यादहिशुष्म सत्वा भगो न हव्यः प्रभृथेषु
चारुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vayaṁ te ta indra ye ca naraḥ śardho jajñānā yātāśca rathāḥ. Āsmāñ-jagamyād-ahiśuṣma satvā bhago na havyaḥ prabhṛtheṣu cāruḥ.*

Indra, lord illustrious breaker of the dark cloud of might, we are yours, and these leaders creating and forming power and force, the chariots that go round for transport, all these are yours. Come, O lord, and bless us with all your imperishable power, come like power and splendour incarnate, most welcome among the cherished ones.

प॒पृक्षे॑ण्यमिन्द्र॒ त्वे ह्यो॒जो नृ॒मृ॒णानि॑ च नृ॒त॒मानो॑ अम॒र्तः । स
न॒ ए॒नीं॑ वस॒वानो॑ र॒यिं दा॒ः प्रा॒र्यः स्तु॑षे तुविम॒घस्य॒
दान॑म् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Papṛkṣeṇyamindra tve hyojo nṛmṛṇāni ca nṛta-
māno amartaḥ. Sa na eṇīm vasavāno rayim dāḥ
prāryaḥ stuṣe tuvimaghasya dānam.*

Incomprehensible is the splendour in you, Indra, lord of glory, all the wealths of humanity abide in you, yours is the ongoing dance of creation, yours is immortality. Universal abode of existence, give us the pure wealth of life, wealth that is possible. You are the lord and master commanding immense wealth, honour and power. I praise, admire and pray for your grace and generosity.

ए॒वा न॑ इन्द्रो॒तिभि॑रव पा॒हि गृ॑णतः शू॒र का॒रुन् । उ॒त त्वचं॑
दद॑तो वा॒जसा॑तौ पि॒प्री॑हि मध्वः सुषु॒तस्य॒ चारो॑ः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Evā na indrotibhirava pāhi grṇataḥ śūra kārūn.
Uta tvacam dadato vājasātau piprihi madhvaḥ
suṣutasya cāroḥ.*

Thus O lord brave and fearless, Indra, protect us, the celebrants, poets, makers and artists, teachers and preachers with all modes of safety and security. And giving us the glowing corselet of self defence in the battle business of life, enjoy the beauty and sweetness of life created, distilled and offered by the admirers and worshippers.

उ॒त त्वे मा॑ पौ॒रु॒कु॒त्स्यस्य॑ सु॒रे॒स्त्र॒स॒द॒स्योर्हि॑र॒णि॒नो ररा॑णाः ।
व॒ह॒न्तु मा॒ दश॑ श्येता॒सो अस्य॑ गैरि॒क्षित॑स्य॒ क्रतु॑भि॒र्नु
सं॑श्चे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta tye mā paurukutsyasya sūrestrasadasyor-hiraṇīno rarāṇāḥ. Vahantu mā daśa śyetāso asya gairikṣitasya kratubhirnu saśce.*

And may those ten horses (ten senses of perception and volition or five senses of perception and five pranic energies) of the child of the wielder of the thunderbolt, wise and bold, terror of the wicked, lord of golden wealth, abiding on the heights carry me on in life. Playful yet stable are they, gifts of the bountiful, and with holiness of words and actions I abide with them, (and enjoy the beauty and sweetness of life).

उत त्वे मा मारुताश्वस्य शोणाः क्रत्वामघासो विदथस्य
रातौ । सहस्रा मे च्यवतानो ददान आनूकमर्यो वपुषे
नार्चत् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta tye mā mārutāśvasya śoṇāḥ kratvāmaghāso vidathasya rātau. Sahasrā me cyavatāno dadāna ānūkamaryo vapuṣe nārcat.*

And may those vibrating gifts of the lord, who commands the winds as a charioteer drives and controls the horses, red hot in action, vested with holy perception and action, help me in the abundant creative yajna of the social order, so that the Lord and Master, inspiring me and giving me grace a thousand ways, may love and accept me like an ornament for the body.

उत त्वे मा ध्वन्यस्य जुष्टा लक्ष्मण्यस्य सुरुचो यतानाः ।
मह्ना रायः संवरणस्य ऋषेर्व्रजं न गावः प्रयता अपि
गमन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Uta tye mā dhvanyasya juṣṭā lakṣmanyasya suruco yatānāḥ. Mahnā rāyaḥ saṁvaranasya ṛṣe-rvrajaṁ na gāvaḥ prayatā api gman.*

May the living voices of Vedic mantras and wealths of existence with all their grandeur of meaning and value, coexistent with the lord of original Word, loved by the scholar of holy intention and purpose, divined and envisioned in right selection of words by the Rshis, all dynamic and relevant by moving forward to modern contexts come to me like cows going to their stalls.

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Indra Devata, Samvarana Prajapatya Rshi

अजातशत्रुमजरा स्वर्वत्यनु स्वधामिता दस्ममीयते ।
सुनोतन पचत ब्रह्मवाहसे पुरुष्टुताय प्रतरं दधातन ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ajātaśatrumajarā svarvatyanu svadhāmitā dasmamīyate. Sunotana pacata brahmavāhase puruṣṭutāya prataraṁ dadhātana.*

The lady of light and joy, grace unbound, unaging power, divine Shakti, as the human offering too, in yajna, follows the lord omnificent, Indra, omnipotent, free from enemies ever born. Sow the seed of piety, distil the soma, mature it for the lord creator, giver and receiver of food, energy and eternal wisdom, universally adored and worshipped, and bear and offer the fragrance that will take you across the seas of existence.

आ यः सोमेन जठरमपिप्रताऽमन्दत मघवा मध्वो अन्धसः ।
यदीं मृगाय हन्तवे महावधः सहस्रभृष्टिमुशना वधं
यमत ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā yaḥ somena jaṭharamapipratā'mandata maghavā madhvo andhasaḥ. Yadīm mṛgāya hantave mahāvadhaḥ sahasrabhrṣṭimuśanā vadhaṁ yamat.*

He, lord of wealth, honour and power, who satisfies his hunger with soma and exults in honey sweets of food offered, and who, wielding the mighty thunderbolt of justice and punishment, out of love for life and the people raises his bolt of a thousand potentials to punish and destroy the wild beast of violence and ferocity: that is Indra, that is the ruler.

यो अस्मै घृंस उत वा य ऊधनि सोमं सुनोति भवति द्युमाँ
अहं । अपाप शक्रस्तनुष्टिमूहति तनूशुभ्रं मघवा यः
कवासखः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yo asmai ghraṁsa uta vā ya ūdhani somam sunoti bhavati dyumāñ aha. Apāpa śakras-tatanuṣṭim-ūhati tanūśubhram maghavā yaḥ kavāsakhaḥ.*

He who creates soma day and night and offers it to this lord Indra surely rises to heights of brilliance in knowledge, power and honour. But Indra, the lord commanding wealth, power, honour and excellence, disowns and throws off that man far and farther from himself who lives and works only for self-decoration and self-exhibition and associates with the selfish, miserly and wholly acquisitive.

यस्यावधीत्यितरं यस्य मातरं यस्य शक्रो भ्रातरं नात ईषते ।
वेतीद्वस्य प्रयता यतंकरो न किल्बिषादीषते वस्व
आकरः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yasyāvadhīt pitaram yasya mātaram yasya śakro bhrātaram nāta īṣate. Vefīdvasya prayatā yataṁ-karo na kilviṣādīṣate vasva ākaraḥ.*

If the powerful ruler punishes somebody's father or mother or brother, he does not for that reason forsake

that person, nor does he go back on his decision. Indeed he expects and accepts the homage of the man since he loves effort and endeavour, and he is the shelter of all and a treasure of wealth. He does not fly away from sin and guilt, he faces it and fixes it.

न पञ्चभिर्दशभिर्वष्टारभं नासुन्वता सचते पुष्यता चन ।
जिनाति वेदमुया हन्ति वा धुनिरा देवयुं भजति गोमति
व्रजे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Na pañcabhir-daśabhir-vaṣṭyārabham nāsun-
vatā sacate puṣyatā cana. Jināti vedamuyā hanti
vā dhunirā devayum bhajati gomati vraje.*

He does not wish to begin anything with the five senses and ten pranic energies in association with a selfish, slothful, unyajnic person even though he were otherwise thriving. In this manner he defeats and punishes the lazy and the selfish. But a terror as he is to the wicked, he loves and serves the pious and learned person in the place where cows roam around and the place resounds with chant of the sacred Word.

वित्वक्षेणः समृतौ चक्रमासजोऽ सुन्वतो विषुणः सुन्वतो
वृधः । इन्द्रो विश्वस्य दमिता विभीषणो यथावशं नयति
दासमार्यः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vitvakṣṇaḥ samṛtau cakramāśajo'sunvato
viṣuṇaḥ sunvato vṛdhaḥ. Indro viśvasya damitā
vibhīṣaṇo yathavaśam nayati dāsamāryaḥ.*

Brave in the battle of life, Indra destroys suffering and rides the wheel of time and cycle of the seasons. Averse to the selfish and uncreative, he helps and raises the creative men of yajna so that life may

grow higher and better. Self-controlled and awe-inspiring, Indra is the ruler and ordainer of the world, a power, dynamic, ever modern and progressive, who controls the services of the nation according to the force and pressure needed on time.

समीं पणेरजति भोजनं मुषे वि दाशुषे भजति सूनरं वसु ।
दुर्गे चन ध्रियते विश्व आ पुरु जनो यो अस्य तविषीम-
चुक्रुधत् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Samīm paṇer-ajati bhojanam muṣe vi dāśuṣe bhajati sūnaram vasu. Durge cana dhriyate viśva ā puru jano yo asya taviṣīmacukrudhat.*

For sure he augments the food and comfort of the celebrant but takes away the grains of the thief, and for the charitable he gives wealth good for people. And into dungeon darkness are thrown all those people who challenge his blazing power and provoke his indignation.

सं यज्जनौ सुधनौ विश्वशर्धसाववेदिन्द्रो मघवा गोषु शुभ्रिषु ।
युजं ह्यन्यमकृत प्रवेपन्युदीं गव्यं सृजते सत्त्वभिर्धुनिः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sam yajjanau sudhanau viśvaśardhasāvavedindro maghavā goṣu śubhriṣu. Yujam hyanyamakṛta pravepa nyudīm gavyam sṛjate satvabhir-dhuniḥ.*

If Indra, lord of honour and excellence, terror of the enemies and inspirer of the people by virtues of his nature and character, were to come across and select two men possessed of honest wealth and all round strength and courage from among the brilliant people over the reputed and spotless regions of the land, he would appoint one as his assistant, and the other for

economic management providing for abundant water and wealth of cows and food products.

सहस्रसामाग्निवेशिं गृणीषे शत्रिमग्न उपमां केतुमर्यः । तस्मा
आपः संयतः पीपयन्तु तस्मिन्क्षत्रमर्मवत्त्वेषमस्तु ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Sahasrasāmāgniveśim grṇīṣe śatrimagna upamām ketumaryaḥ. Tasmā āpaḥ saṁyataḥ pīpayanta tasmin kṣatram-amavat tveṣamastu.*

Agni, refulgent ruler, you adore Indra, giver of a thousand gifts of fire and electric energy, powerful, self-evident mark of honour and grandeur. Such as you are, I pray, like rivers flowing in bounds to the sea, may the disciplined people be dedicated to you and may the social order, brilliance and majesty vest in you as their very home and glory incarnate.

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Indra Devata, Prabhuvasu Angirasa Rshi

यस्ते साधिष्ठोऽवस इन्द्र क्रतुष्टमा भर ।
अस्मभ्यं चर्षणीसहं सस्त्रिं वाजेषु दुष्टरम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yaste sādhiṣṭho'vasa indra kratuṣṭamā bhara. Asmabhyam carṣaṇīśahaṁ sasniṁ vājeṣu duṣṭarn.*

Indra, lord refulgent, ruler of the world, for our protection and promotion, bear and bring for us that straight and most effective vision and action of yours which is pure and most bountiful, tolerant and yet challenging for people and formidable in our battles of life, the discipline inviolable.

यदिन्द्र ते चतस्रो यच्छूर सन्ति तिस्रः ।

यद्वा पञ्च क्षितीनामवस्तत् सु न आ भर ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yadindra te catasro yacchūra santi tisrah.*

Yad vā pañca kṣitīnāmavastat su na ā bhara.

Indra, refulgent ruler, bear and bring us for the protection, progress and sustenance of the people those three, four or five principles of policy and values of society which, according to you, are the best ways of the peace and advancement of the people, and let us settle and establish ourselves therein with your law and inviolable power, brave one.

Note: This mantra is the basic formula of any socio-political structure and its governance and administration for the preservation, advancement and balanced sustenance of society. Details have to be worked out in the light of permanent values, history and tradition, and present and future implications. We may consider the following:

(A) Three: Physical, mental and spiritual well-being of the individual, society and the total human community, the departments of governance and administration, legislation and education; care, preservation and replenishment of the earth, environment and higher sphere; the government, the people, and the defence forces.

(B) Four: The four classes of the people, i.e., teachers and researchers, defence forces and administrators, producers and businessmen, and the ancillary workers; The four stages of individual and collective life, i.e., Brahmacharya (education,

preparation and consolidation), Grhastha (family, professional life and social responsibilities and management), Vanaprastha (retirement and voluntary community service), and Sanyas (total freedom, renunciation and social service). This is Varnashrama Dharma.

(C) Five: Four classes of people and the other miscellaneous groups whosoever they be.

Five levels of organisation: individual, family, professional community, nation, and the global and environmental level.

Vedic suggestions are symbolic and general, particular details are to be worked out in the light of the Vedic purpose of life and living for the realisation of Dharma, righteousness in practical life, Artha, material well being, Kama, fulfilment of the Self, and Moksha, ultimate freedom.

आ तेऽ वो वरेण्यं वृषन्तमस्य हूमहे ।

वृषजूतिर्हि जज्ञिष आभूभिरिन्द्र तुर्वणिः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā te'vo vareṇyam vṛṣantamasya hūmahe.*
Vṛṣajūtirhi jajñiṣa ābhūbhirindra turvaṇiḥ.

Indra, refulgent lord of power and protection, we invoke and pray for your protection, most cherished, since you are the most generous and gracious. Uninterrupted is the shower of your grace like the showers of a cloud, as you arise, instantly victorious, commanding and bearing the protective blessings of existence such as knowledge, power and humility.

वृषा ह्यसि राधसे जज्ञिषे वृष्णि ते शवः ।

स्वर्क्षत्रं ते धृषन्मनः सत्राहमिन्द्र पौंस्यम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vṛṣā hyasi rādhase jajñiṣe vṛṣṇi te śavaḥ. Svakṣ-
traṁ te dhr̥ṣaṇmanaḥ satrāhamindra paum̐-syam.*

Indra, ruling lord of the world, you rise as the shower of bliss for munificence and achievement of success. Your power is the shower of joy. Your self-government and free social order is powerful, your mind is irresistible, your strength is for the good of the people.

त्वं तमिन्द्र मर्त्यममित्रयन्तमद्रिवः ।

सर्वरथा शतक्रतो नि याहि शवसस्पते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvaṁ tamindra martyam-amitrayantam-adrivaḥ.
Sarvarathā śatakrato ni yāhi śavasaspate.*

Indra, lord of lustre and majesty, wielder of the thunderbolt and generous as a cloud, master of knowledge doing a hundred noble creative actions, commander of forces and power, take to your chariot, deploy all the chariots of battle forces and advance upon that mortal enemy who challenges the love and friendship of the people.

त्वामिद वृत्रहन्तम जनासो वृक्तर्बर्हिषः ।

उग्रं पूर्वीषु पूर्व्यं हवन्ते वाजसातये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvāmid vṛtrahantama janāso vṛktabarhiṣaḥ.
Ugraṁ pūrvīṣu pūrvyaṁ havante vājasātaye.*

O lord, all the people ready for yajnic action of defence and advancement, having touched the skies by their chant and fragrance, all ready in full gear, invoke and call upon you, breaker of the cloud and destroyer of darkness and suffering, blazing with force of grandeur, first among the best leaders old and new. This is the clarion call for victory in life's battle for

sustenance and success.

अस्माकमिन्द्र दुष्टरं पुरोयावानमाजिषु ।

सयावानं धनेधने वाजयन्तमवा रथम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Asmākamindra duṣṭaraṁ puroyāvānamājiṣu.*
Sayāvānaṁ dhanedhane vājayantamavā ratham.

Indra, ruler and commander of the people, take over, command, lead and protect our chariot of the nation, formidable, advancing in the contests of life, going ahead with all forces of the nation in one field after another and winning victory after victory.

अस्माकमिन्द्रेहि नो रथमवा पुनन्ध्या । वयं शविष्ठ वार्यं
दिवि श्रवो दधीमहि दिवि स्तोमं मनामहे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Asmākamindrehi no rathamavā purandhyā.*
Vayaṁ śaviṣṭha vāryaṁ divi śravo dadhīmahi
divi stomam manāmahe.

Indra, lord of might and blazing power of light, come, we pray, and protect our chariot by your intelligence, wisdom and tactics. O lord most potent, let us have our cherished sustenance and word of wisdom in this kingdom of love and beauty. Let us know and meditate on the holy song of success and adoration in this kingdom of light and peace.

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Indra Devata, Prabhuvasu Angirasa Rshi

स आ गमदिन्द्रो यो वसूनां चिकेतद्दातुं दामनो रयीणाम् ।
धन्वचरो न वंसगस्तृषाणश्चकमानः पिबतु दुग्धमंशुम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sa ā gamadindro yo vasūnām ciketad dātum dāmano rayiṇām. Dhanvacaro na vaṁsagastr-
sāṇas-cakamānaḥ pibatu dugdham-amśum.*

Come, Indra, lord of honour and excellence, you know the wealth, beauty and excellence, of the world of existence, you know how to give, you are the giver and treasure hold of the wealth of life, golden orb of the full moon. Like a sojourner of the skies, like a bird or bull, thirsting, loving, discriminating between truth and falsehood, come, drink the nectar of refreshing, rejuvenating, regenerating milk of life, your rightful share.

आ ते हनू हरिवः शूर शिप्रे रुहुत्सोमो न पर्वतस्य पृष्ठे ।
अनु त्वा राजन्नर्वतो न ह्रिन्वन्गीर्भिर्मदेम पुरुहूत विश्वे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā te hanū harivaḥ śūra śipre ruhat somo na parvatasya prṣṭhe. Anu tvā rājannarvato na hinvan gīrbhir-madema puruhūta viśve.*

Indra, great and brave lord of heroic people, may love and sweetness play on your lips, let fragrance breathe from your nose, let success and glory play on your helmet like a soma creeper on mountain top. O ruler of the world all honoured and adored, like a victorious army rejoicing on victory, we all with all our voices in unison invoke and entertain you so that we all enjoy together.

चक्रं न वृत्तं पुरुहूत वेपते मनो भिया मे अमतेरिदं ब्रिवः ।
रथादधि त्वा जरिता संदावृध कुविन्नु स्तोषन्मघवन्पुरु-
वसुः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Cakram na vṛttam puruhuta vepate mano bhiyā me amateridadrivaḥ. Rathādadhī tvā jaritā sadāvṛdha kuvinnu stoṣanmaghavan purū-vasuḥ.*

Indra, invoked and adored, blazing as sun and generous as cloud, ever greater and greater, commanding knowledge, honour, power, and treasure hold of all wealth, like a wheel in motion my mind is trembling for fear of want of intelligence and understanding and, in praise and adoration of you as commander of the chariot, it raises the voice of prayer and supplication. Listen lord, shelter, haven and home of all.

एष ग्रावेव जरिता त इन्द्रेयर्ति वाचं बृहदाशुषाणः । प्र सव्येन
मघवन्यंसि रायः प्र दक्षिणिद्धरिवो मा वि वैनः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Eṣa grāveva jaritā ta indreyarti vācam bṛhad-āśuṣāṇaḥ. Pra savyena maghavan yaṁsi rāyaḥ pra dakṣiṇidd-harivo mā vi venah.*

Indra, lord of wealth, power and honour, you have attained the heights of wide spaces. This celebrant like a soma press which extracts streams of soma or like a cloud of showers sends up words of praise in your honour for your beneficence. You control and give gifts of wealth by both right and left hands. O warrior of the chariot and leader of men, we pray, do not ignore us.

वृषा त्वा वृषणं वर्धतु द्यौर्वृषा वृषभ्यां वहसे हरिभ्याम् ।
स नो वृषा वृषरथः सुशिप्र वृषक्रतो वृषा वज्रिन्भरे
थाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vṛṣā tvā vṛṣaṇam vardhatu dyaurvṛṣā vṛṣabhyām vahase haribhyām. Sa no vṛṣā vṛṣarathaḥ suśipra vṛṣakrato vṛṣā vajrin bhare dhāḥ.*

Indra, you are brave and generous, may the gracious heaven elevate and exalt you. Generous and great, you move and rise by ground and powerful modes of transport and yajnic action. May the great lord of mighty chariot, clad in strong helmet, generous of action, wielder of the thunderbolt engage and protect us in the battle of life.

यो रोहितौ वाजिनौ वाजिनीवान्त्रिभिः शतैः सचमानावदिष्ट ।
यूने समस्मै क्षितयो नमन्तां श्रुतरथाय मरुतो दुवोया ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yo rohitau vājinau vājinīvān tribhiḥ śataiḥ
sacamānāvadiṣṭa. Yūne samasmai kṣitayo
namantām śrutarathāya maruto duvoyā.*

Let the people of the world bow in honour and reverence to the scholar, expert of the knowledge of motion and speed who teaches this young student the two allied subjects of the science of heat and electric energy with three hundred applications of it and designs a world famous vehicle for transport.

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Indra Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi

सं भानुनी यतते सूर्यस्याऽऽजुह्वानो घृतपृष्ठः स्वञ्चाः ।
तस्मा अमृध्रा उषसो व्युच्छान्य इन्द्राय सुनवामेत्याह ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sam bhānunā yatate sūryasyā'juhvāno ghr̥tapṛ-
ṣṭhaḥ svañcāḥ. Tasmā amṛīdhṛā uṣaso vyucchān
ya indrāya sunavāmetyāha.*

The flame of Agni, heat and light, invoked and kindled on the base of ghr̥ta, water, rising fast and beautifully vies with the light of the sun. "This we create

in honour of Indra, the ruler”: for the scholar scientist who says this, let untiring dawns of light and excellence shine blissfully.

समिद्धाग्निर्वनवत्स्तीर्णबर्हिर्युक्तग्रावा सुतसोमो जराते ।

ग्रावाणो यस्येषिरं वदन्त्यदध्वर्युर्हविषाव सिन्धुम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Samiddhāgnir-vanavat sīrṇabarhir-yuktagrāvā sutasomo jarāte. Grāvāṇo yasyeṣiraṁ vadantya-yad-adhvaryur-haviṣāva sindhum.*

Agni, light and fire, raised and rising, touching the skies, suffusing the clouds, creating the soma for life and energy, crackles, and adores Divinity. The roaring clouds proclaim its force and refreshing power. The yajaka scientist with his yajnic inputs into the fire rises and moves to the sea (with fragrant vibrations rising to space, with waters flowing to the seas).

वधूरियं पतिमिच्छन्त्येति य ईं वहते महिषीमिषिराम् । आस्य
श्रवस्याद्रथ आ च घोषात्पुरू सहस्रा परि वर्तयाते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vadhūr-iyam patim-icchantyeti ya īm vahāte mahiṣīm-iṣirām. Āsya śravasyād ratha ā ca ghoṣāt purū sahasrā pari vartayāte.*

Just as a loving bride goes to her groom and the bridegroom receives the consecrated bride, and both together run the home and take the family forward, so do fire and water mixed and working together drive the chariot and from the power and its revolution and thunderous roar many thousands of projects are moved forward.

न स राजा व्यथते यस्मिन्निन्द्रस्तीव्रं सोमं पिबति गोस-
खायम् । आ सत्त्वनैरजति हन्ति वृत्रं क्षेति क्षितीः सुभगो
नाम पुष्यन् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Na sa rājā vyathate yasminn-indras-tīvraṁ somam pibati gosakhāyam. Ā satvanair-ajati hanti vrtraṁ kṣeti kṣitīḥ subhago nāma puṣyan.*

That ruler does not face want and trouble in whose realm Indra, fire or electric energy, consumes intense liquid, friendly with earth connection, and goes forward with various forms of power. The ruler moves forward, breaks the clouds for rain, destroys the demon of darkness with light and knowledge, and settles his people in homes, thus progressing all forward in health and sustenance and earning a name for wealth and power.

पुष्यात्क्षेमे अ॒भि योगे भ॒वात्यु॒भे वृ॒तौ सं॒य॒ती सं ज॒याति ।
प्रि॒यः सूर्ये॑ प्रि॒यो अ॒ग्ना भ॒वाति॒ य इन्द्रा॑य सु॒तसो॑मो
ददा॑शत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pusyāt kṣeme abhi yoge bhavātyubhe vṛtau saṁyātī saṁjayāti. Priyaḥ sūrye priyo agnā bhavāti ya indrāya sutasomo dadāśat.*

That nation moves forward in yoga, creation of new assets, and in kshema, preservation of the progress and achievement earlier attained, rises higher in social dynamics both ways, and wins further ground in both together: the nation which reverentially loves solar energy, which reverentially takes interest in fire energy, and which spares its best and sweetest surplus in the service of Indra, development of electric energy.

Mandala 5/Sukta 38***Indra Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi*****उ॒रोष्ट॑ इन्द्र॒ राध॑सो वि॒भ्वी रा॒तिः श॑तक्रतो ।****अधा॑ नो वि॒श्वच॑र्षणे द्यु॒म्ना सु॑क्षत्र मंहय ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Uroṣṭa indra rādhaso vibhvī rātiḥ śatakrato. Adhā no viśvacarṣaṇe dyumnā suksatra maṇhaya.*

Indra, hero of a hundred holy actions with insight and counsel, wide and high are your powers and wealth, abundant your gifts. Ultimate watcher and observer of all that is in the world, ruler of the mighty social order, lead us on to wealth, power, honour and excellence and help us rise to the heights.

यदी॑मिन्द्र श्र॒वाय्य॑मिषं शविष्ठ दधि॒षे ।**प॒प्र॒थे दी॑र्घश्रु॒त्तमं॑ हि॒र॒ण्यव॑र्ण दुष्ट॒रम् ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Yadimindra śravāyyam-iṣaṁ śaviṣṭha dadhiṣe. Paprathe dīrghaśruttamam hiraṇyavarṇa duṣṭaram.*

Indra, ruler of golden majesty, lord most potent, destroyer of suffering, whatever food, energy and light of knowledge, great and renowned, you bear and bestow upon us you increase and extend, and it resounds far and wide as the highest of fame most unchallengeable by mortal man.

शुष्मा॑सो ये ते॒ अद्रि॑वो मे॒हना॑ के॒तसा॑पः ।**उ॒भा दे॒वाव॑भिष्ट॒ये दि॒वश्च॑ ग॒मश्च॑ राज॒थः ॥ ३ ॥**

3. *Śuṣmāso ye te adrivo mehanā ketasāpaḥ. Ubhā devāvabhiṣṭaye divaśca gmaśca rājathaḥ.*

O ruler of the clouds and mountains, dispenser

of generous and adamant justice, these powers and potent people of yours, these lights and the enlightened, all these brilliancies that obey your law and do your will both shine and exalt earth and heaven with their power and generosity for the achievement of cherished goals.

उतो नो अस्य कस्य चिदक्षस्य तव वृत्रहन् ।

अस्मभ्यं नृमणमा भराऽस्मभ्यं नृमणस्यसे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uto no asya kasya cid dakṣasya tava vṛtrahan.*
Asmabhyaṁ nṛmaṇamā bhara'smabhyaṁ nṛmaṇa-
syase.

Indra, O lord destroyer of darkness, want and suffering, bring that human wealth of values, honour and excellence which is worthy of anyone here, there and everywhere in terms of efficiency of your divine order. Give us the power and freedom from fear, since you love us and wish us to rise and prosper.

नू त आभिरभिष्टिभिस्तव शर्मञ्छतक्रतो ।

इन्द्र स्याम सुगोपाः शूर स्याम सुगोपाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nū ta ābhir-abhiṣṭibhis-tava śarmañchatakrato.*
Indra syāma sugopāḥ sūra syāma sugopāḥ.

Indra, lord of unbounded action and generosity, potent ruler of the world, may we with these cherished blessings under your benign protection be possessors, protectors and promoters of lands and cows and revelations of light. Let us be preservers and promoters without fear.

Mandala 5/Sukta 39***Indra Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi*****यदिन्द्र चित्र मेहनाऽस्ति त्वादातमद्रिवः ।****राधस्तन्नो विदद्वस उभयाहस्त्या भर ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Yadindra citra mehanā'sti tvādātamadriṣaḥ.
Rādhastanno vidadvasa ubhayaḥastyā bhara.*

Indra, O lord of light and power, mysterious and sublime, refulgent ruler of the clouds and mountains, omniscient dispenser of munificence, whatever the rain of blessings showered by you, whatever the wealth and honour of success, not yet ours, pray give us with both hands.

यन्मन्यसे वरेण्यमिन्द्र द्युक्षं तदाभर ।**विद्याम तस्य ते वयमकूपारस्य दावने ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Yanmanyase vareṇyam-indra dyukṣaṁ tad-
ābhara. Vidyāma tasya te vayam-akūpārasya
dāvane.*

Indra, whatever you think is worthy of choice, bear and bring that brilliant gift of heavenly quality. Let us receive that and let us know that as a blessing of your unbounded generosity worthy to be received and justified with gratitude.

यत्ते दित्सु प्रराध्यं मनो अस्ति श्रुतं बृहत् ।**तेन दृळ्हा चिदद्रिव आ वाजं दर्शि सातये ॥ ३ ॥**

3. *Yat te ditsu prarādhyam mano asti śrutam bṛhat.
Tena dr̥ḷhā cidadriva ā vājam darṣi sātaye.*

Adriṣa, wielder of thunder arms and ruler of

clouds and mountains, with that mind and courage of yours which is great, renowned and magnanimous leading to sure success, break down the strongholds of darkness and scatter the forces of negativity to reveal the light of rectitude for success and victory.

मंहिष्ठं वो मघोनां राजानं चर्षणीनाम् ।

इन्द्रमुप प्रशस्तये पूर्वीभिर्जुषे गिरः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Manhiṣṭhaṁ vo maghonāṁ rājānaṁ carṣaṇī-nām.*
Indramupa praśastaye pūrvībhir-jujuse girah.

For the praise and celebration of Indra, greatest of the powerful among you and ruler of the people, offer songs of adoration with the eternal verses of the Vedas as did the ancients for the benediction of the lord and master.

अस्मा इत्काव्यं वच उक्थमिन्द्राय शंस्यम् । तस्मा उ
ब्रह्मवाहसे गिरो वर्धन्त्यत्रयो गिरः शुम्भन्त्यत्रयः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Asmā it kāvyaṁ vaca uktham-indrāya śaṁsyam.*
Tasmā u brahmavāhase giro vardhantyaatrayo girah śumbhantyaatrayah.

For this Indra, lord and master, indeed, is the holy poetic voice of praise. For that lord giver of universal wealth and light of knowledge and wisdom do poets free from threefold bondage of body, mind and soul raise and offer their songs of adoration. Him, the voices beautified with threefold graces of sound, meaning and structure, free from threefold defects of sound, meaning and structure exalt and glorify.

Mandala 5/Sukta 40*Indra, Surya, Atri Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi***आ याह्याद्रिभिः सुतं सोमं सोमपते पिब ।****वृषन्निन्द्र वृषभिवृत्रहन्तम ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Ā yāhyadribhiḥ sutam somam somapate piba.
Vṛṣannindra vṛṣabhir-vṛtrahantama.*

Indra, creator and protector of honour, excellence and prosperity, come with the clouds of rain showers, and taste and promote the distilled soma of the herbs of the earth. Come, generous lord, greatest dispeller of darkness and suffering, with the strongest and most enlightened, commanding the creation of glory.

वृषा ग्रावा वृषा मदो वृषा सोमो अयं सुतः ।**वृषन्निन्द्र वृषभिवृत्रहन्तम ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Vṛṣā grāvā vṛṣā mado vṛṣā somo ayam sutah.
Vṛṣannindra vṛṣabhir-vṛtrahantama.*

Deep is the cloud, the hope and ecstasy is high, and this soma distilled is potent and delicious. O generous lord, Indra, creator of valour and destroyer of darkness and suffering, come and realise the highest prosperity with the showers of rain clouds.

वृषा त्वा वृषणं हुवे वज्रिञ्चित्राभिरूतिभिः ।**वृषन्निन्द्र वृषभिवृत्रहन्तम ॥ ३ ॥**

3. *Vṛṣā tvā vṛṣaṇam huve vajriṇ-citrābhir-ūtibhiḥ.
Vṛṣannindra vṛṣabhir-vṛtrahantama.*

Indra, potent lord of generosity, magnanimous

giver of the showers of joy, wielder of the arms of thunder, greatest breaker of the clouds of rain and destroyer of evil, I invoke you with the strongest and most liberal powers and gifts of prosperity to come with various and wondrous securities, protections and promotions.

ऋजीषी वज्री वृषभस्तुराषाट्छुष्मी राजा वृत्रहा सोमपावा ।
युक्त्वा हरिभ्यामुप यासदुर्वाङ्माध्यन्दिने सवने मत्स-
दिन्द्रः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Rjīṣī vajrī vṛṣabhas-turāṣāt-chuṣmī rājā vṛtrahā somapāvā. Yuktva haribhyāmupa yāsadarvāṇ mādhyaṁdine savane matsadindrah.*

Dynamic guardian of the path of rectitude to the last, wielder of thunder, generously brave, breaker of tempestuous missiles instantly, terribly forceful, refulgent ruler and sovereign commander, destroyer of the darkest enemies and protector of peaceful prosperity and joy of the people, Indra comes post haste by fastest horses, and at the noon day session of yajna joins the celebrations of the nation's honour and excellence.

यत्त्वा सूर्य स्वर्भानुस्तमसाविध्यदासुरः ।
अक्षेत्रविद्यथा मुग्धो भुवनान्यदीधयुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yat tvā sūrya svarbhānus-tamasāvidhyad-āsuraḥ. Akṣetravid yathā mugdho bhuvanān-yadīdhayuḥ.*

When the moon lighted by the sun affects the sun with the darkness of its shadow, when it is in line with the sun and earth, then the person who does not know his area feels confused during the eclipse and the regions too appear confusing. Similarly O sun, light of

the spirit, when the veil of darkness covers knowledge and awareness of the spirit, then the ignorant man feels confused and the world too appears different, that is, the material appears as ultimate reality and the spirit is eclipsed. He makes no distinction between body and soul.

स्वर्भानोरध॒ यदिन्द्र॑ मा॒या अ॒वो दि॒वो वर्त॑माना अ॒वाह॑न् ।
गूळ॑हं सूर्य॒ तम॑साप॒व्रतेन॑ तुरीये॒ण ब्र॑ह्म॒णाविन्द्र॑द॒त्रिः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Svarbhānoradha yadindra māyā avo divo vartamānā avāhan. Gūḷhaṁ sūryaṁ tamasāpavra-tena turīyeṇa brahmaṇāvindadatriḥ.*

And then Indra, when the cosmic energy which moves the stars and planets removes the shadow of the moon from the sun, then Atri, man of knowledge, with his fourth state of the soul, that is, turiya, direct vision of Reality, regains the sight of the sun earlier covered by the shadow of the moon.

Similarly, when Indra, lord of light, removes the illusion of darkness which intercepts the light of the spirit below it, then Atri, the sage of knowledge and discrimination, with this fourth stage of spiritual development, regains the light earlier covered by the darkness of ignorance.

मा मामि॑मं तव॒ सन्त॑मत्र इ॒रस्या॑ द्रु॒ग्धो भि॑यसा॒ नि गा॑रीत् ।
त्वं मि॒त्रो अ॑सि स॒त्यरा॑धास्तौ मे॒हाव॑तं वरु॑णश्च॒ राजा॑ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Mā māmimaṁ tava santamatra irasyā drugdho bhiyasā ni gārīt. Tvam mitro asi satyarādhaṣtau mehāvatam varuṇasca rājā.*

O sage, Atri, free from the bondage of confusion

between body, mind and soul, I am your friend. Let not this malevolent ogre out of anger, dread or hunger devour me. You are a friend. So is this Varuna, ruler of light and man of judgement and discrimination. May you two, I pray, protect me from darkness, ignorance and confusion.

ग्राव्यो ब्रह्मा युयुजानः सपर्यन्कीरिणा देवान्नमसोपशिक्षन् ।
अत्रिः सूर्यस्य दिवि चक्षुराधात्स्वर्भानोरप माया अघु-
क्षत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Grāvṇo brahmā yuyujānaḥ saparyan kīriṇā devān namasopasīkṣan. Atriḥ sūryasya divi cakṣurā-dhāt svarbhānorapa māya aghukṣat.*

Then Atri, sagely scholar of four Vedas, free from threefold confusion, illusion and sufferance, collecting hymns of adoration, joining wise sages, singing songs of adoration in honour of Divinity, teaches and illuminates the supplicant disciple, removes the clouds, dispels the veil of darkness and illusion, and restores the light of the heavenly sun into the spirit.

यं वै सूर्यं स्वर्भानुस्तमसाविध्यदासुरः ।
अत्रयस्तमन्वविन्दन्नह्यन्ये अशक्नुवन् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yam vai sūryam svarbhānus-tamāsavidhyadā-surah. Atrayas-tamanvavindan nahyanye aśaknuvan.*

That sun and light of heaven, covered by the shadow of the moon and hidden by the veil of darkness, the Atris, sages of knowledge in the fourth state of spiritual development, turiya, direct vision of Reality, free from threefold confusion, illusion and sufferance,

restore and regain for themselves and their disciples. Others cannot see that light because they do not have the spiritual vision and freedom from illusion.

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को नु वां मित्रावरुणावृतायन्दिवो वा महः पार्थिवस्य वा
दे । ऋतस्य वा सदसि त्रासीथां नो यज्ञायते वा पशुषो न
वाजान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ko nu vām mitrāvaruṇāvratāyan divo vā mahah
pārthivasya vā de. Ṛtasya vā sadasi trāsīthām no
yajñāyate vā paśuṣo na vājān.*

O Mitra and Varuna, light and bliss of heaven, complementary energies of prana and udana, friend and man of justice, teacher and preacher, who, for sure, dedicated to truth, can know you? Who can thank you in words? Protect and promote us wherever you be in your regions of truth and natural law in the light of heaven, the firmament or the earth, and bless us with food and energy, speed and progress, vision and wisdom, and material and spiritual wealth for the generous man of yajna.

ते नो मित्रो वरुणो अर्यमायुरिन्द्रं ऋभुक्षा मरुतो जुषन्त ।
नमोभिर्वा ये दधते सुवृक्तिं स्तोमं रुद्राय मीळहुषे
सृजोषाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Te no mitro varuṇo aryamāyurindra ṛbhukṣā
maruto juṣanta. Namobhīrvā ye dadhate suvrkṭim
stomam rudrāya mīlhuṣe sajoṣāḥ.*

May the light of the day and the peace of night,

the ocean, the cosmic order, health and time of age, spiritual vision, spirit of nature, cosmic flow of energies, be friendly with us. May all these who, together in love and loyalty with Rudra, lord of generous abundance and universal justice of correctitude, bear and carry our prayers and adorations and yajnic offerings with all our obedience and salutations to the Lord.

आ वां येष्टाश्विना हुवध्यै वातस्य पत्सत्रथ्यस्य पुष्टौ । उत
वा दिवो असुराय मन्म प्रान्धांसीव यज्यवे भरध्वम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā vām yeṣṭhāśvinā huvadhyai vātasya patman rathyasya puṣṭau. Uta vā divo asurāya manma prāndhāṁsīva yajyave bharadhvam.*

Ashvins, complementary harbingers of light and life energy, observers and keepers of the laws of nature and guiding principles of humanity, teachers and preachers, I invoke you for extension of the paths of winds and clearance of the channels of progress, and I call upon you for strengthening and sophistication of the chariot powers of humanity. Come ye all fellow men, travellers and friends, concentrate your thoughts and intentions on the life breath of existence flowing from the regions of light as you bear and bring the food and fragrance for the yajna fire.

प्र सक्षणो दिव्यः कण्वहोता त्रितो दिवः सजोषा वातो
अग्निः । पूषा भगः प्रभृथे विश्वभोजा आजिं न जग्मुराश्व-
श्वतमाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra sakṣaṇo divyaḥ kaṇvahotā trito divaḥ sajoṣā vāto agniḥ. Pūṣā bhagaḥ prabhṛthe viśvabhajā ājīm na jagmurāśvaśvatamāḥ.*

The refulgent yajaka, forbearing, challenging and victorious, intelligent and self-conscious (Kanva), Trita, active and expansive in the three regions of the universe, i.e., the sun, wind and electric energy, heat and light, nourishment and growth, power, prosperity, honour and excellence, all operative together in love like friends, with brilliant holy ambitions for the advancement of the world, may, we plan and pray, come like warriors flying to the battle business of life on the wings of fastest coursers.

प्र वो रयिं युक्ताश्वं भरध्वं राय एषेऽ वसे दधीत धीः ।

सुशेव एवैरैशिजस्य होता ये व एवा मरुतस्तुराणाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pra vo rayim yuktāśvaṁ bharadhvaṁ rāya eṣe'vase dadhīta dhīḥ. Suśeva evairauśijasya hotā ye va evā marutasturāṇām.*

O Maruts, dynamics of nature and progressive forces of humanity, create, bear and bring the wealth and power born of action and advancement. Develop, hold and use knowledge and intelligence for the achievement of all forms of power, honour and prosperity. All the actions and movements of yours are for your good, and by all these progressive steps of yours, the yajaka, creator and giver of fragrance, humanity, the child of brilliant ambition, grows happy and enjoys peace and comfort.

प्र वो वायुं रथयुजं कृणुध्वं प्र देवं विप्रं पनितारमर्कैः ।

इषुध्यव ऋतसापः पुरन्धीर्वस्वीर्नो अत्र पत्नीरा धिये धुः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Pra vo vāyūṁ rathayujam kṛṇudhvaṁ pra devaṁ vipraṁ panitāramarkaiḥ. Iṣudhyava ṛtasāpaḥ purandhīrvasvīrno atra patnīrā dhiye dhuḥ.*

With your holy chants of mantras and offers of fragrant inputs into the yajnic fire of corporate action, create the wind and electric energy usable in your transports for progress. Create the brilliant, vibrant, admirable scholar and scientist of energy. And may these warriors of energy and scientific intelligence dedicated to progress and the truth and goodness of the laws of natural and human dynamics, serving heaven and earth, motherly divinities, bear and bring universal light and nourishment for our intellectual and cultural advancement.

उप॑ व ए॒षे व॒न्द्ये॑भिः शू॒षैः प्र॒ य॒ह्वी दि॒वश्चि॒तय॑द्भिर्ऋ॒कैः ।

उ॒षा॒सान॒क्ता वि॒दुषी॑व॒ विश्व॑मा हा॒ वह॑तो म॒र्त्यीय॑ य॒ज्ञम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Upa va eṣe vandyebhiḥ śūṣaiḥ pra yahvī divaṣcitayadbhir-arkaiḥ. Uṣāsānaktā viduṣīva viśvamā hā vahato martyāya yajñam.*

In consequence, for your success and achievement, by virtue of your holy and powerful efforts and your intelligent and enlightened chants and oblations, may the night and day, both great and potent, like intelligent and educated women, carry your yajna across the world and bring you from heaven the wealth of the world for humanity.

अ॒भि वो॑ अ॒र्चे पो॒ष्याव॑तो नृ॒न्वास्तो॑ष्पतिं त्वष्टा॑रं ररा॑णः ।

ध॒न्या स॒जोषा॑ धि॒षणा॑ नमो॑भिर्व॒नस्प॑तीं रोष॑धी रा॒य ए॒षे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Abhi vo arce poṣyāvato nṛn vāstoṣpatim tvaṣṭāram rarāṇaḥ. Dhanyā sajoṣā dhiṣaṇā namobhirvanaspatīñroṣadhī rāya eṣe.*

Happy with myself, celebrant for you all, and

for the achievement of wealth, power and all round prosperity, I honour, adore and serve the leaders who work for food and nourishment for growth. I honour the artist, architect and maker of forms, and love creative and friendly intelligence, trees and herbs, with reverence, gratitude, replenishment and renewal.

तुजे नस्तने पर्वताः सन्तु स्वैतवो ये वसवो न वीराः । पनित
आप्यो यजतः सदा नो वर्धन्तः शंसं नर्यो अभिष्टौ ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tuje nastane parvatāḥ santu svaitavo ye vasavo na vīrāḥ. Panita āptyo yajataḥ sadā no vardhānnaḥ śaṁsaṁ naryo abhiṣṭau.*

May the clouds and mountains be for the expansion of our charities. So may be the Vasus, abodes of life such as earth and oceans, suns and planets, as well as the brave and generous people of strength and intelligence, self-motivated, self-moved, celebrated, self-realised, creative and corporate powers, and may they all augment our honour and reputation in all fields of human welfare.

वृष्णो अस्तोषि भूम्यस्य गर्भं त्रितो नपातमपां सुवृत्ति ।
गृणीते अग्निरेतरी न शूषैः शोचिष्केशो नि रिणाति
वना ॥ १० ॥

10. *Vṛṣṇo astoṣi bhūmyasya garbhaṁ trito napā-tamapāṁ suvr̥kti. Gr̥ṇīte agniretarī na śūṣaiḥ sociṣkeśo ni riṇāti vanā.*

I admire and adore the lightning fire, child of waters, which pervades the three worlds of the universe and gives showers of life for the fertility of the earth. Like a moving power with locks of light with its force

and motion, Agni energises the rays of the sun, moves the clouds and enlivens the forests with greenery.

कथा महे रुद्रियाय ब्रवाम कद्राये चिकितुषे भगाय । आप
ओषधीरुत नोऽ वन्तु द्यौर्वना गिरयो वृक्षकेशाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Kathā mahe rudriyāya bravāma kad rāye cikituse bhagāya. Āpa oṣadhīruta no'vantu dyaurvanā girayo vṛkṣakeśāḥ.*

How shall we speak to the seeker of nature's catalytic powers breaking and making the changing forms of matter and energy, how speak to the earnest seeker of knowledge, of wealth, production and prosperity? May the flowing waters and clouds, herbs, heavens, rays of sunlight and high mountains with locks of forests help and protect us.

शृणोतु न ऊर्जा पतिर्गिरः स नभस्तरीयाँ इषिरः परिज्मा ।
शृण्वन्त्वापः पुरो न शुभ्राः परि स्तुचो बबृहणस्याद्रेः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Śṛṇotu na ūrjāṁ patirgiraḥ sa nabhastarīyāṁ iṣiraḥ parijmā. Śṛṇvantvāpaḥ puro na śubhrāḥ pari sruco babṛhāṇasyādreḥ.*

May the lord creator, controller and sustainer of energies listen to our voice of prayer, listen and reveal the mystery. May the master of the science of energy listen and enlighten us. May the lord omniscient, pervasive in waters and the skies, ever moving, omnipresent, listen and reveal the knowledge. May the crystal waters and the perennial streams and showers issuing forth from the mighty clouds and mountains speak to us like the clairvoyant ancient seers and seekers.

विदा चिन्नु महान्तो ये व एवा ब्रवाम दस्मा वार्य दधानाः ।
वयश्चन सुभ्व॑ आव यन्ति क्षुभा मर्तमनुयतं वधस्त्रैः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Vidā cinnu mahānto ye va evā bravāma dasmā vāryam dadhānāḥ. Vayaścana subhva āva yanti kṣubhā martamanuyataṁ vadhasnaih.*

Listen ye, great ones, and let us know for certain those acts and motions of yours which we speak of and pray for, which, all great and generous ones, bearing cherished gifts of food, energy, health and age, ever growing stronger and expansive, mighty powerful with their catalytic forces, come to the mortal seeker who tries to know and search them out.

आ दैव्यानि पार्थीवानि जन्माऽपश्चाच्छ सुमखाय वोचम् ।
वर्धन्तां द्यावो गिरश्चन्द्राग्रा उदा वर्धन्तामभिषाता
अर्णाः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ā daivyāni pāṛthivāni janmā'paścācchā sumakhāya vocam. Vardhantām dyāvo girascandr-āgrā udā vardhantām-abhiṣātā arṇāḥ.*

I speak of the celestial and terrestrial evolution of things and forces and their actions and attributes for the holy pursuer of creative yajnic action. May the heavenly light and words of knowledge grow with peace, beauty and bliss in action. May the waters of life and energy grow and flow like the spatial oceans enveloping our existence.

पदेपदे मे जरिमा नि धायि वरून्नी वा शक्रा या पायुभिश्च ।
सिषक्तु माता मही रसा नः स्मत्सूरिभिर्ऋजुहस्तं ऋजु-
वनिः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Padepade me jarimā ni dhāyi varūtrī vā śakrā yā pāyubhiśca. Siṣaktu mātā mahī rasā naḥ smat sūribhir-ṛjuhasta ṛjuvaniḥ.*

At every stage of evolution, my growth with divine praise and prayer is evident, replete with power and grace bearing all natural and divine modes and materials of protection and progress. May mother earth and her nectar sweets of energy with sages and scholars bless us with the rich gifts of her simple, natural and liberal hands.

कथा दाशेम नमसा सुदानूनेवया मरुतो अच्छौक्तौ प्रश्रवसो
मरुतो अच्छौक्तौ । मा नोऽहिर्बुध्न्यो रिषे धादस्माकं
भूदुपमातिवनिः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Kathā dāśema namasā sudānūnevayā maruto acchoktau praśravaso maruto acchoktau. Mā no'hirbudhnyo riṣe dhādas mākaṁ bhūdupamā-tivaniḥ.*

How shall we honour and serve the generous and renowned Maruts, dynamics of nature and the dynamic leaders and scholars of humanity, with offers of gifts and acts of homage in order to thank and supplicate them in words of reverence? Too generous and too highly renowned are they even for the best and choicest words of ours. May the generous cloud in the sky never forsake us to suffer want and injury. May there always be ample blessings of nature and Divinity for us close at hand.

इति चित्रु प्रजायै पशुमत्यै देवासो वनते मर्त्यो व आ देवासो
वनते मर्त्यो वः । अत्रा शिवां तन्वो धासिमस्या जरां चिन्मे
निर्ऋतिर्जगसीत ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Iti cinnu prajāyai paśumatyai devāso vanate martyo va ā devāso vanate martyo vaḥ. Atrā śivām tanvo dhāsimasyā jarām cinme nirṛtir-jagraṣīta.*

Thus does mortal man honour and celebrate you, O divinities of nature and humanity, for progeny and for abundance of wealth and cattle. Thus does mortal man win your favour. Give me here in the world well being of the body and sustenance for health, and may mother earth with her generosity keep off debility and decay of my health and the onset of old age.

तां वो देवाः सुमतिमूर्जयन्तीमिषमश्याम वसवः शसा गोः ।
सा नः सुदानुमृळयन्ती देवी प्रति द्रवन्ती सुविताय
गम्याः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Tām vo devāḥ sumatim-ūrjayantīm-iṣamaśyāma vasavaḥ śasā goḥ. Sā naḥ sudānur-mṛḷayantī devī prati dravantī suvitāya gamyāḥ.*

O Vasus, divinities of nature and humanity, may we receive that holy intelligence of yours, that energising food, by our praise and prayer in honour of mother earth, nature and the cow, and may that mother power, generous, loving and merciful, O divinities, sages and scholars, the lady overflowing with kindness, move for us in response to us for our good, for our honour and prosperity.

अभि न इळा यूथस्य माता स्मन्नदीभिर्ऋषी वा गृणातु ।
उर्वशी वा बृहद्दिवा गृणानाऽभ्यूर्वाणा प्रभृथस्यायोः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Abhi na iḷā yūthasya mātā smannadībhir-urvaṣī vā grṇātu. Urvaṣī vā bṛhaddivā grṇānā'bhyūr-ṇvānā prabhṛthasyāyoh.*

May the divine Ida, voice of omniscience, generous nature and the wide earth, mother of multitudes, sublime and overwhelming, enlighten and inspire us. And may the majesty of divinities, commanding universal light, comprehending the meaning, purpose and energy of life itself, revealing knowledge and wisdom come to us.

सिषक्तु न ऊर्जव्यस्य पुष्टेः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Siṣaktu na ūrjavyasya puṣṭeḥ.*

And let the scientist help us and the lord omniscient bless us, with strength and energy from all sources of nature.

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प्र शन्तमा वरुणं दीधितिं गीर्मित्रं भगमदितिं नूनमश्याः ।
पृषद्योनिः पञ्चहोता शृणोत्वतूर्तपन्था असुरो मयोभुः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra śantamā varuṇaṁ dīdhiṁ gīrmitraṁ bhaga-
maditiṁ nūnamaśyāḥ. Pr̥ṣadyoniḥ pañcahotā
śṛṇotvatūrtapanthā asuro mayobhuḥ.*

Let my holy voice, the chant of OM, full of peace and bliss, light of my higher energy of udana, rise up and reach Varuna, cherished lord of love and justice, Mitra, lord of light and friendship, Bhaga, lord of honour and excellence, and Aditi, mother Infinity of heaven and earth. May the lord Supreme listen and receive, the lord of Eternal Word and speech coexistent with space and Divinity, ministrant of five pranic energies, indefatigable and irresistible in the ways of his power and action, giver of life and energy, lord of bliss, Bliss

itself.

प्रति मे स्तोममदितिर्जगृभ्यात्सूनुं न माता हृद्यं सुशेवम् ।
ब्रह्म प्रियं देवहितं यदस्त्यहं मित्रे वरुणे यन्मयोभु ॥ २ ॥

2. *Prati me stomam-aditir-jagṛbhyāt sūnuṁ na mātā hr̥dyaṁ suśevam. Brahma priyaṁ devahi-taṁ yadastyahaṁ mitre varuṇe yanmayobhu.*

May Aditi, mother of eternal speech, receive and love my song of praise and prayer as a mother holds her child to the heart, dear, cherished and soothing. Brahma, lord Infinite that is dear, kind and benevolent to the noble people, supreme giver, who inspires prana and udana energies, is our lord adorable.

उदीरय कवितमं कवीनामुनत्तैनमभि मध्वा घृतेन । स नो
वसूनि प्रयता हितानि चन्द्राणि देवः सविता सुवाति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Udiraya kavitamam kavīnām-unattainam-abhi madhvā ghṛtena. Sa no vasūni prayatā hitāni candrāṇi devaḥ savitā suvāti.*

Sing, celebrate him that is the most imaginative of poets, exalt him with honey sweets of song and homage, and may he, the inspirer creator, Savita, refulgent and generous lord, in response to our homage and effort, give us cherished wealth and honour of our choice for the good of our body, mind and soul.

समिन्द्र णो मनसा नेषि गोभिः सं सूरिभिर्हरिबः सं स्वस्ति ।
सं ब्रह्मणा देवहितं यदस्ति सं देवानां सुमत्या यज्ञि-
यानाम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Samindra ṇo manasā neṣi gobhiḥ saṁ sūribhir-harivaḥ saṁ svasti. Saṁ brahmaṇā devahitaṁ yadasti saṁ devānām sumatyā yajñiyānām.*

Indra, lord of power, honour and excellence, you lead us on with a holy mind, with efficient senses, intelligence and songs of homage, with bright and brave people. Lord of humanity, commanding the motive forces of the dynamics of existence, let there be all good and well being for us. Lead us on with knowledge and wealth of divinity, with whatever is good and beneficial for noble people, and with the wisdom of the brilliant people devoted to yajnic creation and divine service.

देवो भगः सविता रायो अंश इन्द्रो वृत्रस्य संजितो धर्मानाम् ।
ऋभुक्षा वाज उत वा पुरन्धिरवन्तु नो अमृतासस्तुरासः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Devo bhagaḥ savitā rāyo aṁśa Indro vrtrasya samjito dhanānām. Ṛbhukṣā vāja uta vā puran-dhiravantu no amṛtāsas-turāsah.*

May the brilliant and generous, the prosperous and honourable, the creator inspirer, rich and generous, participant sharer, commander of honour and excellence, winner of loud showers, producer of wealth, the powerful intellectual, commander of power and progress, the man of wisdom and distant vision, the immortals and powers of tempestuous advancement, may all these protect and promote us on the path of goodness.

मरुत्वतो अप्रतीतस्य जिष्णोरजूर्यतः प्र ब्रवामा कृतानि ।
न ते पूर्वे मघवन्नापरासो न वीर्यं नूतनः कश्चनाप ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Marutvato aprītasya jiṣṇorajūryataḥ pra bravā-mā kṛtāni. Na te pūrve maghavan nāparāso na vīryam nūtanah kaścanāpa.*

We sing and celebrate the acts and achievements

of the lord of men and winds, incomprehensible, victorious, unaging and undecaying. O lord of honour and power, Indra, neither the ancients, nor the moderns, nor the succeeding ones nor anyone else would comprehend your power and potential.

उप॑ स्तुहि प्रथ॑मं रत्न॑धेयं बृ॒हस्पति॑ स॒नितारं॑ ध॒नानाम् ।

यः शंस॑ते स्तुव॒ते श॑र्भ॒विष्ठः॑ पुरु॒वसु॑रा॒गम॒ज्जोहु॑वानम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Upa stuhi prathamam ratnadheyam bṛhaspatiṁ sanitāraṁ dhanānām. Yaḥ śamsate stuvate śambhaviṣṭhaḥ purūvasur-āgamaj-johuvānam.*

First sing in honour of him close at hand who wields and governs the jewel wealth of existence, Brhaspati, Lord Almighty of the boundless universe, giver of wealth and honour, lord most blissful, omnificent, universally adored, who blesses the celebrant and supplicant, and brings him the wealth and honour prayed for.

तवो॒तिभिः॑ सच॑माना अरि॑ष्टा बृ॒हस्पते॑ म॒घवा॑नः सु॒वीराः॑ ।
ये अ॑श्व॒दा उ॒त वा॒ सन्ति॑ गो॒दा ये व॑स्त्र॒दाः सु॒भगा॑स्तेषु
रायः॑ ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tavotibhiḥ sacamānā ariṣṭā bṛhaspate maghavānaḥ suvīrāḥ. Ye aśvadā uta vā santi godā ye vastradāḥ subhagāsteṣu rāyaḥ.*

Brhaspati, O lord of unbounded wealth of the universe, the people who are free from injury, enjoying wealth and power, brave and fearless, sharing the blessings of your protections, who are generous and honourable and give horses, cows and clothes in charity, all enjoy the good fortune of wealth and power and the

grace of divinities.

वि॒स॒र्माणं॑ कृ॒णुहि॑ वि॒त्तमे॑षां ये भु॒ञ्जते॑ अ॒र्प॒णन्तो॑ न उ॒क्थैः ।
अ॒र्प॒न्नतान्प्र॑स॒वे वा॑वृ॒थानान् ब्र॑ह्मद्विषः सूर्यी॒द्याव॑यस्व ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Visarmāṇaṁ kṛṇuhi vittameṣāṁ ye bhuñjate
apṛṇanto na ukthaiḥ. Apavratān prasave vāvṛ-
dhānān brahmadviṣaḥ sūryād yāvayasva.*

Render the wealth of those people fruitless and unproductive who eat by themselves in spite of our songs of divine praise in honour of charity. Deprive them of the light of the sun who observe no rules of good conduct, and who, while growing materially in the lord's creation, revile the lord giver and desecrate the food.

य ओ॒हते॑ र॒क्षसो॑ दे॒ववी॑ताव॒च॒क्रेभि॑स्तं म॒रुतो॑ नि या॒त । यो
वः श॒मीं॑ श॒शमा॑नस्य नि॒न्दा॑त्तु॒च्छ्यान्का॑मान्करते सि॒ध्वि-
दानः॑ ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ya ohate rakṣaso devavītāvacakrebhistam maruto
ni yāta. Yo vaḥ śamīm śaśamānasya nindāt
tucchyān kāmān karate siṣvidānaḥ.*

O Maruts, dynamic leaders of the people, take him down straight, not in round about words, who invokes and entertains the wicked in the holy programmes of society, who reviles the noble work of the divine celebrant and who, even though trying hard apparently, demeans his values and desires.

तमु॑ ष्टु॒हि यः स्वि॑षुः सु॒धन्वा॑ यो वि॒श्वस्य॑ क्षयति भे॒षज॑स्य ।
यक्ष्वा॑ म॒हे सौ॑म॒नसा॑ रु॒द्रं नमो॑भिर्दे॒वमसु॑रं दु॒वस्य॑ ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tamu ṣṭuhi yaḥ sviṣuḥ sudhanvā yo viśvasya
kṣayati bheṣajasya. Yakṣvā mahe saumanasāya
rudraṁ namobhir-devam-asuraṁ duvasya.*

Praise and exalt him who wields the strong bow and sharp arrow in support of life and shelters the creative, corrective and protective forces of the world. Do good work in cooperation with the great and magnanimous people, and honour and serve with homage and holy offerings Rudra, lord of power, justice and punishment, brilliant and generous giver of life and energy.

दमूनसो अपसो ये सुहस्ता वृष्णाः पत्नीर्नद्यो विभवतश्चाः ।
सरस्वती बृहद्विवोत राका दशस्यन्तीर्वरिवस्यन्तु
शुभ्राः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Damūnaso apaso ye suhastā vṛṣṇaḥ patnīr-nadyo vibhvataṣṭāḥ. Sarasvatī bṛhaddivota rākā daśasyantīrvarivasyantū śubhrāḥ.*

May those who are generous at heart, noble at work, liberal of hand, bold and bountiful, motherly women, streams of water flowing within bounds of divinity, vastly illuminative, perennially flowing with sweetness, blissful like a moonlit night, ever giving without reserve, pure and immaculate, we pray, bless us.

प्र सू महे सुशरणाय मेधां गिरं भरे नव्यसीं जायमानाम् ।
य आहना दुहितुर्वक्षणासु रूपा मिना नो अकृणोदिदं
नः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Pra sū mahe suśaraṇāya medhām giram bhare navyasīm jāyamānām. Ya āhanā duhitur-vakṣaṇāsu rūpā mināno akṛṇod-idaṁ naḥ.*

I offer my latest song of praise arising spontaneously and dedicate my intellect and imagination in honour of Indra, blissful shelter of the world, who,

sculptor of the forms of his creation, has provided and made to flow this water for us in the streams of his daughter, the earth.

प्र सुष्टुतिः स्तनयन्तं रुवन्तमिळस्पतिं जरितनूनमश्याः ।
यो अब्दिमाँ उदनिमाँ इयर्ति प्र विद्युता रोदसी उक्ष-
माणः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Pra suṣṭutiḥ stanayantaṁ ruvantam-iḷaspatiṁ jaritar-nūnamaśyāḥ. Yo abdimāñ udanimāñ iyarti pra vidyutā rodasī ukṣamāṇaḥ.*

Let this celebrative song, O celebrant, rise and reach the roaring, thundering lord of earth and eternal speech who, replete with blissful waters, rolling like spatial oceans, goes forward sprinkling the earth and illuminating heaven and earth with the showers of light and life.

एष स्तोमो मारुतं शर्धो अच्छा रुद्रस्य सूनूर्युवन्यूरुदश्याः ।
कामो राये हवते मा स्वस्त्युप स्तुहि पृषदश्वान् अयासः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Eṣaḥ stomo mārutaṁ śardho acchā rudrasya sūnūñr-yuvanyūñr-udaśyāḥ. Kāmo rāye havate mā svastyupa stuhi pṛṣadaśvāñ ayāsaḥ.*

Let this song of praise reach and excite the power and force of the Maruts, fellow humans, youthful children of Rudra, Lord of law, justice and discriminative wisdom, and let my love and desire inspire them for wealth and honour of the world. O celebrant, celebrate the dynamic forces of humanity, generous and showerful as the clouds.

प्रेषः स्तोमः पृथिवीमन्तरिक्षं वनस्पतीरोषधी राये अश्याः ।
देवोदेवः सुहवो भूतु मह्यं मा नो माता पृथिवी दुर्मतौ
धात् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Praiṣaḥ stomaḥ pṛthivīmāntarikṣaṁ vanaspatī-
ñroṣadhī rāye aśyāḥ. Devodevaḥ suhavo bhūtu
mahyaṁ mā no mātā pṛthivī durmatau dhāt.*

May this song of celebration ring over the earth, resound across the sky, and vibrate among the trees and herbs for the production of wealth. May the lord supreme, God of the divinities of nature and humanity, be kind to me and listen to my invocation and prayer. May the mother earth be kind and never ill-disposed to us.

उरौ देवा अनिबाधे स्याम ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Urau devā anibādhe syāma.*

O divinities, saints and sages, may we ever prosper in the unbounded generosity of nature and of mother earth.

समश्विनोरवसा नूतनेन मयोभुवा सुप्रणीती गमेम । आ
नो रयिं वहतमोत वीराना विश्वान्यमृता सौभगानि ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Samaśvinor-avasā nūtanena mayobhuvā supra-
ñīti gamema. Ā no rayiṁ vahatamota vīrānā
viśvānya-mṛtā saubhagāni.*

O lord, we pray, may we ever follow and benefit from the latest and blissful guidance and noble policy of the Ashvins, teachers and scholars. Bring us, O divine-twin powers of nature's complementarities, wealth, brave progeny and all the imperishable good fortunes

of honour and excellence. Let us prosper with your protection and vision of progress.

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आ धेनवः पयसा तूण्यर्थं अमर्धन्तीरुप नो यन्तु मध्वा ।
महो राये बृहतीः सप्त विप्रो मयोभुवो जरिता जोहवीति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā dhenavaḥ payasā tūṇryarthā amardhanṭīrupa no yantu madhvā. Maho rāye br̥hatīḥ sapta vipro mayobhuvo jaritā johavīti.*

Let the Voice of Divinity like mother cows, flowing with milky streams of meaning and metaphor, instantly vibrating unto the mind and soul, incessantly rippling and soothing without violence or difficulty, come and bless us with honey sweets of divine peace and spiritual awareness. Sevenfold are they in sound, music and meaning, expressive, grand and infinite. The celebrant yajaka, joyous and ecstatic, invokes, augments and proclaims the voices for the highest wealth and well being of life.

आ सुष्टुती नमसा वर्तयध्यै द्यावा वाजाय पृथिवी अमृध्रे ।
पिता माता मधुवचाः सुहस्ता भरेभरे नो यशसाव-
विष्टाम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā suṣṭutī namasā vartayadhyai dyāvā vājāya pr̥thivī amṛdhre. Pitā mātā madhuvacāḥ suhastā bharebhare no yaśasāvaviṣṭām.*

We offer songs of adoration with homage and offers of yajnic food and fragrance to win incessant blessings of loving and non-violent heaven and earth

for the sake of food and sustenance, knowledge and progressive advancement in life. May the father, mother, heaven and earth, sweet and loving of voice and word, liberal and unstinted of hand, bless us with honour and excellence at every stage of our battle business of life.

अध्वर्यवश्चकृवांसो मधूनि प्र वायवे भरत चारु शुक्रम् ।
होतेव नः प्रथमः पाह्यस्य देव मध्वो ररिमा ते मदाय ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Adhvaryavaś-cakṛvāṁso madhūni-pra vāyave bharata cāru śukram. Hoteva naḥ prathamah pāhyasya deva madhvo rarimā te madāya.*

O priests of the scientific yajna for peace and unity with love and non-violence, working on the holy powers and mysteries of wind and electric energy, take up pure energised waters, and create and bear the energy for Vayu, spirit and ruler of humanity. O Vayu, brilliant ruler, first of all preserve, protect and promote this honey sweet energy so that we may be happy and enjoy life together for your honour and pleasure.

दश क्षिपो युञ्जते बाहू अद्रिं सोमस्य या शमितारा सुहस्ता ।
मध्वो रसं सुगभस्तिर्गिरिष्ठां चनिश्चददुदुहे शुक्रमंशुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Daśa kṣipo yuñjate bāhū adriṁ somasya yā śamitārā suhastā. Madhvo rasam sugabhasṭir-giriṣṭhām caniścadaḍ duduhe śukramamśuḥ.*

Just as ten fingers join the two hands, and the dexterous priests use the stone press to extract the soma juice, and just as the sun with its bright rays, happy and rejoicing, distils the potent pure honey sweet vitalities of energy existing in the clouds and mountains, so do the happy performers of scientific yajna for peace, expert

specialists of energy, using their hands and mind and senses, working on the clouds distil the purest rays of energy, the honey sweet essence of nature's sources of wind and waters.

असावि ते जुजुषाणाय सोमः क्रत्वे दक्षाय बृहते मदाय ।
हरी रथे सुधुरा योगे अर्वागिन्द्र प्रिया कृणुहि ह्यमानः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Asāvi te jujuṣāṇāya somaḥ kratve dakṣāya bṛhate madāya. Harī rathe sudhurā yoge arvāgindra priyā kṛṇuhi hūyamānaḥ.*

Indra, brilliant ruler, commander of winds and waters, distilled is the soma of energy for your knowledge and enlightenment, for your power and potential, and for delight and grand celebration, love as you do the honour and excellence of prosperity. Invoked and invited to the celebration, harness the fast controlled powers to the chariot, come straight, and accomplish the programmes you wish to complete.

आ नो महीमरमतिं सजोषां ग्रां देवीं नमसा रातहव्याम् ।
मधोर्मदाय बृहतीमृतज्ञामाग्ने वह पथिभिर्देवयानैः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā no mahīm-aramatiṁ sajoṣā gnaṁ devīm namasā rātahavyām. Madhormadāya bṛhatīm-ṛtajñāmāgne vaha pathibhirdevayānaiḥ.*

Agni, O light of knowledge, scholar scientist, loving and cooperative, lead us on to that great, continuous but unaddicted knowledge of divine value with your humility and yajnic inputs, knowledge which is highly creative and productive for honey sweet delights and celebration of mankind, which is vastly revealing of mother nature's truths and worthy of further

pursuit by the progressive paths of divinities and nobilities among humanity.

अञ्जन्ति यं प्रथयन्तो न विप्रा वपावन्तं नाग्निना तपन्तः ।
पितुर्न पुत्र उपसि प्रेष्ट आ घर्मो अग्निमृतयन्नसादि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Añjanti yaṁ prathayanto na viprā vapāvantaṁ nāgninā tapantaḥ. Piturna putra upasi preṣṭha ā gharma agnim-rtayann-asādi.*

Like a darling child in the lap of father, like the fire of yajna in the vedi, the disciple in pursuit of the light of knowledge and fire of life is seated in school close to the teachers like a seedling growing to fullness, whom sagely scholars, purifying, seasoning and tempering like steel and gold by the heat of fire, strengthen and prepare for a full yajnic life.

अच्छा मही बृहती शन्तमा गीर्दूतो न गन्त्वश्विना हुवध्यै ।
मयोभुवा सरथा यातमर्वागन्तं निधिं धुरमाणिर्न नाभिम ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Acchā mahī brhatī śantamā gīrdūto na gantva-śvinā huvadhyai. Mayobhuvā sarathā yātamār-vāggantaṁ nidhiṁ dhuramānirna nābhim.*

Let the good and great, wide and high, refreshing and beneficent voice of ours like a messenger go to invoke and invite the Ashvins, teachers and preachers, complementary powers of nature, positive and negative currents of energy circuit, and may the Ashvins, kind, peaceable and peace giving come to us straight like the centre pin of the axle and nave of a chariot wheel, and share our treasure wealth of knowledge, power and material well-being.

प्र तव्यसो नमउक्तिं तुरस्याऽहं पूष्ण उत वायोरदिक्षि । या
राधसा चोदितारा मतीनां या वाजस्य द्रविणोदा उत
त्मन् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pra tavyaso namauktiṁ turasya'haṁ pūṣṇa uta
vāyoradikṣi. Yā rādhasā coditārā matinām
yā vājasya draviṇodā uta tman.*

I offer the song of homage and reverence in honour of Pusha, power of nourishment, and Vayu, energy of wind and electricity, both power givers for success and achievement, inspirers of mankind, and both spontaneous and instant givers of wealth and progress.

आ नामभिर्मरुतो वक्षि विश्वाना रूपेभिर्जातवेदो हुवानः ।
यज्ञं गिरौ जरितुः सुष्टुतिं च विश्वे गन्त मरुतो विश्व
कृती ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ā nāmabhir-maruto vakṣi viśvānā rūpebhirjā-
tavedo huvānaḥ. Yajñam giro jarituh suṣṭutiṁ ca
viśve ganta maruto viśva ūti.*

O Jataveda, light of life, sagely scholar of the knowledge of things in existence, invoked and invited, kindled and raised, you bring and speak of all the energies of winds and electricity of all names and all descriptions for men. O Maruts, winds and energies, in response to the mantric formulae and the celebrant's songs of adoration, come all and bring all modes of protection and advancement along to the sagely scholars' yajnic pursuit of research and development.

आ नो दिवो बृहतः पर्वतादा सरस्वती यज्ञता गन्तु
यज्ञम् । हव देवी जुजुषाणा घृताचीं शग्मां नो वाचमुशती
शृणोतु ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā no divo br̥hataḥ parvatādā sarasvatī yajatā gantu yajñam. Havaṁ devī jujuṣāṇā ghr̥tācī śāgmām no vācamuśatī śr̥ṇotu.*

May Sarasvati, divine mother of knowledge and language in the cosmic flow, loving and responsive to her children, come to bless our yajna, bearing ghr̥ta and waters of life's energy and inspiration from heaven, the vast skies, clouds and mountains. May she join us like a mother overflowing with love, listen to our words of prayer for peace and pious advancement and give us the vision.

आ वेधसं नीलपृष्ठं बृहन्तं बृहस्पतिं सदने सादयध्वम् ।
सादयोनं दम आ दीदिवंसं हिरण्यवर्णमरुषं सपेम ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Ā vedhasaṁ nīlapṛṣṭhaṁ br̥hantaṁ br̥haspatiṁ sadane sādāyadhvam. Sādā-d-yoniṁ dama ā dīdivāṁsaṁ hiraṇyavarṇam-aruṣaṁ sapema.*

Enshrine the eminent sage and scholar specialised in the round blue skies, great and rising pursuant of space, in your seat of yajnic learning, in the home and in the assembly : the scholar concentrating on the ultimate natural causes, bright and illuminative, golden in performance, the very dawn of light and knowledge, we honour and serve.

आ धर्णसिर्बृहद्वो रराणो विश्वेभिर्गन्त्वोर्मभिर्हुवानः ।
ग्रावसानो ओषधीरमृधस्त्रिधातुशृङ्गो वृषभो वयोधाः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ā dharṇasir-br̥haddivo rarāṇo viśvebhir-gantv-omabhirhuvānaḥ. Gnā vasāna oṣadhīr-amṛ-dhras-tridhātuśṛṅgo vṛṣabho vayodhāḥ.*

May the wielder and sustainer of existence,

mighty refulgent and blissful, invoked, enkindled and raised in the vedi come and bless our yajna with all means of protection and progress, the lord illuminating our voices of praise and prayer, vitalising herbs and vegetation, kind and loving, lord of nature's three modes of thought (sattva), energy (rajas) and matter (tamas) which are transparent, red and dark green, the lord generous as showers and giver of health and age.

मातुष्पदे परमे शुक्र आयोर्विपन्यवो रास्पिरासो अगमन् ।
सुशेव्यं नमसा रातहव्याः शिशुं मृजन्त्यायवो न वासे ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Mātusṣpade paramē śukra āyor-vipanyavo rāspi-rāso agman. Suśevyam namasā rātahavyāḥ śiśum mṛjantyāyavo na vāse.*

On the sacred and excellent vedi on the floor of mother earth, lovers and admirers of life come in pursuit of the joy of living, bearing holy offers for the sacred fire. And just as they cleanse the new born baby and welcome it in new life, so they feed, serve and develop the holy fire with love and offers of food and fragrance like a living divinity on earth.

बृहद्वयो बृहते तुभ्यमग्ने धियाजुरो मिथुनासः सचन्त ।
देवोदेवः सुहवो भूतु मह्यं मा नो माता पृथिवी दुर्मता
धातु ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Bṛhad vayo bṛhate tubhyamagne dhiyājuro mithunāsaḥ sacanta. Devodevaḥ suhavo bhūtu mahyam mā no mātā prthivī durmatau dhāt.*

People senior in age and wide in experience, eminent in knowledge and intelligence, men and women together, offer homage to you, Agni, lord of light and

great. May the lord Divine, light of all divinities, be kind and gracious to me, and may mother earth look at us with favour and never forsake us.

उरौ देवा अनिबाधे स्याम ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Urau devā anibādhe syāma.*

O Divinities, may we ever be in the light of your unbounded grace, free and uninterrupted.

समश्विनोरवसा नूतनेन मयोभुवा सुप्रणीती गमेम । आ
नो रयिं वहतमोत वीराना विश्वान्यामृता सौभगानि ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Samaśvinor-avasā nūtanena mayobhuvā supraṇīti gamema. Ā no rayiṁ vahatamota vīrān-ā viśvānyamṛtā saubhagāni.*

Ashvins, complementary powers of nature, teachers and preachers, men and women together, all kind and blissful, may we go on in life by your latest protections and noble paths of progress and morality. O immortal divines, bear and bring us wealth, and brave progeny and all the good fortunes of the world.

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Vishvedeva Devata, Avatsara Kashyapa and others Rshis

तं प्रत्नथा पूर्वथा विश्वथेमथा ज्येष्ठतातिं बर्हिषदं स्वर्विदम् ।
प्रतीचीनं वृजनं दोहसे गिराऽऽशुं जयन्तमनु यासु वर्धसे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Taṁ pratnathā pūrvathā viśvathemathā jyeṣṭhātātiṁ barhiṣadam svarvidam. Prañicīnaṁ vṛjanaṁ dohase girā''śuṁ jayantamanu yāsu vardhase.*

Indra, Ruler as of ancient times, as before, as always, as of now, with your holy voice you draw upon

the highest, heavenly, blissful force and power present upfront and instantly victorious in the battles of life, and you grow and progress in consequence of that same power and force. O Ruler, let us all honour and augment and serve that power.

श्रिये सुदृशीरुपरस्य याः स्वर्विरोचमानः ककुभामचोदते ।
सुगोपा असि न दभाय सुक्रतो परो मायाभिर्ऋत आस
नाम ते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Śriye sudrśīr-uparasya yāḥ svarvirocamānaḥ
kakubhām-acodate. Sugopā asi na dabhāya
sukrato paro māyābhir-ṛta āsa nāma te.*

Ruler of the world, you are the self-refulgent light of heaven, illuminator of spaces and mover of the still clouds of vapours in the skies, the lord whose lights and graces are for the beauty and majesty of life. You are the protector, defender, preserver and promoter. You are not for deceit or violence. You are the cause and agent of holy action, sovereign with your powers and potential, and your name is identical with truth and law.

अत्यं ह्रविः संचते सच्च धातु चाऽरिष्टगातुः स होता
सहोभरिः । प्रसस्त्रीणो अनु बर्हिर्वृषा शिशुर्मध्ये युवाजरो
विस्त्रुहा हितः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Atyam haviḥ sacate sacca dhātu cā'riṣṭagātuḥ sa
hotā sahobhariḥ. Prasarsrāṇo anu barhivṛṣā
śīśurmadye yuvājaro visruhā hitaḥ.*

(He abides in, with, and above the dynamics of the yajnic evolution of existence: consumer, consumed, consumption, evolution and devolution, the beginning and the end, all): He abides with the food of life. He is

truth, reality, eternity. He is the wielder, sustainer and commander of the world in existence. Inviolable is his word, uncharted his way. He is the yajaka, creator and giver. He is the lord and controller of power and potential, challenge and forbearance. He is ever on the move across the skies and spaces. He is the generous cloud, the seedling in the womb of existence, ever young, unaging, antidote of negative destruction, and loving support of all.

प्र व एते सुयुजो यामन्निष्टये नीचीरमुष्मै यम्य ऋतावृधः ।
सुयन्तुभिः सर्वशासैरभीशुभिः क्रिविर्नामानि प्रवणे
मुषायति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra va ete suyujō yamanniṣṭaye nīcīramuṣmai
yamyā ṛtāvṛdhah. Suyantubhiḥ sarvaśāsai-rabhī-
śubhiḥ krivirnāmāni pravāṇe muṣāyati.*

O children of the earth, for your good and comfort, immediate as well as distant, are these united, cooperative, well controlled radiations of the sun all round, fostering the truth of nature's law in their own way: For that Master Spirit, the sun sucks up the vapours of water from the ocean and other lower places by well directed, all dominating waves of light, and then makes the cloud release the waters in rain showers to flow down in streams and rivers into the ocean.

(In the same way the administrative forces of the ruler, working together in cooperation within the law, collect the taxes from the various communities of the people and the ruler uses the collection for rain showers of the people's protection, promotion and prosperity without hoarding anything for himself.)

संजर्भुराणस्तर्भुभिः सुतेगृभं वयाकिनं चित्तगर्भासु
सुस्वरुः । धारवाकेष्वृजुगाथ शोभसे वर्धस्व पत्नीरभि जीवो
अध्वरे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sañjarbhurāṇas-tarubhiḥ sutegṛbhaṁ vayākin-
am cittagarbhāsu susvaruḥ. Dhāravākeṣv-
rjugātha śobhase vardhasva patnīrabhi jīvo
adhvare.*

Shining and vibrating by flutter of the leaves of trees, proclaiming the presence of the spirit manifested in life forms living and aging in the world of creation, in the caves of the heart, you shine and radiate in the consciousness, O lord of rectitude and paths of naturalness. Grow on, live on, O lord, in the yajna of creation and let the life forms grow on and advance.

यादृगेव ददृशे तादृगुच्यते सं छायया दधिरे सिधयाप्स्वा ।
महीमस्मभ्यामुरुषामुरु त्रयो बृहत्सुवीरमनपच्युतं सहः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yādṛgeva dadṛśe tādṛg-ucyate saṁ chāyayā
dadhire sidhrayāpsvā. Mahīm-asmabhyam-
uruṣāmuru jrayo bṛhat suvīram-anapacyutaṁ
sahaḥ.*

Who are the sagely divines of humanity? As they see the truth of reality, so do they speak of it. They behold it and stand thereby by the holy reflection of it in divine works of creation or in the visions of their own imagination. And they, men of courage, wide and bold in speech and imagination, bear and bring for us great illuminative speech of knowledge and high and mighty undecaying valour, forbearance and spirit of challenge which creates great heroes in the service of truth and rectitude. They are human divines.

वेत्यगुर्जीनिवान्वा अति स्पृधः समर्यता मनसा सूर्यः कविः ।
 घ्नंसं रक्षन्तं परि विश्वतो गर्वमस्माकं शर्म वनवत्स्वा-
 वसुः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vetyagrur-janivān vā ati sprdhaḥ samaryatā manasā sūryaḥ kaviḥ. Ghraṁsaṁ rakṣantaṁ pari viśvato gayamasmākaṁ śarma vanavat svāvasuḥ.*

The leader, reborn in knowledge and courage of action, goes forward challenging, thirsting for battle, radiant by mind, visionary of present and future, protecting the light of day, preserving our future wealth of generations, and protecting our hearth and home, self-possessed and self-established as he is.

ज्यायांसमस्य यतुनस्य केतुन ऋषिस्वरं चरति यासु नाम
 ते । यादृश्मिन्धायि तमपस्यया विदुद्य उ स्वयं वहते सो
 अरं करत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Jyāyāmsamasya yatunasya ketuna ṛṣisvaram carati yāsu nāma te. Yādrśmin dhāyi tamapa-syayā vidad ya u svayam vahate so aram karat.*

The ruler and scholar who receives and serves the superior, the holy and advancing voice of the seers and sages by virtue of the knowledge and efforts of this industrious scholar, and you whose name and fame resounds among the people, whichever way the name and fame and knowledge is received, and the man who attains the knowledge of that all by his own effort and karmic discipline and carries the tradition on by himself, self-possessed and self-established, may all these do us good on our way of life.

समुद्रमासामव तस्थे अग्रिमा न रिष्यति सर्वनं यस्मिन्नायता ।
अत्रा न हादिं क्रवणस्य रेजते यत्रा मतिर्विद्यते पूत-
बन्धनी ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Samudram-āsām-ava tasthe agrimā na riṣyati savanaṁ yasminn-āyatā. Atrā na hārdi kravaṇa-sya rejate yatrā matirvidyate pūtabandhanī.*

The fame and advancement of these people resounds over seas and abides over spaces, nor does their yajnic progress suffer where hymns are chanted and wealth grows in holiness. Here the heart's desire of the worshipper is not obstructed where holy intelligence and intentions abide for guidance in action.

स हि क्षत्रस्य मनसस्य चित्तिभिरेवावदस्य यजतस्य सध्रेः ।
अवत्सारस्य स्पृणवाम रण्वभिः शविष्ठं वाजं विदुषा
चिदध्यम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sa hi kṣatrasya manasasya cittibhir-evāvadasya yajatasya sadhreḥ. Avatsārasya sprṇavāma raṇvabhiḥ śaviṣṭhaṁ vājaṁ viduṣā cidardhyam.*

With our collective thoughts and intentions and with all our love and delight, we desire to have that ruler for the social order whose high strength and dynamism is respected by the wise and enlightened scholars, who is a strong disciplinarian and organiser, who commands intelligence and eloquence, who is a holy and cooperative man of yajna, sociable as a friend and who can preserve, protect, defend, promote and enlighten the people and the system. Only such a person deserves to be the ruler.

श्येन आसामदितिः कक्ष्यो ह मदी विश्ववारस्य यजतस्य
मायिनः । समन्वयमन्यमर्थयन्त्येतवे विदुर्विषाणं परिपानमन्ति
ते ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Śyena āsāmaditiḥ kakṣyo mado viśvavārasya
yajatasya māyinaḥ. Sam-anyamanyam-artha-
yantyeta ve vidurviṣāṇaṁ paripānamanti te.*

Of these people, he, the ruler, is the Shyena, eagle, harbinger of nectar, the watchful eye, and the marksman for the target, the destination. He is Aditi, the inviolable identity, symbol of nature, character, tradition and the nation. He is Kakshya, orbit of movement as well as the rampart, ever in harness, and he is the joy of life. Of this universal leader, all embracing and giving, all powerful, they jointly and separately desire and ask for advancement, know his generosity, and find their own fulfilment in his presence.

सदापृणो यजतो वि द्विषो वधीद्बाहुवृक्तः श्रुतवित्तयो वः
सर्चा । उभा स वरा प्रत्येति भाति च यदी गुणं भजते
सुप्रयावभिः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Sadāpṛṇo yajato vi dviṣo vadhīd bāhuvṛktaḥ
śrutavit taryo vaḥ sacā. Ubhā sa varā pratyeti
bhāti ca yadīm gaṇaṁ bhajate suprayāvabhiḥ.*

He is an unfailing giver of fulfilment, holy and cooperative in joint action for development, destroyer of hate and enmity, strong of arms, scholar of the Vedas, accessible saviour and helper and friendly for all of you. He receives both friend and foe appropriately and realises both material and spiritual good, shines and illuminates, the leader who serves this social order and this people with effective and acceptable means and

policies.

सुतंभरो यजमानस्य सत्पतिर्विश्वासामूधः स धिया-
मुदञ्चनः । भरद्देनू रसवच्छिश्रिये पयोऽ नुब्रुवाणो अध्येति
न स्वपन् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Sutam̐bharo yajamānasya satpatir-viśvāsām-
ūdhaḥ sa dhiyām-udañcanaḥ. Bharad dhenū
rasavac-chiśriye payo'nubruvāṇo adhyeti na
svapan.*

The baby's parent, the yajaka's protector and promoter, the teacher, ruler, guardian of humanity who preserves, sustains and advances whatever wealth and joy is achieved, the treasure hold of all history and tradition and intellectual and scientific progress on the march, bearing the milky food for body, mind and soul like the mother cow and forbearing earth, he goes onwards high proclaiming his knowledge and vision, the divine gift, without a wink of sleep: He is worthy of reverence.

यो जागार् तमृचः कामयन्ते यो जागार् तमु सामानि यन्ति ।
यो जागार् तमयं सोम आह तवाहमस्मि सख्ये न्योकाः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Yo jāgāra tamṛcaḥ kāmayante yo jāgārah tamu
sāmāni yanti. Yo jāgāra tamayaṁ soma āha
tavāhamasmi sakhye nyokāḥ.*

Whoever is awake, the Rks love and bless. Whoever is alert, the Samans move and elevate. Whoever is active without a wink of sleep, this soma of life's joy and ecstasy addresses and says: O seeker and yajaka, I am for you, a friend and shelter home.

अग्रिजीगार् तमृचः कामयन्तेऽग्रिजीगार् तमु सामानि
यन्ति । अग्रिजीगार् तमयं सोम आह तवाहमस्मि सख्ये
न्योकाः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Agnirjāgāra tamṛcaḥ kāmayaṇte'gnirjāgāra tamu sāmāni yanti. Agnirjāgāra tamayaṁ soma āha tavāhamasmi sakhye nyokāḥ.*

To Agni, soul of life awake, the light of Rks radiates with love. To Agni, light of life awake, the songs of Samans vibrate with love. To Agni, the fire of life aflame, the streams of nectar flow with love, and to the soul of life, the light of awareness and the fire of action, the ecstasy of life says: I am yours with love, a friend, your very haven and home.

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Vishvedeva Devata, Sadaprna Atreya Rshi

विदा दिवो विष्यन्नद्रिमुक्थैरायत्या उषसो अर्चिनो गुः ।
अपवृत् ब्रजिनीरुत्स्वर्गाद्वि दुरो मानुषीर्देव आवः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vidā divo viṣyann-adrim-ukthair-āyatyā uṣaso arcino guḥ. Apāvṛta vrajinīrut svargād vi duro mānuṣīrdeva āvaḥ.*

Brilliant sages with holy songs of adoration worship the self-refulgent Lord and break the cloud of ignorance. In consequence, the dawn of light follows, dispels the nights of darkness, and then the refulgent sun of divine knowledge opens the doors of human reason and intelligence with knowledge.

वि सूर्यो अमतिं न श्रियं सादोर्वाद् गवां माता जानती
गात् । धन्वर्णसो नद्यः । खादोअर्णाः स्थूणेव सुमिता दूहत
द्यौः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vi sūryo amatim na śriyaṃ sādorvād gavāṃ mātā jānatī gāt. Dhanvarṇaso nadyaḥ khādo arṇāḥ sthūṇeva sumitā dṛmḥata dyauḥ.*

The sun takes on the refulgent form of beauty like the grace of divinity, and from the vast heavens, the dawn, mother of light rays, goes forward revealing the beauty of the world. Streams and rivers, charming bright and refreshing, flow rushing on to the sea. The regions of light rise on, expansive like a measured column of the day's sustenance.

(The mantra is a metaphor, in continuation of the previous mantra, of the expansion of the light of knowledge and onward flow of life.)

अस्मा उक्थाय पर्वतस्य गर्भो महीनां जनुषे पूर्व्याय । वि
पर्वतो जिहीत सार्धत द्यौराविवीसन्तो दसयन्त भूम ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Asmā ukthāya parvatasya garbho mahīnām januṣe pūrvyāya. Vi parvato jihīta sādḥata dyaur-āvivāsanto dasayanta bhūma.*

In honour of this adorable ancient sun, cause of the birth of planets and the cloud, and for the fertility of the earths, the vapours leave the cloud to rain in showers. Let us too, high shining like the sun, realising the light of knowledge, illuminating all around, giving in charity, eliminating evil, realise ourselves.

सूक्तेभिर्वो वचोभिर्देवजुष्टैरिन्द्रा न्वग्नी अवसे हुवध्या ।
उक्थेभिर्हिष्मा कवयः सुयज्ञा आविवीसन्तो मरुतो
यजन्ति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sūktebhirvo vacobhir-devajuṣṭair-indrā nvagnī avase huvadhyai. Ukthebhirhi śmā kavayaḥ suyajñā āvivāsanto maruto yajanti.*

With unambiguous holy words approved by scholars and loved and used by divine brilliancies, we study and experiment with Indra and Agni for the invocation and achievement of electric energy and fire power for protection and progress, just as, with the same holy words, for all time, poetic men of vision and imagination and dynamic scientists engaged in creative and productive joint works, shining and illuminating in the pursuit of truth, work and conduct holy programmes of research for you all.

एतो न्वद्य सुध्योऽ भवाम प्र दुच्छुना मिनवामा वरीयः ।
आरे द्वेषांसि सनुतर्दधामाऽयाम प्राञ्चो यजमानमच्छ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Eto nvadya sudhyo bhavāma pra ducchunā minavāmā varīyaḥ. Āre dveṣāṁsi sanutardadhāmā'yāma prāñco yajamānamaccha.*

Come ye all today, let us engage in works of vision and wisdom as intelligent holy people. Let us throw off all evil and eliminate it. Let us always keep hate and enmity far away. Let us move forward and enthusiastically join the yajamana engaged in creative and productive work for advancement.

एता धियं कृणवामा सखायोऽ प या माताँ ऋणुत व्रज
गोः । यया मनुर्विशिशिप्रं जिगाय यया वणिग्वङ्कुरापा
पुरीषम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Etā dhiyaṁ kṛṇavāmā sakhāyo'pa yā mātāñ ṛṇuta vrajaṁ goḥ. Yayā manurviśiśipraṁ jigāya yayā vaṇigvaṅkurāpā purīṣam.*

Come friends, let us take up works of science and reason by which mother knowledge reveals and,

like the dawn, opens the doors of light and power, by which the man of war and tactics wins the helmet and armour, and by which the industrious producer achieves fertile land and ample water.

अनू॒नोद॒त्र ह॒स्त॒यतो॒ अ॒द्रि॒रार्च॑न्ये॒न द॒शं मा॒सो न॒वग्वाः । ऋ॒तं
य॒ती स॒रमा॒ गा अ॑वि॒न्द॒द्वि॒श्वानि॑ स॒त्याङ्गि॑रा॒श्चका॑र ॥ ७ ॥
Anūnodatra hastayato adrīrārcan yena daśa māso navagvāḥ. Rtaṁ yaṭī saramā gā avindad viśvāni satyāṅgirāścakāra.

7. Let the priest of dexterous hand, generous like the cloud, celebrant of divinity and nature's powers, set the yajna in motion, inspiring the new generation on the move to keep the fire burning for ten months at least, and the dynamics of revelation would flow to the yajna, open the secrets of the Word and knowledge and control of mind and senses, and vibrant men of initiative would enact projects of truth and universal good.

वि॒श्वे अ॒स्या व्यु॑षि॒ माहि॑नाय॒ः सं यद् गो॒भिर॑ङ्गि॒रसो॑ न॒वन्त ।
उत्स॑ आ॒सां प॒रमे॑ स॒धस्थ॑ ऋ॒तस्य॑ प॒था स॒रमा॑ वि॒दद्
गाः ॥ ८ ॥

Viśve asyā vyuṣi māhināyaḥ saṁ yad gobhirāṅgirasō navanta. Utsa āsāṁ parame sadhastha rtasya pathā saramā vidad gāḥ.

8. When on the rise of this glorious dawn the Angiras, vibrant scholars and sages dedicated to yajnic divinity, meet and rejoice with the rays of light, then, the oceanic source of these rays of light being in the highest heaven, it is the radiations of Divinity on the waves of nature's vitality that transmit the revelations

of light and knowledge and bless the yajnic seekers.

आ सूर्यो॑ यातु सप्ताश्वः॑ क्षेत्रं॑ यदस्योर्वि॒या दीर्घया॑थे । रघुः
श्येनः॑ पतय॒दन्धो॑ अ॒च्छ युवा॑ क॒विर्दी॑दय॒द् गोषु॑ गच्छन् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ā suryo yatu saptāśvaḥ kṣetram yadasyorviyā dirghayāthe. Raghuḥ śyenah patayad-andho acchā yuvā kavirdīdayad goṣu gacchan.*

Let the sun, commanding seven horses of its spectrum lights, come to the earthly part of its domain like a flying courser, a hawk-like harbinger of nectar, dispelling darkness, and ripening food with its light and heat, and let it shine, an unaging youth, a visionary creator and inspirer, going over lands and planets on the long course of its orbit in space.

So may the light of the Spirit descend into the earthly form of the body of five elements and five senses, mind and intelligence, and illuminate the individual personality of the soul to keep it a youthful visionary and self-inspiring poet, creatively playing around with the mind and senses, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and ripening the existential potential of its nature, across the world of five elements, and ahankara and mahan modes of nature, for its advancement over its eternal course.

आ सूर्यो॑ अरुहच्छुक्रमणो॑ऽयु॒क्त य॒द्धरि॒तो वी॒तपृ॒ष्ठाः । उ॒द्गा
न ना॒वम॑नयन्त॒ धी॒रा आशृ॑ण्व॒तीरा॒पो अ॒र्वाग॑तिष्ठन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ā sūryo aruhac-chukram-aṇo'yukta yaddharito vītapṛṣṭhāḥ. Udgā na nāvam-anayanta dhīrā āśṛṇvatīr-āpo arvāg-atīṣṭhan.*

When the sun yokes its far ranging rays of

spectrum light to its chariot, it rises over the bright and lustrous ocean of spatial waters, and its intelligent and well directed horses carry it over the orbit like the constant waves of the sea carrying a boat, with the result that the overflowing waters stand around listening and raining down in showers. Similarly when the self-luminous soul yokes the five senses, the five pranas and the mind and intelligence to its purpose of action in yoga yajna, it rises over the bright and blazing world of existence, the seven lights of natural powers, perceptive and well directed by the soul in the state of constancy, carry it over the waters around waiting for its orders, and the soul reaches its destination where it joins the Divine.

धियं वो अप्सु दधिषे स्वर्षा ययातरन्दश मासो नवग्वाः ।

अया धिया स्याम देवगोपा अया धिया तुतुर्यामात्यंहः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Dhiyaṁ vo apsu dadhiṣe svarṣāṁ yayātaran daśa māso navagvāḥ. Ayā dhiyā syāma devagopā ayā dhiyā tuturyāmatyāṁhaḥ.*

O divinities of nature and humanity, I pray, I may absorb into my pranic energies and actions that blissful intelligence of your gift by which the rising souls on the move cross the seas over ten months. May we, by this, be protectors and promoters of our sages and our divine nature. May we, by this, cross the seas over sin and evil.

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हयो न विद्राँ अयुजि स्वयं धुरि तां वहामि प्रतरणीमवस्युवम् ।

नास्या वश्मि विमुचं नावृतं पुनर्विद्वान्प्रथः पुरएत ऋजु
नेषति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Hayo na vidvañ ayuji svayaṁ dhuri tām vahāmi
pratarañīm-avasyuvam. Nāsyā vaśmi vimucaṁ
nāvṛtaṁ punarvidvān pathaḥ pura eta ṛju neṣati.*

Like a trained horse on the new path, the man of knowledge takes on a new programme, voluntarily. I too carry on the new programme which is protective, defensive and progressive. I do not want it abandoned, nor do I have anything reserved or secret about it, and further, only a scholar pioneer and leader advancing on the path of rectitude would take men and leaders forward.

अ॒ग्न॒ इन्द्र॒ वरु॑ण॒ मि॒त्र॒ दे॒वाः श॒र्धः॒ प्र॒ य॒न्त॒ मारु॑तो॒त वि॒ष्णो॒ ।
उ॒भा ना॑स॒त्या रु॒द्रो अ॒ध॒ ग्राः पू॒षा भ॒गः सर॑स्वती
जुष॑न्त ॥ २ ॥

2. *Agna indra varuṇa mitra devāḥ śardhaḥ pra yanta
mārutota viṣṇo. Ubhā nāsatyā rudro adha gnāḥ
pūṣā bhagaḥ sarasvatī juṣanta.*

Agni, O brilliant power of light, fire and knowledge, may Indra, powers of honour and excellence, Varuna, chosen powers of justice and goodness, Mitra, friends, devas, noble powers of nature and humanity, Vishnu, universal lover of life all over, Maruts, leaders of the force and speed of the winds, create strength and courage and bestow it on us. O Ashvins, cooperative powers of truth and rectitude of behaviour, Rudra, powers of justice and punishment, and voices of scholars and sages, Pusha, power of nourishment and vitality, Bhaga, creator of honour and prosperity and Sarasvati, spirit of knowledge, listen to our voice.

इन्द्राग्नी मित्रावरुणादितिं स्वः पृथिवीं द्यां मरुतः पर्वतां
अपः । हुवे विष्णुं पूषणं ब्रह्मणस्पतिं भगं नु शंसं
सवितारमृतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Indrāgnī mitrāvaruṇāditiṁ svaḥ pṛthivīm dyām
marutaḥ parvatān apaḥ. Huve viṣṇuṁ pūṣaṇaṁ
brahmaṇaspatiṁ bhagaṁ nu śaṁsaṁ savitāra-
mūṭaye.*

I invoke and study, for the benefit of protection and progress, heat, light and electricity, prana and udana energies of vitality, the atmosphere and the sky, the sun and higher regions of light, air and winds, clouds and mountains, waters and other liquids, all pervasive space, vitality of vyana energy, spirit of the universe, universal power and prosperity, creative energy of the universe, and all their positive and beneficial attributes and practical applications.

उत नो विष्णुरुत वातो अस्त्रिधो द्रविणोदा उत सोमो
मयस्करत् । उत ऋभव उत राये नो अश्विनोत त्वष्टोत
विभ्वानु मंसते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uta no viṣṇuruta vāto asridho draviṇodā uta somo
mayaskarat. Uta ṛbhava uta rāye no aśvinota
tvaṣṭota vibhvānu maṁsate.*

And may the omnipresent lord Vishnu, sustainer of life, Vata, waves of wind and electric energy, the creator and giver of wealth, and Soma, spirit of peace and joy do us good without delay or violence. And may the experts and specialists, and the Ashvins, complementarities of natural evolution, and the maker of forms and sophisticated designs, all with their skill

and power and knowledge enlighten and train us in arts and crafts for the achievement of life's wealth and honour.

उत त्वन्नो मारुतं शर्ध आ गमदिविक्षयं यजतं बर्हिरासदे ।
बृहस्पतिः शर्म पूषोत नो यमद्वरुथ्यं वरुणो मित्रो
अर्यमा ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Uta tvanno mārutaṁ śardha ā gamad divikṣayaṁ yajataṁ barhirāsade. Brhaspatiḥ śarma pūṣota no yamad varūthyam varuṇo mitro aryamā.*

And may that celestial and adorable power and force of the tempestuous nature of winds in consonance with joint human interest and advancement come and be installed in our homes, assemblies and centres of production. And may Brhaspati, father and ruler of the wide world, Pusha, giver of nourishment and sustenance, Varuna, highest leader of our choice, Mitra, friendly and loving as breath of life, and Aryama, lord of justice and correctitude grant us peace, joy and progress worthy of a happy home.

उत त्वे नः पर्वतासः सुशस्तयः सुदीतयो नद्यश्चामणे
भुवन् । भगो विभक्ता शवसावसा गमदुरुव्यचा अदितिः
श्रोतु मे हवम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Uta tye naḥ parvatāsaḥ suśastayaḥ sudītayo nadyastrāmane bhuvan. Bhago vibhaktā śavas-āvasā gamad-uruvyacā aditiḥ śrotu me havam.*

And may those clouds and mountains, and streams and rivers, admirable and majestic, shine and flow for our sustenance and progress. May Bhaga, lord of honour, excellence and prosperity, generous friend

of all, come to us with universal strength and protection, and may Aditi, inviolable Mother Nature of unbounded generosity respond to our invocation and prayer and bless us all.

देवानां पत्नीरुशतीरवन्तु नः प्रावन्तु नस्तुजये वाजसातये ।
याः पार्थिवासो या अपामपि व्रते ता नो देवीः सुहवाः
शर्म यच्छत ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Devānām patnīr-uśatīr-avantu naḥ prāvantu nastujaye vājasātaye. Yāḥ pārthivāso yā apāmapi vrata tā no devīḥ suhavāḥ śarma yacchata.*

May the motherly divinities of nature and the motherly women in happy and blessed homes of pious people, loving, sustaining and spontaneous, protect us, constantly advance us to rise in strength for the achievement of success in battles of life. May all these divinities and nobilities of the earth and of the oceans and celestial waters of space, constant in their holy tasks, ever responsive to our prayer give us peace and felicity of home and family.

उत गा व्यन्तु देवपत्नीरिन्द्राण्यग्नाव्यश्विनी राट् । आ रोदसी
वरुणानी शृणोतु व्यन्तु देवीर्य ऋतुर्जनीनाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta gnā vyantu devapatnīr-indrāṇyagnāyvaśvinī rāṭ. Ā rodasī varuṇānī śṛṇotu vyantu devīrya ṛturjanīnām.*

May the brilliant divinities of nature and women of noble and divine disposition, protective and progressive, be good and responsive to our voices of prayer. May motherly lightning energy, heat and healing energies, earth and heaven, spirit of justice and soothing

cool of waters, and the cycle of seasons respond. May mother ruler, mother leader, health care matrons, fertility of women, scholars of earth, heavens and oceans, be kind and responsive to our progress.

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Vishvedeva Devata, Pratiratha Atreya Rshi

प्रयुञ्जती दिव एति ब्रुवाणा मही माता दुहितुर्बोधयन्ती ।
आविवासन्ती युवतिर्मनीषा पितृभ्य आ सदाने जोहु-
वाना ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prayujñatī diva eti bruvāṇā mahī mātā duhitur-
bodhayanī. Āvivāsanī yuvatirmanīṣā pitṛbhya ā
sadane johuvānā.*

Great and glorious mother arises in all her youthful splendour from the lights of heaven and, invoked, invited and adored on the vedi, she comes with radiations of light and intelligence collected from the nourishing and sustaining divinities of nature and humanity, awakening, enlightening, speaking loud and bold, and preparing the daughter for life in the home with knowledge and wisdom. (The Dawn is mother, the earth is daughter.)

(The mother of the home, and the mother teacher in the school, is great and adorable as a human deity because, having collected her knowledge and wisdom from her parents and teachers, she arises like the dawn of light and prepares the daughter for intelligent living in an enlightened home.)

अजिरासस्तदप ईयमाना आतस्थिवांसो अमृतस्य नाभिम् ।
अनुन्तास उरवो विश्वतः सीं परि द्यावापृथिवी यन्ति
पन्थाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ajirāsastadapa īyamānā ātasthivāmso amṛtasya nābhim. Anantāsa uravo viṣvataḥ sīm pari dyāvāprthivī yanti panthāḥ.*

The radiations of the light of the dawn, as the actions of wise and brilliant parents and teachers, abiding in the centre of immortal eternity and flowing therefrom, move all round fast and ceaseless, vast and endless, on their paths across and over heaven and earth.

उक्षा समुद्रो अरुषः सुपर्णः पूर्वस्य योनिं पितुरा विवेश ।
मध्ये दिवो निहितः पृश्निरश्मा वि चक्रमे रजसस्या-
त्यन्तौ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ukṣā samudro aruṣaḥ suparṇaḥ pūrvasya yonim piturā viveṣa. Madhye divo nihitaḥ pṛśniraśmā vi cakrame rajasaspātyantau.*

The mighty deep and generous ocean of waters, the blazing sustainer bird of space, the sun, enters in the spatial womb of its mother, divine Nature, fertilized by the original and eternal father creator. Placed in the midst of the heavens of light like a multicolour diamond, it traverses on and on, lights up, sustains and marks the expansive ends of the upper and lower strata of the sphere of heaven.

चत्वार ई बिभ्रति क्षेमयन्तो दश गर्भं चरसे धापयन्ते ।
त्रिधातवः परमा अस्य गावो दिवश्चरन्ति परि सद्यो
अन्तान् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Catvāra īm bibhrati kṣemayanto daśa garbhaṁ carase dhāpayante. Tridhātavaḥ paramā asya gāvo divaścaranti pari sadyo antān.*

The directions of space, receiving the sustaining

light and warmth of life, bear it up. Ten directions of space feed the world they hold as a baby to keep it going. The rays of the sun radiate from the highest region of light and fill the threefold world of sattva, rajas and tamas, heaven, firmament and the earth, reaching all round to the borders of it almost instantly.

इदं वपुर्निवचनं जनासश्चरन्ति यन्नद्यस्तथुरापः ।

द्वे यदीं बिभृतो मातुरन्ये इहेह जाते यम्याहे सबन्धू ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Idam vapur-nivacanam janāsaścaranti yannadyastasthurāpaḥ. Dve yaḍīm bibhṛto māturanye iheha jāte yamyā sabandhū.*

Just as rivers hold and celebrate the flowing waters, so do people revere and adore this refulgent sun of wondrous form which two twin sisters, day and night, born of the same mother, hold and nurse the same one brother though born of another mother.

वि तन्वते धियो अस्मा अपांसि वस्त्रा पुत्राय मातरो वयन्ति ।

उपप्रक्षे वृषणो मोदमाना दिवस्पथा वध्वो यन्त्यच्छ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vi tanvate dhiyo asmā apāmsi vastrā putrāya mātaro vayanti. Upaprakṣe vṛṣaṇo modamānā divaspathā vadhvo yantyaccha.*

Celebrants compose songs of adoration from their heart and intellect and extend yajnic homage up to this sun by the paths of light and fire just as mothers weave and sew clothes for the child and joyous wives eagerly move to join their generous husbands.

तदस्तु मित्रावरुणा तदग्रे शं योस्मभ्यमिदमस्तु शस्तम् ।

अशीमहि गाधमुत प्रतिष्ठां नमो दिवे बृहते सार्दनाय ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tadastu mitrāvaruṇā tadagne śam yorasma-bhyamidamastu śastam. Aśīmahī gādhamuta pratiṣṭhām namo dive brhate sādanāya.*

O Mitra and Varuna, lord of love and judgement, sun and the sea, day and night, mother and father, prana and udana energies, O Agni, yajna fire purifier, revered teacher, teacher pioneer and giver of enlightenment, may this cherished song of ours be for our peace and blessedness which is all time free from suffering and pain. May we attain a home and haven of high excellence and unshakable honour and prestige. Salutations to the great and glorious heaven of light, eternal and imperishable!

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Vishvedeva Devata, Pratibhanu Atreya Rshi

कदु प्रियाय धाम्ने मनामहे स्वक्षत्राय स्वयशसे महे वयम् ।
आमेन्यस्य रजसो यद्भ्र आँ अपो वृणाना वितनोति
मायिनी ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kadu priyāya dhāmne manāmahe svakṣatrāya svayaśase mahe vayam. Āmenyasya rajaso yadabhra āñ apo vṛṇānā vitanoti māyini.*

When shall we all sing and celebrate in honour of our own domain, our cherished independent identity and social order, our own honour and glory, which, commanding its own power and splendour, pursuing its own policy, extends its resounding actions and waters of peace and freedom among the people, across the lands and over the clouds of immeasurable skies and spaces? When shall we think and reflect upon this?

ता अतत वयुनं वीरवक्ष्णं समान्या वृतया विश्वमा रजः ।
 अपो अपाचीरपरा अपेजते प्र पूर्वाभिस्तिरते देव-
 युर्जनः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā atnata vayunam vīravakṣaṇam samānyā vṛtayā viśvamā rajah. Apo apācīraparā apejate pra pūrvābhistirate devayurjanah.*

Those acts and policies of peace and freedom provide incentives to the brave and extend knowledge and positive action programmes over the entire world of humanity, through uniform treatment and equality of law for all. A brilliant nation of vision and noble action doesn't procrastinate over the present, agitating over the past or worrying and waiting for the future, it crosses the bridges in front right away.

आ ग्रावभिरहन्येभिरक्तुभिर्वरिष्ठं वज्रमा जिघर्ति मायिनि ।
 शतं वा यस्य प्रचरन्त्स्वे दमे संवर्तयन्तो वि च वर्त-
 यन्नहा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā grāvabhir-ahanyebhir-aktubhir-variṣṭham vajra-mā jighrti māyini. Śataṁ vā yasya pracarantsve dame saṁvartayanto vi ca vartayannahā.*

Ever and instantly, this nation shines and sharpens its best arms and armaments day and night with the stones (which sharpen the arms and press the soma too) or with the clouds of showers against the evil of want and suffering of ignorance, and otherwise too hundreds of its forces actively working together in their own fields spend their time moving forward in a state of readiness with a challenging spirit.

तामस्य रीतिं परशोरिव प्रत्यनीकमख्यं भुजे अस्य वर्षसः ।
सचा यदि पितुमन्तमिव क्षयं रत्नं दधाति भरहूतये
विशे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tāmasya rītiṁ paraśoriva pratyanīkamakhyam
bhuje asya varpasah. Sacā yadi pitumantamiva
kṣayam ratnam dadhāti bharahūtaye viṣe.*

That character and disposition, that form and policy of its dynamic flow, that admirable force of its arms like the razor's edge, I know, is in keeping with its identity for the purpose of peace, protection and progress, and, like a comfortable home full of plenty, it holds the jewels of wealth and felicity for the people at the beck and call of the inmates.

स जिह्वया चतुरनीक ऋञ्जते चारु वसानो वरुणो
यतन्नरिम् । न तस्य विद्य पुरुषत्वता वयं यतो भगः सविता
दाति वार्यम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa jihvayā caturanīka ṛñjate cāru vasāno varuṇo
yatannarim. Na tasya vidma puruṣatvatā vayam
yato bhagaḥ savitā dāti vāryam.*

The nation, the ruler, the fire, the sun, wearing a charming form, shining with forces all round in all four directions, encounters the opposing darkness with the tongue of light and flame. We know not how, with what strength and power, from where this Varuna, best and highest power of justice and wisdom, Bhaga, commanding wealth and felicity, Savita, inspiring all with exhilaration, brings and bestows on us all the cherished gifts of life, how he makes everything possible.

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देवं वो अद्य सवितारमेवे भगं च रत्नं विभजन्तमायोः ।
 आ वां नरा पुरुभुजा ववृत्यां दिवेदिवे चिदश्विना
 सखीयन् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Devam vo adya savitārameṣe bhagaṁ ca ratnaṁ vibhajantamāyoḥ. Ā vāṁ narā puru-bhujā vavṛtyāṁ divedive cidaśvinā sakhīyan.*

For you all today I love, gratefully desire and pray for favour of the brilliant and generous Savita, inspirer of light and life, Bhaga, treasure source of honour and prosperity and the loving spirit of life and living beings that showers the jewel wealth and felicity on all. O Ashvins, leading complementarities of nature powers and humanity, ruler and people, leaders and followers, men and women, parents and children, teachers and disciples, blessed participants and celebrants of life for all, I love to be friends with you and pray that I may love, cooperate and be with you day in and day out.

प्रति प्रयाणमसुरस्य विद्वान्सूक्तैर्देवं सवितारं दुवस्य । उप
 ब्रूवीत नमसा विजानञ्ज्येष्ठं च रत्नं विभजन्तमायोः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Prati prayāṇam-asurasya vidvānt-shuktairdevam savitāraṁ duvasya. Upa bruvīta namasā vijānañjyeṣṭhaṁ ca ratnaṁ vibhajantamāyoḥ.*

Sagely scholar, watch the evolution of life and energy, meditate on the self-refulgent Savita, inspirer of life, with Vedic songs of praise and prayer, and with homage and gratitude speak precisely of the supreme,

the most precious felicity pervading and participating in the evolution of life, knowing well the gifts of the lord.

अदत्रया दयते वार्याणि पूषा भगो अदितिर्वस्त उरः ।
इन्द्रो विष्णुर्वरुणो मित्रो अग्निरहानि भद्रा जनयन्त
दस्माः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Adatrayā dayate vāryāṇi pūṣā bhago aditirvasta usrah. Indro viṣṇurvaruṇo mitro agnirahāni bhadra janayanta dasmāḥ.*

Aditi, eternal and infinite creative power of lord Savita's Nature, Prakṛti, wears the mantle of the morning. Pusha, nature's nourishing power, and Bhaga, inexhaustible generosity, produce, promote and give the choicest gifts of food for consumption and creation of energy. Indra, catalytic radiation, Vishnu, all pervasive energy, Varuna, udana energy for evolution, Mitra, pranic energy of life, Agni, heat and light for life, all these creative and generative powers give rise to the days of light and bliss for us.

तन्नो अनुर्वा सविता वरूथं तत्सिन्धव इषयन्तो अनु गमन् ।
उप यद्वोचे अध्वरस्य होता रायः स्याम पतयो वाज-
रत्नाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tanno anarvā savitā varūtham tat sindhava iṣayanto anu gman. Upa yad voce adhvarasya hotā rāyaḥ syāma patayo vājaratnāḥ.*

May lord Savita, creator, with his radiating energy, grant us that treasure of cherished values of hearth and home which I celebrate as organiser and achiever of yajnic production, and which the flowing

rivers and swelling seas promote with love and desire in obedience to the lord. O lord, we pray, may we, blest with energy and felicity of existence, be protectors and promoters of the wealth of the world.

प्र ये वसुभ्य ईवदा नमो दुर्ये मित्रे वरुणे सूक्तवाचः ।

अवैत्वभ्वं कृणुता वरीयो दिवस्पृथिव्योरवास मदेम ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pra ye vasubhya ivadā namo durye mitre varuṇe sūktavācaḥ. Avaitvabhvaṁ kṛṇutā varīyo divasprthivyor-avasā madema.*

Let untold wealth and knowledge flow to those who offer homage and yajnic service to the Vasus, creative abodes of life and sustenance in the world of nature, and to those who raise their voice of adoration in honour of Mitra and Varuna, friendly sun and seas and all embracing space. O Vishvedevas, creative divinities, create for us wealth of exceptional order so that we may abide and enjoy under the protection of heaven and earth.

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विश्वो देवस्य नेतुर्मर्तो वुरीत सख्यम् ।

विश्वो राय इषुध्यति द्युम्नं वृणीत पुष्यसे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Viśvo devasya neturmarto vuṛīta sakhyam. Viśvo rāya iṣudhyati dyumnaṁ vṛṇīta puṣyase.*

Let all the mortals, people of the world, choose and win the favour and friendship of the brilliant leader and pioneer who targets and commands the wealth of the world. O people of the world choose the wealth,

power and splendour of the world for the sake of growth and advancement.

ते ते देव नेत॒र्ये चेमाँ अनु॑शसे ।

ते रा॒या ते ह्या॒ऽपृचे सचै॑महि सच॒थ्यैः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Te te deva netarye cemāñ anuśase.*
Te rāyā te hyāpṛce sacemahi sacathyaiḥ.

O brilliant leader and ruler, those who have chosen you are wholly for you, and so are these whom you approve and admire. All the assets and powers of the nation are yours to rule and protect, and to share, defend and augment the same we are keen to join you and win your favour.

अतो॑ न॒ आ नृ॑नति॒थीनतः॑ पत्नी॑र्दशस्यत ।

आ॒रे वि॒श्वं प॒थेष्ठां द्वि॒षो यु॒योतु॑ यू॒युविः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ato na ā nṛn-atithīn-ataḥ patnīr-daśasyata.*
Āre viśvaṁ patheṣṭhām dviṣo yuyotu yūyuvih.

From here, from this elective and promotive yajna of total cooperation, serve and strengthen and thereby promote us all, leaders, chance visitors, immigrants and others, raise and promote the women, mothers of the nation, and, maker and breaker as you are, throw off all the hate, enmity and negativities obstructing the paths of progress.

यत्र॑ वह्नि॒र्भिहि॑तो दु॒द्रव॑द द्रो॒ण्यः प॒शुः ।

नृ॒मणा॑ वी॒रप॑स्त्योऽर्णा॑ धीरे॑व स॒निता ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yatra vahnir-abhihito dudravat droṇyaḥ paśuḥ.*
Nṛmaṇā vīrapastyo'rṇā dhīreva sanitā.

Where the fire, placed, invoked and kindled in

the vedi rises in flames, where a fiery leader, elected, supported and enthused goes around watching and watched all round among a dynamic people, loving all and loved at heart by all, and where the homes abound with brave and brilliant youth, there the streams of prosperity flow deep and calm like inalienable partners of the nation.

एष ते देव नेता रथस्पतिः शं रयिः । शं राये शं स्वस्तये
इषःस्तुतो मनामहे देवस्तुतो मनामहे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Eṣa te deva netā rathaspatiḥ śaṁ rayiḥ. Śaṁ rāye śaṁ svastaya iṣaḥ stuto manāmahe devastuto manāmahe.*

O brilliant leader, pilot of the nation to peace and prosperity, this warrior of the chariot is yours, this peace, this wealth, power and prosperity is for you. This peace is for wealth and this peace and prosperity is for holiness of well-being. This warrior of the chariot, peace and prosperity honours and adores food, energy and knowledge. We love and adore this peace and prosperity. We love and adore you and the nation honoured by the divines.

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अग्ने सुतस्य पीतये विश्वैरूमेभिरा गहि ।
देवेभिर्हव्यदातये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne sutasya pītaye viśvair-ūmebhirā gahi. Devebhir-havyadātaye.*

Agni, light of knowledge and fire of life, come

with all the means and methods of protection and progress, come with all the divines of the world and divine generosities of nature to enjoy what knowledge and nourishment we have distilled for your treat and bring the wealth and knowledge you have gained for us.

ऋतधीतय आ गत सत्यधर्माणो अध्वरम् ।

अग्नेः पिबत जिह्वया ॥ २ ॥

2. *Rtadhītaya ā gata satyadharmāṇo adhvaram.*
Agneḥ pibata jihvayā.

O divine scholars, radiations of nature's vitalities, observers of the laws of universal truth, followers of the truth of Dharma and the Dharma of Truth, come to our yajna of love and non-violence and scientific creation in honour of the Lord. Agni, leading light of the world, drink the joy of life by the tongues of fire.

विप्रेभिर्विप्र सन्त्य प्रातर्यावभिरा गहि ।

देवेभिः सोमपीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Viprebhirvipra santya prātaryāvabhirā gahi.*
Devebhiḥ somapītaye.

O vipra, vibrant scholar, eminent sage of the present age, come with other scholars, with the knowledge and freshness of the morning light and breeze which stir and radiate with the dawn. Come with the divines for a drink of the soma we have distilled.

अयं सोमश्चमू सुतोऽमत्रे परि षिच्यते ।

प्रिय इन्द्राय वायवे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ayaṁ somaścamū suto'matre pari śicyate.*
Priya indrāya vāyave.

This soma, inspiring power and honour of the nation, reflected in the defence forces as soma is held in the charu vessel, and held in the body politic as soma is poured in the goblet, is the love and pride of Indra, ruling lord, and Vayu, tempestuous defence forces.

वायवा याहि वीतये जुषाणो हव्यदातये ।

पिबा सुतस्यान्धसो अभि प्रयः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vāyavā yāhi vītaye juṣāṇo havyadātaye.*
Pibā sutasyāndhaso abhi prayah.

O Vayu, force and power of the nation, come for the delight of a drink of the soma of knowledge and enlightenment with love and joy for the self sacrificing people. Enjoy the flavour of the food and stimulating taste of the drink on the tongue.

इन्द्रश्च वायवेषां सुतानां पीतिमर्हथः ।

ताञ्जुषेथामरेपसावभि प्रयः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indraśca vāyaveṣāṃ sutānāṃ pītimarhathaḥ.*
Tāñjuṣethām-arepasāvabhi prayah.

Indra and Vayu, ruler of the land and commander of the defence forces, you deserve a drink of the soma of the nation's power and culture. Come, watch the effects and delicacies of their taste and decency, and, inspired with love and holiness, enjoy the beauties of life.

सुता इन्द्राय वायवे सोमासो दध्याशिरः ।

निम्नं न यन्ति सिन्धवोऽभि प्रयः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sutā indrāya vāyave somāso dadhyāśiraḥ.*
Nimnaṃ na yanti sindhvo'bhi prayah.

Just as rivers flow downwards to the seas, so the sweetness and decency of the soma of human values and culture distilled with effort and cooperative action flow to Indra and Vayu, the strong and the progressive.

स॒जूर्वि॒श्वेभिर्दे॒वेभिर्श्वि॒भ्यामु॒षसां स॒जूः ।

आ या॒ह्यग्ने अ॒त्रिवत्सु॒ते र॑ण ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sajūrviśvebhirdevabhiraśvibhyāmuṣasā sajūḥ.*
Ā yāhyagne atrivat sute raṇa.

Agni, giver of enlightenment and the fire of life, friend and associate of all the generous divinities, companion of the dawn and the Ashvins, circuitous complementaries of natural energies, come into this world of creative humanity like an omnipresent power free from threefold bondage of body, mind and soul, rejoice and proclaim your message of light and love loud and bold.

स॒जूर्मि॒त्रावरु॑णाभ्यां स॒जूः सोमे॑न॒ विष्णु॑ना ।

आ या॒ह्यग्ने अ॒त्रिवत्सु॒ते र॑ण ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Sajūrmitrāvaruṇābhyām sajūḥ somena viṣṇunā.*
Ā yāhyagne atrivat sute raṇa.

Agni, giver of knowledge and power, come together with prana and udana energies of nature, come together with the peace and beauty of the moon and the vastness of omnipresent space, come like a sage free from the threefold worries of past, present and future, come to the world of creative and endeavouring humanity, rejoice and proclaim your message of knowledge and action loud and bold.

सजूरदित्यैर्वसुभिः सजूरिन्द्रेण वायुना ।

आ याह्यग्ने अत्रिवत्सुते रण ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sajūrādityairvasubhiḥ sajūrindreṇa vāyunā. Ā yāhyagne atrivat sute raṇa.*

Agni, giver of health and knowledge, come together with the light of the sun as in the changing months and seasons, come with the generosity of the abodes of life such as earth, come with the breath of life and glow of health, come with the force and freshness of the winds, come to the world of joint human yajna like one free from threefold ailments of body, mind and spirit, rejoice and proclaim your message of health and energy loud and bold.

स्वस्ति नो मिमीतामश्विना भगः स्वस्ति देव्यदितिरनुर्वणः ।

स्वस्ति पूषा असुरो दधातु नः स्वस्ति द्यावापृथिवी सुचेतुना ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Svasti no mimītām-aśvinā bhagaḥ svasti devya-ditir-anarvaṇaḥ. Svasti pūṣā asuro dadhātu naḥ svasti dyāvāpṛthivī sucetunā.*

May the Ashvins, complementarities of nature and humanity such as teachers and preachers, day and night, sun and moon, prana and apana energies, bring us peace and well-being. May Bhaga, lord of glory, bless us with peace and honour. May the eternal imperishable Mother Nature and indivisible Vedic revelation of omniscience bless the independent scholars with peace and spiritual joy and vision. May the nourishment and showers of the life-giving cloud bring us peace and joy. And may the heaven and earth bless us with peace of mind, joy of knowledge and spiritual illumination.

स्वस्तये वायुमुप ब्रवामहै सोमं स्वस्ति भुवनस्य यस्पतिः ।
 बृहस्पतिं सर्वगणं स्वस्तये स्वस्तये आदित्यासो भवन्तु
 नः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Svastaye vāyumupa bravāmahai somam svasti
 bhuvanasya yaspatiḥ. Bṛhaspatiṁ sarvagaṇaṁ
 svastaye svastaya ādityāso bhavantu naḥ.*

Let us study and describe Vayu, wind, energy, and pursue programmes of peace and joy for our social good and well-being. May the lord ruler who controls and sustains the world be good and kind to us. Let us pray to the Lord of the expansive universe and honour the head of all the world communities for our peace and progress. May the scholars of the highest order and the cycle of the solar phases of time and seasons be good and kind to us for our well-being.

विश्वे देवा नो अद्या स्वस्तये वैश्वानरो वसुर्ग्रिः स्वस्तये ।
 देवा अवन्त्वृभवः स्वस्तये स्वस्ति नो रुद्रः पात्वंहसः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Viśve devā no adyā svastaye vaiśvānaro vasu-
 ragniḥ svastaye. Devā avntvṛbhavaḥ svastaye
 svasti no rudraḥ pātvamhasaḥ.*

May all the generous divinities of nature and brilliant sages of the world be good and kind to us for our well-being today. May the all pervasive vitality of life's energy be kind and favourable for our peace and well-being. May all the generous scholars and brilliant experts be for our good and advancement in peace with joy. May Rudra, lord of law and justice, be good and kind and save us from sin for our well-being. May all the divinities protect us.

स्वस्ति मित्रावरुणा स्वस्ति पथ्ये रेवति । स्वस्ति न इन्द्रश्चा-
ग्रिश्च स्वस्ति नो अदिते कृधि ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Svasti mitrāvaruṇā svasti pathye revati.*
Svasti na indraścāgniśca svasti no adite kṛdhi.

May Mitra and Varuna, sun and moon, prana and udana energies of nature, rich in life's wealth of vitality, be for our good and well-being and guard us to move on the right path of action. May the universal electric energy and the vital heat of life's vitality be kind and good for our well-being. O Mother Nature, eternal and imperishable one, do us good, be kind and gracious.

स्वस्ति पन्थामनु चरेम सूर्याचन्द्रमसाविव ।
पुनर्ददताघ्नता जानता सं गमेमहि ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Svasti panthāmanu carema sūryācandrama-
sāviva. Punardadatāghnatā jānatā saṁ game-
mahi.*

Let us follow the path of peace, progress and well-being like the sun and moon, moving forward with men of knowledge and self-awareness, giving, receiving and giving again, in our orbit without hurting and encroachment on the rights of others, at the same time maintaining our own identity.

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प्र श्यावाश्व धृष्णुयाञ्चीं मरुद्भिर्ऋक्भिः ।
ये अद्रोघमनुष्वधं श्रवो मदन्ति यज्ञियाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra śyāvāśva dhr̥ṣṇuyā'rcā marudbhir-ṛkvabhiḥ.
Ye adrogham-anuṣvadam śravo madanti
yajñiyāḥ.*

O bold yajaka, riding the spectrum flames of holy fire, honour and celebrate those divinities worthy of reverence and homage who exult with electric vitalities of the winds and vibrancy of dynamic people without hate and jealousy within the laws of nature and their own potential, and who accept the homage and spontaneously respond according to nature.

ते हि स्थिरस्य शर्वसः सखायः सन्ति धृष्णुया ।

ते यामन्ना धृषद्विनस्मना पान्ति शश्वतः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Te hi sthirasya śavasah sakhāyaḥ santi dhr̥ṣṇuyā.
Te yāmannā dhr̥ṣadvinas-tmanā pānti śāsvataḥ.*

Bold and brilliant, they are friends and constant companions of the strong among the stable minded people, and on the highways of life they, sincerely and spontaneously, protect and promote the brave and resolute always without fail.

ते स्पन्द्रासो नोक्षणोऽति च्कन्दन्ति शर्वरीः ।

मरुतामधा महो दिवि क्षमा च मन्यहे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Te spandrāso nokṣaṇo'ti śkandanti śarvarīḥ.
Marutāmadhā maho divi kṣamā ca manmahe.*

Streaming and overflowing with generosity like the cloud and the sun, they shower the nights and dawns of twilight with showers of rain and dew. We admire and celebrate the grandeur, potential and forbearance of the winds on the heights of heaven and the strength and stability of vibrant people in the brilliance of

humanity.

मरुत्सु वो दधीमहि स्तोमं यजं च धृष्णुया ।

विश्वे ये मानुषा युगा पान्ति मर्त्यं रिषः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Marutsu vo dadhīmahī stomam yajñam ca dhṛṣṇuyā. Viśve ye mānuṣā yugā pānti martyam riṣaḥ.*

For you all, let us admire and honour all those of you and hold them among the Maruts as children of stormy winds and rays of light who protect our songs of praise and prayer and promote the flames and fragrance of yajna throughout human history and save humanity from violence with strength and determination.

अर्हन्तो ये सुदानवो नरो असामिश्रवसः ।

प्र यजं यज्ञियेभ्यो दिवो अर्चा मरुद्भ्यः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Arhanto ye sudānavo naro asāmiśavasah. Pra yajñam yajñiyebhyo divo arcā marudbhyah.*

Honour and admire those leading lights who are deservingly meritorious and commanding, generously charitable, strong and determined, loving and brilliant, and who dedicate their songs and yajna to the dynamic Maruts among humanity worthy of reverence.

आ रुक्मैरा युधा नरं ऋष्वा ऋष्टीरसृक्षत । अन्वेनाँ अहं
विद्युतो मरुतो जज्झतीरिव भानुरर्तं त्वना दिवः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā rukmairā yudhā nara ṛṣvā ṛṣṭīrasṛkṣata. Anvenāñ aha vidyuto maruto jajjhatīriva bhānu-rarta tmanā divaḥ.*

While the leading lights and mighty warriors

with blazing arms launch the attack upon the enemy, then, for sure, upon the heels of these tempestuous forces and shining leaders the light and splendour of the world follows spontaneously like roaring streams of water.

ये वावृधन्त पार्थिवा य उरावन्तरिक्ष आ ।

वृजने वा नदीनां सधस्थे वा महो दिवः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ye vāvr̥dhanta pāṛthivā ya urāvantrikṣa ā.*
Vr̥jane vā nadīnām sadhasthe vā maho divaḥ.

The heroes of the earth who rise in honour and glory, the winds and currents of lightning energy in the wide wide skies, or the roaring waters flowing in the river beds and around, or the splendour of the regions of light, these are the Maruts worthy of honour and celebration with homage.

शर्धो मारुतमुच्छंस सत्यशवसमृभ्वसम् ।

उत स्म ते शुभे नरः प्र स्पन्द्रा युजत त्वना ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Śardho mārutamucchaṁsa satyaśavasam-
 rbhvasam. Uta sma te śubhe naraḥ pra spandrā
 yujata tmanā.*

Honour and celebrate the strength and courage of humanity, admire and value the honest wisdom and rectitude of the scientist and the expert. O leading lights and brave pioneers of the human nation, moving forward with steadiness and dignity, join the onward march of humanity for a noble divine purpose. Join it conscientiously, honestly, without reservation.

उत स्म ते परुष्यामूर्णी वसत शुन्ध्यवः ।

उत पव्या रथानामद्रिं भिन्दन्त्योजसा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta sma te paruṣṇyāmūrṇā vasata śundhyavaḥ.
Uta pavyā rathānam-adriṁ bhindantyojasā.*

And they, the Maruts, leading lights and warriors, self-secure on the tortuous paths of existence, shining bright and pure, with their valour and wheels of the chariot ride the clouds and shatter the mountains.

आपथयो विपथयोऽन्तस्पथा अनुपथाः ।

एतेभिर्मह्यं नामभिर्यज्ञं विष्टार ओहते ॥ १० ॥

10. *Āpathayo vipathayo'ntaspathā anupathāḥ.
Etebhir-mahyam nāmabhir-yajñam viṣṭāra ohate.*

Travellers hitherwards, or travellers by various ways, or travellers over the interior ways, or travellers of open and successive ways, thus and by these names and descriptions they bring expansion to my yajna.

अथा नरो न्योहतेऽथा नियुत ओहते ।

अथा पारवता इति चित्रा रूपाणि दश्यी ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Adhā naro nyohate'dhā niyuta ohate.
Adhā pārāvatā iti citrā rūpāṇi darśyā.*

Leaders of knowledge and advancement, sometimes they carry the burdens by themselves, sometimes appointed as a team in cooperation with others, and sometimes stationed far away: thus their forms and functions are various, wondrous, beautiful and beatific.

छन्दःस्तुभः कुभन्यव उत्समा कीरिणो नृतुः ।

ते मे के चित्र तायव ऊमा आसन्दृशि त्विषे ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Chandaḥ stubhaḥ kubhanyava utsamā kīriṇo
nṛtuḥ. Te me ke cinna tāyava ūmā āsan dṛśi tviṣe.*

Poetic celebrities, some of them, thirsting for self-expression, burst out in lyrics and sing and dance in divine ecstasy from the depth of the heart. Some of them like streams profusely flowing for us are protectors and saviours, and some of them shine in the sight of the beholder because shine they must by nature.

य ऋष्या ऋष्टिविद्युतः कवयः सन्ति वेधसः ।

तमृषे मारुतं गुणं नमस्या रमया गिरा ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ya ṛṣvā ṛṣṭividyutah kavayah santi vedhasah.
Tamṛṣe mārutaṁ gaṇaṁ namasyā ramayā girā.*

Those who are great and strong, formidable scholars of science, of heat, light and electric energy, poetic visionaries, writers and singers, and sages of the sacred love: for that class of dynamic leaders and path finders, O Rshi, seer, sage and scholar, offer reverence and homage and, with the celebrant's words of praise and appreciation, give them the feel of the joy and holiness of their vocation.

अच्छ ऋषे मारुतं गुणं दाना मित्रं न योषणा ।

दिवो वा धृष्णव ओजसा स्तुता धीभिरिषण्यत ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Accha ṛṣe mārutaṁ gaṇaṁ dānā mitraṁ na yoṣaṇā. Divo vā dhṛṣṇava ojasā stutā dhībhir-iṣanyata.*

Just as a maiden goes to her chosen friend and love, so, O Rshi, sagely seer and scholar, with gifts of homage, go reverentially to the congregation of the Maruts, dynamic scholars, leaders and divinities of the world. O Maruts, brilliant as light, loving, bold and determined, blazing with splendour, celebrated by the

wise and visionaries, come, hasten to our yajna and receive our homage.

नू मन्वान एषां देवाँ अच्छ न वक्षणा ।

दाना सचेत सूरिभिर्यामश्रुतेभिरञ्जिभिः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Nū manvāna eṣāṁ devāñ acchā na vakṣaṇā.*
Dānā saceta sūribhir-yāmaśrutebhir-añjibhiḥ.

As the stream flows and meets the sea, so should the man of thought and reverence eagerly meet the Maruts, brilliant and divine natures in humanity, with gifts of homage and associate with the wise and brave, celebrated and gracious scholars, leaders and path makers who are well versed in law and the ethics of conduct.

प्र ये मे बन्ध्वेषे गां वोचन्त सूरयः पृश्निं वोचन्त मातरम् ।
 अर्धा पितरमिष्मिणं रुद्रं वोचन्त शिक्वसः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Pra ye me bandhveṣe gāṁ vocanta sūrayaḥ*
prṣṇiṁ vocanta mātaram. Adhā pitaramiṣm-iṣaṁ
rudraṁ vocanta śikvasaḥ.

I meet, associate, and write with the Maruts, those leading lights wise and brave who speak to me as to a friend and brother in search of human and divine bonding. Mighty powerful are they who speak to me of the Holy Word, of heat and light of the sun, the earth and the cow. They speak of the rainbow skies and spaces, and of Mother Nature, and then they reveal to me the omnipresent omnipotent Father and Rudra, lord of justice and mercy.

सप्त मे सप्त शाकिन् एकमेका शता ददुः । यमुनायामधि
 श्रुतमुद्राधो गव्यं मृजे नि राधो अश्व्यं मृजे ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Sapta me sapta śākina ekamekā śatā daduḥ.
Yamunāyāmadhi śrutamud rādho gavyaṁ mṛje
ni rādho aśvyaṁ mṛje.*

Seven and seven are the Maruts, wise and brave, and each one of them gives me a hundred gifts of knowledge, will and strength for action, and love of life and divine worship. What I have heard comprehensively on yama and niyama, ethics of conduct in social and personal life, and on the subject of success regarding earthly life (abhyudaya), and the philosophy of attainment and ultimate destination and arrival (nihshreyas), I specify and refine for practical application and success in the earthly situation and in relation to the ultimate freedom of Moksha in the personal psychic and spiritual situation.

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को वेद जानमेषां को वा पुरा सुमनेष्वास मरुताम् ।
यद्युयुज्रे किलास्यः ॥ १ ॥

- 1 *Ko veda jānameṣāṁ ko vā purā sumneṣvāsa
marutām. Yad yuyujre kilāsyah.*

Who knows the origin of these Maruts? Who was present in the peace and pleasure of the Maruts? Whoever concentrates the mind, meditates on their presence, and joins them, and then has the clear and specific language to describe them, knows these stormy powers.

ऐतान् रथेषु तस्थुषः कः शुश्राव कथा ययुः ।
कस्मै सस्रुः सुदासे अन्वापय इलाभिर्वृष्टयः सह ॥ २ ॥

2. *Aitān ratheṣu tasthuṣaḥ kaḥ śuśrāva kathā yayuḥ.
Kasmai sasruḥ sudāse anvāpaya ilābhirvr̥ṣṭayaḥ
saha.*

Who perceives them riding their chariot on earth and in the skies and who knows whither they move? For which generous man or power do they rise and flow and turn like friends with the showers of their mysterious message and food for life?

ते म आहुर्य आययुरुप द्युभिर्विभिर्मदे ।
नरो मयी अरेपस इमान्पश्यन्निति ष्टुहि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Te ma āhurya āyayurupa dyubhir-vibhir-made.
Naro maryā arepasa imān pasyanniti ṣṭuhi.*

They speak to me who come to me with lights of revelation, flying like birds in ecstasy: "Noble men among mortals free from sin and folds of ignorance have seen these Maruts." Say this, appreciate and praise the Maruts.

ये अञ्जिषु ये वाशीषु स्वभानवः स्रक्षु रुक्मेषु खादिषु ।
श्राया रथेषु धन्वसु ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ye añjiṣu ye vāṣiṣu svabhānavah sraḥṣu rukmeṣu
khādiṣu. Śrāyā ratheṣu dhanvasu.*

The people who are innately brilliant, who shine in their open works and achievements, in their speech and expression, in garlands of applause in series of action programmes, in their golds and jewels of honour, and who ride pioneering chariots of nations and resound in the twang of their bow: they are the Maruts.

युष्माकं स्मा रथाँ अनु मुदे दधे मरुतो जीरदानवः ।
वृष्टी द्यावो यतीरिव ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yuṣmākaṁ smā rathāñ anu mude dadhe maruto
jīradānavaḥ. Vṛṣṭī dyāvo yañiriva.*

O Maruts, leading lights and unaging pioneers,
I take to your chariots for your pleasure and exhilaration
and rise to the clouds of shower and lights of heaven.

आ यं नरः सुदानवो ददाशुषे दिवः कोशमचुच्यवुः ।
वि पर्जन्यं सृजन्ति रोदसी अनु धन्वना यन्ति वृष्टयः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā yaṁ naraḥ sudānavo dadāśuṣe divaḥ kośam-
acucyavuh. Vi parjanyaṁ sṛjanti rodasī anu dhan-
vanā yanti vṛṣṭayah.*

The treasure wealth of holy vapours, which the
generous leading lights of the science of yajna cause to
move from the regions of sunlight for the generous
creators and givers of food and energy, shower down to
the earth and skies: The skies then form the clouds and
let them rain down on the earth and the floods move as
directed over the thirsty lands.

(This mantra is on the science of rain and
irrigation which can further be explained with reference
to Chhandogya Upanishad 5, 4, 1 to 5, 8, 2, and Gita 3,
14-16.)

ततृदानाः सिन्धवः क्षोदसा राजः प्र सस्रुर्ध्वेनवो यथा ।
स्यन्ना अश्वा इवाध्वनो विमोचने वि यद्वर्तन्त एन्यः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tatṛdānāḥ sindhavaḥ kṣodasā rajaḥ pra sasru-
rthenavo yathā. Syannā āśvā ivādhvano vimocane
vi yad vartanta enyah.*

Released and freely flowing, soaking and
breaking the lands with the flood, the rivers flow over

and on, irrigating the lands like mother cows feeding the people. Like horses they go on covering and leaving their track behind, the streams revolve as they go on in their circular course of yajna.

आ यात मरुतो दिव आन्तरिक्षादुमादुत ।

माव स्थात परावतः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ā yāta maruto diva āntarikṣādāmāduta.
Māva sthāta parāvataḥ.*

O Maruts, leading lights and stormy forces of nature and humanity, creators and givers, come, come from the lights of heaven, come from the skies, come from near and afar, be on the move, never stay still, do not stagnate.

मा वो रसानितभा कुभा क्रमुर्मा वः सिन्धुर्नि रीरमत् ।

मा वः परि षात्सरयुः पुरीषिण्यस्मे इत्सुप्नमस्तु वः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Mā vo rasānitabhā kubhā krumurmā vaḥ
sindhurni rīramat. Mā vaḥ pari ṣṭhat sarayuh
purīṣiṇyasme it sumnamastu vaḥ.*

May the earth and her environment never move without light and water for you. May the flowing river and the rolling sea never stop for you. May the wind and vapour, blowing, flowing and refreshing for human habitations never be still. May everything, every force of the Maruts, on the earth and in the environment be for your comfort and well being. Let nothing hold you back.

तं वः शर्ध रथानां त्वेषं गुणं मारुतं नव्यसीनाम् ।

अनु प्र यन्ति वृष्टयः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tam vaḥ śardham rathānām tveṣam gaṇam mārutam navyasīnām. Anu pra yanti vr̥ṣṭayaḥ.*

O people of the earth, the showers of peace, comfort and well being rain down on you in response to your strength, the speed and shine of your war-like chariots, the joint power and performance of your leaders, and the latest powers and policies you work out and follow for your peace and progress.

शर्धंशर्धं व एषां व्रातंव्रातं गुणंगणं सुशस्तिभिः ।

अनु क्रामेम धीतिभिः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Śardham-śardham va eṣām vr̥tām-vr̥tām gaṇam-gaṇam suśastibhiḥ. Anu krāmema dhītibhiḥ.*

Let us move together step by step in disciplined order in accord with the united interests and aspirations of each unit of the defence forces, each unit of the economic order and each unit of the social order of these people for you all as a nation with the appraisal and appreciation of these with the best of our understanding and action.

कस्मा अद्य सुजाताय रातहव्याय प्र ययुः ।

एना यामेन मरुतः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Kasmā adya sujātāya rātahavyāya pra yayuḥ. Enā yāmena marutaḥ.*

For which cultured, creative and generous personality, for which producing and providing community of yajnic gifts, do the Maruts, dynamic forces of life, move forward today by this chariot with controlled motion and direction?

येन तोकाय तनयाय धान्यं^१ बीजं वहध्वे अक्षितम् ।

अस्मभ्यं तद्धतनं यद्व इमहे राधो विश्वायु सौभगम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yena tokāya tanayāya dhānyaṁ bījaṁ vahadhve akṣitam. Asmabhyaṁ tad dhattana yad va īmahe rādho viśvāyu saubhagam.*

O Maruts, dynamic and progressive leaders and powers of life, that action and message of advancement by which you create and bear the food and imperishable seed of life and progress for the baby and the child and the rising generation, bear and bring the same gifts and action for us too, the honour and good fortune, universal health and wealth, and the secret and source of that accomplishment we ask of you.

अतीयाम निदस्तिरः स्वस्तिभिर्हित्वावद्यमरातीः ।

वृष्टी शं योराप उस्त्रि भेषजं स्याम मरुतः सह ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Atīyāma nidastiraḥ svastibhir-hitvāvadyamarātīḥ. Vṛṣṭvī śaṁ yorāpa ustri bheṣajaṁ syāma marutaḥ saha.*

O citizens and leaders of the world, let us get over the malignant scandalisers and crooked evil mongers, having given up inner evils and despicable failures and adversities with noble thoughts and positive actions. Let us have the showers of peace and united action, waters of holiness, light of truth and wisdom, and food and tonics for good health, all with the Maruts together.

सुदेवः समहासति सुवीरो नरो मरुतः स मर्त्यः ।

यं त्रायध्वे स्याम ते ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Sudevaḥ samahāsati suvīro naro marutaḥ sa martyaḥ. Yaṁ trāyadhve syāma te.*

O Maruts, leading lights of life, great and glorious, brilliant is that man, brave and fearless, whom you protect and promote across the seas. Let us too be the same, your own, all for you.

स्तुहि भोजान्तस्तुवतो अस्य यामनि रण्णावो न यवसे ।
यतः पूर्वोऽिव सखीरनु ह्य गिरा गृणीहि कामिनः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Stuhi bhojānt-stuvato asya yāmani raṇaṇ gāvo na yavase. Yataḥ pūrvāṅ iva sakhiṅranu hvaya girā grṇīhi kāmīnaḥ.*

Adore the Maruts, natural saviours and leading lights of humanity, givers of life and food for energy while moving on the holy path of this yajnic celebrant of theirs, rejoicing at the same time like cows running for their favourite grass. Invoke them like ancient eternal friends, and, loving as they are, celebrate them with holy songs of adoration.

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प्र शर्धीय मारुताय स्वभानव इमां वाचमनजा पर्वतच्युते ।
घर्मस्तुभे दिव आ पृष्ठयज्वने द्युमनश्रवसे महि नृम्ण-
मर्चत ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra śardhāya mārutāya svabhānava imāṁ vācamanajā parvatacyute. Gharmastubhe diva ā prṣṭhayajvane dyumnaśravase mahi nṛmṇa-mar-cata.*

For the self-refulgent force and power of the

Maruts, leading lights of humanity, offer this song of adoration. And for the renowned yajaka who lights and feeds the fire to adore the divinities of nature through yajna on the heights, moves the clouds and brings the showers, offer gifts of human wealth of high value with songs of praise and appreciation. Loving scholars value the gifts of divinity from the lights of heaven.

प्र वो मरुतस्तविषा उदन्यवो वयोवृधो अश्वयुजः
परिज्रयः । सं विद्युता दधति वाशति त्रितः स्वरन्त्या-
पोऽ वना परिज्रयः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Pra vo marutas-taviṣā udanyavo vayovṛdho aśva-yujah pariṣrayah. Saṁ vidyutā dadhati vāśati tritaḥ svarantyāpo's vanā pariṣrayah.*

O Maruts of sky and space, your powerful currents of wind laden with vapours, bearers of food, energy and healthful age for living beings, going all round on the wings of electric energy, take on the thunder of lightning roaring as trinity of wind, water and lightning, and the waters shower over the earth everywhere as harbingers of food and health for all.

विद्युन्महसो नरो अश्मदिद्यवो वातत्विषो मरुतः पर्वतच्युतः ।
अब्दया चिन्मुहुरा ह्रादुनीवृतः स्तनयदमा रभसा उदो-
जसः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vidyunmahaso naro aśmadidyavo vātatviṣo marutaḥ parvatacyutaḥ. Abdayā cinmuhurā hrādunīvṛtaḥ stanayadamā rabhasā udojasah.*

O leading lights of humanity, know that the Maruts command the mighty electric energy in the skies, light up the thunder, energise the winds and break the

clouds. Blazing with splendour, ferocious with force, roaring with thunder, they wear the rumble of spatial boom shaking the mountains and burst in floods of incessant rain.

व्य॑त्तू॒द्रा व्य॑हानि शि॒क्वसो॒ व्य॑न्तरि॒क्षं वि रजांसि॑
धू॒तयः॑ । वि यदज्राँ अज॑त् नव ई॒ यथा॒ वि दुर्गा॑णि मरुतो॒
नाह॑ रिष्यथ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vyaktūn rudrā vyahāni śikvaso vyantarikṣam vi rajāmsi dhūtayaḥ. Vi yadajrāñ ajatha nāva im yathā vi durgāṇi maruto nāha riṣyatha.*

O potent Maruts, mighty blazing and roaring powers of cosmic winds, Rudras, breakers and makers of things, you shake the nights and days in and out, you shake the skies and atmosphere, you move the particles of matter and pass over regions as the ship sails over the sea. You break open the strongholds of nature and yet you never hurt nor destroy.

तद्दी॒र्घं वो मरुतो॑ महि॒त्व॒नं दी॒र्घं त॑तान् सूर्यो॑ न योज॒नम् ।
ए॒ता न या॑मे अगृ॑भीतशो॒चिषो॑ऽन॒श्वदां॑ यन्न॒या॒तना॑
गि॒रिम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tad vīryam vo maruto mahitvanam dīrgham tatāna sūryo na yojanam. Etā na yāme agrbhī-taśociṣo'naśvadām yannyayātana girim.*

That lustre and splendour of yours, that extensive grandeur of yours radiates like the light and gravitation of the sun. Incomprehensible is the course of your radiations of energy which penetrates even the dark and densest clouds and mountains which are otherwise impenetrable.

अभ्राजि शर्धो मरुतो यदर्णसं मोषथा वृक्षं कपनेव वेधसः ।
अर्धस्मा नो अरमतिं सजोषसश्चक्षुरिव यन्तमनु नेषथा
सुगम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Abhrāji śardho maruto yadarn̄asam moṣathā
vr̥kṣam kapaneva vedhasaḥ. Adha smā no
aramatiṁ sajoṣasaś-cakṣuriva yantamanu
neṣathā sugam.*

O Maruts, leading lights of nature and humanity, commanders of strength, creativity and intelligence, your power and splendour is apparent as it shines since, like a storm, it shakes the flood and the forest. O friends and comrades, guide our activity relentlessly in motion onward on the straight and right path just as the eye shows the path to the traveller and helps him to move on and makes it easy for him to follow.

न स जीयते मरुतो न हन्यते न स्त्रेधति न व्यथते न रिष्यति ।
नास्य राय उप दस्यन्ति नोतय ऋषिं वा यं राजानं वा
सुबूदथ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na sa jīyate maruto na hanyate na sredhati na
vyathate na riṣyati. Nāsyā rāya upa dasyanti
notaya ṛṣiṁ vā yaṁ rājānam vā suṣūdatha.*

O Maruts, divine powers of nature and brilliant leading lights of humanity, the person you protect and guide, mature, refine and temper is never overcome, nor killed, nor decays, fears or falls, nor hurts anyone. Nor do his powers, honours and excellence, defences and protections ever deplete and exhaust. Indeed, the person grows in knowledge as a sage and shines bright in splendour as a leader and ruler.

नियुत्वन्तो ग्रामजितो यथा नरोऽर्यमणो न मरुतः
कवन्धिनः । पिवन्त्युत्सं यदिनासो अस्वरन्व्युन्दन्ति पृथिवीं
मध्वो अन्धसा ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Niyutvanto grāmajito yathā naro 'ryamaṇo na marutaḥ kavandhinah. Pinvantyutsam yadināso asvaran vyundanti pṛthivīm madhvo andhasā.*

Great organisers, winners of multitudes and human habitations like leading lights, makers of men and dispensers of justice on the paths of life, the Maruts are reservoirs of vitality and exhilaration like the clouds of living waters and freshness of breeze. And when the mighty forces set out in motion, whistling, roaring, thundering, they fill the rivers, lakes and oceans over and surfeit the earth with honey sweets of food and energy for the joy of life.

प्रवत्वतीयं पृथिवी मरुद्भ्यः प्रवत्वती द्यौर्भवति प्रयद्भ्यः ।
प्रवत्वतीः पृथ्या अन्तरिक्ष्याः प्रवत्वन्तः पर्वता जीरदानवः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pravatvatīyaṁ pṛthivī marudbhyaḥ pravatvatī dyaurbhavati prayadbhyaḥ. Pravatvatīḥ pathyā antarikṣyāḥ pravatvantaḥ parvatā jīradānavah.*

The wide world of abundant ways opens and clears its highways for the Maruts, adventurers who move like winds. The heaven of light extends all her expansive spaces for those who fly. The regions of the skies open up their paths for the winds, and the life giving clouds and mountains open up their depths and caverns for the heroes of initiative and adventure.

यन्मरुतः सभरसः स्वर्णरुः सूर्य उदिते मदथा दिवो नरः ।
न वोऽश्वाः श्रथयन्ताह सिस्त्रतः सद्यो अस्याध्वनः
पारमश्नुथ ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yanmarutaḥ sabharasaḥ svarṇaraḥ sūrya udite madathā divo naraḥ. Na vo'śvā śrathayantāha sisrataḥ sadyo asyādhvanaḥ pāramaśnutha.*

O Maruts, leading lights of the love of life and joy of heaven, you bear the burdens of life together for all and lead them all to celestial joy and the truth of Dharma. You feel delighted and celebrate the sunrise, and never do your horses in harness relent, but galloping on at high speed reach the destined end of this existential highway.

अंसैषु व ऋष्टयः पत्सु खादयो वक्षःसु रुक्मा मरुतो रथे
शुभः । अग्निभ्राजसो विद्युतो गर्भस्त्योः शिप्राः शीर्षसु वितता
हिरण्ययीः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Aṁseṣu va ṛṣṭayaḥ patsu khādayo vakṣaḥsu rukmā maruto rathe śubhaḥ. Agnibhrājaso vidyuto gabhastyoḥ śiprāḥ śīrṣasu vitatā hiraṇyayīḥ.*

O Maruts, warriors of the winds for humanity, on your shoulders are blazing lances, at your feet your assistants, on your chests are shining corselets, on your chariot are flames of the purity of fire, in your hands are flashes of lightning, and on your heads are protective golden helmets. Victory is assured.

तं नार्कमर्यो अगृभीतशोचिषं रुशत्पिप्पलं मरुतो वि धूनुथ ।
समच्यन्त वृजनातिविषन्त यत्स्वरन्ति घोषं विततमृता-
यवः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Taṁ nākam-aryo agrbhūtaśociṣaṁ ruṣat pippalaṁ maruto vi dhūnutha. Samacyanta vrjanātitiṣanta yat svaranti ghoṣaṁ vitatam-rtāyavaḥ.*

O Maruts, leading celebrants of action and Divinity, like a master of his own freedom in the laws of Truth and Divinity, shake the tree of existence by your noble action, bring down the balance sheet of your fruits of karma to Zero and win that rewarding state of ultimate freedom and bliss, void of suffering, beyond comprehension, which is pure ineffable refulgence of Divinity. Winding up their tally of karma, dismantling their fortifications, shining in the light divine, waxing in their search for Truth, when the celebrants raise the chant of Aum, they declare the victory and rest at the end of the road.

युष्मादत्तस्य मरुतो विचेतसो रायः स्याम रथ्योऽे वयस्वतः ।
न यो युच्छति तिष्योऽे यथा दिवोऽेऽस्मे रारन्त मरुतः
सहस्रिणम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yuṣmādattasya maruto vicetaso rāyaḥ syāma rathyo vayasvataḥ. Na yo yucchatī tiṣyo yathā divo'sme rāranta marutaḥ sahasriṇam.*

O Maruts, leading lights of wisdom and vision for humanity, masters of discriminative knowledge, travelling by radiations of Divinity in the mind, let us, we pray, be masters of the life-giving wealth of light divine given by you. O Maruts, bless us with that wealth of thousandfold value which decays not but shines like a star of heaven for ever.

यूयं रयिं मरुतः स्पार्हवीरं यूयमृषिमवथ सामविप्रम् ।
यूयमर्वीन्तं भरताय वाजं यूयं धत्थ राजानं श्रुष्टिमन्तम् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Yūyam rayim marutaḥ spārhavīram yūyam-rṣim-
avatha sāmavipram. Yūyam-arvantaḥ bhara-tāya
vājam yūyam dhattha rājānam śruṣṭi-mantam.*

O Maruts, leading lights of humanity, you protect and promote the heroic wealth, honour and excellence of the nation with her heroes. You revere, protect and promote the sage who chants the hymns of Samaveda in celebration of humanity and Divinity. You bear and bring the food, energy and the speed of progress for the maintenance of life on the globe, and you hold and maintain the harmonious, dynamic and glorious social order on earth.

तद्वो॑ यामि॒ द्रवि॑णं सद्य॒ऊतयो॑ येना॒ स्व॒र्णं त॒तना॑म॒ नृ॒र॒भि ।
इदं॑ सु मे॒ मरु॑तो ह॒र्यता॑ वचो॒ यस्य॑ तरे॒म तर॑सा श॒तं हि॑माः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Tad vo yāmi draviṇam sadya-ūtayo yenā svarṇa
tatanāma nṛṇrabhi. Idam su me maruto haryatā
vaco yasya tarema tarasā śataḥ himāḥ.*

O Maruts, leading lights of humanity and generous divinities of nature, instant givers of protection and all round support, listen and accept this holy voice of mine: I feel blest with that wealth of yours by which we can promote the life of humanity as in a heaven of bliss on earth, and by which we would live a happy life over a hundred years with strength and success.

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प्रय॑ज्यवो म॒रुतो॑ भ्राज॒दृष्ट्यो॑ बृ॒हद्व्यो॑ दधिरे रु॒क्मव॑क्षसः ।
ईर्य॑न्ते अ॒श्वैः सु॒यमे॑भिरा॒शुभिः॑ शु॒भं या॒तामनु॑ रथा॒
अवृ॑त्सत ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prayajyavo maruto bhrājad-ṛṣṭayo bṛhad-vayo dadhire rukma-vakṣasaḥ. Īyante āsvaiḥ suyamebhir-āśubhiḥ śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

Adorable Maruts, devout pioneers and leading lights of yajnic progress in unison with humanity, commanding vast knowledge and power to bear the mighty burdens of life, wielding brilliant weapon in hand with golden corselet on the chest, press forward by coursers of instant speed controlled by sense and judgement. So do their noble chariots on and on.

Let the chariots roll on with the leading lights on way to the land of honour and excellence.

स्वयं दधिध्वे तविषीं यथा विद बृहन्महान्त उर्विया वि
राजथ । उतान्तरिक्षं ममिरे व्योजसा शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ २ ॥

2. *Svayaṁ dadhidhve taviṣīm yathā vida bṛhanmahānta urviyā vi rājatha. Utāntarikṣaṁ mamire vyojasa śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

Great and glorious as you are, you know, you hold and command the blazing forces by yourself, and while you go over, explore and know the vast earth and the environment, rule accordingly and shine. And let the chariots roll on with the blazing pioneers and with their might and splendour traverse the skies and spaces.

साकं जाताः सुभ्वः साकमुक्षिताः श्रिये चिदा प्रतुरं
वावृधुर्नरः । विरोकिणः सूर्यस्येव रश्मयः शुभं यातामनु
रथा अवृत्सत ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sākaṁ jātāḥ subhvaḥ sākamukṣitāḥ śriye cidā prataraṁ vāvṛdhurnaraḥ. Virokiṇaḥ sūryasyeva raśmayāḥ śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

Maruts, leading lights and rulers of the earth and her children, risen together, excellent, anointed, sanctified and covenanted together for the honour, excellence and grace of life, rise and advance the freedom and happiness of life for the people, and thus, with their interests and holy ambitions, shine in truth and rectitude like rays of the sun. Let the chariots roll on with the leading lights to the holy lands of bliss and freedom.

आभूषेण्यं वो मरुतो महित्वनं दिदृक्षेण्यं सूर्यस्येव चक्ष्णम् ।
उतो अस्माँ अमृतत्वे दधातन् शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ābhūṣeṇyaṁ vo maruto mahitvanam didṛkṣeṇ-
yam sūryasyeva cakṣaṇam. Uto asmāñ amṛtatve
dadhā-tana śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, leading lights of life, graceful is your greatness and grandeur, radiant your form and conduct as light of the sun. With your light and grace, lead us to establish ourselves in the regions of immortality. Let the chariots roll on with the leading lights to the heights of goodness and grace.

उदीरयथा मरुतः समुद्रतो यूयं वृष्टिं वर्षयथा पुरीषिणः । न
वो दस्रा उप दस्यन्ति धेनवः शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Udīrayathā marutaḥ samudrato yūyaṁ vṛṣṭim
varṣayathā purīṣiṇaḥ. Na vo dasrā upa dasyanti
dhenavaḥ śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, ruling lights of the earth, just as the winds raise vapours from the seas and shower them

down from the sky, so you inspire the people, energise the earth, shake up the clouds and bring the showers of prosperity from the seas and spaces. O wondrous workers and generous leaders, the fertilities of nature, sunlight, earths and cows never desert you, nor ever exhaust for you. Let the chariots of life roll on with the leading lights of generosity to happiness and prosperity.

यदश्वान्धूर्षु पृषतीरयुग्ध्वं हिरण्ययान्प्रत्यत्कां अमुग्ध्वम् ।
विश्वा इत्स्मृधो मरुतो व्यस्यथ शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yadaśvān dhūrṣu pṛṣatīr-ayugdhvam hiraṇya-yān pratyatkāñ amugdhvam. Viśvā it sprdho maruto vyasyatha śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, windy travellers of the skies, when you use liquid fuel and air for motive power in the front part of your chariot, put on your protective golden suit and release the energy drop by drop and spark by spark, you leave behind all the contestants on the journey. Let the chariots roll on with the travellers of space for a noble cause for a noble destination.

न पर्वता न नद्यो वरन्त वो यत्राचिध्वं मरुतो गच्छथेदु
तत् । उत द्यावापृथिवी याथना परि शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na parvatā na nadyo varanta vo yatrācidhvaṁ maruto gacchathedu tat. Uta dyāvāpṛthivī yāthanā pari śubhaṁ yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, heroes of the earth and skies, no mountains, nor clouds, nor rivers in flood any way obstruct your course wherever you travel, nor do they

disturb the place you reach. Indeed, your course is all over the earth and skies and unto the regions of light across the spaces. Let the chariots roll on with leading lights of the earth and space for the well being of life on earth.

यत्पूर्वम् मरुतो यच्च नूतनं यदुद्यते वसवो यच्च शस्यते ।
विश्वस्य तस्य भवथा नवेदसः शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yat pūrvyam maruto yacca nūtanam yadudyate vasavo yacca śasyate. Viśvasya tasya bhavathā navedasaḥ śubham yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, leading lights of the world and havens of life and comfort, whatever is old, and whatever is new, and whatever is spoken, admired and adored : of all that be cognizant and aware in the full. Let the chariots roll on with leading lights of knowledge and life's joy for the good of humanity.

मृळत नो मरुतो मा वधिष्ठनाऽस्मभ्यं शर्म बहुलं वि यन्तन ।
अधि स्तोत्रस्य सुख्यस्य गातनु शुभं यातामनु रथा
अवृत्सत ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Mṛṣata no maruto mā vadhiṣṭanā'smabhyam śarma bahulam vi yantana. Adhi stotrasya sakhyasya gātana śubham yātāmanu rathā avṛtsata.*

O Maruts, leading lights of life, rulers of the earth and travellers of the sky and spaces, give us peace and comfort. Hurt us not. Bring us abundant joy in a happy home. Come, listen and accept our song of friendship and adoration, and show us the right path. Let the chariots roll on with the leading light of

knowledge, love and adventure for the good of all life on earth.

यूयमस्मात्रयत वस्यो अच्छा निरंहतिभ्यो मरुतो गृणानाः ।
जुषध्वं नो हव्यदातिं यजत्रा वयं स्याम पतयो
रयीणाम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yūyamasman nayata vasyo acchā nirāṇhatibhyo maruto grṇānāḥ. Juṣadhvaṁ havyadātiṁ yajatrā vayaṁ syāma patayo rayīṇām.*

O Maruts, leading lights of yajna, lords in command of the world's wealth, adorable performers of yajna, come you all, happy, singing and rejoicing, join our yajna and enjoy the sweets of our yajnic homage. Lead us from all adversities to excellence and prosperity. We pray: may we be masters, protectors and promoters of the world's wealth, honour and excellence for all.

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अग्ने शर्धन्तमा गणं पिष्टं रुक्मेभिरञ्जिभिः ।
विशो अद्य मरुतामव ह्वये दिवश्चिद्रोचनादधि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne śardhantamā gaṇaṁ piṣṭaṁ rukmebhir- añjibhiḥ. Viśo adya marutāmava hvaye divaścid rocanādadhi.*

Agni, ruler of the land, today I call upon the most daring troop of the Maruts, commandos of the nation decorated with golden honours of rainbow brilliancy from amongst the most shining and intelligent defence forces of the country.

यथा चिन्मन्यसे हृदा तदिन्मे जग्मुराशसः ।

ये ते नेदिष्ठं हवनान्यागमन्तान्वर्ध भीमसंदृशः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yathā cinmanyase hṛdā tadinme jagmurāśasaḥ.
Ye te nediṣṭhaṁ havanānyāgaman tān vardha
bhīmasaṁdṛśaḥ.*

As you believe at heart that they are such and honour them sincerely, so they would instantly come closest to you and to your expectations in response to your call. Then encourage and promote them, they are just pictures of terror for the enemies.

मीळुष्मतीव पृथिवी पराहता मदन्त्येत्यस्मदा ।

ऋक्षो न वो मरुतः शिमीवाँ अमो दुध्रो गौरिव भीमयुः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Mīḷuṣmatīva pṛthivī parāhatā madantyetya-
smadā. Ṛkṣo na vo marutaḥ śimīvāñ amo dudhro
gauriva bhīmayuḥ.*

Like a youthful woman wedded to a virile husband, the earth, unhurt and rejoicing, comes to us for protection, defence and promotion. O Maruts, youthful warrior defenders of the land, like a shooting star is your force, strong, unchallengeable, and terrible as a mighty bull.

नि ये रिणन्त्योजसा वृथा गावो न दुर्धुरः ।

अश्मानं चित्सर्व्यं पर्वतं गिरिं प्र च्यावयन्ति यामभिः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ni ye riṇantyojasā vrthā gāvo na durdhuraḥ.
Aśmānaṁ cit svaryam parvataṁ giriṁ pra cyāva-
yanti yāmabhiḥ.*

The Maruts are those heroes who rush forth with their valour and splendour, throw off the yoke like

untamable bulls and scatter the enemy forces, and with their advances shake up resounding mountains and break up thundering clouds.

उत्तिष्ठ नूनमेषां स्तोमैः समुक्षितानाम् ।

मरुतां पुरुतमपूर्व्यं गवां सर्गमिव ह्वये ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ut tiṣṭha nūnameṣāṃ stomaiḥ samukṣitānām. Marutāṃ purutamapūrvyaṃ gavāṃ sargamiva hvaye.*

O ruler, O citizen, rise up with joy and confidence, for, as we call in or call out of the stalls a herd of cows, so I call upon and arouse the ancient and abundant host of these mighty Maruts exalted by songs of praise.

युङ्गध्वं ह्यरुषी रथे युङ्गध्वं रथेषु रोहितः ।

युङ्गध्वं हरी अजिरा धुरि वोळ्हवे वहिष्ठा धुरि वोळ्हवे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yuṅgdhvaṃ hyaruṣī rathe yuṅgdhvaṃ ratheṣu rohitaḥ. Yuṅgdhvaṃ harī ajirā dhuri voḷhave vahiṣṭhā dhurī voḷhave.*

O warriors and engineers, use the red flames of fire for moving the chariot like red horses, use the collected and stored solar energy, use the fast moving impulsion and expulsion, and use the strongest accelerative force to carry the load and move the chariot to the destination.

उत स्य वाज्यरुषस्तुविष्वणिर्हिह स्म धायि दर्शतः ।

मा वो यामेषु मरुतश्चिरं कर्त्तृ तं रथेषु चोदत ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Uta sya vājyaruṣas-tuviṣvaṇir-ihā sma dhāyi darśataḥ. Mā vo yāmeṣu marutaściraṃ karat pra taṃ ratheṣu codata.*

And now, O Maruts, adventurers and explorers of the earth, that volatile, wondrous and vociferous energy of red flames is here used in the chariot. It would not delay you any more in your advancement. Ignite and accelerate it in the chariots.

रथं नु मारुतं वयं श्रवस्युमा हुवामहे । आ यस्मिन्तस्थौ
सुरणानि बिभ्रती सचा मरुत्सु रोदसी ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ratham nu mārutaṁ vayaṁ śravasyumā huvā-
mahe. Ā yasmin tasthau suraṇāni bibhrafti sacā
marutsu rodasī.*

We call up and ready in harness the stormy and resounding chariot of the Maruts in which both earth and the heavens treasuring many adorable energy prizes join with the Maruts in a bond of friendship.

तं वः शर्धं रथेशुभं त्वेषं पनस्युमा हुवे । यस्मिन्तसुजाता
सुभगा महीयते सचा मरुत्सु मीळुषी ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Taṁ vaḥ śardhaṁ ratheśubhaṁ tveṣaṁ pana-
syumā huve. Yasmintsujātā subhagā mahīyate
sacā marutsu mīlhuṣī.*

I admire that force and power of your chariot, shining, adorable and good for the chariot, in which are exalted the generous earth-and-heaven energies, nobly manifested and beneficent in abundance as friends of the Maruts.

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आ रुद्रासु इन्द्रवन्तः सजोषसो हिरण्यरथाः सुविताय
गन्तन । इयं वो अस्मत्प्रति हर्यते मतिस्तृष्णाजे न दिव उत्सा
उदन्यवे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā rudrāsa indravantaḥ sajoṣaso hiraṇyarathāḥ
suvitāya gantana. Iyam vo asmat prati haryate
matis-trṣṇaje na diva utsā udanyave.*

O Rudras, powers of justice, rectitude and dispensation, commanding honour, power and excellence of the world, loving kind and friendly, going by golden chariots of glory with gifts of good fortune, prosperity and well being for all, this love, desire, understanding and prayer of us all is addressed to you: Come like a wave of divine nectar for the thirsty waiting for a drink on the shore.

वाशीमन्त ऋष्टिमन्तो मनीषिणः सुधन्वान् इषुमन्तो
निषङ्गिणः । स्वश्वाः स्थ सुरथाः पृश्निमातरः स्वायुधा
मरुतो याथना शुभम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vāśīmanta ṛṣṭimanto manīṣiṇaḥ sudhanvāna
iṣumanto niṣaṅgiṇaḥ. Svaśvāḥ stha surathā
prśnimātaraḥ svāyudhā maruto yāthanā śubham.*

O Maruts, tempestuous heroes of the world, children of the essence of nature in love with the earth, you are blest with the voice of thunder, light of knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the speed of mind, mighty bows, unfailing arrows and inexhaustible quivers, noble steeds and excellent chariots and the best arms and armaments. Go forward, noble heroes, and do good to all.

धूनुथ द्यां पर्वतान्दाशुषे वसु नि वो वनी जिहते यामनो
भिया । कोपयथ पृथिवीं पृश्निमातरः शुभे यदुग्राः
पृषतीरयुग्धम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Dhūnutha dyām parvatān dāśuṣe vasu ni vo vanā jihate yāmano bhiyā. Kopayatha pr̥thivīm pr̥śnimātarah śubhe yadugrāḥ pr̥ṣatīr-ayugdhvam.*

O Maruts, children of the firmament, winds and tempests of nature's energy, you agitate the regions of light, break the clouds and shake the mountains to create wealth for the generous giver. At your approach forests shake with fear and the earth vibrates when in a state of passion for water showers you join and charge the clouds of vapour.

वात॒त्विषो॑ म॒रुतो॑ व॒र्षनि॑र्णि॒जो य॒माइ॑व॒ सुस॑दू॒शः सु॒पे॒शसः॑ ।
पि॒शङ्गा॑श्वा अ॒रु॒णाश्वा॑ अ॒रे॒पसः॑ प्र॒त्त्व॑क्षसो म॒हिना॑
द्यौरि॑वो॒रवः॑ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vātatviṣo maruto varṣanirṇijo yamā iva susa-dr̥śaḥ supeśasaḥ. Piśaṅgāśvā aruṇāśvā arepasah pratvakṣaso mahinā dyaurivoravaḥ.*

The Maruts command the fury and splendour of the winds. Cleansed and anointed by holy water, they replete the showers of love and justice all the year round. They are highly impressive and handsome in body and mind as self-controlled people are. They command the moderate yellow as well as the intense red flames of the yajnic fires of life's dynamics. Untouched by sinful involvements, refined and discriminative in thought and judgement, they are refulgent like the sun and large-hearted like space by virtue of their innate greatness.

पु॒रु॒द्व॒प्सा अ॑ज्जि॒मन्तः॑ सु॒दान॑वस्त्वे॒षसं॑दू॒शो अ॒नव॑भ्र॒राध॑सः ।
सु॒जा॒तासो॑ ज॒नुषा॑ रु॒क्मव॑क्षसो दि॒वो अ॒र्का अ॒मृतं॑ नाम
भे॒जिरे॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Purudrapsā añjīmantāḥ sudānavas-tveṣasaṁ-drśo anavabharrādhasaḥ. Sujātāso januṣā rukma-vakṣaso divo arkā amṛtaṁ nāma bhejire.*

Universally generous like the perennial stream of soma and showers of nature's joy, versatile of form and action as light in spectrum colours, holy and vastly charitable, they see the reality in all its variety of true colours as light reveals the real forms without screen effects. Commanding imperishable wealth, power and competence in their own right by birth and genetic merit of previous karma, they wear their beauty and regality of life and conduct in their heart and hands. Loving, brilliant and adorable, the Maruts define, deserve, serve and thus justify the name and description: Immortal.

ऋष्टयो वो मरुतो अंसयोरधि सह ओजो बह्वोर्वो बलं
हितम् । नृमणा शीर्षस्वायुधा रथेषु वो विश्वा वः श्रीरधि
तनूषु पिपिशे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Rṣṭayo vo maruto aṁsayoradhi saha ojo bāhvorvo balaṁ hitam. Nṛmṇā śīrṣasvāyudhā ratheṣu vo viśvā vaḥ śrīradhi tanūṣu pipiṣe.*

O Maruts, leading lights of humanity, on your shoulders you bear the blazing lances and the burdens of forbearance with courage and splendour of life, while the force of action is concentrated in your hands. On your heads you carry the care and comfort of humanity with the arms and ammunitions of protection and progress in your chariots. Indeed, the entire wealth and honour, beauty and grace of life reflects in your body and personality.

गोमदश्वावद्रथवत्सुवीरं चन्द्रवद्राधो मरुतो ददा नः ।

प्रशस्तिं नः कृणुत रुद्रियासो भक्षीय वोऽवसो दैव्यस्य ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Gomad-aśvāvad rathavat suvīraṁ candravat rādho maruto dadā naḥ. Praśastim naḥ kṛṇuta rudriyāso bhakṣīya vo'vaso daivyasya.*

O Maruts, leading lights of humanity, generous divinities of nature, indomitable powers of love and justice, give us the wealth of lands, cows and the revealing language of knowledge bright as sun rays. Give us the force of noble heroes equipped with fast transport and uninterrupted communications. Give us wealth and competence for success with the beauty and graces of culture. Promote our power and prestige so that we may share and participate in your human protection and divine evolution to the grace of freedom and immortality.

ह्ये नरो मरुतो मृळता नस्तुर्वीमघासो अमृता ऋतज्ञाः ।

सत्यश्रुतः कवयो युवानो बृहद्गिरयो बृहदुक्षमाणाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Haye naro maruto mṛlatā nastuvīmaghāso amṛta ṛtajñāḥ. Satyaśrutaḥ kavayo yuvāno bṛhadgirayo bṛhadukṣamāṇāḥ.*

O Maruts, leading lights of humanity and divinities of nature, commanders of unbounded wealth, honour and excellence, immortal souls, learned sages of the laws of nature and time, world renowned voices of truth, poetic visionaries young beyond aging and debility, diviners into the infinite Word and world languages, heroes of universal generosity and generative vitality, bless us with wealth of the world, peace of mind and everlasting grace.

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तमु नूनं तविषीमन्तमेषां स्तुषे गुणं मारुतं नव्यसीनाम् ।
य आश्वश्वा अमवद्वहन्त उतेशिरे अमृतस्य स्वराजः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tamu nūnaṁ taviṣīmanta-meṣāṁ stuṣe gaṇaṁ mārutaṁ navyasīnām. Ya āśvaśvā amavad vahanta uteśire amṛtasya svarājah.*

I admire the blazing, tempestuous group of these Maruts, modern self governing people who, possessed of the fastest transports and communications, move like storms, a very picture of velocity, and, shining and self-controlled, dominate over the regions of the immortals.

त्वेषं गुणं तवसं खादिहस्तं धुनिव्रतं मायिनं दातिवारम् ।
मयोभुवो ये अमिता महित्वा वन्दस्व विप्र तुविराधसो
नृन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tveṣaṁ gaṇaṁ tavaśaṁ khādihastāṁ dhunivra-taṁ māyinaṁ dātivāram. Mayobhuvo ye amitā mahitvā vandasva vipra tuvirādhaso nṛṇ.*

O sagely scholar, admire and exalt that group of leading lights, brave, generous and dexterous of hand, enthusiastically committed to noble causes, wondrous workers abundantly charitable, who are versatile achievers without reserve or bounds by virtue of their own innate strength and expertise and who are a tremendous source of peace and prosperity.

आ वो यन्तूदवाहासो अद्य वृष्टिं ये विश्वे मरुतो जुनन्ति ।
अयं यो अग्निर्मरुतः समिद्ध एतं जुषध्वं कवयो
युवानः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā vo yantūdavāhāso adya vṛṣṭim ye viśve maruto junanti. Ayaṁ yo agnīrmarutaḥ samiddha etaṁ juṣadhvaṁ kavayo yuvānaḥ.*

O Maruts, eminent leaders and pioneers, may all those winds of the firmament come to you to-day in this yajna which bear the clouds and impel the rain showers. O leading scholars and scientists, poetic visionaries and youthful researchers, lighted is this fire, come and take it over for the rain yajna.

यूयं राजानमिर्यं जनाय विभ्वत्तुष्टं जनयथा यजत्राः ।

युष्मदेति मुष्टिहा बाहुजूतो युष्मत्सदश्वो मरुतः सुवीरः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yūyaṁ rājānamiryam janāya vibhvataṣṭam janayathā yajatrāḥ. Yuṣmadeti muṣṭihā bāhujūto yuṣmat sadaśvo marutaḥ suvīrah.*

O Maruts, leading lights of the nation, holy performers meeting and working together for yajnic development, you create the inspiring ruler who is an architect of the nation. From you arises the administrator of strong hand and will. From you arise the warriors of strong arms, and from you arises the brave man, the hero who commands the army, the cavalry and the flying force for the people.

अराइवेदचरमा अहेव प्रप्र जायन्ते अकवा महोभिः । पृश्नेः

पुत्रा उपमासो रभिष्टाः स्वया मत्या मरुतः सं मिमिक्षुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Arā ivedacaramā aheva prapra jāyante akavā mahobhiḥ. Pṛśneḥ putrā upamāso rabhiṣṭhāḥ svayā matyā marutaḥ saṁ mimikṣu.*

Like the spokes of a wheel in motion, together, undivided, equal and integrated, whole, generative, the

Maruts rise anew like days on and on with their power and forces. Children of mother earth, firmament and radiations of sunlight, strongest and most eminent, with their own perception, understanding, dedication and determination, they analyse, catalyse, integrate and generate new ideas, forces, institutions and traditions, all renewed and revitalised.

यत्प्रायासिष्ट पृषतीभिरश्वैर्वीळुपविभिर्मरुतो रथेभिः ।
क्षोदन्त आपो रिणते वनान्यवोस्त्रियो वृषभः क्रन्दतु
द्यौः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yat prāyāsiṣṭa pṛṣatībhir-aśvair-vīḷupavibhir-maruto rathebhiḥ. Kṣodanta āpo riṇate vanān-yavosriyo vṛṣabhaḥ krandatu dyauḥ.*

By their motive forces and chariots equipped with strong wheels of initiative and advancement, the Maruts proceed with showers of new life as leaders and pioneers of a new age, and as they proceed, the dormant vapours of life agitate with new ferment and join the rays of the sun, the cloud roars with thunder and lightning and the earth receives the showers of new life.

प्रथिष्ट यामन्पृथिवी चिदेषां भर्तेव गर्भं स्वमिच्छवो धुः ।
वातान्हाश्वान्धुरीयुयुज्रे वर्षं स्वेदं चक्रिरे रुद्रियासः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Prathiṣṭa yāman pṛthivī cideṣāṃ bharteva garbhaṃ svamicchavo dhuḥ. Vātān hyaśvān dhuryā-yuyujre varṣaṃ svedaṃ cakrire rudriyāsaḥ.*

As the Maruts proceed, the earth waxes with desire and fertility. Like the husband man, the Maruts shower their own vitality on earth as the seed of new life. Thus do the Maruts, forces of new life, generative and enlightened, commanding power and judgement,

yoke new winds and motive forces to the chariot of life and move the wheels of history forward with the shower of their own sweat of the brow.

हृये नरो मरुतो मृळता नस्तुवीमघासो अमृता ऋतज्ञाः ।

सत्यश्रुतः कवयो युवानो बृहद्गिरयो बृहदुक्षमाणाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Haye naro maruto mṛlatā nastuvīmaghāso amṛtā ṛtajñāḥ. Satyaśrutaḥ kavayo yuvāno bṛhadgīrayo bṛhadukṣamāṇāḥ.*

O Maruts, leading lights of history, be kind and gracious and rejoice with us. You command the grandeur of life's wealth, honour and excellence. You are the immortal spirit of humanity, observers of Law and Truth, renowned and blest with the Revelation of Truth, poetic visionaries, ever young and modern, masters of universal voice and blest with the spirit of renewal and regeneration.

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प्र वः स्पळक्रन्त्सुविताय द्वावनेऽ चीं दिवे प्र पृथिव्या ऋतं
भरे । उक्षन्ते अश्वान्तरुषन्त आ रजोऽ नु स्वं भानुं श्रथयन्ते
अर्णवैः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra vaḥ spaḷakrant-suvitāya dāvane'rcā dive pra pṛthivyā ṛtaṁ bhare. Ukṣante aśvān taruṣanta ā rajo'nu svaṁ bhānuṁ śrathayante arṇavaiḥ.*

Adore and exalt those who are close to you, who do good and observe truth and law in their character, conduct and action for you, for your welfare, for the generous, and for the earth, the firmament and the

regions of light. They energise the motive forces, radiate their light and lustre upto the regions of space and attain their ends by the seas.

अमादेषां भियसा भूमिरेजति नौर्न पूर्णा क्षरति व्यथिर्यती ।
दूरेद्दृशो ये चितयन्त एमभिरन्तर्महे विदथे येतिरे नरः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Amādeṣāṃ bhiyasā bhūmirejati naurṇa pūrṇā kṣarati vyathiryatī. Dūredṛśo ye citayanta emabhir-antarmahe vidathe yetire narah.*

By the power and force of these Maruts, the earth trembles with fear and, like an overloaded boat going over the sea, shakes in agitation under pressure. Seen from far, they are known by their movements and, leading lights as they are, they go forward in the great battle business of life and its organisation.

गवामिव श्रियसे शृङ्गमुत्तमं सूर्यो न चक्षु रजसो विसर्जने ।
अत्या इव सुभ्वश्चरवः स्थन मयी इव श्रियसे चेतथा
नरः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Gavamiva śriyase śṛṅgamuttamaṁ sūryo na cakṣu rajaso visarjane. Atyā iva subhvaścāravaḥ sthana maryā iva śriyase cetathā narah.*

For the beauty of the regions of the earth, you are like the highest peak of mountain ranges. In the shower of vapour and in the clearance of mists, you are like the sun, eye of the world. You are handsome and excellent like race horses, and, O leaders and pioneers, you shine like rays of the sun for the glory of humanity.

को वो महान्ति महतामुदशनवत्कस्काव्या मरुतः को ह
पौंस्यो । यूयं ह भूमिं किरणं न रेजथ प्र यद्भरध्वे सुविताय
दावने ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ko vo mahānti mahatāmudaśnavat kaskāvyā marutaḥ ko ha pauṁsyā. Yūyam ha bhūmiṁ kiraṇam na rejatha pra yad bharadhve suvitāya dāvane.*

O Maruts, leading lights of the world, you are great. Who can reach your grandeur and achievements? Who can realise your divine vision and imaginative creations? O virile heroes, who can approach your power and potential? You illuminate the earth as sun beams and even shake it like particles of dust, while you rain down showers of generosity as gifts for the charity and welfare of the people.

अश्वा इवेदरुषासः सबन्धवः शूरा इव प्रयुधुः प्रोत युयुधुः ।
मयी इव सुवृधो वावृधुर्नरः सूर्यस्य चक्षुः प्र मिनन्ति
वृष्टिभिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Aśvā ivedaruṣāsaḥ sabandhavaḥ śūrā iva prayudhaḥ prota yuyudhuḥ. Maryā iva suvr̥dho vāvṛdhurnaraḥ sūryasya cakṣuḥ pra minanti vṛṣṭibhiḥ.*

O Maruts, leading lights of the world, sanguine and bold, you are ever going forward like horses on the course, uninterrupted. Brotherly and friendly toward all equally, fighting like warriors for all, you are always struggling for a better world. Rising and growing like mortal life forms, you are evolving continuously. And with the torrents of rain you dim the blazing light of the sun in mist.

ते अज्येष्टा अकनिष्ठास उद्भिदोऽमध्यमासो महसा वि
वावृधुः । सुजातासो जनुषा पृश्निमातरो दिवो मर्या आ नो
अच्छा जिगातन ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Te ajyeṣṭhā akanīṣṭhāsa udbhido'madhyamāso mahasā vi vāvṛdhuḥ. Sujātāso januṣā prśnimātaro divo maryā ā no acchā jigātana.*

None highest, none lowest, none middling, among them, they are equals all, burst forth into life through layers of impediments. Nobly born by nature, children of heaven, earth and the firmament, they are mortals, humans all, who, as we wish, come to us and appreciate us all. They grow and rise by their own strength and grandeur.

वयो न ये श्रेणीः पप्तुरोजसाऽन्तान्दिवो बृहत्तः सानुनस्परी ।
अश्वास एषामुभये यथा विदुः प्र पर्वतस्य नभनूर-
चुच्यवुः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vayo na ye śreṇīḥ papturojasā'ntān divo brhataḥ sānunaspari. Aśvāsa eṣāmubhaye yathā viduḥ pra parvatasya nabhanūñracucyavuh.*

They soar together like flights of birds with the innate force of their light and lustre over mighty mountain peaks across the middle regions to the bounds of expansive heaven. Commanding the two-way motion of their circuitous energy, they shake the clouds of the sky and break them into showers.

मिमातु द्यौरदितिर्वीतये नः सं दानुचित्रा उषसो यतन्ताम् ।
आचुच्यवुर्दिव्यं कोशमेत ऋषे रुद्रस्य मरुतो गृणानाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Mimātu dyaaur-aditir-vītaye naḥ saṁ dānucitrā uṣaso yatantām. Ācucyavur-divyaṁ kośameta ṛṣe rudrasya maruto grṇānāḥ.*

May the heaven of light and mother earth bless us and help us rise in light and generosity, peace and

joy. May the dawns, wonderful givers, join us and help us to rise in beauty and grace of life. O Rshi, lord of universal vision, may these Maruts, children of the lord of justice and rectitude, sung and adored, singing and rejoicing, shower the treasure of heavenly light and joy on earth.

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Maruts and / or Agni Maruts Devata, Shyavashva Atreya Rshi

ईळे अग्निं स्ववसं नमोभिरिह प्रसतो वि चयत्कृतं नः । रथैरिव
प्र भरे वाजयद्भिः प्रदक्षिणिन्मरुतां स्तोममृध्याम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Īḷe agniṁ svavasam namobhiriha prasatto vi cayat kṛtaṁ naḥ. Rathairiva pra bhare vājayad-bhiḥ pradakṣiṇin-marutāṁ stomam-ṛdhyām.*

Collecting the work already done for us in the field, happy and enthusiastic, in perfect faith with relentless dedication and investments, I study and adore Agni, heat, light and electric energy, rich source of protection and progress, in order to extend the knowledge, hoping that, going round the world as if by tempestuous chariots of the winds in right order, I would raise the song of celebration in honour of the scholars and humanity. May the lord of knowledge accept and consecrate our work!

आ ये तस्थुः पृषतीषु श्रुतासु सुखेषु रुद्रा मरुतो रथेषु ।
वनां चिदुग्रा जिहते नि वो भिया पृथिवी चिद्रेजते
पर्वतश्चित् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā ye tasthuḥ pṛṣatīṣu śrutāsu sukheṣu rudrā maruto ratheṣu. Vanā cidugrā jihate ni vo bhīyā prthivī cid rejate parvataścīt.*

Rudras, pranic energies of life and natural catalysis, Maruts, heat, light, electric and wind energies, which abide and energise streams and showers, which work in means of transport and comfort, and which are described in works of revelation and research, are mighty, tempestuous and blazing. O Rudras and Maruts, catalytic, integrative and regenerative energies, under your power and fear of natural law the sun-rays radiate, the forests tremble, the earth moves and shines, the clouds break and the mountains shake.

पर्वतश्चिन्महि वृद्धो बिभाय दिवश्चित्सानु रेजत स्वने
वः । यत्क्रीळथ मरुत ऋष्टिमन्तु आप इव सृध्यञ्चो
धवध्वे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Parvataścinmahi vṛddho bibhāya divaścit sānu
rejata svane vaḥ. Yat krīḷatha maruta ṛṣṭimanta
āpa iva sadhryaṅco dhavadhve.*

O Maruts, tempestuous energies of divine omnipotence, when you agitate, blow and flow together like streams of water—which is just your play in life—the densest cloud and the great ancient mountain cower in fear and the top bounds of the regions of light vibrate with the waves of your boundless roar.

वरा इवेद्रैवतासो हिरण्यैरभि स्वधाभिस्तन्वः पिपिश्रे ।
श्रिये श्रेयांसस्तवसो रथेषु सत्रा महांसि चक्रिरे तनूषु ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Varā ived raivatāso hiraṇyair-abhi svadhā-bhis-
tanvaḥ pipiśre. Śriye śreyāṁsas-tavaso ratheṣu
satrā mahāṁsi cakrire tanūṣu.*

Like eminent people nobly born in life's affluence who adorn themselves with their innate graces

and golden attainments of culture and education, the Maruts, leading lights of humanity, commanding honour and excellence, riding their chariots, do great actions of truth and rectitude in their life and conduct for the beauty of human culture and grace of living as reflections of their inner self.

अ॒ज्ये॒ष्ठासो॒ अक॑नि॒ष्ठास ए॒ते सं भ्रा॑त॒रो वावृ॑धुः सौ॒भगा॑य ।
यु॒वा पि॒ता स्व॑पा॒ रु॒द्र ए॒षां सु॒दुघा॑ पृ॒श्निः सु॒दिना॑
म॒रुद्भ्यः॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ajyeṣṭhāso akaniṣṭhāsa ete saṁ bhrātaro vāvṛdhuḥ saubhagāya. Yuvā pitā svapā rudra eṣāṁ sudughā prśniḥ sudinā marudbhyaḥ.*

None highest, none lowest, all equal as brothers together, the Maruts, leading lights of life and humanity, work and grow and advance for the honour and prosperity of life and living. Their father and creator, Rudra, lord omnipotent of justice and dispensation, ever young, giver of sustenance, and mother earth and the firmament, ever abundant and generous for the Maruts through the bright days, look after them and inspire them.

यदु॒त्त॒मे म॑रु॒तो म॑ध्य॒मे वा॒ यद्वा॒व॒मे सु॑भगा॒सो दि॒वि ष्ठा॑ । अतो॑
नो रु॒द्रा उ॒त वा॒ न्व॒स्याऽग्ने॑ वि॒त्ताद्भ॒विषो॑ यद्य॒जाम॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yaduttame maruto madhyame vā yad vāvame subhagāso divi ṣṭha. Ato no rudrā uta vā nvasyā'gne vittāddhaviṣo yad yajāma.*

O Maruts, creators of prosperity, honour and excellence, and Rudras, leading lights of justice and rectitude, and Agni, leading light of knowledge, whether

you abide in the highest, or middle or the lowest regions of life and action, or in the light of heaven, establish us in right knowledge and action of the transparent order, and know of our action and homage which we offer to Divinity in our life.

अग्निश्च यन्मरुतो विश्ववेदसो दिवो वहध्व उत्तरादधि
ष्णुभिः । ते मन्दसाना धुनयो रिशादसो वामं धत्त यजमानाय
सुन्वते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Agniśca yanmaruto viśvavedaso divo vahadhva
uttarādadhi ṣṇubhiḥ. Te mandasānā dhunayo
riśādaso vāmaṁ dhatta yajamānāya sunvate.*

O Agni, leading light, and Maruts, dynamic leaders and pioneers, blest with knowledge and wealth of the world, you abide on top of the regions of light and love by your own will and desire and bring down showers of light and wisdom. O leaders and pioneers, such as you are, movers and shakers of the negatives, and as you rejoice on the vedi with the yajakas, bring down the gift of life's wealth and beauty from over the levels of ordinary mortals for the yajamana and the creative soma yajaka.

अग्ने मरुद्भिः शुभयद्भिर्ऋक्वभिः सोमं पिब मन्दसानो
गणश्रिभिः । पावकेभिर्विश्वमिन्वेभिरायुभिर्वैश्वानर प्रदिवो
केतुना सजूः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Agne marudbhiḥ śubhayādbhirṛkvabhiḥ somam
piba mandasāno gaṇaśribhiḥ. Pāvakebhir-
viśvaminvebhir-āyubhir-vaiśvānara pradivā
ketunā sajūḥ.*

O leading light of the world, Agni, Vaishvanara,

power and passion of life, friend and associate of higher light and wisdom by virtue of your character and conduct, come rejoicing to the vedi, share and enjoy the sweets of soma, life's joy, wealth, honour and excellence in the company of the Maruts, dynamic people on the march who are pure and gracious, praise-worthy, pride of the republic, purifying, inspiring, strengthening and beautifying the world, people who love life and add to the grace of life by living well and gracefully.

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*Maruts, Shashiyasi Tarantamahishi, Purumidha
Vaidadashvi, Taranta Vaidadashvi, Rathaviti Darbhya
Devatah. Shyavashva Atreya Rshi*

के ष्ठा नरः श्रेष्ठतमा य एकैक आयय ।

परमस्याः परावतः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ke ṣṭhā naraḥ śreṣṭhatamā ya ekaeka āyaya.
Paramasyāḥ parāvataḥ.*

Who are you, leaders and pioneers, best and most excellent, that come one by one and reach all together from farthest of far distances?

क्व वोऽश्वाः क्वा भीशवः कथं शेक कथा यय ।

पृष्ठे सदो नसोर्यमः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kva vo'śvāḥ kvā bhīśavaḥ katham śeka kathā
yaya. Pṛṣṭhe sado nasoryamaḥ.*

Where are your horses? Where the reins? What is your power and potential? How do you move? Where is the saddle on the horse back? Where is the bridle that

controls the direction by the nose?

जघने चोद एषां वि सक्थानि नरो यमुः ।

पुत्रकृथे न जनयः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Jaghane coda eṣāṃ vi sakthāni naro yamuḥ.*
Putrakṛthe na janayaḥ.

They goad and spur on the horses' flanks, the riders make them move fast in order, their muscles strained and waxed, as parents raise their children to the optimum with freedom and control.

परा वीरास एतन् मयीसो भद्रजानयः ।

अग्नितापो यथासथ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Parā vīrāsa etana maryāso bhadrajānayaḥ.*
Agnitapo yathāsatha.

Go far, brave leaders of the people, nobly born and nobly educated, men of vibrant discipline trained in the crucibles of fire as you are, and happily married.

सनत्साश्व्यं पशुमुत् गव्यं शतावयम् ।

श्यावाश्वस्तुताय या दोर्वीरायोपबर्हत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sanat sāśvyam paśumuta gavyam śatāvayam.*
Śyāvāśvastutāya yā dorvīrāyopabarbrhat.

The woman who opens her arms with love and joins her brave and dynamic husband shoulder to shoulder in work and household jointly achieves a hundredfold wealth of land and cattle, plenty of food and energy, and movable and immovable acquisitions.

उत त्वा स्त्री शशीयसी पुंसो भवति वस्यसी ।

अदैवत्रादराधसः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Uta tvā strī śasīyasī puṁso bhavati vasyasī.
Adevatrād-arādhasaḥ.*

O man, the woman deserves your respect and reverence and love because she remains a generous and graceful accomplisher in the home in spite of the man's want of piety and success.

वि या जानाति जसुरिं वि तृष्यन्तं वि कामिनम् ।
देवत्रा कृणुते मनः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi yā jānāti jasurim vi tṛṣyantam vi kāminam.
Devatrā kṛṇute manaḥ.*

She who knows well the man struggling with want and deprivation, thirsting for love and recognition, ambitious for dedication and success, steadies her mind in concentration and the divine will in action for success in married life in piety.

उत घा नेमो अस्तुतः पुमाँ इति ब्रुवे पणिः ।
स वैरदेय इत्सुमः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta ghā nemo astutaḥ pumāñ iti bruve paṇiḥ.
Sa vairadeya it samaḥ.*

And I say: Whether the man is worthy of praise or unworthy of praise, but being the husband he is half of the woman's life (as the woman is his better half), and has equal rights and responsibilities in the family affairs and equal conjugal rights.

उत मेऽरपद्यवतिर्ममन्दुषी प्रति श्यावाय वर्तनिम् ।
वि रोहिता पुरुमीळहाय येमतुर्विप्राय दीर्घयशसे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta me'rapad yuvatir-mamanduṣī prati śyāvāya vartanim. Vi rohitā purumīḷhāya yematur-viprāya dīrghayaśase.*

And she, my wife, young, happy, learned, going fast forward, clearly shows the way of life to me, virile, learned, seeker of high renown, going forward by chariot, which we two draw like two equal ruddy horses.

यो मे धेनूनां शतं वैददश्चिर्यथा ददत् ।

तरन्तइव मंहना ॥ १० ॥

10. *Yo me dhenūnām śataṁ vaidadaśviriyathā dadat.*
Taranta iva mañhanā.

Hail to him, disciple of a specialist of transport, who gives me a hundred gifts of lands and cows and forms of knowledge and takes me across the seas as by a mighty boat.

य ई वहन्त आशुभिः पिबन्तो मदिरं मधु ।

अत्र श्रवांसि दधिरे ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ya īm vahanta āśubhiḥ pibanto madiraṁ madhu.*
Atra śravāṁsi dadhire.

Those who bring hither instant showers of rain, tasting sweets of honey drinks here, bear and hold the food, energy and wealth of the world.

येषां श्रियाधि रोदसी विभ्राजन्ते रथेष्व ।

दिवि रुक्मइवोपरि ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Yeṣāṁ śriyādhi rodasī vibhrājanate ratheṣvā.*
Divi rukma ivopari.

Those, who by their beauty and grace of culture shine over earth and skies in chariots like the sun in heaven above, (bear and hold the food, energy and wealth of the world).

युवा स मारुतो गुणस्त्वेषरथो अनेद्यः ।

शुभ्यावाप्रतिष्कृतः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yuvā sa māruto gaṇas-tveṣaratho anedyah.
Śubhamyāvāpratiṣkutaḥ.*

Young, bright and bold, that group of Maruts, pioneers of humanity, riding their bright and blazing chariots, admirable beyond reproach, rises over the spatial oceans, unobstructed and unchallenged.

को वेद नूनमेषां यत्रा मदन्ति धृतयः ।

ऋतजाता अरेपसः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ko veda nūnameṣāṃ yatrā madanti dhūtayah.
Ṛtajātā arepasah.*

Who would know of them for sure where these tempestuous heroes born of truth, immaculate and free challengers of sin, work and rejoice and celebrate their victory?

यूयं मर्तं विपन्यवः प्रणेतारं इत्था धिया ।

श्रोतारो यामहूतिषु ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Yūyaṃ martam vipanyavaḥ praṇetāra ithā-dhiyā.
Śrotāro yāmahūtiṣu.*

O leading lights, admirable heroes, with intelligence and understanding, thus, you are inspirers, guides and saviours of mortals. And you listen when they call on you in peace or distress for help and assistance.

ते नो वसूनि काम्या पुरुश्चन्द्रा रिशादसः ।

आ यज्ञियासो ववृत्तन ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Te no vasūni kāmā puruścandrā riśādasah.
Ā yajñiyāso vavrttana.*

Thus they, adorable benefactors, creators of good and destroyers of evil by yajna, abundant in golden gifts, may, we pray, continue to bring us the wealth and honours of excellence we desire.

एतं मे स्तोममूर्म्ये दार्भ्याय परा वह ।
गिरो देवि रथीरिव ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Etaṁ me stomamūrmye dārbhyāya parā vaha.
Giro devi rathīriva.*

O divine spirit of night and vibrations of peace, listen and, like a charioteer, for me, carry this song and words of prayer far to the regenerative lord of life.

उत मे वोचतादिति सुतसो मे रथवीतौ ।
न कामो अप वेति मे ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Uta me vocatāditi sutasome rathavītau.
Na kāmo apa veti me.*

And then say this for me: The yajna is complete, soma is distilled, the chariot arrived in peace, and my prayer and desire never goes astray.

एष क्षेति रथवीतिर्मघवा गोमतीरनु । पर्वतेष्वपश्रितः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Eṣa kṣeti rathavītir-maghavā gomātīranu.
Parvateṣvapaśritaḥ.*

This man of yajnic action, honour and excellence travelling by chariot straight like rays of the sun across the clouds lives in the world and reaches his destination without difficulty.

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ऋतेन ऋतमपिहितं ध्रुवं वां सूर्यस्य यत्र विमुचन्त्यश्वा॑न् ।
दश॑ शता सह तस्थुस्तदेकं देवानां श्रेष्ठं वपुषामपश्यम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ṛtena ṛtamapihitam dhruvam vāṁ sūryasya yatra vimucantyaśvān. Daśa śatā saha tasthus-tadekaṁ devānām śreṣṭham vapuṣāmapaśyam.*

O Mitra and Varuna, light and life of the universe, I know the thousand radiations, and I have seen that one fixed centre of your reality, Rtam, Eternal Truth, covered by Rtam, cosmic manifestations of its mutability and the laws of mutability, where the radiations converge and wherefrom they are released around. And that eternal centre is the essential, ultimate and highest form of all existential forms of divinity, the One and yet many at the same time.

तत्सु वां मित्रावरुणा महित्वमीर्मा तस्थुषीरह॑भिर्दुहे ।
विश्वोः पिन्वथः स्वस॑रस्य धेना॒ अनु॒ वामेकः प॒विरा
ववर्त॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tat su vāṁ mitrāvaruṇā mahitvamīrmā tasthu-ṣīrahahir-duduhre. Viśvāḥ pinvathaḥ svasaras-ya dhenā anu vāmekah pavirā vavarta.*

O Mitra and Varuna, sun and the surrounding waters of life, that living grandeur of yours, the One constant impeller of life, the unmoved mover, Spirit of existence at the centre, vests in the immovable forms of life, herbs and trees, by days and nights. Thus you nourish all the streams of life while one of you, the sun, goes round and round in orbit by the law of the One at

the centre.

अधारयतं पृथिवीमुत द्यां मित्रराजाना वरुणा महोभिः ।

वर्धयतमोषधीः पिन्वतं गा अव वृष्टिं सृजतं जीरदानू ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Adhārayataṁ pṛthivīmuta dyāṁ mitrarājānā varuṇā mahobhiḥ. Vardhayatamoṣadhīḥ pinva-taṁ gā ava vṛṣṭiṁ sṛjataṁ jīradanū.*

Mitra and Varuna, sun and space, light and law, heat and water, refulgent rulers of the world, generous creators and givers, together with your powers and actions, you hold the earth and heaven, feed and promote the greenery of nature, sustain the planets, and create and shower the rains.

आ वामश्वासः सुयुजो वहन्तु यतरश्मय उप यन्त्वर्वाक् ।

घृतस्य निर्णिगनु वर्तते वामुप सिन्धवः प्रदिवि क्षरन्ति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā vāmaśvāsaḥ suyujo vahantu yataśmāya upa yantvarvāk. Ghṛtasya nirṇiganu vartate vāmupa sindhavaḥ pradivi kṣaranti.*

Mitra and Varuna, rulers and scientists of the world, may your motive forces of transport well used and well steered like horses by reins and light by rays bear you and bring you hither. Purified and reinforced waters and liquid fuels are under your command, and let streams of water flow when the fire is ignited.

अनु श्रुताममतिं वर्धदुर्वी बर्हिरिव यजुषा रक्षमाणा ।

नमस्वन्ता धृतदक्षाधि गते मित्रासाथे वरुणेळास्वन्तः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Anu śrutāmamatiṁ vardhadurvīm barhiriva yajuṣā rakṣamāṇā. Namasvantā dhṛtadakṣādhi garte mitrāsāthe varuṇeḷāsvantaḥ.*

Mitra and Varuna, leading lights and dynamic forces of the world, in keeping with Vedic tradition and your own honour and fame, enhancing your personality and character, preserving and promoting the wide earth and environment, like protecting and augmenting the light and fire of yajna with mantric chants of application and acts of self-sacrifice, with wealth of food and energy for input, and commanding strength and expertise, you sit at the high steer of the nation and join centres of production and progress across the earth.

अक्रविहस्ता सुकृते परस्पा यं त्रासाथे वरुणेळास्वन्तः ।
राजांना क्षत्रमहणीयमाना सहस्रस्थूणं बिभृथः सहद्वौ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Akravihastā sukrte paraspā yaṁ trāsāthe varu-
ṇelāsvantaḥ. Rājānā kṣatram-ahrṇīyamānā
sahasrasthūṇaṁ bibhr̥thaḥ saha dvau.*

Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of vision and judgement, ruling and refulgent powers of humanity, kind and loving nobilities of non-violent hands, holy of action, helpful for others, seated at the centres of yajnic activity over the earth's regions, ruling and protecting the social order without hurting and damaging it, both of you bear and hold up the order of a thousand pillars together and protect it against fear and violence of terror.

हिरण्यनिर्णिगयो अस्य स्थूणा वि भ्राजते दिव्य^१श्वाजनीव ।
भद्रे क्षेत्रे निर्मिता तिल्विले वा सनेम मध्वो अधि-
गर्त्यस्य ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Hirṇyanirṇigayo asya sthūṇā vi bhrājate divya-
śvājanīva. Bhadre kṣetre nimitā tilvile vā sanema
madhvo adhigartyasya.*

This social order is distinctive, discriminative between gold and merely glittering. It rests on pillars of gold, and it shines like lightning in the skies. Its policy is framed and defined in the house of holiness or, let us say, on the fields of fertility. Let us hope and pray we join and share the honey sweets created by the leading lights and rulers of judgement at the helm of the nation and by the people in the home by the fire-side.

हिरण्यरूपमुषसो व्युष्टावयःस्थूणमुदिता सूर्यस्य । आ रोहथो
वरुण मित्र गर्तमतश्चक्षाथे अदितिं दितिं च ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Hiraṇyarūpamuṣaso vyuṣṭāvayaḥ sthūṇamuditā sūryasya. Ā rohatho varuṇa mitra gartamataś-cakṣāthe aditiṁ ditiṁ ca.*

O Mitra and Varuna, rulers and leaders of the earth, commanding vision and judgement, at the break of dawn and rise of the sun you ride your chariot of golden pillars and take your seat on the helm and thence watch the realm for what is permanent of value and preservable and what is merely transient and destructible.

यद्वंहिष्टं नातिविधे सुदानू अच्छिद्रं शर्म भुवनस्य गोपा ।
तेन नो मित्रावरुणावविष्टं सिषासन्तो जिगीवांसः
स्याम ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yad banhiṣṭhaṁ nātividhe sudānū acchidraṁ śarma bhuvanasya gopā. Tena no mitrāvaruṇ-āvaviṣṭaṁ siṣāsanto jigīvāṁsaḥ syāma.*

O Mitra and Varuna, ruler and leading lights of strength and judgement, generous as breath of life, unchallengeable protectors of the world, come and bless

us with that greatest, highest and imperishable home of protection in which, sharing the honey sweets of life with all, we may live to achieve our ambition for victory in the struggle of existence.

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Mitra - Varuna Devata, Archanana Atreya Rshi

ऋतस्य गोपावधि तिष्ठथो रथं सत्यधर्माणा परमे व्योमनि ।
यमत्र मित्रावरुणावथो युवं तस्मै वृष्टिर्मधुमत्पिन्वते
दिवः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ṛtasya gopāvadhi tiṣṭhatho ratham satyadharm-āṇā parame vyomani. Yamatra mitrāvaruṇ-āvatho yuvaṁ tasmai vṛṣṭir-madhumat pinvate divaḥ.*

Mitra and Varuna, lord of light and lord of justice and rectitude, ruler and judge, guardians of truth and law, observers of truth and law and eternal Dharma, you abide in the highest regions of existence in the presence of Divinity and ride over the chariot of life and the state while you occupy the highest seats of the social order. In this state, whoever you protect is blest, rains of honey sweets shower on him from heaven above.

सम्राजावस्य भुवनस्य राजथो मित्रावरुणा विदथे स्वर्दृशा ।
वृष्टिं वां राधो अमृतत्वमीमहे द्यावापृथिवी वि चरन्ति
तन्यवः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Samrājāvasya bhuvanasya rājatho mitrāvaruṇā vidathe svarḍṛśā. Vṛṣṭim vāṁ rādho amṛtatvamī-mahe dyāvāpṛthivī vi caranti tanyavaḥ.*

Mitra, lord of love and friendship, Varuna, lord

of judgement and discrimination, rulers and leading lights of this world, you shine in splendour and reveal the light of Divinity in the yajnic business of life on the earth. Just as thunder and lightning light and shake the earth and sky, so do you rule the earth. We pray to you for the shower of joy, success and the nectar sweets of immortal values in this mortal state of life.

सम्राजा उग्रा वृषभा दिवस्पतीं पृथिव्या मित्रावरुणा
विचर्वणी । चित्रेभिरभ्रैरुप तिष्ठथो रवं द्यां वर्षयथो असुरस्य
मायया ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Samrājā ugrā vṛṣabhā divaspatī prthivyā mitrā-varuṇā vicarṣaṇī. Citrebhirabhrairupa tiṣṭhatho ravaṁ dyāṁ varṣayatho asurasya māyayā.*

Mitra and Varuna, ruler and leading lights like sun and shower, shining in majesty, blazing with splendour, brave and generous, guardians of heaven and light of the earth, watchful observers of the world, wielding wondrous clouds of rain and power, you stay close by us and send down showers of rain and roar of thunder by the awful force of light and winds of nature's breath of life.

माया वां मित्रावरुणा दिवि श्रिता सूर्यो ज्योतिश्चरति
चित्रमायुधम् । तमभ्रेण वृष्ट्या गूह्यथो दिवि पर्जन्य द्रप्सा
मधुमन्त ईरते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Māyā vāṁ mitrāvaruṇā divi śritā sūryo jyotiścharati citramāyudham. Tamabhreṇa vṛṣṭyā gūhatho divi parjanya drapsā madhumanta īrate.*

Mitra and Varuna, lord of light and lord of bliss, ruler and leading lights of the social order, your power

and generosity is based in the light of Divinity and issues from there. The sun, an agent and manifestation of the same, shines with its light as weapon of enlightenment and purification. You cover the sun with an ocean of vapour and energy of cosmic electricity in the regions of light, then the cloud is formed and showers of honey drops fall as rain.

रथं युञ्जते मरुतः शुभे सुखं शूरो न मित्रावरुणा गविष्टिषु ।
रजांसि चित्रा वि चरन्ति तन्यवो दिवः सम्राजा पर्यसा न
उक्षतम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ratham yuñjate marutaḥ śubhe sukhaṁ śūro na mitrāvaruṇā gaviṣṭiṣu. Rajāṁsi citrā vi caranti tanyavo divaḥ samrājā payasā na ukṣatam.*

O Mitra and Varuna, generous ruler and enlightened leaders, the Maruts, dynamic scientists and engineers, brave as warriors and tempestuous as winds, design and structure a faultless chariot and use it for the comfort and welfare of mankind. They rise in the company of sunrays to the wonderful regions of the skies, light and lightning in yajnic programmes for the good of all. O brilliant leaders, give us showers of water, milk, generative energy and creative vision.

वाचं सु मित्रावरुणाविरावतीं पर्जन्यश्चित्रां वदति
त्विषीमतीम् । अभ्रा वसत मरुतः सु मायया द्यां वर्षयतम-
रुणामरेपसम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vācam su mitrāvaruṇāv-irāvatīm parjanyaś-citrām vadati tviṣīmatīm. Abhrā vasata marutaḥ su māyayā dyām varṣayatam-aruṇāmarepasam.*

Just as the cloud deeply filled with vapour and

highly generous rumbles with its voice of thunder and showers rains of water, fertilising, exciting and pure, similarly, O scholars, teachers and preachers, loving as Mitra, friend, and discriminative as Varuna, the judge, speak to us that language of knowledge and wisdom which is comforting, refreshing, regenerative and life giving, wonderfully engaging and illuminating, full of wonder and variety and light of life. Let the dynamic people, vibrant as winds live in plenty like the cloud, and rise to the light of heaven with knowledge and power. Powerful as Indra, brilliant as Sun, and generous as Prajapati, give us the showers of knowledge and speech, holy, bright and blazing, free of sin and evil.

धर्मणा मित्रावरुणा विपश्चिता व्रता रक्षेथे असुरस्य
मायया । ऋतेन विश्वं भुवनं वि रजथः सूर्यमा धत्थो दिवि
चित्र्यं रथम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Dharmanā mitrāvaruṇā vipaścitā vratā rakṣethe asurasya māyayā. Ṛtena viśvaṁ bhuvanam vi rājathaḥ sūryamā dhattho divi citryam ratham.*

Mitra, O lord of light and love, and Varuna, lord of law and justice, knowing and discriminative, dedicated to the observance of the Law, you uphold, protect and promote the entire world of existence in order by Dharma, Rtam, cosmic dynamics and the innate strength and will of life. You shine in manifestation by Law and you maintain the sun in the regions of light like a marvellous chariot on the highway by the Law.

Mandala 5/Sukta 64***Mitra - Varuna Devata, Archanana Atreya Rshi*****वरुणं वो रिशादसमृचा मित्रं हवामहे ।****परि व्रजेव बह्वोर्जगन्वांसा स्वर्णरम् ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Varuṇam vo riṣādasam-ṛcā mitram havāmahe.
Pari vrajeva bāhvor-jaganvānsā svarṇaram.*

O Mitra, loving friend, and Varuna, learned scholar and lover of justice, with words of prayer and adoration we invoke and invite you, destroyers of negativity and enmity, moving forward by the strength of your arms and leading to the golden goal of joy and bliss by paths of knowledge, love and rectitude, moving as you do like shepherds leading cows to the stall.

ता बहवा सुचेतुना प्र यन्तमस्मा अर्चते ।**शेवं हि जार्यं वां विश्वासु क्षासु जोगुवे ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Tā bāhavā sučetunā pra yantamasmā arcate.
Śevam hi jāryam vām viśvāsu kṣāsu joguve.*

O Mitra and Varuna, sages of love and justice, extend your hands of generosity alongwith your knowledge and wisdom to this aspiring supplicant. I adore and proclaim your admirable treasure of light, love and justice over the entire regions of the world.

यन्नूनमृश्यां गतिं मित्रस्य यायां पथा ।**अस्य प्रियस्य शर्मण्यहिंसांस्य सञ्चिरे ॥ ३ ॥**

3. *Yannūnam-āśyām gatiṁ mitrasya yāyām pathā.
Asya priyasya śarmany-ahimsānasya saścire.*

I wish and pray I go by the same path and reach

the same goal, the home of divine bliss of this dear lord of love and non-violence, Mitra which the sages follow and reach.

युवाभ्यां मित्रावरुणोपमं धेयामृचा ।

यद्ध क्षये मघोनां स्तोतॄणां च स्पृधसे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yuvābhyām mitrāvaruṇopamam dheyāmrcā.
Yaddha kṣaye maghonām stotṛṇām ca spūrdhase.*

May I, with prayer and adoration, receive from you, Mitra and Varuna, that excellent treasure of wealth and wisdom which abides in the home of the prosperous celebrants when they have reached their golden goal of joy and which I aspire to emulate.

आ नो मित्र सुदीतिभिर्वरुणश्च सधस्थ आ ।

स्वे क्षये मघोनां सखीनां च वृधसे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā no mitra sudītibhir-varuṇas̥ca sadhastha ā.
Sve kṣaye maghonām sakhīnām ca vṛdhase.*

O Mitra and Varuna, loving friend and friend of justice and rectitude, come to us with your brilliance of knowledge and grace our home, your own place, for the advancement of friends and devotees on way to further progress.

युवं नो येषु वरुण क्षत्रं बृहच्छ बिभृथः ।

उरु णो वाजसातये कृतं राये स्वस्तये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yuvaṁ no yeṣu varuṇa kṣatram bṛhacca bibhṛ-
thaḥ. Uru ṇo vājasātaye kṛtam rāye svastaye.*

O lord of love and friendship, Mitra, O Varuna, lord of justice and rectitude, those whom you vest with

the great social order and high excellence and guide and conduct for our sake, advance and raise higher in honour and excellence for victory, wealth and well being for us.

उच्छन्त्यां मे यजता देवक्षत्रे रुशद्गवि । सुतं सोमं न हस्तिभिरा
पद्भिर्धौवतं नरा बिभ्रतावर्चनानसम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ucchantyām me yajatā devakṣatre ruṣadgavi.
Sutaṁ somaṁ na hastibhirā paḍbhirdhāvataṁ
narā bibhratāv-arcanānasam.*

Mitra and Varuna, ruler and pioneers of the nation, adorable guides and unifiers of humanity, come running fast on feet firm as the elephant's and join my yajna at the rise of dawn in the light of the sun in this holy social order. Accept the song of adoration and prayer of the celebrant and enjoy it like distilled soma of yajna and excellence of the social order.

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यश्चिकेतु स सुक्रतुर्देवत्रा स ब्रवीतु नः ।
वरुणो यस्य दर्शतो मित्रो वा वनते गिरः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yaściketa sa sukraturdevatrā sa bravītu naḥ.
Varuṇo yasya darśato mitro vā vanate girah.*

He who knows is a holy performer of good action, Sukratu. Let the sukratu speak to us of the Lord and of truth, universal love, justice and rectitude, whose vision and language of vision, Mitra, friend and lover, and Varuna, who can discriminate between truth and falsehood, eminent among the eminent worth meeting,

love and admire. Let mitra and varuna among us speak to us of Mitra and Varuna, Lord of love and justice.

ता हि श्रेष्ठवर्चसा राजाना दीर्घश्रुत्तमा ।

ता सत्पती ऋतावृध ऋतावाना जनेजने ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ta hi śreṣṭhavarcaśā rājānā dīrghaśrutamā.*
Tā satpati ṛtāvṛdha ṛtāvānā janejane.

They command the highest knowledge and illumination, they are eminent among the brilliant, learned scholars of Revelation. They command and preserve the truth, they preserve and protect the divine law of nature, they observe and uphold the universal law and Dharma among every community of humanity.

ता वामिया॒नोऽ वसे॒ पूर्वा॒ उप॒ ब्रुवे॒ सचा॑ ।

स्वश्वा॑सुः सु॒ चेतु॒ना॒ वाजाँ॑ अ॒भि प्रदा॒वने॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tā vāmiyāno 'vase pūrvā upa bruve sacā.*
Svaśvaśaḥ su cetunā vājāṅ abhi pra dāvane.

O Mitra and Varuna, twin powers of love and friendship, justice and rectitude, ancient and eternal, I approach you for protection and promotion, and speak to you and speak of you: you command knowledge, you command revelation and communication, you give knowledge, you give means of communication and transport, food and energy, struggle, speed and success to the people of charity and generosity.

मि॒त्रो अ॒होश्चि॒दादु॒रु क्षया॑य गा॒तुं व॑नते ।

मि॒त्रस्य॒ हि प्र॒तूर्व॑तः सु॒मति॑रस्ति वि॒धतः॑ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Mitro aṅhościdāduru kṣayāya gātuṁ vanate.*
Mitrasya hi pratūrvataḥ sumatirasti vidhataḥ.

Mitra, friend and lover, for sure, provides a wide path away from sin for us to have a safe and spacious haven of peace on earth. The love and friendship of the Lord of instant action who protects and upholds us against sin and evil is for humanity, abundant for anyone who cares to benefit from it by prayer and effort.

वयं मित्रस्यावसि स्याम सप्रथस्तमे ।

अनेहसस्त्वोतयः सुत्रा वरुणशेषसः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vayaṁ mitrasyāvasi syāma saprathastame. Anehasastvotayaḥ satrā varuṇaśeṣasaḥ.*

Let us pray and make effort that we may abide in the widest protection of Mitra, lord of mercy, friend and lover of the universe. Let us be free from sin, evil and violence, safe under your protection, O Lord, ever dedicated to truth and law, and let us live as loved children of Varuna, lord of justice and rectitude.

युवं मित्रेमं जनुं यतथः सं च नयथः । मा मघोनुः परि
ख्यतं मो अस्माकमृषीणां गोपीथे न उरुष्यतम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yuvaṁ mitremam janam yatathaḥ saṁ ca nayathaḥ. Mā maghonaḥ pari khyatam mo asmākam-ṛṣīṇāṁ gopīthe na uruṣyatam.*

O Mitra and Varuna, friend and lover of humanity, upholder of justice and rectitude, you inspire and exhilarate this human nation to action, unite them and lead them to the common goal. O lord of love, mercy and justice, pray do not ignore the supplicants on way to prosperity and excellence, do not forsake our people and future generations on the path of piety and progress, promote and exalt us and our leading lights to reach the

haven of peace and bliss.

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आ चिकित्तान सुक्रतू देवौ मर्त रिशादसा ।

वरुणाय ऋतपेशसे दधीत प्रयसे महे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā cikitāna sukratū devau marta riśādasā.
Varuṇāya ṛtapeśase dadhīta prayase mahe.*

O learned and intelligent people, for a perfect dynamic order of truth and righteousness, abundant, great and joyful, hold on to brilliant, generous and divine Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love and justice who discriminate between right and wrong, truth and falsehood. they are destroyers of hate and enmity, negativity and contradiction, and inspirers of holy, creative and integrative action, dedicated to creative yajna of the human nation.

ता हि क्षत्रमविहृतं सम्यगसुर्यमाशाते ।

अध व्रतेव मानुषं स्वर्णं धायि दर्शतम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā hi kṣatram-avihrutaṁ samyagasuryamāśāte.
Adha vrateva mānuṣaṁ svarṇa dhāyi darśatam.*

They alone successfully lead to a steady, vibrant and inviolable social order and, like committed and covenanted powers, establish a bright and blessed heaven of humanity on earth.

ता वामेषे रथानामुर्वी गव्यूतिमेषाम् ।

रातहव्यस्य सुष्टुतिं दधृक्स्तोमैर्मनामहे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tā vāmeṣe rathānām-urvīm gavyūtimeśām. Rāta-havyasya suṣṭutiṁ dadhṛk stomair-manāmahe.*

O Mitra and Varuna, for the onward movement of these chariots of yours we freely offer the wide earth and her highways and honour you and the creative song of the sacrificing celebrant with our chants of praise.

अथा हि काव्या युवं दक्षस्य पृथिर्द्भुता ।

नि केतुना जनीनां चिकेथे पृतदक्षसा ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Adhā hi kāvyā yuvaṁ dakṣasya pūrbhiradbhutā.
Ni ketunā janānām cikethe pūtadakṣasā.*

O Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love and friendship, justice and rectitude, poetic visionaries commanding unprecedented and unsullied power, inspiring wonder and awe, you are widely known of the people by the brilliance of your knowledge, abundant praises of the versatile poet and the strongholds of strength and power over the earth.

तदृतं पृथिवि बृहच्छ्रव एष ऋषीणाम् ।

ज्रयसानावरं पृथ्वति क्षरन्ति यामभिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tadṛtaṁ pṛthivi bṛhacchrava eṣa ṛṣīṇām.
Jrayasānāvaram pṛthvati kṣaranti yāmabhiḥ.*

That truth of Law and rectitude, water and abundant food, profuse renown, and wisdom of the sages for attainment of the people, O mother earth, Mitra and Varuna, widely ranging over time and space, day by day, action by action, pray shower on life and humanity abundantly and incessantly without bounds.

आ यद्वामीयचक्षसा मित्र वयं च सूरयः ।

व्यचिष्टे बहुपाय्ये यतेमहि स्वराज्ये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā yad vāmīyacakṣasā mitra vayanī ca sūrayaḥ.
Vyaciṣṭhe bahupāyī yatemahi svarājye.*

Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of the world, we invoke you and pray that the power, prosperity and excellence of life which you shower upon the earth for humanity, we too, wise and brave, may try to augment and maintain in the wide order of universal freedom and law which is the common responsibility of the united people.

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बलित्था देव निष्कृतमदित्या यजतं बृहत् ।

वरुण मित्रार्यमन्वर्षिष्ठं क्षत्रमाशाथे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Balīthhā devā niṣkṛtam-ādityā yajataṁ brhat.
Varuṇa mitrāryaman varṣiṣṭham kṣatramāśāthe.*

It is true, thus, that three brilliant and generous powers of divinity vested in humanity organise, sustain and promote the grand, united and adorable world order achieved and established: Mitra, spirit of love, friendship and constant vigilance; Varuna, spirit of justice, rectitude and discriminative sense of values and wisdom; and Aryaman, innate energy, comprehensive vision and all embracing spirit of progressive planning and guidance.

आ यद्योनिं हिरण्ययं वरुण मित्र सदथः ।

धर्तारं चर्षणीनां यन्तं सुम्नं रिशादसा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā yad yonīm hiraṇyayaṁ varuṇa mitra sadathaḥ.
Dhartārā carṣaṇīnām yantaṁ sumnaṁ riśādasā.*

O Mitra and Varuna, leading lights and rulers with the spirit of love and justice, organisers and sustainers of the people, destroyers of hate, enmity and contradictions, since you occupy the golden seat of power, pray rule, guide and promote the peace and welfare of the social order of the people.

विश्वे हि विश्ववेदसो वरुणो मित्रो अर्यमा ।

व्रता पदेव सश्चिरे पान्ति मर्त्यं^१ रिषः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Viśve hi viśvavedaso varuṇo mitro aryamā.
Vratā padeva saścire pānti martyam¹ riṣaḥ.*

All the ruling, sustaining and promotive powers, Mitra, Varuna and Aryama, knowing everything of the systemic order, are committed to the laws, discipline and values of the order, keeping their feet on the ground realities as their sacred duty, and they protect the people against evil and violence and promote them towards a better life.

ते हि सत्या ऋतस्पृशं ऋतावानो जनैजने ।

सुनीथासः सुदानवोऽ होश्चिदुरुचक्रयः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Te hi satyā ṛtasprśa ṛtāvāno janejane.
Sunīthāsaḥ sudānavoḥ² hościdadurucakrayaḥ.*

Surely they are the best and highest in truth, keepers of the rule of law and rectitude, dedicated to universal truth and law, generous among and for every community, holy guided guides of the people, and they keep the wheel of Dharma moving against the evil of ignorance, injustice, poverty and sloth of every kind.

को नु वां मित्रास्तुतो वरुणो वा तनूनाम् ।

तत्सु वामेषते मतिरत्रिभ्य एषते मतिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ko nu vām mitrāstuto varuṇo vā tanūnām.
Tat su vāmeṣate matiratribhya eṣate mathiḥ.*

O Mitra, friend, O Varuna, friend of justice, which one of you is not praised and appreciated? Which one of you is not best of form and function in manifestation? Indeed, all our thoughts and reflections turn to you in homage. All our adorations are addressed to the powers free from evil and injustice, to those who command knowledge and good action beyond threefold miseries of body, mind and soul of the individual, society and humanity.

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प्र वो मित्राय गायत वरुणाय विपा गिरा ।

महिक्षत्रावृतं बृहत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra vo mitrāya gāyata varuṇāya vīpā girā.
Mahikṣatrāvṛtaṁ brhat.*

Sing in holy words in honour and praise of Mitra and Varuna, ruling lord of light and dispenser of justice, who hold and sustain the great world order and maintain the universal values of eternal Truth and Law for you.

सम्राजा या घृतयोनी मित्रश्चोभा वरुणश्च ।

देवा देवेषु प्रशस्ता ॥ २ ॥

2. *Samrājā yā ghṛtayonī mitraścobhā varuṇasca.
Devā deveṣu praśastā.*

Mitra and Varuna, both brilliant rulers of nature and humanity, sources of the showers of fertility, prosperity and felicity, are eminent and adorable,

honoured among the brilliancies of nature and humanity.

ता नः शक्तं पार्थिवस्य महो रायो दिव्यस्य ।

महिं वां क्षत्रं देवेषु ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tā naḥ śaktaṁ pārthivasya maho rāyo divyasya.*
Mahi vāṁ kṣatraṁ deveṣu.

Great is your power and potential for us over the wealth and excellence of heavenly and earthly values, culture and conduct and behaviour. Great is your rule and order over the divinities of nature and humanity.

ऋतमृतेन सपन्तेषिरं दक्षमाशाते । अद्रुहा देवौ वर्धेते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ṛtamṛtena sapanteṣiraṁ dakṣamāśāte.*
Adruhā devau vardhete.

They live, serve, strive and search for the realisation of Rtam, eternal and universal values of Truth and Dharma, by their earnest pursuit of truth and Dharma in life and conduct, Rtam, and thus, free from hate, jealousy and violence, achieve the strength and excellence they long for and rise, shining in merit as leading lights of humanity.

वृष्टिद्यावा रीत्यापेक्षस्पती दानुमत्याः ।

बृहन्तं गर्तमाशाते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vṛṣṭidyāvā rītyāpeṣaspatī dānumatyāḥ.*
Brhantaṁ gartamāśāte.

Harbingers of showers from heaven, making the waters flow on earth, creating, preserving and promoting the energy, fertility and production of the generous earth and environment, ruling and realising the desires and aspirations of humanity, Mitra and Varuna bring about

a great and expansive haven of peace, prosperity and felicity on earth.

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त्री रोच॑ना वरु॒ण त्री॑रु॒त द्यू॒न्त्रीणि॑ मि॒त्र धार॑यथो रजांसि ।
वा॒वृधा॒नाव॒मतिं॑ क्षु॒त्रिय॒स्याऽनु॑ व्र॒तं रक्ष॑माणावजु॒र्यम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Trī rocanā varuṇa triṅruta dyūn trīṇi mitra dhā-rayatho rajāṃsi. Vāvṛdhānāvamatiṁ kṣatriya-syā'nu vrataṁ rakṣamāṇāvajuryam.*

Mitra and Varuna, prana and udana energies of the life of existence, you wield and sustain the three regions of light, three regions of the ethereal sphere, and the three layers of the earthly sphere, sustaining, protecting and promoting the expansive form and structure of the world in dedication to the unaging laws of Rtam, universal Law.

इ॒राव॑तीर्वरु॒ण धे॒नवो॑ वा॒ं मधु॑मद्वा॒ं सि॒न्धवो॑ मि॒त्र दु॒हे ।
त्रय॑स्त॒स्थुर्वृ॒षभा॑स्तिसृ॒णां धि॒षणा॑नां रे॒तो॒धा वि॒द्युम॑न्तः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Irāvaṭir-varuṇa dhenavo vām madhumad vām sindhavo mitra duhre. Trayas-tasthur-vṛṣabhā-sas-tiṣṇām dhiṣaṇānām retodhā vi dyumantaḥ.*

O Mitra and Varuna, nourishing, energising and radiating are your rays of light, fluent and overflowing your showers and streams of milk, honey and life giving waters. Three are abiding clouds of virility and fertility inspired with love and vested with vibrant life seeds of the three mighty regions, radiating with knowledge,

karma and worship, O brilliant ones.

प्रातर्देवीमदितिं जोहवीमि मध्यन्दिन उदिता सूर्यस्य ।

राये मित्रावरुणा सर्वतातेले तोकाय तनयाय शं योः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Prātar-devīm-aditiṁ johavīmi madhyandina uditā sūryasya. Rāye mitrāvaruṇā sarvatāteḷe tokāya tanayāya śaṁ yoh.*

O Mitra and Varuna, life-givers of love and justice, early morning I invoke and pray to eternal mother nature for divine intelligence, at mid-day when the sun is high, I pray for light and splendour, and in the all blissful yajna, I pray for health, wealth and all round peace and well being for the children and all future generations.

या धर्तारा रजसो रोचनस्योतादित्या दिव्या पार्थिवस्य ।

न वां देवा अमृता आ मिनन्ति व्रतानि मित्रावरुणा ध्रुवाणि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yā dhartārā rajaso rocanasyotādityā divyā pārthivasya. Na vāṁ devā amṛtā ā minanti vratāni mitrāvaruṇā dhruvāṇi.*

O Mitra and Varuna, light and life of existence, who are wielders and sustainers of the regions of the earth, the middle regions of the skies and the highest regions of light and all the heavenly stars, no brilliant humans, no divinities of nature, no immortals ever violate your laws of eternal constancy.

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पुरुुरुणा चिद्धयस्त्यवो नूनं वां वरुण ।

मित्र वंसि वां सुमतिम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Purūruṇā ciddhyastyavo nūnaṁ vām varuṇa.
Mitra vaṁsi vām sumatim.*

O Mitra, O Varuna, great and abundant is your protection and wisdom which, O friend, in all sincerity you love to share and extend to us.

ता वां सम्यग्द्रुह्याणेषमश्याम धायसे ।

वयं ते रुद्रा स्याम ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā vām samyag-adruhvāṇeṣam-aśyāma dhāyase.
Vayaṁ te rudrā syāma.*

O Mitra and Varuna, Loving friends of justice and rectitude, free from hate and jealousy and destroyers of violence and injustice, may we receive, we pray, that energy and sustenance, that protection, guidance and wisdom of yours so that we may internalise it and pursue it in our life and conduct.

पातं नो रुद्रा पायुभिरुत त्रयेथां सुत्रात्रा ।

तुर्याम दस्यून्तनूभिः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pātaṁ no rudrā pāyubhiruta trāyethāṁ sutrātrā.
Turyāma dasyūn tanūbhiḥ.*

O destroyers of hate and violence, lovers and dispensers of justice and rectitude, with all your care and guidance, protect and promote us. Save us, O saviours, against evil in our person and social institutions so that we may get over all forces of negativity, crime and destruction.

मा कस्याद्भुतक्रतू यक्षं भुजेमा तनूभिः ।

मा शेषसा मा तर्नसा ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Mā kasyādbhutakratū yakṣaṁ bhujemā tanūbhiḥ.
Mā śeṣasā mā tanasā.*

O Mitra and Varuna, friend and justicier, accomplishers of wonderful acts of yajna, creation and production, let us never grab, consume, live on or live by any body else's share of yajnic sustenance, nor withhold our share of yajnic contribution for our selfish purposes, either for our own person or for our children and friends, either for the present or for future. (Help us to live by our own effort.)

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आ नो॑ गन्तं रिशादसा वरुण॑ मित्रं ब॒र्हणा॑ ।

उपे॑मं चारुमध्व॒रम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā no gantaṁ riśādasā varuṇa mitra barhaṇā.
Upemaṁ cārum-adhvaram.*

O Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love and friendship, justice and rectitude, destroyers of negativities, hate and enmity, promoters of love and unity, knowledge and positive action, come to us and join this pleasing and elevating programme of love and non-violence, this yajna for common good.

विश्वस्य॑ हि प्रचेतसा॑ वरुण॑ मित्रं राज॑थः ।

ई॒शा॒ना पि॑प्यतं॒ धियः॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Viśvasya hi pracetasā varuṇa mitra rājathaḥ.
Īśānā pipyataṁ dhiyaḥ.*

Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love and unity, justice and discriminative awareness,

commanding universal knowledge and ruling power, you shine and reign over all. We pray, inspire and elevate our mind and intelligence to fullness.

उप नः सुतमा गतं वरुण मित्रं दाशुषः ।

अस्य सोमस्य पीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Upa naḥ sutamā gatam varuṇa mitra dāśuṣaḥ.*
Asya somasya pītaye.

Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love, friendship and felicity, justice and rectitude, our yajna is accomplished, the soma is distilled. Come, drink of the soma of this worshipful celebrant yajaka, share and bless our yajnic achievement of success and progress.

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आ मित्रे वरुणे वयं गीर्भिर्जुहुमो अत्रिवत् ।

नि बर्हिषि सदतं सोमपीतये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā mitre varuṇe vayam gīrbhir-juhumo atrivat.*
Ni barhiṣi sadatam somapītaye.

Like the sage free from threefold suffering of body, mind and soul, with songs of adoration, we invoke Mitra and Varuna, leading lights of love and justice, offer yajnic homage in their honour and service, and pray that they may come and grace our seats of yajna for a drink of soma and bless our accomplishment of the creative and productive programme.

व्रतेन स्थो ध्रुवक्षेमा धर्मणा यातयज्जना ।

नि बर्हिषि सदतं सोमपीतये ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vratena stho dhruvakṣemā dharmaṇā yāta-yajjanā. Ni barhiṣi sadatām somapītaye.*

O constant protectors of achievement and progress, unshakable leaders dynamic at the centre of movement, dedicated to the vows of piety, guides of the people on the march forward and onward by the laws of Dharma, come, grace the seats of yajna in the world order and drink the soma of success and advancement.

मित्रश्च नो वरुणश्च जुषेतां यज्ञमिष्टये ।

नि बर्हिषि सदतां सोमपीतये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Mitraśca no varuṇaśca juṣetām yajñamiṣṭaye. Ni barhiṣi sadatām somapītaye.*

Let Mitra and Varuna, loving friend and discriminative judge of circumstance with comprehensive vision making the right choice, cherish, join and guide our yajna, corporate programme of progress, sit on the holy seats of yajna and celebrate the finale with a drink of soma in honour of success.

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यदद्य स्थः परावति यदर्ववत्यश्विना ।

यद्वा पुरु पुरुभुजा यदन्तरिक्ष आ गतम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yadadya sthaḥ parāvati yadarvāvatyaśvinā. Yad vā purū purubhujā yadantarikṣa ā gatam.*

Ashvins, twin divines, complementary currents of the circuit of nature's divine energy, wind and electricity, you are present far and near in the middle

sphere of the sky and operative far and near here and now, abundant, sustaining all and sustainable by all. O men and women, let us try these currents of energy come to us for the benefit of all.

इह त्या पुरुभूतमा पुरु दंसांसि बिभ्रता ।

वरस्या याम्यध्रिगू हुवे तुविष्टमा भुजे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Iha tyā purubhūtamā purū daṁsāṁsi bhibhratā.*
Varasyā yāmyadhrigū huve tuviṣṭamā bhuje.

Here I invoke and practically realise the abundant and extensive currents of natural energy bearing many and mighty potentials, highly useful, most powerful and non-stop in operation for our purpose of power and comfort.

ईर्मन्यद्वपुषे वपुश्चक्रं रथस्य येमथुः ।

पर्यन्या नाहुषा युगा मन्हा रजांसि दीयथः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Īrmānyad vapuṣe vapuścakram rathasya yemathuḥ.* *Paryanyā nāhuṣā yugā mahnā rajāṁsi dīyathaḥ.*

Ashvins, instantly moving harbingers of light and energy, one brilliant wheel of your chariot, one part of your circuit, you have set in motion for the expression of your brilliance by the sun. By the other, like night after the day and by the circle of night and day, you complete the circle of the day and year and thereby with your might and splendour you illuminate the terrestrial and ethereal regions and count up the ages of humanity on earth.

तद् षु वामेना कृतं विश्वा यद्वामनु द्रवे ।

नानां जातावरेपसा समस्मे बन्धुमेवथुः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tadū ṣu vāmenā kṛtaṁ viśvā yad vāmanu ṣṭave.
Nānā jātāvarepasā samasme bandhumeyathuh.*

Ashvins, complementary, powers of nature, and humanity like teachers and preachers, leaders and followers, for all these that you have done for us, for all that, I honour and adore you in consequence. Born and arisen without sin and free of negativity, come and guide our friends and brothers for our sake.

आ यद्वां सूर्या रथं तिष्ठद्गुह्यदं सदा ।

परि वामरुषा वयों घृणा वरन्त आतपः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ā yad vām sūryā ratham tiṣṭhad raghuṣyadam
sadā. Pari vāmaruṣā vayo ghrṇā varanta ātapaḥ.*

When the dawn, daughter of the sun, like a bride, comes and rides your fast moving chariot, ruddy, shining and blazing, birds, beasts and humans always look up to you and adore you all round.

युवोरत्रिश्चिकेतति नरा सुप्नेन चेतसा ।

घर्म यद्वामरेपसं नासत्यास्त्रा भुरण्यति ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yuvoratriściketati narā sumnena cetasā. Ghar-
maṁ yad vāmarepasam nāsatyāsnā bhuranyati.*

Ashvins, leading lights and pioneers of life on the path of truth and rectitude, Atri, the sage who has conquered threefold suffering of existence knows you fully with an undisturbed mind and adores you with hymns of praise when he experiences and receives from you the fire of life free from sin and untruth.

उग्रो वां ककुहो ययिः शृण्वे यामेषु सन्तनिः ।

यद्वां दंसोभिरश्विनाऽत्रिर्नराववर्तति ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ugro vām kakuho yayiḥ śṛṇve yāmeṣu saṁtaniḥ.
Yad vām daṁsobhir-aśvinā' trir-narāvavartati.*

Ashvins, leading lights and path finders of humanity, the mighty rumble of your advance expanding in all directions is heard at every stage of your movements when Atri, the celebrant sage of threefold freedom turns his attention to you by virtue of your noble actions.

मध्व ऊ षु मधूयुवा रुद्रा सिषक्ति पिप्युषी ।

यत्समुद्राति पर्वथः पक्वाः पृक्षो भरन्त वाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Madhva ū ṣu madhūyuvā rudrā siṣakti pipyuṣī.
Yat samudrāti parṣathaḥ pakvāḥ prkṣo bharanta
vām.*

Ashvins, roaring powers of nature like sun and wind, mixers and makers of the sweets of earth, when you fill the oceans of ethereal and terrestrial regions and abundant showers slake the thirst of honey sweets of green, they ripen and bear and bring offers of ripe fruit and nourishing food for you.

सत्यमिद्धा उ अश्विना युवामाहुर्मयोभुवा ।

ता यामन्यामहूतमा यामन्ना मृळयत्तमा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Satyamid vā u aśvinā yuvām-āhur-mayobhuvā.
Tā yāman yāmahutamā yāmannā mṛḷayattamā.*

Ashvins, leading lights of nature and humanity, earth and heaven, sages and scholars, true it is as they say you are the harbingers and givers of peace and well-being. Most kind and responsive to the call of devotees, we pray, come and bring us the highest bliss on the wings of wind and light.

इमा ब्रह्माणि वर्धनाऽश्विभ्यां सन्तु शन्तमा ।

या तक्षाम् रथोऽइवाऽवोचाम बृहन्नमः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Imā brahmāṇi vardhanā'svibhyām santu śantamā. Yā takṣāma rathāñ ivā'vocāma brhannamah.*

May these songs of praise and celebration be pleasing and exalting for the Ashvins and bring peace and prosperity for us, the songs which we conceive, design and structure like chariots of power and felicity while we compose words of yajnic homage in ecstasy.

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कूष्ठो देवावश्विनाऽद्या दिवो मनावसू ।

तच्छ्रवथो वृषण्वसू अत्रिर्वामा विवासति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kūṣṭho devāvaśvinā'dyā divo manāvasū. Tacchravatho vṛṣaṇvasū atrirvāmā vivāsati.*

Divinities of the earth, Ashvins, rich at heart, abiding in the mind, harbingers of showers of wealth from the heights of heaven, Atri, the sagely celebrant who enjoys three-fold freedom of body, mind and soul today prays in service to you. Pray listen to him.

कुहू त्या कुहू नु श्रुता दिवि देवा नासत्या ।

कस्मिन्ना यतथो जने को वां नदीनां सचा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Kuha tyā kuha nu śrutā divi devā nāsatyā. Kasminnā yatatho jane ko vām nadīnām sacā.*

Where are they? Where are they heard and renowned, the brilliant ones in heaven, ever dedicated

to truth in heavenly conduct and behaviour? O brilliant divines, Ashvins, in which community do you operate? Who shares and benefits from your flowing rivers and rolling oceans?

कं याथः कं ह गच्छथः कमच्छ युञ्जाथे रथम् ।

कस्य ब्रह्माणि रण्यथो वयं वामुश्मसीष्टये ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Kaṁ yāthaḥ kaṁ ha gacchathaḥ kamacchā yuñjāthe ratham. Kasya brahmāṇi raṇyatho vayaṁ vām-uśmasīṣṭaye.*

Who do you go to? To what course or goal? For what purpose do you harness your chariot? Whose songs do you love to hear and enjoy? We love and felicitate you for our cherished desire.

पौरं चिद्धयुदप्रुतं पौरं पौराय जिव्वथः ।

यदी' गृभीततातये सिंहमिव द्रुहस्पदे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pauram ciddhyudaprutam pauram paurāya jinvathaḥ. Yadīm grbhītātātaye siṁhamiva druhaspade.*

O citizen, you proceed to the citizen in deep waters and resume and raise him to new life for the citizen and the coming generation for the extension of their action and achievement already made and like a lion even jump into the den of hate and enmity to protect and promote them.

प्र च्यवानाजुजुरुषो वव्रिमत्कं न मुञ्चथः ।

युवा यदी' कृथः पुनरा काममृण्वे वध्वः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pra cyavānāj-jujuruṣo vavrimatkaṁ na muñcathaḥ. Yuvā yadī' kṛthaḥ punarā kāmamṛṇve vadhvaḥ.*

Like a physician and surgeon you discard the debility of age like an old and worn out garment when you renew it back to youth which could be fascinating even for the love of a damsel.

(So does a dynamic society change over i.e., retire, and aging person from an exacting public position to replace him with a young, energetic, intelligent man capable of take him over the onerous duty and responsibilities of a youthful nation.)

अस्ति हि वामिह स्तोता स्मसि वां सन्दृशि श्रिये ।

नू श्रुतं म आ गतमवोभिर्वाजिनीवसू ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Asti hi vāmiha stotā smasi vām saṁdṛśi śriye.
Nū śrutam ma ā gatam-avobhir-vājīnīvasū.*

Here for sure is your dedicated devotee and celebrant. We abide within your eye sight for the sake of the beauty and grace of life. Listen to us and come with your modes of protection, Ashvins, who command treasures of food, energy and the forces of renewal, rejuvenation and advancement.

को वामद्य पुरुणामा ववे मर्त्यानाम् ।

को विप्रो विप्रवाहसा को यज्ञैर्वीजिनीवसू ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ko vāmadya puruṇāmā vavne martyānām.
Ko vipro vipravāhasā ko yajñairvājīnīvasū.*

Who of the many many mortals today could win your love and favour, O favourite celebrities of the saints and scholars? Which one of the wisest? Which one at last could win your recognition and favour, O commanders of the treasures of food, energy, wealth, power and the forces of life? By all yajnas at his

command, could he? Probably, for sure may be.

आ वां रथो रथानां येष्वो यात्वश्विना ।

पुरु चिदस्मयुस्तिर आङ्गूषो मर्त्येष्व ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ā vām ratho rathānām yeṣṭho yātvaśvinā.
Purū cid-asmayus-tira aṅgūṣo martyeṣvā.*

Ashvins, leading lights for humanity, may your chariot, fastest of all, adorable among mortals, victorious over many negativities, hate and enmities, be directed hitherward, reach us and take us across the oceans. (Let us create the chariots as divine gifts and sail over the oceans across the skies.)

शम् षु वां मधूयुवाऽस्माकमस्तु चर्कृतिः ।

अर्वाचीना विचेतसा विभिः श्येनेव दीयतम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Śamū ṣu vām madhūyuvā'smākamastu carkṛtiḥ.
Arvācīnā vicetasā vibhiḥ śyeneva dīyatam.*

Ashvins, leading lights, masters of speed and direction, creators of the honey sweets of life, may that creation, invention and achievement of yours be ours, adorable for our good. Most modern intellectuals, eminent scientists of imagination, give us the chariot with wings to fly with the birds, by winds like the eagle, and shine.

अश्विना यद्ध कर्हि चिच्छुश्रूयातमिमं हवम् ।

वस्वीरू षु वां भुजः पृञ्चन्ति सु वां पृचः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Aśvinā yaddha karhicic-chuśrūyātam-imam
havam. Vasvīrū ṣu vām bhujaḥ pṛñcanti su vām
pṛcaḥ.*

Ashvins, leading lights of humanity, wherever

you be and whatever you do, please listen to this invocation, adoration and invitation of ours to live and justify existence, and please know: All your plans and actions for peace, prosperity and progress in life fructify in full, all your ambitions are fulfilled. We love and admire you and all those who work together to realise our dreams.

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Ashvins Devata, Avasyu Atreya Rshi

प्रति प्रियतमं रथं वृषणं वसुवाहनम् । स्तोता वामश्विनावृषिः
स्तोमेन प्रति भूषति माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prati priyatamaṁ rathaṁ vṛṣaṇaṁ vasuvāha-
nam. Stotā vāmaśvināvṛṣiḥ stomena prati
bhūṣati mādhvī mama śrutaṁ havam.*

Ashvins, leading lights of humanity, the celebrant visionary of life's reality and mantric meaning, adores your achievement in befitting words of song in response to the beauty of your dearest chariot which is the carrier and harbinger of showers of wealth and well being. O creators and makers of the sweets of existence, the celebrant prays: Listen to my song of adoration and accept the invitation to live and create the joy of life.

अत्यायातमश्विना तिरो विश्वा अहं सनी । दस्रा
हिरण्यवर्तनी सुषुम्ना सिन्धुवाहसा माध्वी मम श्रुतं
हवम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Atyāyātamaśvinā tiro viśvā ahaṁ sanā. Dasrā
hirṇyavartanī suṣumnā sindhuvāhasā mādhvī
mama śrutaṁ havam.*

Ashvins, leading lights of life in existence,

destroyers of suffering, harbingers of peace and prosperity, creators of honey sweets, listen to my prayer: Come over regions of earth across the spaces, travelling by golden chariots over golden highways, navigating by rivers and oceans, so that I may cross all hurdles of existence and live as the immortal that I am.

आ नो रत्नानि बिभ्रतावश्विना गच्छतं युवम् । रुद्रा
हिरण्यवर्तनी जुषाणा वाजिनीवसू माध्वी मम श्रुतं
हवम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā no ratnāni bibhratāvaśvinā gacchataṁ yuvam.
Rudrā hirṇyavartanī juṣāṇā vājinīvasū mādhvī
mama śrutam havam.*

Ashvins, come you both to us, bearing jewel wealths of life; come, O Rudras, dispensers of justice and punishment, travelling by golden chariot over golden highways, loving and listening partners, givers of food, energy and speedy progress, creators of the sweets of life, come in response to our invocation and listen to our prayer.

सुष्टुभो वां वृषण्वसू रथे वाणीच्याहिता । उत वां ककुहो
मृगः पृक्षः कृणोति वापुषो माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Suṣṭubho vām vṛṣaṇvasū rathe vāṇīcyāhitā. Uta
vām kakuho mṛgaḥ prkṣaḥ kṛṇoti vāpuṣo mādhvī
mama śrutam havam.*

Ashvins, harbingers of the showers of wealth and joy, haven of the abundant and generous, the celebrant is delighted in your chariot and feels elevated. His song is dedicated to you, and he, mighty strong, handsome of body, seeker of your favour and purity,

prepares the offering of homage for you. O creators and givers of the sweets of life, listen to my prayer and praise.

बोधिन्मनसा रथ्यैषिरा हवनश्रुता । विभिश्च्यवानमश्विना
नि याथो अद्वयाविनं माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Bodhinmanasā rathyeṣirā havanaśrutā. Vibhiś-
cyavānam-aśvinā ni yātho advayāvinam mādhvī
mama śrutam havam.*

Ashvins, leaders and guides of enlightened mind, travelling far and fast by chariot, responsive to praise and prayer, you reach the sincere searching man of holy mind free from duplicity as by flight of birds. O creators and givers of honey sweets, listen to my invocation.

आ वां नरा मनोयुजोऽश्वासः प्रुषितप्सवः । वयो वहन्तु
पितये सह सुम्नेभिरश्विना माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā vām narā manoyujo'svāsaḥ pruṣitapsavaḥ.
Vayo vahantu pītaye saha sumnebhiraśvinā
mādhvī mama śrutam havam.*

Ashvins, leaders and pioneers of adventurous men, may your horses, flying birds, controlled by thought, consuming burnt fuel, bring you hither with gifts of peace and well being for a drink of the soma of success and splendour. O creators and harbingers of honey sweets, listen to my prayer.

अश्विनावेह गच्छतं नासत्या मा वि वेनतम् । तिरश्चिदर्यया
परि वर्तिर्यातमदाभ्या माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Aśvināveha gacchataṁ nāsatyā mā vi venatam.
Tiraścidaryayā pari vartiryātam-adābhyā mādhvī
mama śrutam havam.*

Ashvins, come hither, noble masters, indomitable leaders ever dedicated to truth. Even if you are far away, pray do not be indifferent, slacken not the reins, cross over the winding paths and come. O creators and givers of honey sweets, listen to my prayer.

अस्मिन्यज्ञे अदाभ्या जरितारं शुभस्पती । अवस्युर्मश्विना
युवं गृणन्तमुप भूषथो माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Asmin yajñe adābhyā jaritāraṁ śubhaspatī.
Avasyum-aśvinā yuvaṁ grṇantamupa bhūṣatho
mādhvī mama śrutaṁ havam.*

In this yajna of creation, invention and production for social good, O masters, indomitable Ashvins, twin protectors and promoters of creative people and noble works, come and grace the celebrant, supplicant with songs of homage for protection and patronage. O creators and givers of showers of honey sweets, listen to my prayer.

अभूदुषा रुशत्पशुराग्निरधाय्यृत्वियः । अयोजि वां वृषण्वसू
रथो दस्त्रावमर्त्यो माध्वी मम श्रुतं हवम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Abhūduṣā ruṣat-paśurāgnir-adhāyyṛtviyaḥ. Ayoji
vāṁ vṛṣaṇvasū ratho dasrāvamartyo mādhvī
mama śrutaṁ havam.*

The dawn is risen. The holy fire, giver of shining wealth, is placed in the vedi according to the season. Your chariot, Ashvins, is in harness, invincible and immortal. O destroyers of hate and suffering and givers of showers of wealth and honey sweets, come, listen to my prayer.

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आ भ॑त्य॒ग्निर॒षस॑मनी॒कमु॒द्विप्रा॑णां दे॒वया वाचो॑ अस्थुः ।
अ॒र्वाञ्च॑ नूनं र॒थ्येह॑ यातं पी॒पिवांस॑म॒श्विना घ॑र्ममच्छ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ā bhātyagnir-uṣasāmanīkam-ud viprāṇāṁ devayā vāco asthuḥ. Arvāñcā nūnaṁ rathyeha yātaṁ pipivāṁsam-aśvinā gharma-m-accha.*

The holy fire of the sun shines here while the splendour of the dawn radiates as advance forces of the solar fire, and the holy voices of the sages arise in adoration. O Ashvins, vitalities of divinity, reach here by chariot of the dawn and join the rising fire of the house-hold yajna of noble men and women.

न संस्कृ॑तं प्र मि॒मीतो॒ गमि॑ष्ठान्ति नूनम॒श्विनोप॑स्तु ते॒ह ।
दिवा॑भिपि॒त्वेऽव॒सागमि॑ष्ठा प्रत्यव॑र्ति दा॒शुषे॑ शंभ॒विष्ठा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Na saṁskṛtaṁ pra mimīto gamiṣṭhā'nti nūnam-aśvinopas-tuteha. Divābhipitve'vasā-gamiṣṭhā pratyavartim dāśuṣe śambhaviṣṭhā.*

Ashvins, divinities of nature and humanity, most auspicious harbingers of peace and joy, invoked and invited to the yajna here, celebrated and adored, coming at the fastest, almost instantly reaching with protection and promotion at the rise of the day, you do not destroy, nor restrict, nor confine what has been refined, seasoned and sanctified by yajna. In fact, you bring safety and security against adversity and self-betrayal for the generous yajamana at his closest.

उ॒ता या॑तं संग॒वे प्रा॒तरह्णे॑ म॒ध्यन्दि॑न॒ उदि॑ता सूर्य॑स्य ।
दिवा॑ नक्त॒मव॑सा॒ शन्त॑मेन॒ नेदा॑नीं पी॒तिर॒श्विना त॑तान ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Utā yātaṁ saṁgave prātar-ahno madhyam̐dina uditā sūryasya. Divā naktam-avasā śaṁtamenā nedānīm pītiraśvinā tatāna.*

And this exuberance of yajnic celebration and joy is not confined to the present moment only, it extends over days and nights. Come Ashvins, divinities of nature and nobilities of men and women, come at the rise of dawn, at mid day when the sun is risen up on high, in the evening when the cows come home. Come all day and night with your gifts of safety and security, peace and joy.

इदं हि वां प्रदिवि स्थान्मोक इमे गृहा अश्विनेदं दुरोणम् ।
आ नो दिवो बृहतः पर्वतादाऽद्भ्यो यातमिषमूर्जं वहन्ता ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Idaṁ hi vāṁ pradivi sthānamoka ime grhā aśvinedaṁ duroṇam. Ā no divo brhataḥ parva-tādā'dbhyo yātam-iṣamūrjaṁ vahantā.*

Ashvins, harbingers of light, enlightened men and women, this house, these inmates, this open door home, all this is your ancient abode in the very light of heaven. Come here, bearing and bringing for us nutriments and energy from the vast regions of light and space, cloud and mountains, and from the waters of earth and space.

समश्विनोरवसा नूतनेन मयोभुवा सुप्रणीती गमेम ।
आ नो रयिं वहतमोत वीराना विश्वान्यमृता सौभागानि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Samaśvinor-avasā nutanena mayobhuvā supra-ṇīṭī gamema. Ā no rayiṁ vahatamota vīrān-ā viśvānya-mṛtā saubhagāni.*

May we join, unite and move on with the latest

and blissful protection and ethics, morals and policy of the Ashvins, leading lights of the world. O leaders and pioneers of life in nature and history, bring us, lead us to, wealth, honour and excellence, valiant children and all the gifts of good fortune and immortality in the world.

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प्रा॒त॒र्या॒वा॒णा प्रथ॒मा यज॑ध्वं पुरा गृ॒ध्रा॒दर॑रुषः पि॒बातः ।
प्रा॒त॒र्हि य॒ज्ञम॒श्विना॑ द॒धाते॒ प्र शंस॑न्ति क॒वयः॑ पूर्॒व-
भाजः॑ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prātaryāvāṇā prathamā yajadhvam purā gr̥dhrād-ararusaḥ pibātaḥ. Prātarhi yajñam-aśvinā dadhāte pra śamsanti kavayaḥ pūrv-abhājāḥ.*

Arise, meet and adore the Ashvins, first early morning visitors and harbingers of holy light and life's vitalities. They join and bless the yajna and shower and share the soma before the covetous grabbers and hoarders are up. They join and guide the yajnic business of life while the saints and sages, men of poetic vision and intelligence, earliest sharers of the bliss, sing in praise of the leading lights of divinity.

प्रा॒त॒र्य॑ज॒ध्वम॒श्विना॑ हि॒नोत॒ न सा॒यम॑स्ति दे॒वया॑ अजु॒ष्टम् ।
उ॒ता॒न्यो अ॒स्मद्य॑ज॒ते वि॒चावः॑ पूर्॒वःपूर्वो॑ यज॑मानो
वनी॑यान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Prātaryajadhvam-aśvinā hinota na sāyamasti devayā ajuṣṭam. Utānyo asmad yajate vi cāvaḥ pūrvāḥ pūrvo yajamāno vanīyān.*

Invoke the Ashvins early morning, join the leading lights and adore them at yajna, evening is not the favourite time of the lovers of divinity as the morning. And who else other than us, is the yajaka who loves and adores the Ashvins in yajna, and worthy of love and reverence, the earlier, the worthier, anywhere, anyone? None.

हिरण्यत्वङ्मधुवर्णो घृतस्रुः पृक्षो वहन्ना रथो वर्तते वाम् ।
मनोजवा अश्विना वार्तरहा येनातियाथो दुरितानि
विश्वो ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Hiraṇyatvaṁmadhuvarṇo ghṛtasnuḥ prkṣo
vahannā ratho vartate vām. Manojavā aśvinā
vātararhā yenātiyātho duriṭāni viśvā.*

Ashvins, leading lights of divinity, scholars, scientists and engineers, your chariot comes hither laden with gold, honey sweet and charming, bringing showers of water and ghrta, carrying wealth of food and energy. It is fast as mind and powerful as wind and storm by which you cross over all hurdles and evils of the world.

यो भूयिष्ठं नासत्याभ्यां विवेष चनिष्ठं पित्वो ररते विभागे ।
स लोकमस्य पीपरच्छमीभिरनूर्ध्वभासः सदमित्तुतुर्यात् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yo bhūyiṣṭhaṁ nāsatyābhyāṁ viveṣa caniṣṭhaṁ
pitvo rarate vibhāge. Sa tokamasya pīparac-
chamībhir-anūrdhvabhāsaḥ sadamit tuturyāt.*

One who serves and works with the Ashvins, leading lights of divinity and humanity, all free from untruth and falsehood, achieves by his creative works abundant cherished food. He shares the food and success with others in yajnic living, advances his rising

generation by the same works, surpasses those who do not raise the sacred-fire, and always destroys the evils.

सम॒श्विनो॒रव॑सा॒ नूत॑नेन मयो॒भुवा॑ सु॒प्रणी॑ती गमेम । आ नो॑
र॒यिं व॑हत॒मोत॑ वी॒राना॑ वि॒श्वान्य॑मृता॒ सौभ॑गानि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Samaśvinor-avasā nūtanena mayobhuvā supra-
nīti gamema. Ā no rayim vahatamota vīrān-ā
viśvānyamṛtā saubhagāni.*

Let us abide by the noble guidance of the Ashvins and go forward by their latest blissful protection and progress. O leading lights of life, we pray, lead us to the wealth of life and bless us with brave heroes and all the good fortunes of the world and values of immortality.

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Ashvins Devata, Saptavadhri Atreya Rshi

अ॒श्वि॒ना॒वे॒ह ग॑च्छ॒तं ना॑स॒त्या मा॒ वि वे॑न॒तम् ।
हं॒सा॒वि॒व प॑त॒त॒मा सु॒ताँ उ॑र्प ॥ १ ॥

1. *Aśvināveha gacchatam nāsatyā mā vi venatam.
Hamsāviva patatamā sutāñ upa.*

Ashvins, complementary sustainers of life as air and water, men and women, teachers and disciples, ever true to reality, come together into the world, be not ill-disposed or hostile, fly like a pair of swans hither to the distilled sweets of life.

अ॒श्वि॒ना ह॑रि॒णा॒वि॒व गौ॑रा॒वि॒वानु॑ यव॒सम् ।
हं॒सा॒वि॒व प॑त॒त॒मा सु॒ताँ उ॑र्प ॥ २ ॥

2. *Aśvinā hariṇāviva gaurāvivānu yavasam.
Hamsāviva patatamā sutāñ upa.*

Ashvins, twin harbingers and sharers of divine love and joy, come like a couple of golden deer, like a pair of white fawns to the cherished green, fly like a couple of swans hither to share the distilled soma of joys with us.

अश्विना वाजिनीवसू जुषेथां यज्ञमिष्टये ।

हंसाविव पततमा सुताँ उप ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Aśvinā vājinīvasū juṣethāṃ yajñamiṣṭaye.*
Hamsāviva patatamā sutāñ upa.

Ashvins, twin divines like teachers and researchers, creators and developers of food and energy for speed and progress, come and join our programme of development for the realisation of our cherished goals. Fly like a couple of swans to the pleasures of life's achievement.

अत्रिर्यद्वामवरोहन्ब्रूबीसमजोहवीन्नाधमानेव योषा ।

श्येनस्य चिज्जवसा नूतनेना गच्छतमश्विना शन्तमेन ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Atriryad vām-avarohann-ṛbīsam-ajohavīn-nādhamāneva yoṣā. Śyenasya cijjivasā nūtan-enāgacchatam-aśvinā śantamena.*

Ashvins, harbingers of new life like sun and moon, when Atri, man of threefold freedom, in depression, struggling to emerge, calls upon you for help like a woman in distress, pray fly to his rescue and rejuvenation like an eagle with protection and fresh lease of life giving him peace, stability and reassurance.

वि जिहीष्व वनस्पते योनिः सूर्षन्त्याइव ।

श्रुतं मे अश्विना हवं ससर्वधिं च मुञ्चतम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vi jihīṣva vanaspate yoniḥ sūṣyantya iva. Śrutam me aśvinā havam saptavadhriṁ ca muñcatam.*

O man, spirit of desire, as the baby on maturity leaves the folds of the mother's womb, so give up the bonds of mortality to freedom. O Ashvins, harbingers of knowledge and freedom, listen to my call of prayer, release saptavadhri, the spirit that has lived out the fivefold sense experience and the two-fold adventure of thought and desire.

भीताय नार्धमानाय ऋषये सप्तवध्रये ।

मायाभिरश्विना युवं वृक्षं सं च वि चाचथः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Bhītāya nādhamānāya ṛṣaye saptavadhraye. Māyābhiraśvinā yuvaṁ vṛkṣaṁ saṁ ca vi cāca-thaḥ.*

Ashvins, complementary powers of evolution, discrimination and vision, for the man in fear of existence, for the supplicant in sufferance, for the sage of vision, and for the man of sevenfold bondage of sense and mind, for all these, with your divine powers, let the tree of life seed and grow well for experience and then let it fall off for the soul's freedom.

यथा वातः पुष्करिणीं समिद्ध्यति सर्वतः ।

एवा ते गर्भं एजतु निरैतु दशमास्यः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yathā vātaḥ puṣkariṇīm samiṅgayati sarvataḥ. Evā te garbha ejatu niraitu daśamāsyah.*

Expectant mother, just as the breeze of life feeds and vibrates the pool of lotus life all round, so may your foetus in the womb vibrate with life and growth and be born when it matures in ten months.

यथा वातो यथा वनं यथा समुद्र एजति ।

एवा त्वं दशमास्य सहावेहि जरायुणा ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yathā vāto yathā vanam yathā samudra ejati.
Evā tvaṁ daśamāsyā sahāvehi jarāyuṇā.*

O baby in the womb, just as the breeze, as the forest, as the sea ripples with vitality, so may you vibrate and move in the womb and, maturing in ten months, be born alongwith the sheath of life.

दश मासाञ्छशयानः कुमारो अधि मातरि ।

निरैतु जीवो अक्षतो जीवो जीवन्त्या अधि ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Daśa māsāñchaśayānaḥ kumāro adhi mātari.
Niraitu jīvo akṣato jīvo jīvantiyā adhi.*

Let the individual soul reposing in the mother's womb for ten months be born as the baby, healthy and unhurt, in the mother's state of good health and perfect life and live on as extension of the mother beyond her life.

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Usha Devata, Satyashrava Atreya Rshi

महे नो अद्य बोधयोषो राये दिवित्मती । यथा चिन्नो अबोधयः
सत्यश्रवसि वाय्ये सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mahe no adya bodhayoṣo rāye divitmatī. Yathā
cinno abodhayaḥ satyaśravasi vāyye sujāte
aśvasūnrte.*

O dawn, lady of morning light brilliant with splendour, arouse us and enlighten us today for the achievement of grandeur, wealth and excellence of life

as you have been the giver of enlightenment and generosity ever before, O majesty of renown, symbol of life's extension, nobly born, commander of the nation's power, achievement and love of noble truth.

(Swami Dayananda interprets this mantra as an address to the lady of the house.)

या सुनीथे शौचद्रथे व्यौच्छे दुहितर्दिवः । सा व्युच्छ सहीयसि
सत्यश्रवसि वाय्ये सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yā sunīthe śaucadrathe vyauccho duhitardivah.
Sā vyuccha sahīyasi satyaśravasi vāyye sujāte
aśvasūnrte.*

Daughter of the light of heaven, lady of justice and moral guidance who ride a chariot of pure brilliance, as you have shone before, so may you ever shine now and after in future, O lady, forbearing and challenging, renowned for truth and righteousness, extensive, nobly born and blest with prosperity, achievement and discrimination between truth and untruth of thought and speech.

सा नो अद्याभरद्वसुर्व्युच्छ दुहितर्दिवः । यो व्यौच्छः सहीयसि
सत्यश्रवसि वाय्ये सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sā no adyābharadvasur-vyucchā duhitardivah.
Yo vyaucchah sahīyasi satyaśravasi vāyye sujāte
aśvasūnrte.*

May she, daughter of the light of heaven, harbinger of all wealth, establish us today in the light of life. She is most forbearing, dedicated to truth and prosperity, lovable, nobly born, the enlightened lady of knowledge and eternal truth who herself shines in

splendour.

अभि ये त्वा विभाव॑रि॒ स्तोमैर्गृ॑णन्ति॒ वह्न॑यः । म॒घैर्म॑घोनि॒
सु॒श्रियो॑ दाम॒न्वन्तः॑ सु॒रात॑यः सु॒जाते॑ अश्व॒सू॒नृते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Abhi ye tvā vibhāvāri stomairgrṇanti vahnayaḥ.
Maghair-maghoṇi suśriyo dāmanvantaḥ surā-
tayaḥ sujāte aśvasūnṛte.*

O lady of light, glorious dawn, nobly born, enlightened and dedicated to eternal truth and noble achievement, those celebrants who are rich and generous and command the beauty of grace and heat of fire in dedication and adore you with holy songs of praise and liberal gifts of yajna deserve and enjoy your favour for advancement.

यच्चि॑द्धि ते॒ गणा॑ इ॒मे हृ॒दय॑न्ति॒ म॒घत्त॑ये । परि॑ चि॒द्वष्ट॑यो
दधु॑र्द॒दतो॑ रा॒धो अ॒ह॒यं सु॒जाते॑ अश्व॒सू॒नृते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yacciddhi te gaṇā ime chadayanti maghattaye.
Pari cid vaṣṭayo dadhur-dadato rādho ahrayaṁ
sujāte aśvasūnṛte.*

O lady of light, nobly born and enlightened, truthful and progressive, these celebrants of yours who adore you for gifts of wealth and splendour receive, hold and command creditable means, materials and wealth for success while, loving and shining, they give lots in charity.

ऐषु॑ धा वी॒रव॑द्य॒श् उषो॑ म॒घोनि॑ सू॒रिषु॑ । ये नो॑ रा॒धांस्य॑ह॒या
म॒घवा॑नो अ॒रा॒सत॑ सु॒जाते॑ अश्व॒सू॒नृते ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Aiṣu dhā vīravadyaś uṣo maghoṇi sūriṣu. Ye no
rādhāmsyahrayaḥ maghavāno arāsata sujāte
aśvasūnṛte.*

O dawn, lady of light, nobly born, enlightened, progressive and truthful, commanding wealth and power, vest these brave and generous celebrants with honour and excellence worthy of heroes, who, blest with wealth and honour, give us means and materials for success in life which are free from discredit and shame.

तेभ्यो द्युम्नं बृहद्यश उषो मघोन्या वह । ये नो राधांस्यश्व्या
गव्या भजन्त सूरयः सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tebhyo dyumnam brhad yaśa uṣo maghonyā vaha. Ye no rādhāmsyaśvyā gavyā bhajanta sūrayaḥ sujāte aśvasūnṛte.*

O dawn, lady of light, mistress of honour and excellence, nobly born and enlightened, truthful, dynamic and progressive, bear and bring vast wealth and honour of high order for those brave celebrants who produce wealth, means and materials for success in terms of food and speed, cattle wealth and transport, progress and prosperity and in their generosity share it with us.

उत नो गोमतीरिष आ वह्ना दुहितर्दिवः । साकं सूर्यस्य
रश्मिभिः शुक्रैः शोचद्भिर्चिभिः सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uta no gomatīriṣa ā vahā duhitardivah. Sākaṁ sūryasya raśmibhiḥ śukraiḥ śocadbhir-arcibhiḥ sujāte aśvasūnṛte.*

And O daughter of heaven, nobly born and enlightened, spirit of truth and progress, come with the rays of the sun, pure and purifying, sacred and sanctifying, and bring for us food and energy, lands and cows.

व्युच्छ दुहितर्दिवो मा चिरं तनुथा अपः । नेत्वा स्तेनं यथा
रिपुं तपोति सूरौ अर्चिषा सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Vyucchā duhitardivo mā ciraṁ tanuthā apaḥ.
Nettvā stenam yathā ripuṁ tapāti sūro arcīṣā
sujāte aśvasūnrte.*

Daughter of the light of heaven, nobly born and enlightened, truthful and progressive, rise and shine, and let us shine too. Do not procrastinate, do not protract your sacred act, accomplish the act and rise. Just as the ruler punishes the thief and the enemy, just as the sun burns dry grass with its heat of light, that way let no one torment you.

एतावद्वेदुषस्त्वं भूयो वा दातुमर्हसि । या स्तोतृभ्यो
विभावर्युच्छन्ती न प्रमीयसे सुजाते अश्वसूनृते ॥ १० ॥

10. *Etāvad veduṣastvaṁ bhūyo vā dātumarhasi. Yā
stotr̥bhyo vibhāvaryucchanī na pramīyase sujāte
aśvasūnrte.*

O dawn, lady of light, nobly born and enlightened, ever true and progressive, brilliant and enlightening, such you are and more competent and pleased to give to your dedicated celebrants, whom you never neglect, never frustrate, but ever bless and promote higher and higher.

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Usha Devata, Satyashrava Atreya Rshi

द्युतर्द्यामानं बृहतीमृतेन ऋतावरीमरुणप्सु विभातीम् ।
देवीमुषसं स्वरावहन्तीं प्रति विप्रासो मतिभिर्जरन्ते ॥ १ ॥

1. *Dyutad-yāmānaṁ bṛhaṭīm-ṛtena ṛtāvarīm-arunaṇapsum vibhāṭīm. Devīm-uṣasaṁ svar-āvahan-ṭīm prati viprāso matibhir-jarante.*

Saints and sages with holy mind and hymns of adoration honour and celebrate the divine dawn, crimson hued, shining brilliant, grand and sublime, illuminating hours of time and regions of space, observing universal law of eternity by simple natural conduct, and bringing the morning light and bliss of the sun.

एषा जनं दर्शता बोधयन्ती सुगान्पथः कृण्वती यात्यग्रे ।
बृहद्रथा बृहती विश्वमिन्वोषा ज्योतिर्यच्छत्यग्रे अह्नाम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Eṣā janam darśatā bodhayanṭī sugān pathaḥ kṛṇvaṭī yātyagre. Bṛhadrathā bṛhaṭī viśvaminvo-ṣā jyotir-yacchatyagre ahnām.*

This glorious dawn, vast and great, goes forward riding her mighty chariot, arousing humanity from sleep, lighting up easy paths for movement, all illuminative, giving light in advance of the day.

एषा गोभिररुणेभिर्युजानाऽस्त्रेधन्ती रयिमप्रायु चक्रे । पथो
रदन्ती सुविताय देवी पुरुष्टुता विश्ववारा वि भति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Eṣā gobhir-aruṇebhir-yujānā-sredhanṭī rayima-prāyu cakre. Patho radanṭī suvitāya devī pūru-ṣtutā viśvavārā vi bhāti.*

Harnessing the crimson rays of the sun to her chariot, she goes unerringly, assiduously, creating unfailing wealth of light and rejuvenation. Marking paths of movement for the good of the people, the divine dawn shines, loved and adored by the people as the source of universal good.

एषा व्येनी भवति द्विबर्ही आविष्कृण्वाना तन्वं पुरस्तात् ।
ऋतस्य पन्थामन्वेति साधु प्रजानतीव न दिशो मिनाति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Eṣā vyenī bhavati dvibarhā āviṣkr̥vānā tanvaṁ purastāt. Ṛtasya panthām-anveti sādhu prajā-natīva na diśo mināti.*

Revealing her body of light from the east, this lady of light radiates fast on both sides right and left over day and night. It follows the path of eternal law and, knowing well everything in nature, it neither violates nor goes astray over the quarters of space.

एषा शुभ्रा न तन्वो विदानोर्ध्वेव स्नाती दृशये नो अस्थात् ।
अप द्वेषो बार्धमाना तमांस्युषा दिवो दुहिता ज्योतिषा-
गात् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Eṣā śubhrā na tanvo vidānordhveva snāti dṛśaye no asthāt. Apa dveṣo bādhamānā tamāmsyuṣā divo duhitā jyotiṣāgāt.*

The sacred dawn, revealing her radiant majesty like the lady of light for us to see and admire, this daughter of the sun stands above pure and sanctified as if doing her morning ablutions and, dispelling hate and darkness, warding off negativities, she walks with her train of splendour.

एषा प्रतीची दुहिता दिवो नृन्योषेव भद्रा नि रिणीते अप्सः ।
व्यूष्वती दाशुषे वार्याणि पुनर्ज्योतिर्युवतिः पूर्वथाकः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Eṣā pratīcī duhitā divo nṛṇ yoṣeva bhadṛā ni riṇīte apsaḥ. Vyūrṇvatī dāṣuṣe vāryāṇi punar-jyotir-yuvatīḥ pūrvathākah.*

Yonder stands this daughter of heaven like a

maiden, holy and inspiring to the best of men, and then moves to the west, revealing the day's phases of her splendour and opening up new possibilities of cherished achievements for the generous man of yajnic action. Ever bright and youthful, she thus moves the daily rounds of light anew as ever before since times immemorial.

Note: Swami Dayananda gives an extended interpretation of the Dawn by implication: He interprets Usha as the newly married woman rising like the dawn over the world of her new home, bringing new light and new possibilities of life's achievements. The wedding of the couple is a new morning for the family, life moves on, new phases of the day move on westward, new generations follow, life goes on and on like the daily round of night and day. The sun remains the same, days and nights are new. Life remains the same, the phases are new. The bride is holy, sacred, inspiring, worthy of love, respect and reverence.

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Savita Devata, Shyavashva Atreya Rshi

युञ्जते मन उत युञ्जते धियो विप्रा विप्रस्य बृहतो विप-
श्चितः । वि होत्रा दधे वयुनाविदेक इन्मही देवस्य सवितुः
परिष्टुतिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yuñjate mana uta yuñjate dhiyo viprā viprasya
br̥hato vipaścitaḥ. Vi hotrā dadhe vayunāvideka
inmahī devasya savituh pariṣṭutih.*

Enlightened sages concentrate their mind and senses and meditate on the infinite, omniscient and vibrant omnipresence of Divinity who alone as sole

power and ruler knows and governs all the laws and ways and facts of existence and watches, rules and dispenses the karma of yajakas and others. Great indeed is the glory, and high the praise of Savita, lord of life and self-refulgent giver of light.

विश्वा रूपाणि प्रति मुञ्चते कविः प्रासावीद्भद्रं द्विपदे
चतुष्पदे । वि नाकमख्यत्सविता वरेण्योऽ नु प्रयाणमुषसो
वि रजति ॥ २ ॥

2. *Viśvā rūpāṇi prati muñcate kaviḥ prāsāvīd
bhadraṁ dvipade catuṣpade. Vi nākamakhyat
savitā vareṇyo'nu prayāṇamuṣaso vi rājati.*

The omniscient creator, eternal poet and maker, creates and pervades all forms of existence and produces all good things for the well being of humans and animals. He, Savita, creator and energiser, lord of love worthy of our choice, manifests and illuminates the heaven of light and joy, inspires the rise of the dawn with light and rules and shines the sun and after.

यस्य प्रयाणमन्वन्य इद्ययुर्देवा देवस्य महिमानमोजसा ।
यः पार्थिवानि विममे स एतंशो रजांसि देवः सविता
महित्वना ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yasya prayāṇam-anvanya id yayurdevā devasya
mahimānam-ojasā. Yaḥ pāṛthivāni vimame sa
etaśo rajāṁsi devaḥ savitā mahitvanā.*

Savita is the lord of life, creator, self-refulgent, all pervasive, whose majesty, Law and ways, all other powers of nature and humanity with all their potential follow, the lord omnipresent who, with his grandeur and omnipotence, creates, pervades and transcends all

regions of the universe.

उ॒त या॑सि स॒वित॒स्त्रीणि॑ रोच॒नोत॑ सू॒र्यस्य॑ र॒श्मिभिः॑
समु॑च्यसि । उ॒त रा॒त्रीमु॒भयतः॑ परी॑यस उ॒त मि॒त्रो भ॑वसि
दे॒व धर्मा॑भिः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Uta yāsi savitas-trīni rocanota sūryasya raśmi-
bhiḥ samucyasi. Uta rātrīm-ubhayataḥ parīyasa
uta mitro bhavasi deva dharmabhiḥ.*

Savita, lord of light and life, you pervade and illuminate three orders of light, sun, moon and electric energy and love to play with the sun's rays. You envelop the night at both ends and, with your laws and function, O lord self-refulgent, you become the friend and measure of everything.

उ॒तेशि॑षे प्र॒सव॑स्य॒ त्वमे॒क इ॒दुत॑ पू॒षा भ॑वसि दे॒व या॑मभिः ।
उ॒तेदं॑ वि॒श्वं भु॑वन् वि रा॒जसि॑ श्या॒वाश्व॑स्ते स॒वितः॑
स्तोम॑मान॒शे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Uteśiṣe prasavasya tvameka iduta pūṣā bhavasi
deva yāmabhiḥ. Utedaṁ viśvaṁ bhuvanam vi
rājasi śyāvāśvaste savitaḥ stomamānaśe.*

Savita, spirit of life and inspiration, self-refulgent giver of light, you alone by yourself rule over the world of existence. O generous and self-refulgent lord, by every stage of evolution in order of time you remain the giver of light and nourishment for growth. And you pervade, illuminate and rule over this entire world of existence so that the sun itself receives light and adoration by virtue of your light of illumination.

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Savita Devata, Shyavashva Atreya Rshi

तत्सवितुर्वृणीमहे वयं देवस्य भोजनम् ।

श्रेष्ठं सर्वधातमं तुरं भगस्य धीमहि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tat saviturvr̥ṇīmahe vayaṁ devasya bhojanam.
Śreṣṭhaṁ sarvadhātamaṁ turam bhagasya
dhīmahi.*

We choose to pray to the lord creator Savita for his love and favour so that we may receive the highest, all sustaining and all victorious glory of the lord self-refulgent and omnipotent.

अस्य हि स्वयशस्तरं सवितुः कच्चन प्रियम् ।

न मिनन्ति स्वराज्यम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Asya hi svayaśastaram savituḥ kaccana priyam.
Na minanti svarājyam.*

Whoever it be, whoever might try, no one can violate or impair the self-glorious dear absolute dominion of lord Savita's divine freedom.

स हि रत्नानि दाशुषे सुवाति सविता भगः ।

तं भागं चित्रमीमहे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa hi ratnāni dāśuṣe suvāti savitā bhagaḥ.
Taṁ bhāgaṁ citramīmahe.*

Only Savita, lord of power, honour and excellence, creates and augments the jewel wealths of life for the man of yajnic generosity. We pray we may know and receive his favour and grace for a share of that wonderful glory.

अद्या नो देव सवितः प्रजावत्सावीः सौभगम् ।
परा दुःष्वप्यं सुव ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Adyā no deva savitaḥ prajāvat sāvīḥ saubhagam.*
Parā duḥṣvapnyam suva.

O generous lord Savita, create for us here and now honour and good fortune full of noble people and progeny. Drive away bad dreams and ward off dreamy ambitions.

विश्वानि देव सवितर्दुरितानि परा सुव ।
यद्भद्रं तन्न आ सुव ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Viśvāni deva savitarduritāni parā suva.*
Yad bhadram tanna ā suva.

O lord Savita, ward off and sterilise all the evils of the world. Grant us that which is good. Vitalise, energise and promote all that is good.

अनागसो अदितये देवस्य सवितुः सुवे ।
विश्वा वामानि धीमहि ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Anāgaso aditaye devasya savituḥ save.*
Viśvā vāmāni dhīmahi.

Free from sin and evil in the yajnic world of lord Savita's creation, we pray, we may receive the cherished gifts of life in service of the mother, mother earth and nature.

आ विश्वदेवं सत्पतिं सूक्तैर्द्या वृणीमहे ।
सत्यसवं सवितारम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ā viśvadevaṁ saptatiṁ sūktairadyā vṛṇīmahe.*
Satyaśavaṁ savitāram.

With songs of adoration we worship and celebrate lord Savita, cosmic yajaka of eternity, self-refulgent generous father inviolable protector and sustainer of the world of existence.

य इमे उ॒भे अ॒हनी॒ पुर॒ एत्य॑प्रयुच्छन् ।

स्वा॒धीर्दे॒वः स॒विता ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ya ime ubhe ahanī pura etyaprayucchan.*
Svādhīrdevaḥ savitā.

We adore and worship self-refulgent, self-existent lord of creation, Savita, who transcends both the day and night of existence and self-abides without relent.

य इ॒मा वि॒श्वी जा॒तान्यो॑श्चा॒वय॑ति॒ श्लोके॑न ।

प्र च॑ सु॒वाति॑ स॒विता ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ya imā viśvā jātānyāśrāvayati ślokena.*
Pra ca suvāti savitā.

We invoke and adore lord Savita who informs all these born ones by his Word, who creates and inspires them all, without exception.

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Parjanya Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi

अच्छ॑ वद॒ तव॑सं गी॒र्भिरा॒भिः स्तु॒हि प॒र्जन्यं॑ नम॒सा वि॒वास ।
कनि॑क्रदद् वृष॒भो जी॒रदानू॑ रे॒तो दधा॒त्योष॑धीषु॒ गर्भ॑म् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Acchā vada tavaśaṁ gīrbhirābhiḥ stuhi parjanyaṁ namaśā vivāsa. Kanikradad vṛṣabho jīradānū reto dadhātyoṣadhīṣu garbham.*

Hail the mighty cloud well with these holy

words of song, serve, celebrate and energise it with homage in yajna for peace and a happy home. Roaring and thundering with passion, the virile cloud, giver of life and freshness, impregnates the herbs with the seed of generation.

वि वृक्षान् हन्त्युत हन्ति रक्षसो विश्वं विभाय भुवनं
महावधात् । उतानागा ईषते वृष्ण्यावतो यत्पर्जन्यः स्तनयन्
हन्ति दुष्कृतः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vi vrkṣān hantiyuta hanti rakṣaso viśvaṁ bibhāya
bhuvanam mahāvadhāt. Utānāgā īṣate vṛṣṇyā-
vato yat parjanyaḥ stanayan hanti duṣkṛtaḥ.*

The cloud shakes the trees, destroys the demons whom the whole world fears, and when it roars and releases the water of rain pregnant with life, it kills the evil doers with the terrible bolt and saves the sinless and the generous forces of life.

रथीव कशयाश्वौ अभिक्षिपन्नाविर्दूतान्कृणुते वर्ष्यौ३ अह॑ ।
दूरात्सिंहस्य स्तनथा उदीरते यत्पर्जन्यः कृणुते वर्ष्य१
नभः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Rathīva kaśayāśvāṁ abhikṣipannāvir dūtān kṛṇute
varṣyāṁ aha. Dūrāt sinhasya stanathā udīrate yat
parjanyaḥ kṛṇute varṣyam nabhaḥ.*

Indeed like a charioteer urging on the horses by the whip, the cloud condenses and intensifies the rain carrier showers down to the earth, and, for that, when it strikes the ocean of vapours in the sky with thunder to turn it into rain, the space resounds from far like the roar of a lion.

प्र वाता वान्ति पतयन्ति विद्युत उदोषधीर्जिहते पिन्वते
स्वः । इरा विश्वस्मै भुवनाय जायते यत्पर्जन्यः पृथिवीं
रेतसावति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra vātā vānti patayanti vidyuta udoṣadhīrjihate
pinvate svaḥ. Irā viśvasmai bhuvanāya jāyate yat
parjanyaḥ pṛthivīm retasāvati.*

Fast and fresh blow the winds, lightnings flash,
herbs spring up, the sky swells and overflows, food
grows, spirits arise and songs resound over the world
when the cloud fertilises the earth with the showers of
life.

यस्य व्रते पृथिवी नन्नमीति यस्य व्रते शफवज्जर्भुरीति ।
यस्य व्रत ओषधीर्विश्वरूपाः स नः पर्जन्य महि शर्म
यच्छ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yasya vrate pṛthivī nannamīti yasya vrate śapha-
vajjarbhurīti. Yasya vrata oṣadhīrviśva-rūpāḥ sa
naḥ parjanya mahi śarma yaccha.*

O cloud, rain shower of life and fertility, in
consequence of your commitment to the laws of sun
and shower, the earth submits and surrenders, the animal
stirs with passion and fire, the herbs burst forth in all
forms of life. O cloud, such as you are, give us a great
home of peace, joy and excellence.

दिवो नो वृष्टिं मरुतो ररीध्वं प्र पिन्वत वृष्णो अश्वस्य
धाराः । अर्वाङितेन स्तनयितुनेह्यपो निषिञ्चन्नसुरः पिता
नः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Divo no vṛṣṭim maruto rarīdhvaṁ pra pinvata
vṛṣṇo aśvasya dhārāḥ. Arvāṇetena stanayitnu-
nehyapo niṣiñcannasuraḥ pitā naḥ.*

May the Maruts, windy currents of energy, bring us rain from the regions of the sun. May the mighty cloud showers of fertility bring us growth. O cloud, harbinger of vitality come down here with showers of rain flooding the earth and giving us breath of life and sustenance like a father.

अ॒भि क्र॑न्द॒ स्तन॑य॒ गर्भ॑मा धा॒ उद॑न्वता॒ परि॑ दी॒या रथे॑न ।

दृ॒तिं सु॑ क॒र्ष वि॒षितं॑ न्य॒ञ्चं स॒मा भ॑वन्तु॒द्वतो॑ निपा॒दाः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Abhi kranda stanaya garbhamā dhā udanvatā pari dīyā rathena. Drtiṁ su karṣa viṣitaṁ nyañcam samā bhavantūdvato nipādāḥ.*

Thunder and roar, O cloud, bring the vitalities of life and fertilise the earth for generation. Go far and wide by chariot run on water, draw the reservoir of waters released unto yourself, and conduct them downward so that the upward vapours may be brought down in showers.

म॒हान्तं॑ को॒शमु॒दचा॒ नि षि॑ञ्च॒ स्यन्द॑न्तां कु॒ल्या वि॒षिताः॑

पु॒रस्ता॑त् । घृ॒तेन॑ द्या॒वापृ॑थि॒वी व्यु॑न्धि सु॒प्रपा॑णं भ॒वत्व॑-
घ्न्या॒भ्यः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Mahāntaṁ kośamudacā ni ṣiñca syandantaṁ kulyā viṣitāḥ purastāt. Ghr̥tena dyāvāpṛthivī vyundhi suprapāṇaṁ bhavativ-aghnyābhyah.*

The sun holds the mighty reservoir of vapours up on high, the cloud pours it down in showers. Let the lakes and rivers flow with waters released to freedom. O cloud, fill the earth and sky with water so that there may be ample food and water for the cows.

यत्पर्जन्य कनिक्रदत्स्तनयन् हंसि दुष्कृतः ।

प्रतीदं विश्वं मोदते यत्किं च पृथिव्यामधि ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yat parjanya kanikradat stanayan haṁsi duṣkṛ-
taḥ. Praṭīdaṁ viśvaṁ modate yat kiṁ ca pṛthi-
vyāmadhi.*

When the cloud roars and thunders and destroys all the negativities which do evil, then in response to the cleansing and vitalising rain this entire humanity and all else that is on earth rejoices in celebration.

अवर्षीर्वर्षमुदु षू गृभायाऽकर्धन्वान्यत्येतवा उ । अजीजन
ओषधीर्भोजनाय कमुत प्रजाभ्योऽविदो मनीषाम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Avarṣīr-varṣam-udu ṣū gr̥bhāyā'kardhanvānya-
tyetavā u. Ajījana oṣadhīr-bhojanāya kamuta
prajābhyo'vido manīṣām.*

Pour down the showers, O cloud, take over the earth for generation, fertilise the thirsting lands for growth, produce herbs and plants and trees for food of the people, and win the thanks of a grateful humanity.

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Pṛthivi Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi

बलित्था पर्वतानां खिद्रं बिभर्षि पृथिवि ।

प्र या भूमिं प्रवत्वति मह्य जिनोषि महिनि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Balīthhā parvatānām khidraṁ bibharṣi pṛthivi.
Pra yā bhūmiṁ pravatvati mahyā jinoṣi mahini.*

Truly, O terrestrial mother, revered earth, you bear the thunder breaker of the clouds, bear the burden of mountain ranges, hold on the flood of rivers and

contain the rolling oceans. O mighty one on the onward move, you are the one who thus with your great power and force rule and sustain the land and her people.

स्तोमासस्त्वा विचारिणि प्रति शोभन्त्यक्तुभिः ।

प्र या वाजं न हेषन्तं परुमस्यस्यर्जुनि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Stomāsastvā vicāriṇi prati śobhantyaaktubhiḥ.
Pra yā vājaṁ na hreṣantaṁ perumasyasyarjuni.*

O moving one, the celebrants adore you day and night with songs, you, O bright one, who shake and impel the roaring cloud like a war horse onward to victory.

दृळ्हा चिद्या वनस्पतीन्क्षमया दर्ध्र्योर्जसा ।

यत्ते अभ्रस्य विद्युतो दिवो वर्षन्ति वृष्टयः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Dr̥ḷhā cid yā vanaspatīn kṣmayā dardharsyo-jasā.
Yat te abhrasya vidyuto divo varṣanti vṛṣṭayaḥ.*

Surely you are strong and firm who, with your strength and splendour, sustain the herbs and trees, since the rains of wealth and sustenance shower for you down from the thunder and lightning of the regions of light.

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Varuna Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi

प्र सम्राजे बृहदर्चा गभीरं ब्रह्म प्रियं वरुणाय श्रुताय ।

वि यो जघान शमितेव चर्मोपस्तिरे पृथिवीं सूर्याय ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra samrāje bṛhadarcā gabhīraṁ brahma priyaṁ
varuṇāya śrutāya. Vi yo jaghāna śami-teva
carma-pastire prthivīm sūryāya.*

Offer homage and reverence of the highest and

deepest order full of love to Varuna, the one sovereign ruler and lord of love and judgement over all, who hammered and shaped the earth into form and, like the host of a yajna of peace and non-violence, overspread the earth with the atmosphere as a protective and promotive cover as a shield for the sun, as protection against heat for the sake of generative power and fertility. His divine voice resounds across the universe.

वनेषु व्य॑न्तरिक्षं ततान॒ वाज॒मर्व॑त्सु पय॑ उ॒स्त्रिया॑सु । ह॒त्सु
क्र॒तुं वरु॑णो अ॒प्स्व॑ग्निं दि॒वि सूर्य॑म॒दधा॒त्सोम॑म॒द्रौ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vaneṣu vyantarikṣaṁ tatāna vājamarvatsu paya usriyāsu. Hrtsu krtuṁ varuṇo apsvagniṁ divi sūryamadadhāt somamadrau.*

Varuna, lord of love and judgement for life, extensively vested sap in vegetation, energy in horses and others that move, milk in cows, faith, love and will to act in the hearts, vitality in waters, sun in heaven and soothing joy in the cloud and soma plant on the mountain.

नी॒चीन॑बा॒रं वरु॑णः क॒र्वन्धं॑ प्र॒ स॑स॒र्जं रोद॑सी अ॒न्तरि॑क्षम् ।
तेन॒ विश्व॑स्य॒ भुव॑नस्य॒ राजा॒ यव॑ं न वृ॒ष्टिर्व्यु॑न॒त्ति भू॑म ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Nīcīnavāraṁ varuṇaḥ kabandhaṁ pra sasarja rodasī antarikṣam. Tena viśvasya bhuvanasya rājā yavaṁ na vṛṣṭirvyunatti bhūma.*

Varuna brings into existence heaven, earth and the middle region of the sky, and he forms the cloud for shower on the earth down below. By that the sovereign ruler of the whole universe, the supreme, brings about the rain which fertilises the earth as it nourishes the

grain.

उ॒न॒त्ति॒ भू॒मिं पृ॒थि॒वीमु॒त द्यां॑ य॒दा दु॒ग्धं वरु॑णो॒ वष्ट॒यादि॒त् ।
स॒म॒भ्रेण॑ व॒सत॒ पर्व॑ता॒सस्त॒विषी॑यन्तः श्र॒थय॑न्त वी॒राः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Unatti bhūmiṁ pṛthivīmuta dyām yadā dugdham varuṇo vaṣṭyādit. Samabhreṇa vasata parvatāsa-staviṣīyantaḥ śrathayanta vīrāḥ.*

Varuna fills the earth and sky and the regions of the sun with vapour when he desires to create the milk of life, thereafter the clouds are laden with vapour, and then forceful currents of wind energy strike the clouds from within and release the showers of rain.

इ॒मामू॒ष्वा॒सुर॑स्य॒ श्रु॒तस्य॑ म॒हीं मा॒यां वरु॑णस्य॒ प्र वो॑चम् ।
मा॒ने॒नेव॑ त॒स्थि॒वाँ अ॒न्तरि॑क्षे वि॒ यो म॒मे पृ॒थि॒वीं सूर्ये॑ण ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Imāmū śvāsurasya śrutasya mahīm māyām varuṇasya pra vocam. Māneneva tasthivāṅ antri-kṣe vi yo mame pṛthivīm sūryeṇa.*

This marvellous omnipotence of the renowned life giver Varuna, I celebrate in words, who pervades the space and, abiding in the middle regions of the universe, marks out the earth as if by measure, purpose and design, and creates it from the sun.

इ॒मामू॒ नु क॒वित॑मस्य॒ मा॒यां म॒हीं दे॒वस्य॑ न॒कि॒रा द॑धर्ष ।
ए॒कं य॒दु॒द्रा न॑ पृ॒णन्त्ये॒नीरा॑सि॒ञ्चन्ती॑र॒वन॑यः॒ समु॑द्रम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Imāmū nu kavitamasya māyām mahīm devasya nakirā dadharśa. Ekam yadudnā na pṛṇantye-nīrāsiñcantīr-avanayaḥ samudram.*

This great power of the most creative lord, who can challenge and violate? None, just as all the streams

and rivers flooding the lands and rushing on do not fill the ocean with water.

अ॒र्य॒म्यं वरु॑ण मि॒त्र्यं वा स॒खायं॑ वा स॒दमि॑द् भ्रा॒तरं॑ वा ।
वे॒शं वा॒ नित्यं॑ वरु॒णार॑णं वा॒ यत्सी॒माग॑श्चकु॒मा शि॒श्र-
थ॒स्तत् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Aryamyam varuṇa mitryam vā sakhāyam vā sadamid bhrātaram vā . Veśam vā nityam varuṇ-āraṇam vā yat sīmāgaś-cakṛmā śīsrathastat.*

If we happen to commit a sin of omission or commission or transgression toward a man of judgement or friend or companion or a close ally or inmate of the house or brother, or constant or near or distant relation, then, O Varuna, loosen the snare of sin and help us be free.

कि॒त॒वा॒सो यद्रि॑रि॒पुर्न दी॒वि यद्वा॑ घा स॒त्यमु॑त यन्न वि॒द्म ।
सर्वा॑ ता वि ष्य॑ शि॒थिरे॒व दे॒वाऽधा॑ ते स्याम वरु॑ण
प्रि॒यासुः॑ ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Kitavāso yad riripurna dīvi yad vā ghā satyamuta yanna vidma. Sarvā tā vi śya śithireva devā'dhā te syāma varuṇa priyāsaḥ.*

Like gamblers in the game, if someone attribute sin or deception to us, which may be true or may not be true, or which we might not even know, all that, O lord of light and judgement, loosen so that we may be free and be dear to you.

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Indra - Agni Devata, Atri Bhauma Rshi

इन्द्रा॒ग्नी यम॑व॒ध उ॒भा वा॒जेषु॑ म॒र्त्यम् ।
दृ॒ळ्हा चि॒त्स प्र भे॑दति द्यु॒म्ना वा॒णीरि॒व त्रि॒तः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indrāgnī yamavatha ubhā vājeṣu martyam.
Dṛḷhā cit sa pra bhedati dyumnā vāñiriva tritaḥ.*

Indra and Agni, divine power and knowledge, celestial and terrestrial energy of electricity and fire, both ruler and enlightened leaders, whosoever the mortal you protect, guide and promote, he breaks through massive obstructions in the battle business of life, and wins his way to wealth, honour and splendour, just like the sagely scholar of threefold freedom of body, mind and soul who penetrates through three layers of language, vaikhari, madhyama and pashyanti, i.e., word, thought and deep memory, and reaches the vision of the para, the supreme Word and silence of Divinity.

या पृतनासु दुष्टरा या वाजेषु श्रवाय्या ।

या पञ्च चर्षणीर्भीन्द्राग्नी ता हवामहे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yā prtanāsu duṣṭarā yā vājeṣu śravāyyā.
Yā pañca carṣaṇīrabhīndrāgnī tā havāmahe.*

We adore and solicit Indra and Agni which, among the forces of life, are indomitable, in the battles for power and prosperity, admirable, and among the five orders of society and among the five pranic energies are of prime importance.

तयोरिदमवच्छवस्तिग्मा दिद्युन्मघोनोः ।

प्रति द्रुणा गभस्त्योर्गवां वृत्रघ्न एषते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tayorid-amavac-chavas-tigmā didyun-maghon-
oḥ. Prati druṇā gabhastyor-gavāṃ vṛtraghna
eṣate.*

The sharp, impetuous and blazing force in the hands of these two mighty powers moves by the speed

of sunbeams in destroying the cloud of darkness and strikes where it must.

ता वा॒मे॒षे रथो॑नामिन्द्रा॒ग्नी ह॑वामहे ।

पती॑ तुरस्य॒ राध॑सो वि॒द्वांस॒ गिर्व॑णस्तमा ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tā vāmeṣe rathānām-indrāgnī havāmahe.*
Patī turasya rādhaso vidvānsā girvaṇastamā.

Indra and Agni, most adorable scholars of the science of terrestrial and celestial energy, heat, light and electricity, and masters of fast automotion and material prosperity, we invoke you both for the speed and movement of chariots for success.

ता वृ॒धन्ता॒वनु॒ द्यून्म॑तीय॒ देवा॒वद॑भा ।

अर्ह॑न्ता चि॒त्पु॒रो द॒धेऽ शै॑व दे॒वाव॑र्वते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tā vṛdhantāvanu dyūn-martāya devāvadabhā.*
Arhantā citpuro dadheṇ'seva devāvarvate.

Exalted, thriving day by day for the sake of mortal humanity, brilliant, indomitable, adorable and generous Indra and Agni, ruling powers and enlightened scholars, we honour you at the head of our creative and developmental yajna like the soma of success and celebration in matters of science and progress.

एवेन्द्रा॒ग्निभ्या॒महा॑वि ह॒व्यं शू॒ष्यं घृ॑तं न पू॒तम॑द्रि॒भिः ।
 ता सू॒रिषु॑ श्रवो॑ बृ॒हद्र॒यिं गृ॑णत्सु दि॒धृत॑मिषं गृ॒णत्सु॑
 दि॒धृत॑म् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Evendrāgnibhyām-ahāvi havyaṁ śūṣyaṁ ghr̥taṁ*
na pūtam-adribhiḥ. Tā sūriṣu śravo bṛhadrayiṁ
gr̥natsu didhṛtamiṣaṁ gr̥natsu didhṛtam.

Thus homage of adoration is offered to Indra and Agni, scholars of earthly and spatial energy. From energies, by scholars is received strength, energy and power, materials for yajnic investment and development, ghrta, delicacies, like water showers sanctified by the clouds. May they, we pray, bring and bestow upon the scholars and celebrants high renown and abundant wealth, may they bring and bestow upon the admirers food and energy for a happy life.

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Maruts Devata, Evayamarut Atreya Rshi

प्र वो महे मतयो यन्तु विष्णवे मरुत्वते गिरिजा एवयामरुत् ।
प्र शर्धीय प्रयज्यवे सुखादये तवसे भन्ददिष्टये धुनिव्रताय
शवसे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra vo mahe matayo yantu viṣṇave marutvate girijā evayāmarut. Pra śardhāya prayajyave sukhādaye tavase bhandadiṣṭaye dhunivratāya śavase.*

O vibrant man of vision, all ye men and women, let all your songs and flights of thought and vision born of the voice of the heart reach Vishnu, all pervasive lord, commander of the winds and warriors, indomitable, highly majestic, adorable and cooperative, blissfully appreciative, relentlessly active and absolute in justice and power.

प्र ये जाता महिना ये च नु स्वयं प्र विद्मना ब्रुवत एवयामरुत् ।
क्रत्वा तद्वो मरुतो नाधृषे शवो दाना म्हा तदेषामधृष्टासो
नाद्रयः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Pra ye jātā mahinā ye ca nu svayaṁ pra vidmanā
bruvata evayāmarut. Kratvā tad vo maruto
nādhṛṣe śavo dānā mahnā tadeṣāmadhṛṣtāso
nādrayaḥ.*

Evayamarut, O vibrant visionary and celebrant of the Maruts, these warriors and pioneers of humanity are self-made, risen by themselves who proclaim themselves through their knowledge and self-awareness. O Maruts, stormy leaders, that power and force of yours is unchallengeable by virtue of your noble acts, grandeur and generosity. O men, their force is indomitable, they are inviolable, unshakable like mountains.

प्र ये दिवो बृहतः शृण्विरे गिरा सुशुक्वानः सुभ्व
एवयामरुत् । न येषामिरी सधस्थ ईष्ट आँ अग्रयो न
स्वविद्युतः प्र स्पन्द्रासो धुनीनाम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pra ye divo brhataḥ śṛṇvire girā suśukvānaḥ
subhva evayāmarut. Na yeṣāmīrī sadhastha īṣṭa
āñ agnayo na svavidyutaḥ pra spandrāso
dhunīnām.*

Evayamarut, O celebrant of the Maruts, they hear the voice of Divinity from the light of heaven, they are heard by their voice from the heights of heaven. Pure and brilliant, they live in holiness and felicity. No tyrant, impeller or compeller, can bend them in their right and abode. Self-refulgent like the flames of fire, they radiate, they make the winds blow and set the rivers aflow.

स चक्रमे महतो निरुरुक्रमः समानस्मात्सदस एवयामरुत् ।
यदायुक्त त्मना स्वादधि ष्णुभिर्विष्वर्धसो विमहसो जिगाति
शेवृधो नृभिः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa cakrame mahato nirurukramah samānasmāt sadasa evayāmarut. Yadāyukta tmanā svādadhi ṣṇubhir-viṣpardhaso vimahaso jigāti śevṛdho nṛabhiḥ.*

He, Evayamarut, Vishnu, lord of infinite action and commander of the Maruts, universal energies, transcends by infinite possibility the great constant, central and universal seat of his presence, that is, this universe. When evayamarut, the man of vision, master of his senses and faculties, connects with the lord by heart and soul by the guidance of dynamic teachers and preachers, unenvious and brilliant, he rises from his own state of existence and joins the lord omnipotent of infinite felicity.

स्वनो न वोऽम्वात्रेजयद् वृषा त्वेषो ययिस्तविष एव-
यामरुत् । येना सहन्त ऋज्जत स्वरोचिष स्थारश्मानो
हिरण्ययाः स्वायुधास इष्मिणः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Svano na vo'mavān rejayad vṛṣā tveṣo yayistaviṣa evayāmarut. Yenā sahanta ṛñjata svarociṣaḥ sthāraśmāno hirṇyayāḥ svāyudhāsa iṣmiṇaḥ.*

Like the rumble of the Big Bang of creation, may the lord of the Maruts, Vishnu, shake you, O men and women of the world, shine you and inspire you, the lord omnipresent, generous, self-refulgent, omnipotent, everfelt in the heart, by virtue of whom the Maruts, natural energies and pioneers of humanity shining by themselves, unshaken yet dynamic like rays of the sun, golden gloried, self-armed and nobly ambitious, stand the challenges of existence and achieve their end and aim.

अ॒पा॒रो वो॑ म॒हिमा वृ॒द्धश॑वसस्त्वेषं श॒वोऽ व॒त्वेव॒याम॑रुत् ।
 स्था॒ता॒रो हि प्र॑सि॒तौ स॒दृशि॑ स्थन् ते न उरुष्यता नि॒दः
 शु॒शु॒क्वांसो॑ नाग्रयः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Apāro vo mahimā vṛddhaśavasas-tveṣaṁ śavo'-
 vatvevayāmarut. Sthātāro hi prasitau saṁdrśi
 sthana te na uruṣyatā nidaḥ śaśu-kvāṁso nāgna-
 yah.*

Unbounded is your greatness, O heroes of ancient might. May your brilliant power protect and promote evayamarut, vibrant sage of vision and knowledge. In the heat of battle when missiles are shot, stay firm in the open view unshaken. Such as you are, O Maruts, blazing as flames of fire, protect us against the maligners and the revilers.

ते रु॒द्रासुः सु॑म॒खा अ॒ग्रयो॑ यथा तुविद्यु॒म्ना अ॑वन्त्वेव॒-
 याम॑रुत् । दी॒र्घं पृ॒थु प॑प्र॒थे स॒द्य पा॒र्थि॒वं ये॒षाम॑ज्मे॒ष्वा म॒हः
 श॒र्धा॒स्यद्भु॑तै॒नसाम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Te rudrāsaḥ sumakhā agnayo yathā tuvidyumnā
 avantvevayāmarut. Dīrghaṁ pṛthu paprathe
 sadma pārthivaṁ yeṣām-ajmeṣvā mahāḥ
 śardhām-syadbhutainasām*

Heroes of the winds, scholars of the middle order, dispensers of justice and punishment, performers of holy creative actions, commanding power and glory like flames of fire may protect and promote us and the sagely scholar of vision and dynamic performance. Wide and lofty grows the earthly abode of humanity by virtue of those whose grandeur grows high and onslaughts grow terrible in the battles against the evil and

wickedness of unimaginable order.

अद्वेषो नो मरुतो गातुमेतन् श्रोता हवं जरितुरेवयामरुत् ।
विष्णोर्महः समन्यवो युयोतन् स्पद्रथ्योऽ न दंसनाऽप द्वेषांसि
सनुतः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Adveṣo no maruto gātumetana śrotā havam jariturevayāmarut. Viṣṇormahaḥ samanyavo yuyotana smad rathyo na daṁsanā'pa dveṣāmsi sanutah.*

Maruts, heroes of the speed of winds, free from hate and jealousy, with zeal and ardour for righteous action, come to our earthly abode and lead us on the path of goodness and progress. O lord of the winds, Vishnu, listen to the song and prayer of the celebrant. O leaders and pioneers, come like warriors of the chariot and join the power and grandeur of Vishnu, lord of the wide world and space, accomplish acts of universal generosity and throw off hate, jealousy and animosity from the earth.

गन्ता नो यज्ञं यज्ञियाः सुशमि श्रोता हवमरक्ष एवयामरुत् ।
ज्येष्ठासो न पर्वतासो व्योमनि यूयं तस्य प्रचेतसुः स्यात
दुर्धर्तवो निदः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Gantā no yajñam yajñiyāḥ suśami śrotā havamarakṣa evayāmarut. Jyeṣṭhāso na parvatāso vyomani yūyuh tasya pracetasuḥ syāta durdhar-tavo nidaḥ.*

O Maruts, adorable heroes of the world, come and join our yajna of holy living with grace and earnestness. Listen to the prayer of the celebrant of the winds in need of protection and advancement. Most

eminent and most enlightened among us, be generous givers of knowledge, wisdom and enlightenment of Divine order like showers of the cloud from the sky so that no maligner or reviler can resist and challenge you or anyone else.

॥ इति पञ्चमं मण्डलम् ॥

MANDALA 6

Mandala 6/Sukta 1

Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

त्वं ह्यग्ने प्रथमो मनोताऽस्या धियो अभवो दस्म होता ।

त्वं सीं वृषन्नकृणोर्दुष्टरीतु सहो विश्वस्मै सहसे सहध्यै ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvaṁ hyagne prathamo manotā'syā dhiyo abhavo dasma hotā. Tvaṁ sīm vṛṣannakṛṇor-duṣṭarītu saho viśvasmai sahase sahadhyai.*

Agni, light of life faster than mind, you are the prime mover of this cosmic intelligence and evolution, marvellous creator and foremost performer of universal yajna. O generous father of life, you alone generate the inviolable life force and strength of will vested in existence for us to resist and overcome all negative forces of the world for survival and onward progress.

अधा होता न्यसीदो यजीयानिळस्पद इषयन्नीड्यः सन् ।
तं त्वा नरः प्रथमं देवयन्तो महो राये चितयन्तो अनु
गमन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Adhā hotā nysādo yajīyāniḷaspada iṣayannīḍyaḥ san. Taṁ tvā naraḥ prathamam devayanto maho rāye citayanto anu gman.*

Then let the prime yajaka, being adorable, inspired to create and give in unison, be seated at the head of yajna on the earthly vedi of life foremost in the

midst of holy chant, and you, leading light of humanity, yourself knowledgeable and illuminating, seekers of great wealth, honour and light of Divinity, follow him as the leader.

वृतेव यन्तं बहुभिर्वसव्यैः स्वे रयिं जागृवांसो अनु गमन् ।
रुशन्तमग्निं दर्शतं बृहन्तं वपावन्तं विश्वहा दीदिवान्सम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vṛteva yantaṁ bahubhirvasavyaistve rayiṁ jāgrvāṁso anu gman. Ruśantamagniṁ darśataṁ brhantaṁ vapāvantaṁ viśvahā dīdivāṁsam.*

Enlightened persons with many productive offerings of yajnic value follow Agni, prime yajnic leader, leading to wealth by normal paths of creative production, Agni that is shining as well as catalysing, splendid and blissful, great and rising high, generative and all time illuminative.

पदं देवस्य नमसा व्यन्तः श्रवस्यवः श्रवं आपन्नमृक्तम् ।
नामानि चिदधारे यज्ञियाणि भद्रायां ते रणयन्त सन्दृष्टौ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Padam devasya namasā vyantaḥ śravasyavaḥ śrava āpannamṛktam. Nāmāni cid dadhire yajñiyāṇi bhadrayām te raṇayanta sandrṣtau.*

Yajna performers aspiring for honour, excellence and spiritual vision of Divinity by surrender and yajnic homage obtain untainted wealth and honour. O lord Agni, they receive name and reputation worthy of yajakas and abide and rejoice in your blissful presence.

त्वां वर्धन्ति क्षितयः पृथिव्यां त्वां राय उभयांसो जनानाम् ।
त्वं त्राता तरणे चेत्यो भूः पिता माता सद्भिन्मानुषाणाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvām vardhanti kṣitayaḥ pṛthivyām tvām rāya ubhayāso janānām. Tvām trātā tarāṇe cetyo bhūḥ pitā mātā sadaminmānuṣāṇām.*

O lord, people both simple and learned, glorify you on earth, people's wealth both material and spiritual exalts you. Pray, O lord, you be the people's protector and saviour toward their success and freedom, giver of light in their heart and soul, father, mother and the ultimate home of humanity.

सपर्येण्यः स प्रियो विश्व॑ग्रिर्होता मन्द्रो नि षसाद्वा
यजीयान् । तं त्वा वयं दम आ दी॑दिवांसमुप जुबाधो नमसा
सदेम ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Saparyenyaḥ sa priyo vikṣvagnirhotā mandro ni ṣasādā yajīyān. Taṁ tvā vayaṁ dama ā dīdivāṁsam-upajñubādho namasā sadema.*

That Agni worthy of yajnic service and, affectionate, yajaka and giver of yajnic gifts, rejoicing provider of happiness abides among people as adorable presence. O lord, in a posture of reverence and faith, with homage and surrender, we pray, let us be seated in the home where you ever shine in your refulgence.

तं त्वा वयं सु॒ध्योऽ॑ नव्य॒मग्ने सु॒म्ना॒यव ई॒महे दे॒व॒यन्तः ।
त्वं वि॒शो॑ अन॒यो दी॒द्या॒नो दि॒वो अ॒ग्ने बृ॒हता रो॑च॒नेन॑ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Taṁ tvā vayaṁ sudhyo navyamagne sumnāyava īmahe devayantaḥ. Tvām viśo anayo dīdyāno divo agne brhatā rocanena.*

Agni, adorable giver of light, we, blest with holy intelligence and aspiring for well being and light of divinity, pray that you, shining with universal light and

knowledge, lead the people to the state of enlightenment and freedom.

विशां कविं विशपतिं शश्वतीनां नितोशनं वृषभं चर्षणीनाम् ।
प्रेतीषणिमिषयन्तं पावकं राजन्तमग्निं यजतं रयीणाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Viśāṁ kavim viśapatiṁ śaśvatīnāṁ nitośanam vṛṣabham carṣaṇīnām. Pretīṣaṇimiṣayantaṁ pāvakaṁ rājantamagniṁ yajataṁ rayīṇām.*

We celebrate and exalt Agni, giver of light and wisdom, visionary creator, ruler and protector of the people who never go out of existence, destroyer of suffering, generous benefactor of the people, inspiring leader for progress and development, holy purifier, refulgent power and adorable guide for the sake of wealth, honour and excellence.

सो अग्र ईजे शशमे च मर्तो यस्तु आनन्दसमिधा हव्यदातिम् ।
य आहुतिं परि वेदा नमोभिर्विश्वेत्स वामा दधते त्वोतः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *So agna īje śaśame ca marto yasta ānaṭ samidhā havyadātim. Ya āhutiṁ pari vedā namobhir-viśvet sa vāmā dadhate tvotaḥ.*

Agni, giver of light and life, that man does honour and worship to you who brings and offers you yajna with sacred fuel and holy materials, who knows what to offer and offers the oblations with faith and surrender. Such a man protected and promoted by you is blest with honour and admirable capacity for action.

अस्मा उ ते महिं महे विधेम नमोभिरग्रे समिधोत हव्यैः ।
वेदीं सूनो सहसो गीर्भिरुक्थैरा तै भद्रायां सुमत्तौ यतेम ॥ १० ॥

10. *Asmā u te mahi mahe vidhema namobhiragne samidhota havyaiḥ. Vedī sūno sahaso gīrbhirukthairā te bhadrayām sumatau yatema.*

Agni, giver of light and knowledge, child of omnipotence and source of strength, we offer high reverence and worship to you in honour of your greatness and glory, with homage, sacred fuel and fragrant yajnic materials into the vedi, with chant of holy words and songs of praise, and we pray that we may always abide and strive for noble actions in your benign presence and favour.

आ यस्तन्तु रोदसी वि भासा श्रवोभिश्च श्रवस्य-
स्तरुत्रः । बृहद्भिर्वाजैः स्थविरेभिरस्मे रेवद्भिरेते वितरं वि
भाहि ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā yastatantha rodasī vi bhāsā śravobhiṣca śravasyastarutraḥ. Brhadbhirvājaiḥ sthavirebhirasme revadbhiragne vitaram vi bhāhi.*

Agni, refulgent giver of light and power and knowledge, which overspreads heaven and earth with light, also renowned for gifts of sustenance and energy, is the saving power for life. O refulgent power, shine for us more and ever more with abundant and expansive gifts of food and energy and stable forms of wealth and power.

नृवद्वसो सदमिद्धेह्यस्मे भूरि तोकाय तनयाय पश्वः ।
पूर्वीरिषो बृहतीरारेअघा अस्मे भद्रा सौश्रवसानि
सन्तु ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Nṛvad vaso sadamiddhehyasme bhūri tokāya tanayāya paśvaḥ. Pūrvīriṣo brhatīrāreaghā asme bhadrā sauśravasāni santu.*

O father and guardian of humanity, Agni, giver of life and beneficence, give us a blessed home for our children and grand children, full of material and cattle wealth, abundant and expansive food and energy, freedom from sin and evil, where there may be ample means of well being, honour and excellence.

पुरु॒ण्य॒ग्ने पुरु॒धा त्वा॒या वसू॑नि राजन्व॒सुता॑ ते अ॒श्याम् ।
पुरु॒णि हि त्वे पुरु॒वार॑ सन्त्य॒ग्ने वसु॑ वि॒ध॒ते राज॑नि त्वे ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Purūṇyagne purudhā tvāyā vasūni rājan vasutā te aśyām. Purūṇi hi tve puruvāra santyagne vasu vidhate rājani tve.*

Agni, O leading light of life and humanity, brilliant by virtue of knowledge, power and generosity, may we by your kindness and grace obtain wealth and prosperity of various kinds and orders. O giver of knowledge, power and excellence, Agni, universally loved and adored, infinite are your gifts of wealth abiding in your dominion which you hold in treasure for the dedicated supplicant.

Mandala 6/Sukta 2

Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

त्वं हि क्षै॒तव॒द्यशो॑ऽग्ने मि॒त्रो न प॑त्य॒से ।
त्वं वि॒चर्ष॑णे॒ श्रवो॑ वसो॒ पुष्टि॑ न पु॒ष्यसि॑ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvaṁ hi kṣaitavad yaśo'gne mitro na patyase. Tvaṁ vicarṣaṇe śravo vaso puṣṭim na puṣyasi.*

Agni, leading light of life, like an inmate of our earthly home, like a friend for sure you protect, promote and sustain our honour and excellence. O watchful

observer of all, our haven and home, you preserve and advance our food and energy, honour and fame, like our body's vitality.

त्वां हि ष्मा चर्षणयो यज्ञेभिर्गीर्भिरीळते ।

त्वां वाजी यात्यवृको रजस्तूर्विश्वचर्षणिः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvām hi śmā carṣaṇyo yajñebhīrgīrbhīrīḷate.*
Tvām vājī yātyavṛko rajastūrvīśvacarṣaṇiḥ.

You alone people adore with yajnic acts and songs of praise. The warlike, the non-violent, the mover of the skies, the all watchful, everyone comes to you.

सजोषस्त्वा दिवो नरो यज्ञस्य केतुमिन्धते ।

यद्ध स्य मानुषो जनः सुप्नायुर्जुह्वे अध्वरे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sajoṣastvā divo naro yajñasya ketumindhate.*
Yaddha sya mānuṣo janaḥ sumnāyurjuhve
adhvare.

Loving and friendly people, leading lights of humanity, all of one accord, kindle and light you, the light and symbol of yajna, for which reason the rational communities aspiring for peace and well being invoke and invite you to their noble programmes of love and non-violence.

ऋधद्यस्ते सुदानवे धिया मर्तः शशमते ।

ऊती ष बृहतो दिवो द्विषो अंहो न तरति ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Rdhad yaste sudānave dhiyā martāḥ śaśamate.*
Ūtī ṣa bṛhato divo dviṣo aṅho na tarati.

The man who with his intelligence and holy action serves, worships and offers homage to you and

thus promotes you, generous giver, he enjoys peace and prosperity under protection of the vast heaven and crosses over all hate and jealousy as well as sin and evil.

समिधा यस्तु आहुतिं निशितिं मर्त्यो नशत् ।

वयावन्तं स पुष्यति क्षयमग्ने शतायुषम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Samidhā yasta āhutiṁ niśitiṁ martyo naśat.*
Vayāvantam sa puśyati kṣayamagne śatāyuṣam.

The mortal who responds to your urgent call and with holy fuel offers you intense and abundant oblations of yajna obtains and prospers in a happy home for a hundred years.

त्वेषस्ते धूम ऋण्वति दिवि षञ्छुक्र आततः ।

सूरो न हि द्युता त्वं कृपा पावक रोचसे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tveṣaste dhūma ṛṇvati divi ṣaṅchukra ātataḥ.*
Sūro na hi dyutā tvaṁ kṛpā pāvaka rocase.

Shining bright and rising high, your flames and fragrance reach unto the height of heaven. O pure and purifying fire, with light and splendour you shine like the sun.

अथा हि विक्ष्वीड्योऽसि प्रियो नो अतिथिः ।

रण्वः पुरीव जूर्यः सूनूर्न त्रययाय्यः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Adhā hi vikṣvīḍyo'si priyo no atithiḥ.*
Raṇvaḥ purīva jūryaḥ sūnurna trayayāyyaḥ.

O light and fire of life, you are adorable among the people, welcome to us like a cherished guest, delightful like a venerable senior in the sacred city,

darling as a child running to the parent for protection and security.

क्रत्वा हि द्रोणे अज्यसेऽ ग्रै वाजी न कृत्व्यः ।

परिन्मेव स्वधा गयोऽ त्यो न ह्यार्यः शिशुः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Kratvā hi droṇe ajyase'gne vājī na kṛtvyaḥ.*
Parijmeva svadhā gayo'tyo na hvāryaḥ śiśuḥ.

Agni, holy light and fire, you manifest by attrition in the wood, by yajna in the home, active, sportive and restive like a courser, moving everywhere like wind, soothing and satisfying as food, intimate as self will, comfortable as home, vibrant as a wave of energy and pure and innocent as a baby.

त्वं त्या चिदच्युताग्रैऽ पशुर्न यवसे ।

धामा ह्यत्ते अजर वना वृश्चन्ति शिक्कसः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tvaṁ tyā cidacyutā'gne paśurna yavase.*
Dhāmā ha yat te ajara vanā vṛścanti śikvasaḥ.

Agni, eternal light and fire of existence, for all those solid objects of existence, apparently imperishable regions of the universe, you are as the bull is for the grass since, O lord of eternity, your mighty flames of annihilation consume them as the bull consumes the grass.

वेषि ह्यध्वरीयतामग्रे होता दमे विशाम् ।

समृद्धो विशपते कृणु जुषस्व हव्यमङ्गिरः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Veṣi hyadhvarīyatām-agne hotā dame viśām.*
Samṛdho viśpate kṛṇu juṣasva havyam-aṅgiraḥ.

Angira, vital fire of life pervading every limb

of the body, breath of life vibrating in every part of the universe, eternal highpriest of cosmic yajna, enter, pervade and bless the home of the devotees conducting the yajna of love and non-violence. O lord protector and ruler of the people, make them prosperous, accept and enjoy their holy offering.

अच्छा नो मित्रमहो देव देवानग्ने वोचः सुमतिं रोदस्योः ।
वीहि स्वस्तिं सुक्षितिं दिवो नृन्दिषो अहांसि दुरिता तरेम
ता तरेम तवावसा तरेम ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Acchā no mitramaho deva devānagne vocaḥ
sumatiṁ rodasyoḥ. Vihi svastiṁ sukṣitiṁ divo
nṛndviṣo aṅhāṁsi duritā tarema tā tarema
tavāvasā tarema.*

O most adorable friend, venerable and refulgent light of the world, speak well to the noble and brilliant holy men of the eternal Word of universal knowledge and wisdom of heaven and earth. Bear and bring prosperity and well being on the blessed earth in happy homes to the loving and dedicated people. We pray help us cross over all sins and evil, hate and jealousy. Let us cross over all negativities and undesirables, cross over all of them, cross over to the life divine by your protection and grace.

Mandala 6/Sukta 3

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अग्ने स क्षेषदृत्पा ऋतेजा उरु ज्योतिर्नशते देवयुष्टे । यं त्वं
मित्रेण वरुणः सजोषा देव पासि त्यजसा मर्तमंहः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agne sa kṣeṣadr̥tapā ṛtejā uru jyotirnaśate
devayuşṭe. Yaṁ tvaṁ mitreṇa varuṇaḥ sajoṣāḥ
deva pāsi tyajasā martamanhaḥ.*

Agni, leading light and ruler of the world, guardian of Truth and Law, manifesting in truth and law and the fire and fragrance of yajna, that mortal man lives in peace who protects the truth and abides in truth, and he receives the gift of your infinite light and grace who loves Divinity and noble humanity, and whom you, O lord of love and justice, loving, kind and generous father, with loving care and merciful justice, you protect and save by abandonment of sin and evil.

ईजे यज्ञेभिः शशमे शमीभिर्ऋध्वायाग्रये ददाश ।

एवा च न तं यशसामजुष्टिर्नाहो मर्तं नशते न प्रदृप्तिः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Īje yajñebhiḥ śaśame śamībhir-ṛdhadvārāyāg-naye dadāśa. Evā cana taṁ yaśasāmajuṣṭir-nāṁho maritaṁ naśate na pradṛptiḥ.*

If the mortal does good to others with humility and yajna, lives in peace with auspicious acts of holiness, and does service to Agni, giver of success and prosperity, with acts of charity and self surrender, then, for sure, neither want of honour and glory, nor sin and evil, nor pride and arrogance can ever touch him.

सूरो न यस्य दृशतिररेपा भीमा यदेति शुचतस्त आ धीः ।
हेषस्वतः शुरुधो नायमक्तोः कुत्रा चिद्रण्वो वसतिर्व-
नेजाः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sūro na yasya drśatir-arepā bhīmā yadeti śuca-tasta ā dhīḥ. Heṣasvataḥ śurudho nāyamaktoḥ kutrā cid raṇvo vasatir-vanejāḥ.*

The holy sight of Agni, leading light of humanity, like the sun, and the message of thought and wisdom of the brilliant light that radiates, is pure and

immaculate, and yet it is awesome and comes as terrible to the vitiated. Indeed wherever the source and abode of this blazing destroyer of the night of darkness and of his prophetic voice be, as that of light in sunrays and of fire in the wood, it is delightful and elevating.

तिग्मं चिदेम महि वपोँ अस्य भसदश्वो न यमसान आसा ।
विजेहमानः परशुर्न जिह्वां द्रविर्न द्रावयति दारु धक्षत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tigman cidema mahi varpo asya bhasadaśvo na yamasāna āsā. Vijeḥamānaḥ paraśurna jihvām dravirna drāvayati dāru dhakṣat.*

Sharp is his path like the razor's edge we may like to follow, great his form and appearance shining brilliant, open his mouth self-controlled as the horse's, sharp his tongue as an axe, and he melts rigidities like a smelter and burns wooden prejudices like fire.

स इदस्तेव प्रति धादसिष्यञ्छितीते तेजोऽयसो न धाराम् ।
चित्रध्रजतिरर्तिर्यो अक्तोर्वेन द्रुषद्वा रघुपत्मजंहाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa idasteva prati dhādasiṣyañchiṣṭite tejo'yaso na dhārām. Citradhrajatiraratiryo aktorverna druṣadvā raghupatmajamhāḥ.*

Free from dead wood, he shoots his target like an archer freely. He sharpens his blaze like the edge of an axe. Swift and wonderful in speed, relentless in work, he discards rest and slow speed of movement like a bird of flight flying off from the branch of the tree of his night's rest.

स ईरुभो न प्रति वस्त उस्त्राः शोचिषा रारपीति मित्रमहाः ।
नक्तं य ईरुषो यो दिवा नूनमर्त्यो अरुषो यो दिवा
नून ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa īm rebho na prati vasta usrāḥ śociṣā rārapīti mitramahāḥ. Naktam ya īmaruṣo yo divā nṛn-amartyo aruṣo yo divā nṛn.*

He, leading light of the world, wears the light of the morning sun and, in return, like crackling fire, proclaims himself with the light and blaze of the new day, being the greatest friend of humanity. Red as flames, bright as sunlight, he lights up the night of darkness and arouses humanity into the day of light, awareness and activity, being the harbinger of the immortal light of Divinity. Yes, bright and blazing, he rouses people into the light of day.

दिवो न यस्य विधतो नवीनोद् वृषा रुक्ष ओषधीषु नूनोत् ।
घृणा न यो धर्जसा पत्म्ना यन्ना रोदसी वसुना दं
सुपत्नी ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Divo na yasya vidhato navīnod vṛṣā rukṣa oṣadhīṣu nūnot. Ghrṇā na yo dhrajasā patmanā yannā rodasī vasunā daṁ supatnī.*

Whose presence as of the light and grace of heaven, and order, the generous cloud worships and proclaims, whose light and vitality is manifested in herbs and trees, and who, by his flight and velocity and omnipresence, vests the spaces of motherly heaven, earth and sky with the wealth of living sustenance as with his light and grace.

धायोभिर्वा यो युज्येभिरर्कैर्विद्युन्न दविद्योत्स्वेभिः शुभैः ।
शर्धो वा यो मरुतां ततक्ष ऋभुर्न त्वेषो रभसानो अद्यौत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Dhāyobhirvā yo yujyebhir-arkair-vidyunna davidyot svebhiḥ śuṣmaiḥ. Śardho vā yo marutām tatakṣa ṛbhurna tveṣo rabhasāno adyaut.*

Who flashes like lightning, shines with his self-refulgence and potent presence, and constantly illuminates by his manifestation by the beneficiary stars, planets and plants, by his associates and assistants, and by his celebrants and worshippers of his virtues, and who, blazing and impetuous, like the divine intelligence and maker, fashions the forms and force of the winds and the stormy powers of humanity : that is Agni, life of existence and leading light of the world.

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यथा होत॑र्मनुषो देवता॑ता यज्ञेभिः॑ सू॒नो सह॑सो यजा॑सि ।
ए॒वा नो॑ अ॒द्य स॑म॒ना स॑मानानु॒शन्न॑ग्र उ॒शतो॑ र्यक्षि दे॒वान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yathā hotarmanuṣo devatātā yajñebhiḥ sūno sahaso yajāsi. Evā no adya samanā samānān-uśannagna uśato yakṣi devān.*

Agni, leading light of life, ruler of the world, child of strength, source of strength and courage, yajaka and generous giver, as you do selfless yajnic service to life and Divinity like any human, so you today in our battle of life, out of love for loving and dedicated people, pray invoke the divinities of nature and nobilities of humanity to join us.

स नो॑ वि॒भावा॑ च॒क्षणि॑र्न वस्तो॑र्ग्रिर्व॒न्दारु॑ वेद्य॒श्चनो॑ धात् ।
वि॒श्वायु॑र्यो अ॒मृतो॑ म॒र्त्येषू॑ष॒र्भुद्भू॑दति॒थिर्जा॑तवे॒दाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa no vibhāvā cakṣaṇirna vastoragnirvandāru vedyaścāno dhāt. Viśvāyuryo amṛto martyeṣū-sarbhud bhūdatithirjātavedāḥ.*

May that lord, Agni, refulgent as the sun, light

of the day, adorable, worth knowing and realising, bear and bring us food for life and energy for action, that lord who is life of life, immortal among mortals, manifests like a cherished guest at dawn and knows all that is born in existence by omnipresence.

द्यावो न यस्य पनयन्त्यभ्वं भासांसि वस्ते सूर्यो न शुक्रः ।
वि य इनोत्यजरः पावकोऽश्नस्य चिच्छिश्नथत्पूर्वाणि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Dyāvo na yasya panayantyaabhvaṁ bhāsāṁsi vaste sūryo na śukraḥ. Vi ya inotyajarah pāva-ko'snasya cicchiśnathat pūrvyāṇi.*

Like the lights of heaven, sages celebrate the lord's glory. Pure and immaculate, like the sun, he wears the lights and colours of existence. Purifying like fire, he pervades the forms of the world of existence, and at the ultimate end withdraws all that existed before, and remains, ageless and eternal, the sole and absolute presence.

वद्मा हि सूनो अस्यद्वसद्वो चक्रे अग्निर्जनुषाज्मानम् ।
स त्वं न ऊर्जसन् ऊर्ज' धा राजेव जेरवृके क्षेप्यन्तः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vadmā hi sūno asyadmasadvā cakre agnirjanu-ṣājmānnam. Sa tvaṁ na ūrjasana ūrjaṁ dhā rājeva jeravṛake kṣeṣyantah.*

O inspirer of life, Agni, self-manifestive loud and bold, you are all pervasive in everything that is food for life since by nature and operation you generate both food and energy. O creator and giver of energy, bear and bring us food and energy, be victorious like a ruler and abide in peace and non-violence as an inspiration.

नितिक्ति यो वारुणमन्नमत्ति वायुर्न राष्ट्रयत्येत्यक्तून् । तुर्याम
यस्त आदिशामरातीरत्यो न हृतः पततः परिहृत ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nitikti yo vāraṇamannamatti vāyurna rāṣṭrya-
tyetyaktūn. Turyāma yasta ādiśām-arāfir-atyō na
hrutaḥ patataḥ parihrut.*

Agni sharpens his instant weapon of radiance against darkness, consumes the consumables for energy, rules over existence like breath of life, surpasses even the rays of light. O lord of radiation pervading all round by waves of omnipotence, destroyer like a superlative missile of those crooked ones who fall in its way, may we too likewise overcome those who negate your gifts of life.

आ सूर्यो न भानुमद्भिर्कैरग्रे ततन्थ रोदसी वि भासा ।
चित्रो नयत्परि तमांस्यक्तः शोचिषा पत्मन्नौशिजो न
दीयन् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā sūryo na bhānum-adbhir-arkair-agne tatantha
rodasī vi bhāsā. Citro nayat pari tamāmsyaktah
śociṣā patmann-auśijo na dīyan.*

Agni, light of life, as the sun with thunderous rays of light, so you pervade heaven and earth with splendour and majesty. Marvellous and sublime, with light radiating all round, brilliant as sublimity incarnate, you rule dispelling all kinds of darkness.

त्वां हि मन्द्रतममर्कशोकैर्ववृमहे महि नः श्रोष्यग्रे ।
इन्द्रं न त्वा शवसा देवता वायुं पृणन्ति राधसा नृतमाः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvām hi mandratamam-arkaśokair-vavṛmahe
mahī naḥ śroṣyagne. Indram na tvā śavasā devatā
vāyum pṛṇanti rādhasā nṛtamāḥ.*

Agni, lord most charming and blissful, with brilliant songs of adoration we celebrate you. Listen to our song of sublimity. Like Indra, lord of omnipotence, like Vayu, breath of life, the best of leading lights of humanity adore you with all their might and sense of fulfilment.

नू नो अग्नेऽ वृकेभिः स्वस्ति वेषि रायः पथिभिः पर्ष्यहः ।
ता सूरिभ्यो गृणते रासि सुम्नं मदम शतहिमाः सुवीराः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Nū no agne'vr̥kebhiḥ svasti veṣi rāyaḥ pathibhiḥ parṣyaṇhaḥ. Tā sūribhyo gṛṇate rāsi sumnam madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Agni, lord of light, wealth and bliss, with honest and loving people lead us to wealth and honour, peace and well being by paths of holiness, cleanse us of sin, blow off evil from us. That peace and joy you bestow upon brilliant and brave celebrants and upon the supplicant, bestow upon us too, we pray, so that we, blest with brave children, may rejoice for a full life of hundred years.

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हुवे वः सूनुं सहसो युवानमद्रोघवाचं मतिभिर्यविष्ठम् । य
इन्वति द्रविणानि प्रचेता विश्ववाराणि पुरुवारो
अध्रुक ॥ १ ॥

1. *Huve vaḥ sūnum sahaso yuvānam-adroghavācam matibhir-yaviṣṭham. Ya invati draviṇāni pracetā viśvavārāṇi puruvāro adhruk.*

For you all, I invoke and invite Agni, giver of

strength and forbearance, young, sweet and loving of speech free from malice, most youthful, wise and all aware, cherished friend of all without jealousy, who creates, inspires, invigorates and brings us gifts of universal value and drives away the evils.

त्वे वसूनि पुर्वणीक होतर्दोषा वस्तोरेरिरे यज्ञियासः । क्षामेव
विश्वा भुवनानि यस्मिन्त्सं सौभगानि दधिरे पावके ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tve vasūni purvaṇīka hotardoṣā vastorerire yajñiyāsaḥ. Kṣāmeva viśvā bhuvanāni yasmin tsaṁ saubhagāni dadhire pāvake.*

In you, lord of eternal flames of power and generation, cosmic yajaka and generous giver, holy performers of yajnic acts repose their confidence, and to you, day and night, they attribute all the gifts of life. By virtue of you, cleanser and purifier, all regions of the universe like earth bear cherished gifts of nature for humanity.

त्वं विक्षु प्रदिवः सीद आसु क्रत्वा रथीरभवो वार्यीणाम् ।
अत इनोषि विधते चिकित्वो व्यानुषजातवेदो वसूनि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvaṁ vikṣu pradivaḥ sīda āsu kratvā rathīra-bhavo vāryāṇām. Ata inoṣi vidhate cikitvo vyānuṣag-jātavedo vasūni.*

Come you, leading light wrapped in the light of divinity, sit and abide among these people with your knowledge and yajnic action. Be like a chariot harbinger of choice gifts of life. You are wise and you command universal awareness. You know all that is born in existence and, integrated with life and society, you inspire and promote the wealths of the world for the

dedicated celebrant.

यो नः सनुत्यो अभिदासदग्ने यो अन्तरो मित्रमहो वनुष्यात् ।
तमजरोभिर्वृषभिस्तव स्वैस्तपा तपिष्ठ तपसा तपस्वान् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yo naḥ sanutyō abhidāśadagne yo antaro mitramaho vanuṣyāt. Tam-ajarebhir-vṛṣabhis-tava svaistapā tapiṣṭha tapasā tapasvān.*

Agni, O dearest and greatest friend, tempered in the crucibles of austere discipline to the highest degree of intensity, whatever the force or power internal or external, close around or far off which might weaken, attack, injure or destroy us, pray burn up and eliminate by your own essential, unaging, generous and most youthful power of discipline and fire.

यस्ते यज्ञेन समिधा य उक्थैर्केभिः सूनो सहसो ददाशत् ।
स मर्त्येष्वमृतं प्रचेता राया द्युम्नेन श्रवसा वि भति ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yaste yajñena samidhā ya ukthair-arkebhiḥ sūno sahaso dadāśat. Sa martyeṣvamarṛta pracetā rāyā dyumnena śravasā vi bhāti.*

Agni, O source giver of strength and inspiration, whoever serves you with yajnic acts of self-sacrifice and offers you homage, worship and songs of celebration with sacred fuel to keep the fire burning, rises in knowledge and life's awareness, advances in wealth, honour and fame, and shines out with immortal excellence among mortals.

स तत्कृधीषितस्तूर्यमग्ने स्पृधो बाधस्व सहसा सहस्वान् ।
यच्छस्यसे द्युभिर्क्तो वचोभिस्तजुषस्व जरितुर्वोषि
मन्म ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa tat kṛdhīṣitastūyamagne sprdho bādhasva sahasā sahasvān. Yacchasyase dyubhirakto vacobhis-tajjuṣasva jariturghoṣi manma.*

Agni, lord of forbearance and challenging might, loved, inspired and impelled, do that fast with your power and force, resist and repell the envious contenders, for which you are admired by the celebrants. Do that, O lord wearing the aura of light and fire, and accept the devoted supplicant's thanks and homage expressed from the depth of mind and soul.

अ॒श्याम॒ तं का॒मम॒ग्ने तवो॒ती अ॒श्याम॒ र॒यिं र॒यि॒वः सु॒वीर॑म् ।
अ॒श्याम॒ वा॒जम॒भि वा॒जय॑न्तोऽ॒श्याम॒ द्यु॒म्नम॑जरा॒जरं॑
ते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Aśyāma taṁ kāmamagne tavoṭī aśyāma rayiṁ rayivahḥ suvīram. Aśyāma vājamabhi vājayanto 'śyāma dyumnam-ajarājaraṁ te.*

Agni, leading light of the world, ruler and pioneer of humanity, by virtue of your protection and spirit of advancement, let us realise that will and desire we pray for. O lord creator and giver of wealth, let us achieve that wealth and honour blest with the brave we cherish. O lord imperishable, let us win, while we press forward, that energy, sustenance and progress, let us be blest with that honour and excellence which is immortal.

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प्र नव्यसा सहसः सूनुमच्छा यज्ञेन गातुमव इच्छमानः ।

वृश्चद्वनं कृष्णायामं रुशन्तं वीती होतारं दिव्यं जिगाति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra navyasā sahasaḥ sūnumacchā yajñena gātumava icchamānaḥ. Vṛścadvanam kṛṣṇayāmanam ruśantam vīti hotāram divyam jigāti.*

Whoever desires and plans for advancement into new ways of progress, defence and protection, tries and experiments with newest forms of yajna, socio-scientific developments in pursuit of Agni, heat, light and electric energy, source and generator of power, breaker of the clouds, illuminator of pathways into darkness and the unknown, bright catalytic agent, giver of peace and prosperity for well being and divine agent of cosmic evolution.

स श्वितानस्तन्यतू रोचनस्था अजरेभिर्नानदद्भिर्योविष्ठः ।

यः पावकः पुरुतमः पुरुणि पृथून्यग्निरनुयाति भवन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa śvitānastanyatū rocanasthā ajarebhir-nānadadbhir-yaviṣṭhaḥ. Yaḥ pāvakaḥ puruta-maḥ purūṇi prthūnyagnir-anuyāti bharvan.*

That energy, Agni, which is brilliant, expansive and roaring, constant in light without a flicker, abiding in imperishable thunder and lightning, is the fire purifier which lies dormant in many forms in solids, and it is versatile and explosive.

वि ते विष्वग्वार्तजूतासो अग्ने भामासः शुचे शुचयश्चरन्ति ।

तुविप्रक्षासो दिव्या नवग्वा वना वनन्ति धृषता रुजन्तः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vi te viṣvag-vātajūtāso agne bhāmāsaḥ śuce śucayaścaranti. Tuvimrakṣāso divyā navagvā vanā vananti dhrṣatā rujantaḥ.*

Agni, cosmic energy, those universal waves of your power impelled by nature's currents radiate all

round, pure and purifying, embracing everything, celestial, ever moving anew, beautiful, forceful, making, breaking and remaking everything that comes their way.

ये ते शुक्रासः शुचयः शुचिष्मः क्षां वपन्ति विषितासो
अश्वाः । अध भ्रमस्त उर्विया वि भाति यातयमानो अधि
सानु पृश्नेः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ye te śukrāsaḥ śucayaḥ śuciṣmaḥ kṣāṁ vapanti
viṣitāso aśvāḥ. Adha bhramasta urviyā vi bhāti
yātayamāno adhi sānu pṛśneh.*

Life and light of the world, those vitalising pure and radiant waves of your energy flowing down like horses freed from their bound, fertilise and impregnate the earth, and then their circulation across the sky, taking over the mountain tops shines all over the earth.

अध जिह्वा पापतीति प्र वृष्णो गोषुयुधो नाशनिः सृजाना ।
शूरस्येव प्रसितिः क्षातिर्ग्रेर्दुर्वतुर्भीमो दयते वनानि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Adha jihvā pāpātīti pra vṛṣṇo goṣuyudho nāśaniḥ
srjānā. Śūrasyeva prasitiḥ kṣātir-agner-durva-
rturbhūmo dayate vanāni.*

Further, the tongue of flame, the flash of lightning, like the thunderbolt of mighty Indra, warrior of the flash and thunder's roar, shakes and shines with the blaze, striking and shattering things like a warrior's blow, and thus the terrible onslaught of irresistible Agni destroys the forests.

आ भानुना पार्थिवाणि ज्रयांसि मुहस्तोदस्य धृषता ततन्थ ।
स बाधस्वाप भया सहोभिः स्पृधो वनुष्यन्वनुषो नि
जूर्व ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā bhānunā pārthivāni jrayāmsi mahastodasya
dhr̥ṣatā tatantha. Sa bādhasvāpa bhayā sahoḥbhiḥ
spr̥dho vanuṣyan vanuṣo ni jūrva.*

Agni, leading light and ruler of the world, with your light spread over all places and activities of the earth, and shine by the great and glorious radiation of your power. With your force and power, resist and repel all fears and envious contenders and, saving and protecting those who ought to be served and protected, break down the enmities and negativities.

स चित्रं चित्रं चितयन्तमस्मे चित्रक्षत्रं चित्रतमं वयोधाम् ।
चन्द्रं रयिं पुरुवीरं बृहन्तं चन्द्रं चन्द्राभिरगृणते युवस्व ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sa citra citraṁ citayantamasme citrakṣatra
citratamaṁ vayodhām. Candraṁ rayiṁ puru-
vīraṁ br̥hantaṁ candra candrābhir-gr̥ṇate
yuvasva.*

Agni, marvellous leading light of the world, ruler of the wonderful human order of brilliance, inspirer of love, benevolence and bliss, join and mix various wonderful elements with beautiful and soothing elements and then create for us enlightening, most surprising, invigorating, blissful, life giving, self-expansive wealth inspiring for all the youth and for the dedicated celebrant.

Mandala 6/Sukta 7

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मूर्धानं दिवो अरुतिं पृथिव्या वैश्वानरमृत आ जातमग्निम् ।
कविं सम्राजमतिथिं जनीनामासन्ना पात्रं जनयन्त
देवाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mūrdhānam divo aratim pṛthivyā vaiśvānara-mṛata ā jātamagnim. Kavim samrājam-atithim janānām-āsannā pātram janayanta devāḥ.*

The divinities of nature and humanity light the sacred fire: supreme light of heaven, vital fire of life of the earth, Vaishvanara, leader and energiser of the world, born of cosmic law and the fire of cosmic yajna. It is the visionary, even the revolutionary, poet, ruler of the world, sacred as a chance visitor, voice of the people, sustainer of life and its order.

नाभिं यज्ञानां सदनं रथीणां महामाहावमभि सं नवन्त ।

वैश्वानरं रथ्यमध्वराणां यज्ञस्य केतुं जनयन्त देवाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Nābhim yajñānām sadanam rayiṇām mahāmā-hāvamabhi saṁ navanta. Vaiśvānaram rathyama-dhvarāṇām yajñasya ketuṁ janayanta devāḥ.*

Divines and brilliant people light and sing in praise of Vaishvanara, sacred fire of the world, centre-hold of yajna and creative programmes of development, treasure source of wealths, divine challenge and cherished deity of their service, motive power of non-violent projects, the real symbol and the very life of yajna.

त्वद्विप्रो जायते वाज्यग्रे त्वदीरासो अभिमातिषाहः ।

वैश्वानर त्वमस्मासु धेहि वसूनि राजन्स्पृहयाय्याणि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvad vepro jāyate vājyagre tvad vīrāso abhimā-tiṣāhaḥ. Vaiśānara tvamasmāsu dhehi vasūni rājantsprhayāyyāṇi.*

O leading light of the world, Agni, by you arises the dedicated scholar, energy, sustenance and progress,

and the warriors who brave the challenges and win. O Vaishvanara, fire of earthly existence, brilliant leader and ruler, lead us to wealths of the world worthy of being fought for and won.

त्वां विश्वे अमृतं जायमानं शिशुं न देवा अभि सं नवन्ते ।
तव क्रतुभिरमृतत्वमायन्वैश्वानर यत्पित्रोरदीदेः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvām viśve amṛta jāyamānaṁ śiśuṁ na devā abhi saṁ navante. Tava kṛatubhir-amṛata-tvamāyan vaiśvānara yat pitroradīdeḥ.*

O Vaishvanara Agni, light and vitality of the world, all brilliant scholars and divines of humanity love you as a baby and celebrate you all round like the rising sun at dawn, or like a young scholar emerging from the home of his parents and teachers like the sun from heaven over the earth. By virtue of your holy acts, the mortals achieve the immortality of holiness and excellence.

वैश्वानर तव तानि व्रतानि महान्यग्ने नकिरा दधर्ष ।
यज्जायमानः पित्रोरुपस्थेऽ विन्दः केतुं वयुनेष्वह्नाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vaiśvānara tava tāni vratāni mahānyagne nakirā dadharṣa. Yajjāyamānaḥ pitrorupasthe 'vindaḥ ketuṁ vayuneṣvahnām.*

Vaishvanara, leading light and fire of life, Agni, the great ordinances of yours none can challenge, those which you, arising in the lap of your parents from heaven over the earth take on as your essential character and identity in the light of days in relation to the laws of existence from the earth to the Supreme Spirit and Lord of the universe.

वैश्वानरस्य विमितानि चक्षसा सानूनि दिवो अमृतस्य
केतुना । तस्येदु विश्वा भुवनाधि मूर्धनि व्याइव रुरुहुः
सप्त विस्नुहः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vaiśvānarasya vimitāni cakṣasā sānūni divo amṛtasya ketunā. Tasyedu viśvā bhuvanādhi mūrdhani vayā iva ruruhuḥ sapta visruhaḥ.*

By the vision and radiance of immortal Vaishvanara, the tops of heaven are pervaded, measured and transcended. On him, as base which is also the summit of existence, rest all the worlds of the universe which manifest like hair on the head, grow like seven branches from the one root, or flow like seven streams from the centre source.

वि यो रजांस्यभिमीत सुक्रतुर्वैश्वानरो वि दिवो रौचिना
कविः । परि यो विश्वा भुवनानि पप्रथेऽदब्धो गोपा अमृतस्य
रक्षिता ॥ ७ ॥

4. *Vi yo rajāmsyamimīta sukratur-vaiśvānaro vi divo rocanā kaviḥ. Pari yo viśvā bhuvanāni paprathe'dabdho gopā amṛtasya rakṣitā.*

Vaishvanara, merciful lord of the world and humanity, cosmic yajaka and visionary creator, who conceives, creates and ordains all regions of the universe, who illuminates the radiance of heaven, who pervades, expands and transcends all the worlds of existence, is the sole lord supreme, unchallenged ruler, sustainer and protector of the mortal world and the state of immortality.

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पृक्षस्य वृष्णो अरुषस्य नू सहः प्र नु वोचं विदथा
जातवेदसः । वैश्वा नराय मतिर्नव्यसी शुचिः सोमइव पवते
चारुग्रये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Prkṣasya vṛṣṇo aruṣasya nū sahaḥ pra nu vocaṁ
vidathā jātavedasaḥ. Vaiśvānarāya matirnavyaśī
śuciḥ soma iva pavate cāruragnaye.*

Spontaneously I sing and celebrate the knowledge and omnipotence of Jataveda, omniscient lord creator, omnipresent, generous, refulgent and merciful. The holy thoughts and words of the song flow ever fresh, pure, soothing and sanctifying like the streams of soma in honour of the universal lord and leading light of the world.

स जायमानः परमे व्योमनि व्रतान्यग्निर्व्रतपा अरक्षत ।
व्यन्तरिक्षममिमीत सुक्रतुर्वैश्वानरो महिना नाकम-
स्पृशत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa jāyamānaḥ parame vyomani vratānyagnir-
vratapā arakṣata. Vyantarikṣamamimīta sukra-
turvaiśvānaro mahinā nākamaspr̥śat.*

He, Agni, ordainer of the laws of existence, manifesting in the highest heavens like the sun, protects and sustains the laws of life, being ordainer and observer of the laws of existence. Vaishvanara, immanent in the heart of humanity, holy protector of yajnic actions, pervades the firmament and, with his grand potential, gives the magic touch of refulgence to the heaven of joy.

व्यस्तभ्नाद्रोदसी मित्रो अद्भुतोऽन्तर्वावदकृणोज्ज्योतिषा
तमः । वि चर्मणीव धिषणे अवर्तयद्वैश्वानरो विश्वमधत्त
वृष्यम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vyastabhnād rodasī mitro adbhuto'ntarvāvada-
krṇojjyotiṣā tamah. Vi carmaṇīva dhiṣaṇe
avartayad vaiśvānaro viśvamadhatta vṛṣyam.*

Vaishvanara, leading light and life of existence, universal friend and light giver, marvellous and all immanent unmoved mover, holds the heaven and earth in balance, covers, i.e., dispels darkness with light, revolves heaven and earth, day and night, wearing both like changing and alternate forms and thus sustains the entire living, organismic generous universe.

अपामुपस्थे महिषा अगृभ्णत विशो राजानमुप तस्थुर्ऋ-
ग्मियम् । आ दूतो अग्निमभरद्विवस्वतो वैश्वानरं मातरिष्व
परावतः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Apāmupasthe mahiṣā agrbhnata viśo rājāna-
mupa tasthur-ṛgmiyam. Ā dūto agnimabharad
vivasvato vaiśvānaram mātariśvā parāvataḥ.*

In the midst of spatial oceans of particles in the firmament, great scholars and scientists perceive, receive and develop Agni celebrated in the Rks and closely abide by it in study like people abiding by the ruler for their benefit. Vayu, currents of cosmic energy abiding in space, acts as carrier and bears Vaishvanara, universal energy of heat and light from the far off sun for the benefit of the world.

युगेयुगे विदुष्यं गृणद्भ्योऽग्रे रयिं यशसं धेहि नव्यसीम् ।
पव्येव राजन्नघशंसमजर नीचा नि वृश्च वनिनं न
तेजसा ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yugeyuge vidathyam gr̥ṇadbhyo'gne rayim yaśasaṁ dhehi navyasīm. Pavyeva rājanna-ghaśaṁsamajara nīcā ni vṛśca vaninaṁ na tejasā.*

Agni, leading light of the world, from year to year, age by age, bear and bring for the dedicated celebrants latest and newest wealth and honour for advancement in knowledge and action. O brilliant ruler, unaging and imperishable, strike down the agent of sin and crime as you strike down a tree or a cloud by thunder and lightning.

अस्माकमग्ने मघवत्सु धारयाऽनामि क्षत्रमजरं सुवीर्यम् ।
वयं जयेम शतिनं सहस्रिणं वैश्वानरं वाजमग्ने
तवोतिभिः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Asmākamagne maghavatsu dhārayā'nāmi kṣatramajaraṁ suvīryam. Vayaṁ jayema śatinam sahasriṇam vaiśvānara vājamagne tavotibhiḥ.*

Agni, leading light of the world, Vaishvanara, kindly ruler of the hearts of humanity, among our people who are blest with wealth, honour and power by virtue of your gifts of protection and advancement, establish a noble, courteous, inalienable and unaging social order of freedom worthy of the brave. We pray we may win a hundredfold and a thousandfold victories of food and sustenance, energy and progress under your protection and promotion.

अदब्धेभिस्तव गोपाभिरिष्टे ऽस्माकं पाहि त्रिषधस्थ सूरिन् ।
रक्षो च नो दुदुषां शर्धो अग्ने वैश्वानरं प्र च तारीः
स्तवानः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Adabdhebhistaḥ gopābhirīṣṭe'smākaṁ pāhi triṣadhaṣṭha sūrīn. Rakṣā ca no daduṣāṁ śardho agne vaiśvānara pra ca tārīḥ stavānaḥ.*

Agni, refulgent leader, Vaishvanara, gracious ruling presence of the world, loving and adorable guardian present in the three worlds of earth, heaven and the firmament, presiding power of the three councils of governance, legislation and education, with your loving, non-violent and irresistible forces of defence and protection for advancement, pray protect and promote our saints and sages, scholars and the brave heroes and leaders. And protect us all, sustain and advance the courage and morale of all the celebrants and generous givers and yajakas. Save us all, O lord adorable, lead us all across the seas of darkness to the cherished goal.

Mandala 6/Sukta 9

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अहश्च कृष्णमहरजुनं च वि वर्तते रजसी वेद्याभिः ।
वैश्वानरो जायमानो न राजाऽवातिरज्योतिषाग्निस्त-
मांसि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ahaśca kṛṣṇamahararjunam ca vi vartete rajasī vidyābhiḥ. Vaiśvānaro jāyamāno na rājā'vātira-jjyotiṣāgnistamāṁsi.*

The dark half of the earth's daily round, the night, and the bright half, the day, revolve alternately in the terrestrial atmosphere alongwith their cognizable characteristics. Vaishvanara Agni, the sun, darling of the world, as it rises, overcomes and dispels the darkness

with light like a ruler eliminating the dark and evil forces of society.

नाहं तन्तुं न वि जानाम्योतुं न यं वयन्ति समरेऽ तमानाः ।

कस्य स्विपुत्र इह वक्त्वानि पुरो वदत्यवरेण पित्रा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Nāhaṁ tantuṁ na vi jānāmyotuṁ na yaṁ vayanti samare'tamānāḥ. Kasya svit putra iha vaktvāni paro vadātyavareṇa pitrā.*

I know not the warp nor the woof of the web of life. Nor do I know the design of the web which the weavers weave together in their constant concourse of nights and days. Whose son here or far off, pure and purifying, could say what ought to be said by virtue of the father, or teacher or the supreme teacher at the closest? Who knows?

स इत्तन्तुं स वि जानात्योतुं स वक्त्वान्यृतुथा वदति । य इ चिकेतदमृतस्य गोपा अवश्चरन्परो अन्येन पश्यन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa it tantuṁ sa vi jānātyotuṁ sa vaktvānyruthā vadāti. Ya īm ciketadamṛtasya gopā avaścaran paro anyena paśyan.*

He surely knows the warp, he knows the woof, he speaks of what ought to be spoken according to the season and the circumstances, he who knows the flow of the stream of life and time, who is the master and keeper of the eternal, and eternal knowledge, who knows and moves up and down, far and near, seeing the reality by the eye of the other, the supreme lord of eternal light.

अयं होता प्रथमः पश्यतेममिदं ज्योतिरमृतं मर्त्येषु ।

अयं स जज्ञे ध्रुव आ निषत्तोऽ मर्त्यस्तन्वा इ वधीमानः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ayaṁ hotā prathamah paśyatemamidaṁ jyotiramṛtaṁ martyeṣu. Ayaṁ sa jajñe dhruva ā niṣatto 'martyastanvā vardhamānaḥ.*

This supreme lord is the prime yajaka, giver and receiver. See and know this immortal light among the mortals. And this is that other, the individual soul, unshaken, immovable, firmly seated in the personality, immortal, growing in knowledge and vision and the body in which it is born.

ध्रुवं ज्योतिर्निहितं दृश्ये कं मनो जविष्ठं पतयत्स्वन्तः । विश्वे
देवाः समनसः सकैता एकं क्रतुमभि वि यन्ति साधु ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Dhruvaṁ jyotirnihitaṁ drśaye kaṁ mano javiṣṭhaṁ patayatsvantaḥ. Viśve devāḥ samanaśaḥ saketaḥ ekaṁ kratumabhi vi yanti sādhu.*

In order that the individual soul may see the one immovable blissful divine light enshrined in the cave of the heart, there is the mind, fastest of psychic faculties in the personality of all those who direct themselves to the one centre. All the organs of perception, in fact all the illuminative elements of nature, all of equal competence, united together and in unison with the mind efficiently move toward the individual soul.

वि मे कर्णा पतयतो वि चक्षुर्वीदं ज्योतिर्हृदय आहितं
यत् । वि मे मनश्चरति दूरआधीः किं स्विद्वक्ष्यामि किमु नू
मनिष्ये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vi me karnā patayato vi cakṣurvīdaṁ jyotirhr̥daya āhitaṁ yat. Vi me manaścarati dūra ādhīḥ kiṁ svid vakṣyāmi kimu nū maniṣye.*

My ears, as I feel impelled to have a vision of

the inner light of divinity, my eyes, the light of the spirit enshrined in the heart, my mind which connects with far off things, all move to help me see the light of divinity within me. What at all shall I say more? What shall I think more?

विश्वे देवा अनमस्यन्भियानास्त्वामग्ने तमसि तस्थिवांसम् ।
वैश्वा नरोऽ वतूतये नोऽ मर्त्योऽ वतूतये नः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Viśve devā anamasyan bhiyānāstvāmagne tamasi tasthivāmsam. Vaiśvānaro'vatūtaye no'martyo'-vatūtaye nah.*

Agni, light of life, life of the universe abiding at the centre of darkness and mystery of existence, all divinities of nature and humanity with all their sense and power bow to you in awe. We pray may Vaishvanara, immortal light of the soul and the universe, protect us for safety, security and well being, protect us for peace and progress.

Mandala 6/Sukta 10

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पुरो वो मन्द्रं दिव्यं सुवृक्तिं प्रयति यज्ञे अग्निमध्वरे दधिध्वम् ।
पुर उक्थेभिः स हि नो विभावा स्वध्वरा करति जात-
वेदाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Puro vo mandram divyam suvraktim prayati yajñe agnim-adhvare dadhidhvam. Pura ukthebhiḥ sa hi no vibhāvā svadhvarā karati jātavedāḥ.*

In your well-planned and projected programmes of yajnic development free from violence, first and foremost, with right formulae and right process, place

in the fore front Agni, holy fire and leading light, charming presence, brilliant and pure power leading to the right goal by the right path. That power and presence alone, kind and loving, immanent in all that exists, leads holy acts of love and kindness to sure success.

तमु द्युमः पुर्वणीक होतरग्ने अग्निभिर्मनुष इधानः ।

स्तोमं यमस्मै ममतैव शुषं घृतं न शुचिं मतयः पवन्ते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tamu dyumaḥ purvaṇīka hotaragne agnibhir-manuṣa idhānaḥ. Stomaṁ yamasmai mamateva śūṣaṁ ghrtaṁ na śuci matayaḥ pavante.*

Agni, sagely yajaka brilliant in knowledge and fiery in will and action who inspire people with passion and enthusiasm, pray listen to the song of celebration, powerful as love and pure as ghrta, which wise and thoughtful people sing and sanctify in honour of this holy fire.

पीपाय स श्रवसा मर्त्येषु यो अग्नये ददाश विप्र उक्थैः ।
चित्राभिस्तमूतिभिश्चित्रशोचिर्ब्रजस्य साता गोमतो
दधाति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pipāya sa śravasā martyeṣu yo agnaye dadāśa vipra ukthaiḥ. Citrābhis-tamūtibhiścitraśocir-vrajasya sātā gomato dadhāti.*

That sagely scholar thrives among mortals with honour and excellence who serves and advances the holy fire with songs of praise and holy materials. And Agni too, commanding marvellous light and flames, blesses him with wonderful forms of protection and advances him on the paths of progress with plenty of wealth, land, cows and gifts of knowledge and

enlightenment.

आ यः पप्रौ जायमान उर्वी दूरेदृशा भ्रासा कृष्णाध्वा ।
अध बहु चित्तम् ऊर्म्यायास्तिरः शोचिषा ददृशे
पावकः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā yaḥ paprau jāyamāna urvī dūredrśā bhāsā
krṣṇādhvā. Adha bahu cit tama ūrmyāyās-
tirah śociṣā dadrśe pāvakaḥ.*

As Agni rises and manifests itself like the sun, it is seen from afar and, going over areas of darkness by the paths it makes for itself, it fills the wide spaces of heaven and earth with its light. The light and fire, pure and purifying, thus overcomes the deep darkness of the night with splendour and reveals its glory and the reality of things.

नू नश्चित्रं पुरुवाजाभिरुती अग्ने रयिं मघवद्भ्यश्च धेहि ।
ये राधसा श्रवसा चात्यन्यान्त्सुवीर्येभिश्चाभि सन्ति
जनान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nū naścitraṁ puruvājābhirūtī agne rayiṁ magha-
vadbhyaśca dhehi. Ye rādhasā śravasā cātyanyān
tsuvīryebhiścābhi santi janān.*

Agni, leading light of life, for all time with wonderful vigour, power and forces of action in perfect safety and protection, bear and bring abundant wealth and excellence for us and for those leaders of magnificence who stand out before other people by means and materials, honour and fame, courage and fortitude.

इमं यज्ञं चनो धा अग्र उशन्यं त आसानो जुहुते हविष्मान् ।
भरद्वाजेषु दधिषे सुवृक्तिमवीर्वाजस्य गर्ध्यस्य सातौ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Imaṁ yajñam cano dhā agna uśan yaṁ ta āsāno juhute haviṣmān. Bharadvājaṣu dadhiṣe suvrktim-avīrvājasya gadhyasya sātāu.*

Agni, leading light of life, loving and anxious for the success of this yajnic programme of development and service, bring holy food, energy and sustenance. You always bless the men of munificence, power and success with glory and excellence. Protect us in the battles for science and energy and the wealth and values of our choice.

वि द्वेषांसीनुहि वर्धयेळां मदेम श्रुतहिमाः सुवीराः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi dveṣāmsīnuhi vardhayelām madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Agni, leading light of life, drive away hate, jealousy and the enemies. Promote food and energy, protect and replenish the earth and her resources, advance knowledge and holy speech. Bless us that we may be happy and live a hundred years with heroic progeny.

Mandala 6/Sukta 11

Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

यजस्व होतरिषितो यजीयानग्ने बाधो मरुतां न प्रयुक्ति ।
आ नो मित्रावरुणा नासत्या द्यावा होत्राय पृथिवी
ववृत्त्याः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yajasva hotariṣito yajīyānagne bādho marutām na prayukti. Ā no mitrāvaruṇā nāsatyā dyāvā hotrāya pṛthivī vavṛtyāḥ.*

Keep the fire of yajna burning, O yajaka, loved,

inspired and invoked, leading light of life most reverential, bulwark of defence and protection like the force and freshness of winds for the unity and engagement of the people in common causes of creation and development. Bring up for us Mitra and Varuna, powers of love and friendship, judgement and protection, the Ashvins ever true, heaven and earth, keep them on ever active together for the advancement of our yajnic endeavours.

त्वं होता मन्द्रतमो नो अध्रुगन्तर्देवो विदथा मर्त्येषु ।

पावकया जुह्व॑ वह्निरासाऽग्ने यजस्व तन्वां॑ तव स्वाम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvaṁ hotā mandratamo no adhrugantardevo vidathā martyeṣu. Pāvakayā juhvā vahnirāsā 'gne yajasva tanvaṁ tava svām.*

Agni, you are our leading light of yajna, charming and blissful, free from jealousy among mortals, radiant and generous creator giver in our yajnic endeavours, harbinger of wealth by the purifying flames of fire with havis offered with the holy ladle of ghrta and catalysed to fragrance. O lord of us all, develop your own self of radiant fire and develop the social structure of order.

धन्या चिद्धि त्वे धिषणा वष्टि प्र देवाञ्जन्म गृणते यजध्वै ।

वेपिष्ठो अङ्गिरसां यद्ध विप्रो मधु च्छन्दो भनति रेभ इष्टौ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Dhanyā ciddhi tve dhiṣaṇā vaṣṭi pra devāñjanma grṇate yajadhyai. Vepiṣṭho aṅgirasāṁ yaddha vipro madhucchando bhanati rebha iṣṭau.*

Blessed is the mind and intelligence in pursuit

of life's wealth and grace which concentrates on you, Agni, for the celebrant soul to realise the manifestations of Divinity when the devotee, most vibrant sage among the Angirasas, wise saints and scholars, sings as a poet in ecstasy for the cherished attainment.

अदिद्युतस्वपाको विभावाग्ने यजस्व रोदसी उरूची । आयुं
न यं नमसा रातहव्या अञ्जन्ति सुप्रयसं पञ्च जनाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Adidyutat svapāko vibhāvā'gne yajasva rodasī urūcī. Āyurṇ na yaṁ namasā rātahavyā añjanti suprayasaṁ pañca janāḥ.*

O Brilliant, self-refulgent, glorious power of noble action, Agni, leading light of the world, rise over the wide earth and heaven. All the five classes of people bearing sacred offerings honour and celebrate you with submission and homage as abundant giver of life's blessings, indeed as the very spirit of life. O man, rise and join the Spirit omnipresent.

वृञ्जे ह यन्नमसा बर्हिर्ग्रावयामि स्रुग्धृतवती सुवृक्तिः ।
अम्यक्षि सद्य सदने पृथिव्या अश्रायि यज्ञः सूर्ये न
चक्षुः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vṛñje ha yannamasā barhiragnāvayāmi srugghṛ-tavaṭī suvr̥ktiḥ. Amyakṣi sadma sadane pṛthivyā āsrāyi yajñāḥ surye na cakṣuḥ.*

Surely when the grass is gathered with reverence, the ladle overflowing with ghrta is raised over the fire with sacred hymns, the vedi is firmly settled on the ground, then the yajna is accomplished on the earth as the eye is established in the sun (from birth to death with the last rites).

दशस्या नः पुर्वणीक होतर्देवेभिरग्ने अग्निभिरिधानः ।

रायः सूनो सहसो वावसाना अति स्रसेम वृजनं नाहः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Daśasyā naḥ purvaṇīka hotardevebhiragne agnibhiridhānaḥ. Rāyaḥ sūno sahaso vāvasānā ati srasema vṛjanaṁ nāṇhaḥ.*

Agni, leading light of life, shining in infinite manifestations, cosmic yajaka and giver of fragrance, blazing with divine flames of fire, omnipotent generator of strength, bestow on us wealths of existence so that, blest with the light of Divinity, we may complete our life's journey and avoid the paths of sin.

Mandala 6/Sukta 12

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मध्ये होता दुरोणे बर्हिषो राळग्निस्तोदस्य रोदसी यजध्यै ।
अयं स सूनुः सहस ऋतावा दूरात्सूर्यो न शोचिषा
ततान ॥ १ ॥

1. *Madhye hotā duroṇe barhiṣo rāḷagnistodasya rodasī yajadhyai. Ayaṁ sa sūnuḥ sahasa ṛtāvā dūrāt sūryo na śociṣā tatāna.*

Agni, ruling light of the world, cosmic yajaka in the midst of the yajnic house of space, radiates as light of the sun to join the heaven and earth together. So does this yajaka, child of courage and forbearance, observing the laws of truth and yajna in the midst of the house of yajna, shine from afar like the sun and extends over earth and heaven (with the fragrance of fire).

आ यस्मिन्त्वे स्वपाके यजत्र यक्षद्राजन्त्सर्वतातेव नु द्यौः ।
त्रिषधस्थस्ततरुषो न जंहो हव्या मघानि मानुषा यजध्यै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā yasmin tve svapāke yajatra yakṣad rājant-sarvatāteva nu dyauh. Trīṣadhasastataruṣo na janho havyā maghāni mānuṣā yajadhyai.*

Agni, adorable self-refulgent ruling power of life and yajna, let the light of the sun join your radiance as in yajna for universal good so that the light pervasive in heaven, firmament and earth like a dynamic saving power of vitality may create and develop means and materials for wealth and prosperity, honour and excellence for humanity.

तेजिष्ठा यस्यार्तिर्वनेराद् तोदो अध्वन्न वृधसानो अद्यौत् ।
अद्रोघो न द्रविता चेतति तन्नमर्त्योऽ वत्र ओषधीषु ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tejiṣṭhā yasyāratirvanerāt todo adhvan na vṛdhasāno adyaut. Adrogho na dravitā cetati tmannamartyo'vartra oṣadhīṣu.*

Agni, whose brilliant pervasiveness blazing in the rays of the sun and shining over the forests radiates advancing on its path like the sun in orbit, manifests by its self-refulgence in herbs and trees as a power free from hate and jealousy, a presence indispensable and inevitable, dynamic and imperishable.

सास्माकैभिरेतरी न शूषैरग्निः ष्टवे दम् आ जातवेदाः ।
द्र्वन्नो वन्वन् क्रत्वा नार्वोस्त्रः पितेव जारयायि यज्ञैः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sāsmākebhiretarī na śūṣairagniḥ ṣṭave dama ā jātavedāḥ. Drvanṇo vanvan kratvā nārvosraḥ piteva jārayāyi yajñaiḥ.*

That refulgent ruling power of the world, Agni, knows and resides with all that exists and it is honoured and celebrated in our welcome homes by us with all

our strength and enthusiasm. Manifest even in the simplest forms and in wood and forests, loving, noble by intelligence and holy action, Agni is honoured with homage and yajnas as father, celebrated like a tempestuous power and loved like the light of dawn.

अध॒ स्मास्य॑ प॒नय॑न्ति भा॒सो वृ॒था यत्त॑क्ष॒दनु॑याति॒ पृथ्वी॑म् ।
स॒द्यो यः स्प॒न्द्रो वि॒षितो॑ ध॒र्वीया॑नृ॒णो न ता॑युरति॒ धन्वा॑
राद् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Adha smāsyā panayanti bhāso vrthā yat takṣadanuyāti pṛthvīm. Sadyo yaḥ spandro viṣito dhavīyānṛṇo na tāyurati dhanvā rāṭ.*

And then people admire and celebrate its light and splendour which it releases, refines and intensifies into forms as it goes along on way by the earth, which power whoever knows, always and instantly radiating, flowing, pervading, flying, moving and shaking like flood and storm, the man becomes brilliant with knowledge and shines with the power of superior arms and armaments.

स त्वं नो॑ अ॒र्वन्नि॑दाया॒ विश्वे॑भिर॒ग्ने अ॒ग्निभि॑रि॒ध्नाः ।
वे॒षि रा॒यो वि या॑सि दु॒च्छुना॑ मदे॒म श॒तहि॑माः सु॒वीराः॑ ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa tvaṁ no arvan nidāyā viśvebhiragne agnibhiridhānaḥ. Veṣi rāyo vi yāsi ducchunā madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Agni, ruling light of the world, instant dynamic and omnipresent power burning with all kinds of light and fire, protect us from reproach, create and bring us wealth, honour and excellence, ward off and destroy hate, enmity and evil, and let us all enjoy and celebrate

a full hundred years of life in the company of brave children and heroic warriors of the earth.

Mandala 6/Sukta 13

Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

त्वद्विष्वा सुभग सौभगान्यग्रे वि यन्ति वनिनो न वयाः ।

श्रुष्टी रयिर्वजो वृत्रतूर्ये दिवो वृष्टिरीड्यो रीतिरपाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvad viśvā subhaga saubhagānyagne vi yanti vanino na vayāḥ. Śruṣṭī rayirvājo vṛtratūrye divo vṛṣṭirīḍyo rītirapām.*

Agni, ruling light of life, lord of good fortune, honour and excellence of the world, from you arise and grow all riches, honours and graces of life like branches of the tree growing and extending from the same one root. Sure and beneficent wealth, strength and spirit to break the demon of darkness, thunder for the cloud and rain from the skies, glorious showers of the waters of life and the adorable flow of holy action, all these too arise and expand from you alone.

त्वं भगो न आ हि रत्नमिषे परिज्मेव क्षयसि दुस्मवर्चाः ।

अग्रे मित्रो न बृहत ऋतस्याऽसि क्षत्ता वामस्य देव भूरैः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvaṁ bhago na ā hi ratnamiṣe pariḥmeva kṣayasi dasmavarcaḥ. Agne mitro na bṛhata ṛtasyā-'si kṣattā vāmasya deva bhūreḥ.*

Agni, leading light of the world, like a magnanimous master, you bestow upon us cherished jewel wealths of the world. Power of extra ordinary deeds of glory, you move and abide everywhere like

the circumambient wind, omnipresent. O refulgent and generous friend of the world like the sun, you are the light and path-maker for our pursuit of the highest and widest paths of universal truth and life's onward flow, and you are the gracious dispenser of the fruits of human action.

स सत्पतिः शर्वसा हन्ति वृत्रमग्ने विप्रो वि पणेर्भर्ति वाजम् ।
यं त्वं प्रचेत ऋतजात राया सजोषा नष्त्रापां हिनोषि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa saptatiḥ śavasā hanti vrtramagne vipro vi paṇerbharti vājam. Yaṁ tvaṁ praceta ṛtajāta rāyā sajoṣā naptrāpām hinoṣi.*

Agni, leading light of life, only that wise and vibrant sage, observer, protector and promoter of truth and the paths of truth, destroys the evil and darkness of the world with strength and courage, and only he commands the knowledge and power of a worthy leader whom you, O lord omniscient and omnipresent in the world of truth, call, inspire and bless with wealth and fire for action and success, and whom you accept as your own.

यस्ते सूनो सहसो गीर्भिरुक्थैर्यज्ञैर्मर्तो निशितिं वेद्यानद् ।
विश्वं स देव प्रति वारमग्ने धत्ते धान्यं पत्यते वसव्यैः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yaste sūno sahaso gīrbhirukthairyajñairmarto niśitiṁ vedyānaḥ. Viśvaṁ sa deva prati vāramagne dhatte dhānyaṁ patyate vasavyaiḥ.*

Agni, O child of omnipotence and maker of the brave, generous and brilliant ruler of the world, whoever is the mortal who with songs of praise and prayer and noble yajnic deeds receives by the vedi, seat of yajna,

his focus and favour for action, he abounds in cherished gifts of life and commands the wealth and power of the world with all treasure sources of prosperity.

ता नृभ्य आ सौश्रवसा सुवीराऽग्ने सूनो सहसः पुष्यसे धाः ।
कृणोषि यच्छवसा भूरि पश्वो वयो वृकायारये
जसुरये ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tā nṛbhya ā sauśravasā suvīrā'gne sūno sahasaḥ
puṣyase dhāḥ. Kṛṇoṣi yacchavasā bhūri paśvo
vayo vṛkāyāraye jasuraye.*

Agni, leader and ruler of the world, creator of strength, courage and forbearance, bear and bring those renowned acts of enlightenment and brave heroes and that abundant food and nourishment, cattle wealth, health and age which you create with your strength and power for sustenance and support of the people and weaker sections of the community and in defence against the wolfish thieves and violent enemies.

वद्मा सूनो सहसो नो विहाया अग्ने तोकं तनयं वाजि नो
दाः । विश्वाभिर्गीर्भिर्भि पृतिमश्यां मदेम शतहिमाः
सुवीराः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vadmā sūno sahaso no vihāyā agne tokam
tanayaṁ vāji no dāḥ. Viśvābhir-gīrbhir-abhi
pūrtima-śyām madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Agni, leading light of the world, creator and giver of strength and forbearance, great and eminently enlightened leader, speak to us of truth and knowledge. Lead us to have brave progressive children, grand children and heroic warriors. Let us have complete happiness and fulfilment with all our songs of praise

and prayer and let us enjoy life for a full hundred years in the company of our brave children.

Mandala 6/Sukta 14

Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

अ॒ग्न॒ा यो म॒र्त्यो॑ दु॒वो धि॒यं॑ जु॒जोष॑ धी॒तिभिः॑ ।

भ॒स॒न्नु ष॒ प्र पू॒र्व्य इषं॑ वु॒रि॒ताव॑से ॥ १ ॥

1. *Agnā yo martyo duvo dhiyaṁ jujoṣa dhītibhiḥ.*
Bhasannu ṣa pra pūrvya iṣaṁ vurītāvase.

The mortal who dedicates his faith and worship, reason and intelligence with all his thoughts and intentions, devotion and prayers to Agni, light and fire of life, surely shines as first and foremost in excellence, blest with food and energy, knowledge and enlightenment for all round protection and progress.

अ॒ग्निरि॒द्धि प्र॑चे॒ता अ॒ग्निर्वे॒धस्त॑म ऋ॒षिः ।

अ॒ग्निं हो॒ता॒रमी॑ळते य॒ज्ञेषु॑ मनु॒षो वि॑शः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Agniriddhi pracetā agnirvedhastama ṛṣiḥ.*
Agniṁ hotāramīḷate yajñeṣu manuṣo viśaḥ.

Agni is enlightened and giver of enlightenment, wisest and most worshipful, a seer of ultimate reality and revelation. Thoughtful people honour and adore Agni, high priest of cosmic yajna and giver of all blessings, in their yajnic acts of creation and development.

ना॒ना ह्य॑ग्ने॒ऽव॑से स्प॒र्धन्ते॑ रा॒यो अ॒र्यः ।

तू॒र्वन्तो॑ दस्यु॒मा॒यवो॑ व्र॒तैः सी॑क्षन्तो अ॒व्र॒तम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Nānā hyagne'vase spardhante rāyo ariyaḥ.*
Tūrvanto dasyumāyavo vrataiḥ sīkṣanto avratam.

Successful people in the socio-economic field vie with each other in various ways for protection and progress, overcoming anti-social elements for the purpose of challenging and defeating the unprincipled by their ways of discipline.

अ॒ग्निर॒प्सामृ॑ती॒षहं॑ वी॒रं द॑दाति॒ सत्प॑तिम् ।

यस्य॒ त्रस॑न्ति॒ शव॑सः॒ संच॑क्षि॒ शत्र॑वो भि॒या ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Agnirapsāmṛtiṣaḥam vīraṁ dadāti satpatim.*
Yasya trasanti śavasah saṁcakṣi śatravo bhiyā.

Agni blesses and makes way for the rise and advancement of the brave man of action who challenges and conquers the attacks of evil and protects and promotes the good life of truth, because in the face of his courage and valour the enemies shake with fear and flee.

अ॒ग्नि॒र्हि वि॒द्वाना॑ नि॒दो दे॒वो म॑र्त॒मुरु॑ष्यति ।

स॒हावा॒ यस्या॑वृ॒तो र॒यिर्वा॑जे॒ष्ववृ॑तः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Agnirhi vidmanā nido devo martamuruṣyati.*
Sahāvā yasyāvṛto rayirvājeṣvavṛtaḥ.

Agni, generous and brilliant leader, for sure, with his knowledge and power protects mortals from hate, jealousy and enmity. He is an open and spontaneous protector, and whoever the man he protects, his wealth and honour is safe, open and unchallengeable in the battles of life.

अच्छ॑ नो मि॒त्रम॑हो दे॒व दे॒वान॑ग्रे वोचः॑ सु॒मतिं॑ रोद॒स्योः ।

वी॒हि स्व॑स्तिं सु॒क्षितिं॑ दि॒वो नृ॑न्दि॒षो अ॑हं॒सि

दु॒रिता॑ त॒रेम॒ ता त॒रेम॒ तवा॑व॒सा त॒रेम॒

॥ ६ ॥

6. *Acchā no mitramaho deva devānagne vocaḥ
sumatiṁ rodasyoḥ. Vīhi svastiṁ sukṣitiṁ divo nṛṇ
dviṣo aṇhāṁsi duriṭā tarema tā tarema tavāvasā
tarema.*

Agni, leading light of life, generous and refulgent lord, greatest friend adorable, speak to us well, specially to men of brilliance and the people who love to know of the knowledge of heaven and earth, and of the three fires of earth, firmament and the solar sphere: fire, wind, and electricity and light. Bring us the good life of truth and all round well-being and a happy home for peaceful living. Help us get over jealousy, sin and crime and evil conduct, help us get over malignity, reproach and enmity, protect us, save us and let us cross over the seas of life by your grace.

Mandala 6/Sukta 15

*Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya or Vītahavya
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इमम् षू वो अतिथिमुषर्बुधं विश्वासां विशां पतिमृञ्जसे
गिरा । वेतीद्विवो जनुषा कच्चिदा शुचिर्ज्योक्चिदन्ति गर्भो
यदच्युतम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Imamū ṣu vo atithim-uṣarbudham viśvāsām viśām
patim-ṛñjase gīrā. Vefīd divo januṣā kaccidā
śucirjyok cidatti garbho yadacyutam.*

O sage and scholar, this holy guest of yours visiting and waking you up at dawn, guardian and sustainer of all people of the world, you honour and adore with sacred words of song. He comes from the heaven of light, is wholly pure and immaculate by nature

and, subsisting in the earth and everywhere, constantly consumes what never perishes, never decreases.

मित्रं न यं सुधि॑तं भृ॒गवो द॒धुर्वन॑स्पता॒वीड्य॑मूर्ध्व॒शोचि॑षम् ।
स त्वं सु॒प्री॑तो वी॒तह॑व्ये अद्भु॒त प्र॑शस्तिभिर्महयसे
दिवे॑दिवे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Mitraṁ na yaṁ sudhitam bhr̥gavo dadhur-vana-spatāvīḍyamūrdhvaśociṣam. Sa tvāṁ suprīto vītahavye adbhuta praśastibhirmahayase divedive.*

Agni whom the wise ones discover in sun rays and generate in arani wood is firm, well placed, sweet as nectar and adorable. As such, O leading light of marvellous knowledge, kind as a friend and rising high in flames of fire and light of life, ever pleased with the supplicant, you are honoured and exalted with holy songs of celebration day by day by the devotees.

स त्वं दक्ष॑स्यावृ॒को वृ॒धो भूर्यः॑ पर॒स्यान्तर॑स्य॒ तरु॑षः ।
रा॒यः सू॒नो स॒हसो॑ म॒र्त्येष्व॑ छ॒र्दिर्य॑च्छ वी॒तह॑व्याय स॒प्रथो॑
भ॒रद्वा॑जाय स॒प्रथः॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa tvam dakṣasyāvṛko vṛdho bhūr̥yaḥ para-syāntarasya taruṣaḥ. Rāyaḥ sūno sahaso martyeṣvā chardiryaccha vītahavyāya sapratho bharadvājāya saprathaḥ.*

Agni, child of omnipotence, leading light and giver of strength and courage, loving ruler free from jealousy and grabbing cruelty, be promoter of the efficient and the expert, be the master of external, internal and victorious power and honour, bring settlement, peace and comfort for the people, rise in

expansion for the giver and receiver of yajnic creations, and honour the man of science and technology with recognition and advancement.

द्युतानं वो अतिथिं स्वर्णरम्ग्निं होतारं मनुषः स्वध्वरम् ।
विप्रं न द्युक्षवचसं सुवृक्तिभिर्हव्यवाहमरतिं देवमृञ्जसे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Dyutānaṁ vo atithiṁ svarṇaram-agniṁ hotāraṁ manuṣaḥ svadhvaram. Vipraṁ na dyukṣavacasam suvr̥ktibhir-havyavāham-aratiṁ devam-ṛñjase.*

Honour and felicitate with songs of praise and place of eminence the radiant Agni, leading light and pioneer, dear as an honoured guest, harbinger of peace and joy, holy organiser and creative high priest of the joint programmes of humanity, like a vibrant sage and scholar, speaker of heavenly words, giver and carrier of yajnic materials of fragrance and wealth of honour and above all a beacon of light for advancement.

पावकया यश्चितयन्त्या कृपा क्षामन्नुरुच उषसो न भानुना ।
तूर्वन्न यामन्नेतशस्य नू रण आ यो घृणे न तत्तृषाणो
अजरः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pāvakayā yaścitayantyā kṛpā kṣāman ruruca uṣaso na bhānunā. Tūrvan na yāmannetaśasya nū raṇa ā yo ghr̥ṇe na tatṛṣāṇo ajarah.*

Free from age and decay, Agni, with purifying splendour of enlightenment, shines over the earth like the dawns with light at break of day, rushing and overpowering darkness like a war hero on course in battle, thirsting for victory in its blaze.

अग्निमग्निं वः समिधा दुवस्यत प्रियंप्रियं वो अतिथिं
गृणीषणि । उप वो गीर्भिरमृतं विवासत देवो देवेषु वनते
हि वार्यं देवो देवेषु वनते हि नो दुवः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Agnimagnim vaḥ samidhā duvasyata priyam-
priyam vo atithim grṇīṣaṇi. Upa vo gīrbhiramṛ-
taṁ vivāsata devo deveṣu vanate hi vāryaṁ devo
deveṣu vanate hi no duvaḥ.*

In the daily business and holy observances of life, honour and serve Agni regularly day by day with offers of fuel and fragrant food. Agni is dear and dearer, welcome as a learned visitor worthy of honour and felicitation. Serve and exalt imperishable Agni with words of faith and reverence. Refulgent Agni vests brilliant divinities of nature and eminent scholars with valuable wealth and knowledge and blesses us with cherished gifts of life.

समिद्धमग्निं समिधा गिरा गृणे शुचिं पावकं पुरो अध्वरे
ध्रुवम् । विप्रं होतारं पुरुवारमद्रुहं कविं सुमैरीमहे जात-
वेदसम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Samiddhamagnim samidhā girā grṇe śucim
pāvakaṁ puro adhvare dhruvam. Vipraṁ
hotāraṁ puruvāramadruhaṁ kaviṁ sumnairīm-
ahe jātavedasam.*

I glorify the lighted fire, pure and purifying power, firm and foremost in holy works of love and non-violent development. In our state of peace and comfort, we celebrate and pray to the vibrant light giver of gifts, universally admired, free from jealousy, poetic creator, all knowing and present in all that exists.

त्वां दूतमग्ने अ॒मृतं यु॒गेयु॒गे ह॒व्य॒वाहं दधिरे पा॒युमी॒डग्रम् ।
दे॒वास॑स॒श्च म॒तीस॑श्च॒ जागृ॑विं वि॒भुं वि॒श्रप॑तिं नम॒सा नि
षेदि॑रे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tvām dūtamagne amṛtaṁ yugeyuge havyavāhaṁ
dadhire pāyumīḍyam. Devāsaśca martāsaśca
jāgrviṁ vibhuṁ viśpatim namaśā ni śedire.*

Agni, life of life, light of existence, brilliant saints and sages and ordinary mortals too for ages and ages have meditated on you, light divine, with homage and self-surrender and found their haven and home in your presence, O lord disseminator of fragrance, receiver of homage and giver of grace, immortal, protector, adorable, ever awake, infinite, ruler and sustainer of humanity.

विभूषन्नग उभयाँ अनु व्रता दूतो देवानां रजसी समीयसे ।
यत्ते धीतिं सुमतिमावृणीमहे ऽथ स्मा नस्त्रिवरूथः शिवो
भव ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Vibhūṣannagna ubhayāññ anu vrataṁ dūto devā-
nāṁ rajasī samīyase. Yat te dhītiṁ sumati-
māvṛnūmahe'dha smā nastrivarūthah śivo bhava.*

Agni, lord beatific, purifying fire, gracious to both wise and innocent according to your eternal law, self-refulgent light giver for the brilliant and generous, you pervade heaven and earth with your saving presence. As we meditate on your holy light and vision of knowledge, in consequence by your grace be kind and good to us, O lord of three worlds, omnipresent, omniscient and omnificent.

तं सुप्रतीकं सुदृशं स्वञ्चमविद्वांसो विदुष्टरं सपेम ।
स यक्षद्विश्वा वयुनानि विद्वान्प्र हव्यमग्निर्मृतेषु
वोचत् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Taṁ supratīkaṁ sudṛśaṁ svañcamavidvāṁso viduṣṭaraṁ sapema. Sa yakṣad viśvā vayunāni vidvān pra havyam-agnir-amṛteṣu vocat.*

We, people of limited knowledge, honour, adore and worship Agni, lord of glorious flames of action, of beatific vision, gracious wielder of the universe, lord almighty over all. May he, Agni, omniscient presence in all knowable objects and laws of existence, bless us and reveal to us, immortal souls, all that ought to be known.

तमग्ने पास्युत तं पिपर्षि यस्त आनद् कवये शूर धीतिम् ।
यज्ञस्य वा निशितिं वोदितिं वा तमित्पृणक्षि शवसोत
राया ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tamagne pāsyuta taṁ piparṣi yasta ānaḍ kavaye sūra dhītim. yajñasya vā niṣitim veditim vā tamit pṛṇakṣi śavasota rāyā.*

Agni, lord of light and grace, him you protect and promote with fulfilment who dedicates his thought and action to you and meditates on you, lord omnipotent of universal vision and poetic creation. And whoever offers you rising flames of yajna and progressive action, you shower him with wealth, power, honour and courage.

त्वमग्ने वनुष्यतो नि पाहि त्वमु नः सहसावन्नवद्यात् । सं त्वा
ध्वस्मन्वदभ्येतु पाथुः सं रयिः स्पृहयाव्यः सहस्री ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Tvamagne vanuṣyato ni pāhi tvamu naḥ sahasā-vannavadyāt. Saṁ tvā dhvasmanvadabhyetu pāthaḥ saṁ rayiḥ sprhayāyyaḥ sahasrī.*

Agni, lord of force and forbearance, we pray, you protect us, the devotees, against the violent and the malignant.

May food and water free from negativity, mighty powerful against the violent come to you. May cherished wealth and power of a hundred and thousandfold efficacy come to you.

अ॒ग्निर्हो॑ता गृ॒हप॑तिः स राजा॒ विश्वा॑ वेद॒ जनि॑मा जा॒तवे॑दाः ।
दे॒वाना॑मु॒त यो म॑र्त्यानां॒ यजि॑ष्ठः स प्र य॒जता॑मृ॒तावा॑ ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ag nirhotā gr̥hapatih sa rājā viśvā veda janimā jātavedāḥ. Devānāmuta yo martyānāṁ yajīṣṭhaḥ sa pra yajatāmṛtāvā.*

Agni is the cosmic highpriest of the dynamics of existence, lord protector of the house of life, ruler omniscient and omnipresent of all that is, and he knows the origin of all that comes into existence. He is the most adorable lord of the bounties of nature and of mortal humanity. May he, lord of truth and law, accept us as participants of cosmic yajna and carry on the yajna of creativity for us.

अ॒ग्ने यद॑द्य वि॒शो अ॑ध्व॒रस्य॑ होतुः पाव॑कशो॒चे वे॒ष्ट्वं हि यज्वा॑ ।
ऋ॒ता य॑जासि म॒हिना॑ वि यद्धू॒र्हव्या॑ वह॒ यवि॑ष्ठ॒ या ते॑
अ॒द्य ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Agne yadadya viśo adhvarasya hotaḥ pāvakaśoce veṣṭvaṁ hi yajvā. Ṛtā yajāsi mahinā vi yad bhūr̥havyā vaha yaviṣṭha yā te adya.*

Agni, lord of light and fire of purity, high priest of cosmic yajna, receiver and giver of fragrance of the people's non-violent programmes of life, harbinger and overwatcher like a bird of flight, breaker and integrator of natural evolution, you pervade the laws and processes of nature. Let the universe grow ever expansive by your omnipotence and, O youthful spirit of life, bring us today what the noblest gifts of life are for us from you for our progress.

अभि प्रयांसि सुधितानि हि ख्यो नि त्वा दधीत रोदसी
यजध्यै । अवा नो मघवन्वाजसातावग्रे विश्वानि दुरिता
तरेम ता तरेम तवावसा तरेम ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Abhi prayāmsi sudhitāni hi khyo ni tvā dadhūta rodasī yajadhyai. Avā no maghavan vājasātā-vagne viśvāni duritā tarema tā tarema tavāvasā tarema.*

Agni, light of life, Maghavan, lord of cosmic glory, you reveal to us, bring us, the daintiest delicacies and strongest powers of life and wield the heaven and earth together to sustain the expansive universe. Protect us in the struggles of life so that we may cross over all evils of the world, cross through all of them, win over all of them by your grace and protection.

अग्रे विश्वेभिः स्वनीक देवैरूर्णावन्तं प्रथमः सीदु योनिम् ।
कुलानि यिनं घृतवन्तं सवित्रे यज्ञं नय यजमानाय साधु ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Agne viśvebhiḥ svaṇīka devairūrṇāvantam prathamam sīda yonim. Kulāyinaṁ ghṛtavantaṁ savitre yajñam naya yajamānāya sādhu.*

Agni, lord commander of glorious flame and

power, highpriest and foremost yajaka, with brilliant nobilities of nature and humanity, take over this home and sit on this vedi covered with holy grass, the home full of people and prosperity and overflowing with fragrant ghrta, and lead the yajna to a noble end for the yajamana in honour of Savita, lord creator, the cosmic organiser of Nature's yajna.

इममु त्यमथर्ववदग्निं मन्थन्ति वेधसः ।

यमङ्कूयन्तुमानयन्न-मूरं श्याव्याभ्यः ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Imamu tyam-atharvavad-agnim manthanti vedhasah. Yamaṅkūyantam-ānayann-amūraṁ śyāvyābhyah.*

This actual as well as potential vibrant energy of fire and electricity, scholars of nature produce by rotative friction as described in the Atharva science of Veda, the energy which travels in waves and is far reaching and deep penetrative for darkness and things hidden in darkness.

जनिष्वा देववीतये सर्वताता स्वस्तये । आ देवान्वक्ष्यमृताँ
ऋतावृधो यज्ञं देवेषु पिस्पृशः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Janiṣvā devavītaye sarvatātā svastaye. Ā devān vakṣyamṛtāñ ṛtāvṛdho yajñaṁ deveṣu piṣpṛśah.*

Produce the fire and generate the energy for noble humanity, for universal good and total well being. Bring up the brilliant scholars together, collect generous and imperishable energies of nature which advance the truth of science and glorify the laws of nature, and let the yajna reach the heights of heaven.

वयमु त्वा गृहपते जनानामग्रे अकर्म समिधा बृहन्तम् ।
अस्थूरि नो गार्हपत्यानि सन्तु तिग्मेन नस्तेजसा सं
शिशाधि ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Vayamu tvā gr̥hapate janānāmagne akarma samaidhā br̥hantam. Asthūri no gārhapatyāni santu tigmena nastejasā saṁ śisādhi.*

Agni, leading light and power, sustainer of people's homes, we exalt you and develop power and energy higher and higher with knowledge and inputs of fuel so that our multipower transports and domestic needs be fulfilled. O brilliant lord, enlighten us, teach us by your penetrative and far reaching lustre of knowledge and vision.

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त्वमग्रे यज्ञानां होता विश्वेषां हितः । देवेभिर्मानुषे जने ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvamagne yajñānām hotā viśveṣām hitaḥ. Devebhir-mānuṣe jane.*

Agni, self-refulgent leading light of the universe, you are the chief highpriest of all yajnic developments of nature and of all creative and developmental programmes of humanity for common universal good along with the brilliancies of nature and nobilities of humanity among the human community.

स नो मन्द्राभिरध्वरे जिह्वाभिर्यजा महः ।

आ देवान्वक्षि यक्षि च ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa no mandrābhir-adhvare jihvābhiryajā mahāḥ. Ā devān vakṣi yakṣi ca.*

O lord almighty, with inspiring words of enlightenment and bliss, consecrate our yajna, join us, bring up noble and brilliant divinities and with them make our yajnic programmes fruitful.

वेत्था हि वेधो अध्वनः पथश्च देवाज्जसा ।

अग्ने यज्ञेषु सुक्रतो ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vetthā hi vedho adhvanah pathascha devāñjasā.
Agne yajñeṣu sukrato.*

O refulgent lord of knowledge and wisdom, Agni, you are the prime agent of holy action in corporate programmes, you know the highways and byways of existence, and you command the brilliant powers of nature and humanity by your instant moving presence across time and space.

त्वामीळे अथ द्विता भरतो वाजिभिः शुनम् ।

ईजे यज्ञेषु यज्ञियम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvāmīḷe adha dvitā bharato vājibhiḥ śunam.
Īje yajñeṣu yajñiyam.*

I worship you, lord both immanent and transcendent, with all my knowledge, power and potential. You are the ordainer and sustainer of life. I pray for your gift of peace and well-being and yearn for your company, adorable lord, in the yajna of corporate action.

त्वमिमा वार्यी पुरु दिवोदासाय सुन्वते ।

भरद्वाजाय दाशुषे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvamimā vāryā puru divodāsāya sunvate.
Bharadvājāya dāśuṣe.*

You are the source giver of all these many cherished gifts of life for the enlightened, generous, creative yajaka, master of knowledge, wealth and honour dedicated to social service and charity.

त्वं दूतो अमर्त्य आ वह्ना दैव्यं जनम् ।

शृण्वन्विप्रस्य सुष्टुतिम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvaṁ dūto amartya ā vahā daivyaṁ janam.*
Śṛṇvan viprasya suṣṭutim.

Imperishable harbinger of light and wisdom, like a divine messenger, listen to the praise and prayer of the vibrant sage and scholar and bring up the man of exceptional brilliance who commands the knowledge of nature and Divinity.

त्वामग्ने स्वाध्वोऽ मर्तसो देववीतये । यज्ञेषु देवमीळते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tvāmagne svādhyo martāso devavīṭaye.*
Yajñeṣu devamīḷate.

Agni, leading light of the world, learned mortals worship and adore you, refulgent giver of abundance, in corporate acts of creativity and development for the achievement of divine gifts of success and enlightenment.

तव प्र यक्षि सन्दृशमुत क्रतुं सुदानवः ।

विश्वे जुषन्त कामिनः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tava pra yakṣi saṁdrśamuta kratuṁ sudānavaḥ.*
Viśve juṣanta kāmīnaḥ.

All generous and charitable people inspired with love and desire yearn for a vision of your presence and holy action. O lord, let us have the vision and let us join

all such charitable acts.

त्वं होता॒ मनु॑र्हितो॒ वह्नि॒रासा॒ वि॒दुष्ट॑रः ।

अग्ने॒ यक्षि॑ दि॒वो वि॑शः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tvaṁ hotā manurhito vahnirāsā viduṣṭarah.*
Agne hākṣi divo viśaḥ.

Agni, leading light of life, ruler of the world, you are the generous performer of the yajna of existence, deeply benevolent to humanity by holy words of wisdom. O lord, bless the loving people with the light and wisdom of heaven, most enlightened as you are.

अग्न॒ आ या॑हि वी॒तये॑ गृ॒णानो॒ हव्य॑दा॒तये ।

नि होता॑ स॒त्सि ब॒र्हिषि॑ ॥ १० ॥

Agna ā yāhi vītaye grṇāno havyadātaye.
Ni hotā satsi barhiṣi.

Come Agni, sung and celebrated, to join our feast of enlightenment, accept our homage to create the gifts of life and yajnic development, and take the honoured seat in the assembly.

तं त्वा॑ सु॒मि॒द्धि॒रङ्गि॑रो घृ॒तेन॑ वर्ध॒याम॑सि ।

बृ॒हच्छे॑चा॒ यवि॑ष्ठय ॥ ११ ॥

Taṁ tvā samidbhiraṅgiro ghr̥tena vardhayām-asi.
Br̥hacchocā yaviṣṭhya.

Angira, breath of life, light of the world, expansive, lustrous pure and most youthful, we honour and exalt you with offers of fuel and ghr̥ta to raise the flames of fire to the heights.

स नः पृथु श्रवाय्यमच्छ देव विवाससि ।
बृहदग्ने सुवीर्यम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Sa naḥ prthu śravāyamacchā deva vivāsasi.
Bṛhadagne suvīryam.*

Agni, lord of light and lustre, mighty expansive power, you bless us graciously with admirable strength and courage worthy of universal honour and fame.

त्वामग्ने पुष्करादध्यथर्वा निरमन्थत ।
मूर्ध्नो विश्वस्य वाघतः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Tvāmagne puṣkarādadhyatharvā nīramanthata.
Mūrdhno viśvasya vāghataḥ.*

Agni, light of life, the wise scholar and devotee, Atharva, dedicated to love and non-violence, discovers and churns you out without violence from the highest sphere above the skies which supports and sustains the entire universe.

तमु त्वा दध्यङ्ङृषिः पुत्र ईधे अथर्वणः ।
वृत्रहणं पुरन्दरम् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Tamu tvā dadhyaṅṅṛṣiḥ putra īdhe atharvaṇaḥ.
Vṛtrahaṇam puraṇḍaram.*

The seer divining into the meaning of Veda-mantra, who is the child of love and non-violence dedicated to scholarly teachers, lights and develops you, breaker of the clouds and shatterer of the strongholds of darkness.

तमु त्वा पाथ्यो वृषा समीधे दस्युहन्तमम् ।
धनञ्जयं रणोरणो ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Tamu tvā pāthyo vṛṣā samīdhe dasyuhantamam.
Dhanamjayam raṇeraṇe.*

The bold and generous scholar, leading light of the paths of life, lights and develops you, Agni, destroyer of the darkness of life and winning source of life's wealth in battle after battle for progress and prosperity.

एह्यु षु ब्रवाणि तेऽ ग्रं इत्थेतारु गिरः ।

एभिर्वर्धासु इन्दुभिः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Ehyū ṣu bravāṇi te'gna itthetarā girah.
Ebhirvardhāsa indubhiḥ.*

Agni, leading light and pioneer, come, listen, thus do I speak in honour of you, and listen further to higher words, and rise higher with these words sweet and soothing like rays of the moon and exciting as draughts of soma.

यत्र क्व च ते मनो दक्षं दधसु उत्तरम् ।

तत्रा सदः कृणवसे ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Yatra kva ca te mano dakṣam dadhasa uttaram.
Tatrā sadah kṛṇavase.*

O leading light, where, wherever in fact, is your mind, there you hold your efficiency and identity, and there indeed you create your haven and home.

नहि ते पृतर्मक्षिपद्भवन्नेमानां वसो ।

अथा दुवो वनवसे ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Nahi te pūrtamakṣipad bhuvannemānām vaso.
Athā duvo vanavase.*

Never is the perfection, abundance and

fruitfulness of your food and sustenance ever wasted away, instead it increases, O haven and home of life and creator of its sustenance. Hence accept our homage and reverence.

आग्निरङ्गामि भारतो वृत्रहा पुरुचेतनः ।

दिवोदासस्य सत्पतिः ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Āgniragāmi bhārato vṛtrahā purucetanah.*
Divodāsasya satpatih.

Agni, light of life, sustainer of existence, breaker of the clouds of darkness and giver of the bliss of rain, all enlightened and protector of generous enlightened souls, is attained by relentless service, yajna and practice of meditation by the man of universal charity.

स हि विश्वाति पार्थिवा रयिं दाशन्महित्वना ।

वन्वन्नवातो अस्तृतः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Sa hi viśvāti pārthivā rayim dāśan-mhitvanā.*
Vanvannavāto astr̥taḥ.

That Agni, light of the world, all loving, destroying all evil, unassailable, unshaken, bestows upon us all the wealth, honour and excellence of the world solely by his greatness and power.

स प्रत्नवन्नवीयसाग्ने द्युम्नेन संयता ।

बृहत्तन्थ भानुना ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Sa pratnavannavīyasā'gne dyumnena saṁyatā.*
Br̥hat tatantha bhānunā.

Agni, light of life, pioneer of the world, just as the sun with its splendour of light reveals and illuminates

the world more and more as ever before, so you too, as ever before, with latest, well controlled and onward moving light and wealth, honour and excellence of knowledge, pervade, illuminate and expand the world of humanity.

प्र वः सखायो अग्रये स्तोमं यज्ञं च धृष्णुया ।

अर्चं गाय च वेधसे ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Pra vaḥ sakhāyo agnaye stomam yajñam ca dhṛṣṇuyā. Arca gāya ca vedhase.*

O friends, offer your songs of adoration and yajnic programmes of corporate action and advancement in dedication to Agni, leading light of humanity, with full strength and unshakable courage. Thus you worship the lord and sing songs of exaltation in honour of the all knowing illuminant power of divinity.

स हि यो मानुषा युगा सीदद्धोता कविक्रतुः ।

दूतश्च हव्यवाहनः ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Sa hi yo mānuṣā hugā sīdaddhotā kavikratuḥ. Dūtaśca havyavāhanaḥ.*

May that Agni, cosmic highpriest of nature's yajna, receiver of oblations and giver of the fruits of corporate action, visionary power of creative holiness, harbinger and disseminator of fragrance like a messenger, creator and distributor of the finest things of life, join us and be seated with us on the vedi for all ages of human history.

ता राजानां शुचिब्रताऽऽदित्यान्मार्तं गुणम् ।

वसो यक्षीह रोदसी ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Tā rājānā śucivratā' dityān mārutaṁ gaṇam.
Vaso yakṣīha rodasī.*

Agni, leading light of the world, giver of peaceful and progressive settlement, bring up and honour in unison those refulgent powers of purity and self discipline of universal law, Mitra and Varuna, sun and moon with coolness of the oceans, love and friendship, brilliant divinities of nature and humanity, human and natural forces vibrant as winds, and the wealth of heaven and earth on the vedi of our corporate programmes of yajna.

वस्वीं ते अग्ने सन्दृष्टिरिषयते मर्त्यीय ।

ऊर्जो नपादमृतस्य ॥ २५ ॥

25. *Vasvī te agne saṁdr̥ṣṭir-iṣayate martyāya.
Ūrjo napādamṛtasya.*

Agni, leading light of the world, immortal source of universal strength, your equal vision and provision of earthly settlement and peace for all the mortals yearning for love and sustenance in life is all time sure and true.

क्रत्वा दा अस्तु श्रेष्ठोऽद्य त्वा वन्वन्त्सुरेक्णाः ।

मर्त आनाश सुवृक्तिम् ॥ २६ ॥

26. *Kratvā dā astu śreṣṭho 'dya tvā vanvantsu-rekṇāḥ.
Marta ānāśa suvr̥ktim.*

O lord, may the holy man of yajnic action and charity, generously giving, loving and offering homage in adoration to you, rise to eminence here and now, be master of noble wealth and follow the path of rectitude to ultimate freedom.

ते ते अग्ने त्वोता इषयन्तो विश्वमायुः ।

तरन्तो अर्यो अरातीर्वन्वन्तो अर्यो अरातीः ॥ २७ ॥

27. *Te te agne tvotā iṣayanto viśvamāyuh.*

Taranto aryo arātīr-vanvanto aryo arātīḥ.

Agni, all those devotees of yours, who enjoy your protection and pray for food, energy and sustenance for a full happy life, cross over indigence and hostility, wiping off the envious and the stingy hoarders away from their path.

अग्निस्तिग्मेन शोचिषा यासद्विश्वं न्यत्रिणम् ।

अग्निर्नो वनते रयिम् ॥ २८ ॥

28. *Agnistigmena śociṣā yāsad viśvaṁ nyatriṇam.*

Agnirno vanate rayim.

Agni, with the flaming light of pure refulgence, dries up and burns off all hostility of the world and brings the wealth of life for us, dedicated supplicants and celebrants.

सुवीरं रयिमा भर जातवेदो विचर्षणे ।

जहि रक्षांसि सुक्रतो ॥ २९ ॥

29. *Suvīraṁ rayimā bhara jātavedo vacarṣaṇe.*

Jahi rakṣāṁsi sukrato.

Lord omniscient, all immanent of universal vision, bring us the wealth of life coupled with noble strength and brave progeny. O lord of creative action, eliminate the cruel and wicked forces of negativity in the interest of progress.

त्वं नः पाह्यंहसो जातवेदो अघायतः ।

रक्षा णो ब्रह्मणस्कवे ॥ ३० ॥

30. *Tvaṃ naḥ pāhyaṃhaso jātavado aghāyataḥ.
Rakṣā ṇo brahmaṇaskave.*

Save us, O lord omnipresent in existence, from sin and evil. O lord of omniscient vision, O voice of divinity, give us the ultimate protection and security in our creative endeavours.

यो नो अग्ने दुरेव आ मर्तो वधाय दाशति ।
तस्मात्रः पाह्मंहसः ॥ ३१ ॥

31. *Yo no agne dureva ā marto vadhāya dāśati.
Tasmānnaḥ pahyaṃhasaḥ.*

Agni, leading light of purity and justice, whatever the malignant force of negation, whatever the mortal power that strikes to eliminate us, give us the strength and protect us against that evil, to survive and move on.

त्वं तं देव जिह्वया परि बाधस्व दुष्कृतम् ।
मर्तो यो नो जिघांसति ॥ ३२ ॥

32. *Tvaṃ taṃ deva jihvayā pari bādhasva duṣkṛtam.
Martō yo no jighāṃsati.*

Brilliant lord of love and justice, with your flames of fire, the power of your word of judgement, prevention and punishment, stop that person alongwith the evil deed that intends or is intended to hurt us and to destroy us.

भरद्वाजाय सप्रथः शर्म यच्छ सहन्त्य ।
अग्ने वरेण्यं वसु ॥ ३३ ॥

33. *Bharadvājāya saprathaḥ śarma yaccha sahantya.
Agne vareṇyaṃ vasu.*

Agni, lord of power and forbearance, give a spacious and comfortable home and security to the person who commands knowledge and means of service and sustenance for the society.

अ॒ग्निर्वृ॒त्राणि जङ्घ॑नद् द्रवि॒ण॒स्युर्वि॑प॒न्यया॑ ।

समि॑न्द्रः शु॒क्र आहु॑तः ॥ ३४ ॥

34. *Agnirvrtrāṇi jaṅghanad draviṇasyurvipanyayā.*
Samiddhaḥ śukra āhutaḥ.

Agni, leading light and ruler of the world, bright, pure and purifying, invoked, invited and lighted in the seat of yajna, keen on wealth, honour and excellence with self-approbation and public exaltation, should destroy the evils and endeavour to raise the power and prosperity of the human nation.

ग॒र्भे मा॒तुः पि॒तुष्पि॒ता वि॒दिद्यु॒ता॒नो अ॒क्षरे॑ ।

सी॒दन्वृ॒तस्य॑ यो॒नि॒मा ॥ ३५ ॥

35. *Garbhe mātuh pituṣpitā vididyutāno akṣare.*
Sīdannṛtasya yonimā.

Agni, life of life and light of the universe, present in the interior of mother earth, sustainer of the sun, father of earth and her children, shining in his own eternal self, in the individual soul and in the world of imperishable Prakṛti, the spirit of the universe, pervades and inspires the ruling laws of eternal truth and the world of existence.

ब्र॒ह्म प्र॒जाव॒दा भ॑र् जा॒तवे॒दो वि॒चर्ष॑णे ।

अ॒ग्ने यद्दी॒दर्य॑द्दि॒वि ॥ ३६ ॥

36. *Brahma prajāvadā bhara jātavedo vicarṣaṇe.*
Agne yad dīdayad divi.

Agni, lord all knowing, all watching, who shine in the light of the sun, bless us with the food of life that sustains the children of the earth.

उप त्वा रण्वसन्दृशं प्रयस्वन्तः सहस्कृत ।
अग्ने ससृज्महे गिरः ॥ ३७ ॥

37. *Upa tvā raṇvasaṁdrśaṁ prayasvantah sahaskṛta.*
Agne sasṛjmahe girah.

Agni, blazing light of life, lord of bliss and beatific vision, source giver of the power of action and forbearance, blest with the food of life and light of the spirit, we sing songs of adoration and send up our words of gratitude to you.

उप छायामिव घृणे रगन्म शर्म ते वयम् ।
अग्ने हिरण्यसन्दृशः ॥ ३८ ॥

38. *Upacchāyāmiva ghrṇe raganma śarma te vayam.*
Agne hirṇyasamdrśah.

Agni, lord of bliss and eternal protection, just as a person runs to the shade for relief from the blazing sun, so may we, shining as pure gold, rise and come to your presence, the blissful shade of divinity, our ultimate haven and home.

य उग्रइव शर्यहा तिग्मशृङ्गो न वंसगः ।
अग्ने पुरो रुरोजिथ ॥ ३९ ॥

39. *Ya ugra iva śaryahā tigmaśṛṅgo na vaṁsagah.*
Agne puro rurocitha.

Agni, lord protector of life, destroyer of killer arrows like a fierce warrior, burning off negativities like the fierce rays of the sun, you destroy the strongholds

of the enemies of life.

आ यं हस्ते न खादिनं शिशुं जातं न बिभ्रति ।

विशामग्निं स्वध्वरम् ॥ ४० ॥

40. *Ā yaṁ haste na khādinam śiśum jātaṁ na bibhrati.
Viśāmagniṁ svadhvaram.*

Like the darling new born baby held in the hand, like a beautiful bracelet worn on the wrist, the yajakas place the fire in the vedi, light and raise it, since it is the blessed source giver of wealth and joy for the people.

प्र देवं देववीतये भरता वसुवित्तमम् ।

आ स्वे योनौ नि षीदतु ॥ ४१ ॥

41. *Pra devaṁ devavītaye bharatā vasuvittamam.
Ā sve yonau ni ṣīdatu.*

Place, light and raise the brilliant and generous fire in your home for favour of the bounties of nature and humanity since it is the immense source giver of wealth, honour and excellence. Let the holy fire be instituted and maintained so that you abide in peace and joy.

आ जातं जातवेदसि प्रियं शिशीतातिथिम् ।

स्योन आ गृहपतिम् ॥ ४२ ॥

42. *Ā jātaṁ jātavedasi priyaṁ śaśītātithim.
Syona ā grhapatim.*

Sharpen and constantly intensify the light of universal Agni, spirit of life, manifested in the all immanent fire of yajna, like a dear guest worthy of reverence in the delightful home, the spirit which is protector, promoter and really the head of family.

अग्ने॑ यु॒क्ष्वा हि॒ ये तवा॑ऽश्वा॒सो दे॒व सा॒धवः॑ ।

अरं॑ वह॒न्ति म॒न्यवे॑ ॥ ४३ ॥

43. *Agne yukṣvā hi ye tavā'svāso deva sādhaveḥ.
Araṁ vahanti manyave.*

Agni, leading light of knowledge and power, generous creator and giver, yoke those motive powers of yours to the chariot which are best and fastest and which transport you to the destination of your love and passion gracefully without fail.

अच्छा॑ नो या॒ह्या वह॑ऽभि प्रया॑ंसि वी॒तये॑ ।

आ दे॒वान्त॑सोमपी॒तये॑ ॥ ४४ ॥

44. *Acchā no yāhyā vahā'bhi prayāṁsi vītaye.
Ā devāntsomapītaye.*

Agni, leading light of knowledge, generous pioneer, come fast in all your glory, bring us the dearest powers for sustenance and advancement for the sake of peace and well-being, and bring the noble brilliancies along to celebrate success with the delight of soma.

उद॑ग्ने भा॒रत द्यु॒मद॑ज॒स्त्रेण॑ द॒विद्यु॑त् ।

शो॒चा वि॒ भा॒ह्यज॑र ॥ ४५ ॥

45. *Udagne bhārata dyumad-ajasreṇa davidyutat.
Śocā vi bhāhyajara.*

Agni, unaging sustainer of life, shining with the light of excellence and blazing with glory, rise up with flames of fire and shine on with inexhaustible splendour, and help the shining people too to rise in the light of knowledge and excellence of life.

वीती यो देवं मर्तो दुवस्येदग्निमीळीताध्वरे हविष्मान् ।

होतारं सत्ययजं रोदस्योरुत्तानहस्तो नमसा विवासेत् ॥ ४६ ॥

46. *Vīti yo devaṁ marto duvasyedagnimīḷitādhvare haviṣmān. Hotāraṁ satyayajam rodasyoru-
ttānahasto vivāset.*

The mortal, who, bearing holy materials of yajna with love and reverence, serves and worships Agni, generous and brilliant yajaka of the universe abiding and operative in the unity of cosmic law and universal truth, and who prays to the lord with folded hands raised in surrender and supplication, would shine over earth and heaven with divine favour and joy.

आ ते अग्न ऋचा हविर्हृदा तष्टं भरामसि ।

ते ते भवन्तूक्ष्ण ऋषभासो वशा उत ॥ ४७ ॥

47. *Ā te agna ṛcā havir-hṛdā taṣṭam bharāmasi.
Te te bhavantūkṣaṇa ṛṣabhāso vaśā uta.*

Agni, O lord of light, omniscience and omnipotence, thus do we bear and offer the homage of surrender and self-sacrifice to you, prepared with love of the heart and sanctified with holy chant of Rgveda, and we pray may all our people be for you, virile and generous, inspired with love and brilliance of excellence.

अग्निं देवासो अग्रियमिन्धते वृत्रहन्तमम् ।

येना वसून्याभृता तृळ्हा रक्षांसि वाजिना ॥ ४८ ॥

48. *Agniṁ devāso agriyam-indhate vṛtrahantamam.
Yenā vasūnyābhṛtā tṛḷhā rakṣāṁsi vājina.*

Thus do brilliant sages light the holy fire and

worship Agni, leading light and pioneer, lord of action, foremost leader, highest breaker of the densest clouds and harbinger of the showers of generosity, who bears and brings for us the wealth and honours of the world and who, with his omnipotence, destroys the wicked hostilities of humanity.

Mandala 6/Sukta 17

Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

पिब॒ सोम॑म॒भि यमु॑ग्र॒ तर्द॑ ऊ॒र्व गव्यं॑ महि॒ गृणा॑न॒ इन्द्र॑ । वि
यो धृ॑ष्णा॒ वधि॑षो वज्र॒हस्त॑ विश्वा॒ वृत्र॑म॒मित्रि॑या
शवो॑भिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pibā somamabhi yamugra tarda ūrvaṁ gavyaṁ mahi grṇāna indra. Vi yo dhṛṣṇo vadhiṣo vajrahasta viśvā vṛtram-amitriyā śavobhiḥ.*

Indra, mighty invincible lord of the force of cosmic energy, wielder of the thunderbolt in hand, drink and celebrate with soma while you are sung and celebrated since you break the cloud of showers as the sun, release the vast and great wealth of cows, milk and ghrta, and with your powers and action destroy all unfriendly and antilife forces of the world.

स ई॑ पाहि॒ य ऋ॑जी॒षी तरु॑त्रो॒ यः शि॒प्रवा॑न्वृष॒भो यो
मती॑नाम् । यो गो॑त्र॒भिद्व॑त्र॒भृद्यो॑ ह॒रि॒ष्ठाः स इन्द्र॑ चि॒त्राँ अ॒भि
तृ॑न्धि॒ वाजा॑न् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa īm pāhi ya rjīṣī tarutro yaḥ śipravān vṛṣabho yo maṭinām. Yo gotrabhid vajrabhṛdyo hariṣṭhāḥ sa indra citrāñ abhi trndhi vājān.*

The one that is simple and natural in conduct,

saviour across the seas, splendid and self-protected, mightiest among people, breaker of clouds and hostile strongholds, wielder of the thunderbolt and strongest winner, such is Indra, and such, O lord, defend, protect and promote what is won, release the wonderful energies and overcome the on-slaughts of hostile forces.

ए॒वा पा॒हि प्र॒त॒था म॒न्द॒तु त्वा श्रु॒धि ब्र॒ह्म वा॒वृ॒ध॒स्वो॒त गी॒र्भिः ।
आ॒विः सू॒र्य॑ कृ॒णु॒हि पी॒पि॒ही॒षो ज॒हि श॒त्रूँ॒र॒भि गा इ॒न्द्र
त॒न्धि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Evā pāhi pratnathā mandatu tvā śrudhi brahma vāvṛdhasvota gīrbhiḥ. Āviḥ sūryaṁ kṛṇuhi pīpihīṣo jahi śatrūñrabhi gā indra tndhi.*

Thus protect and promote life and humanity as ever before, and let the adventure give you the pride of pleasure. Listen to the Veda, protect the Word of knowledge, and be exalted by our songs of celebration. Uncover the light of the sun, enjoy food and drink, destroy the hostilities, release the speech of humanity to freedom, and unshackle the lands from bondage into liberty.

ते त्वा॒ मदा॒ बृ॒हदि॒न्द्र स्व॒धाव इ॒मे पी॒ता उ॒क्षय॑न्त द्यु॒मन्त॑म् ।
म॒हाम॑नू॒नं त॒वसं॑ वि॒भूतिं॑ मत्स॒रासो॑ जर्ह॒षन्त प्र॒साह॑म् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Te tvā madā bṛhadindra svadhāva ime pītā ukṣayanta dyumantam. Mahāmanūnaṁ tavasaṁ vibhūtiṁ-matsurāso jarhṛṣanta prasāham.*

Indra, self-refulgent lord of your own essential power and grandeur, exalted ruler, may these drinks of soma thus enjoyed shower you with the joy and ecstasy of victory. So do the people moved with the excitement

of self-confidence and divine exaltation celebrate you, great, perfect, potent, magnificent, and victorious yet forbearing lord of power as you are.

येभिः सूर्यमुषसं मन्दसानोऽवासयोऽप दृळ्हानि दद्रीत् ।
महामद्रिं परि गा इन्द्र सन्तं नुत्था अच्युतं सदसस्पारि
स्वात् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yebhiḥ sūryam-uṣasaṁ mandasāno'vāsayo'pa
dr̥lḥāni dardrat. Mahāmadrīm pari gā indra
santaṁ nutthā acyutaṁ sadasaspari svāt.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, by the powers and forces with which you place the sun in orbit and rouse the dawn on course, and vest them both in light and splendour, and with which you break the strongest mountain asunder, by the same power and force, O lord of love and bliss, from your own assembly seat, inspire and strengthen the great inexhaustible human energy, generous as cloud of showers, across the earth to rise and shine.

तव क्रत्वा तव तदंसनाभिरामासु पक्वं शच्या नि दीधः ।
और्णोर्दुर उस्त्रियाभ्यो वि दृळ्होदूर्वाद्रा असृजो अङ्गिर-
स्वान् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tava kratvā tava tad daṁsanābhir-āmāsu pakvaṁ
śacyā ni dīdhaḥ. Aurnordura usriyābyo vi dr̥lho-
dūrvād gā asrjo aṅgirasvān.*

With your wisdom, holy deeds and divine power, you develop ripeness in the unripe and maturity in the immature minds and open the strong doors and fill them with light for the bright people. Thus does the lord of life and breath energy of freedom liberate the lands and

their speech from the violence of tyrants.

प॒प्राथ॑ क्षां म॒हिदं॑सो व्यु॒र्वीमु॑प॒द्यामृ॑ष्वो बृ॒हदिन्द्र॑ स्त॒भायः ।
अ॒धारा॑यो रोद॑सी दे॒वपु॑त्रे प्र॒त्ने मा॒तरी॑ य॒ह्वी ऋ॒तस्य॑ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Paprātha kṣāṁ mahi daṁso vyurvīmupa dyāmṛṣvo brhadindra stabhāyaḥ. Adhārayo rodasī devaput্রে pratne mātārā yahvī ṛtasya.*

Indra, almighty lord of glorious action and potential, you create, pervade and sustain the wide earth and heaven and you sustain, support and order the compact earth, heaven and the expansive universe, and you sustain the compact earth, firmament and the solar sphere, ancient, great and generous mothers of the children of divinity and themselves the children of mother Prakṛti and the divine law of nature.

अ॒ध॒ त्वा॒ वि॒श्वे॑ पु॒र इन्द्र॑ दे॒वा ए॒कं त॒वसं॑ द॒धिरे॒ भरा॑य ।
अदे॒वो यद॒भ्यौहि॑ष्ट दे॒वान्त्स्वर्षा॑ता वृ॒णत॒ इन्द्र॑म॒त्र ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Adhā tvā viśve pura indra devā ekaṁ tavasaṁ dadhire bharāya. Adevo yadabhyauhiṣṭa devāntsvarsātā vṛṇata indramatra.*

Indra, lord almighty of bliss and enlightenment, all the noble powers of nature and humanity hold on to you, lord absolute and omnipotent, for success in their life's endeavours. And when anyone bereft of light engages in contest against the enlightened, then the enlightened people maintain their faith in the heavenly power and win the battle for light and bliss here itself.

अ॒ध॒ द्यौश्चि॑त्ते अ॒प॒ सा नु॑ वज्रा॑द् द्वि॒तान॑म॒द्भिय॑सा स्व॒स्य
म॒न्योः । अ॒हिं यदिन्द्रो॑ अ॒भ्योह॑सानं॒ नि चि॑द्वि॒श्वायुः॑ श॒यथे॑
ज॒घान॑ ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Adha dyauscit te apa sã nu vajrãd dvitãnamad bhiyasã svasya manyoḥ. Ahim yadindro abhyohasãnam ni cid viśvãyuh śayathe jaghãna.*

And then even the light of heaven doubly bows to you, first in awe of the thunderbolt and then also in awe of your majesty of divine passion, when Indra, cosmic energy, strikes the approaching dark cloud and lays it down in showers and sends it to sleep.

अध त्वष्टा ते मह उग्र वज्रं सहस्रभृष्टिं ववृतच्छताश्रिम् ।

निकाममरमणसं येन नवन्तमहिं सं पिणगृजीबिन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Adha tvaṣṭã te maha ugra vajram sahasra-bhrṣṭim vavrtacchatãśrim. Nikãmamarama-ṇasam yena navantam-ahim sam piṇagrjīšin.*

O lord of blazing glory, simple, natural and forceful, Tvashta, the cosmic maker of forms, shaped in nature the mighty hundred-angled thousand pointed thunderbolt of your cherished design for relentless strikes by which you break the roaring cloud of darkness for showers of rain in the cycle of seasons.

वर्धान्यं विश्वे मरुतः सजोषाः पचच्छतं महिषाँ इन्द्र तुभ्यम् ।

पूषा विष्णुस्त्रीणि सरांसि धावन्वृत्रहणं मदिरमंशु-
मस्मै ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Vardhãn yaṁ viśve marutaḥ sajoṣãḥ pacacchataṁ mahiṣãṁ indra tubhyam. Pūṣã viṣṇustrīṇi sarãmsi dhãvan vṛtrahaṇam madiram-amśum-asmai.*

Indra, O potent spirit of the cosmos, let all vibrant creative and constructive forces of nature and humanity join in unison and exalt you, ruler of the world, ripening and maturing a hundred mighty gifts of vitality

in your service. May Vishnu, omnipresent sustaining power of universal nourishment, ever active on the move, fill the three oceans of earth, heaven and the middle regions with life giving nectar of bliss and excitement for this Indra to break down the cloud of darkness, evil and want.

आ क्षोदो महि वृतं नदीनां परिष्ठितमसृज ऊर्मिमपाम् ।
तासामनु प्रवत इन्द्र पन्थां प्रादयो नीचीरपसः समुद्रम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Ā kṣodo mahi vṛtaṁ nadīnāṁ pariṣṭhitamasṛja ūrmimapām. Tāsāmanu pravata indra panthāṁ prādayo nīcīrapasaḥ samudram.*

Indra, ruling power of the world, creates the great flood of the rivers collected and controlled all round and releases the waves of the waters to flow. Accordingly he prepares the paths of water movement downward and lets the waters join the sea (thereby completing the natural cycle of water energy across the three oceans).

एवा ता विश्वा चकृवांसमिन्द्रं महामुग्रमजुर्यं सहोदाम् ।
सुवीरं त्वा स्वायुधं सुवज्रमा ब्रह्म नव्यमवसे ववृत्यात् ॥ १३ ॥

3. *Evā tā viśvā cakṛvāṁsam-indraṁ mahāmugram-ajuryaṁ sahodām. Suvīraṁ tvā svāyudhaṁ suvajramā brahma navyam-avase vavṛtyāt.*

Thus may our new homage of praise, prayer and yajnic service reach Indra, omnipotent lord of the universe, absolute doer of all actions, mighty, refulgent, unaging and imperishable, giver of strength and forbearance, commander of heroes, all armed and wielder of the thunderbolt of nature's cyclic energy, and may our prayer move the lord for our protection and

progress.

स नो वाजाय श्रवस इषे च राये धेहि द्युमत इन्द्र विप्रान् ।
भरद्वाजे नृवत इन्द्र सूरीन्द्रिवि च स्मैधि पार्ये न इन्द्र ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Sa no vājāya śravasa iṣe ca rāye dhehi dyumata indra viprān. Bharadvāje nṛvata indra sūrīn divi ca smaidhi pārye na indra.*

May Indra, lord ruler of the universe, accept us, vibrant seekers of light, for the gift of speed and progress toward victory, honour and excellence, food and energy, and all round wealth of life. May Indra bless the brave leaders of humanity, and may the lord establish us all in the light of divinity and guide us on the path of total worldly fulfilment and freedom of ultimate salvation.

अया वाजं देवहितं सनेम मदेम शतहिमाः सुवीराः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ayā vājam devahitam sanema madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Thus do we offer ardent praise and seek to share divine favour and inspiration fit for dedicated humanity and pray we may live happy a full hundred years blest with noble and heroic generations of progeny.

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तमु ष्टुहि यो अभिभूत्योजा वन्वन्नवातः पुरुहुत इन्द्रः ।
अषाळ्हमुग्रं सहमानमाभिर्गीर्भिर्वर्ध वृषभं चर्षणीनाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tamu ṣṭuhi yo abhibhūtyojā vanvannavātaḥ puruhūta indraḥ. Aśālhamugraṁ sahamānam-abhirgīrbhir-varḍha vṛṣabhaṁ carṣaṇīnām.*

Adore him who tames and controls brute force, loves and shares life with all, unshaken and all admired, that is Indra, potent ruler of the world, intrepidable, blazing refulgent, challenging yet forbearing, most generous and creative of people. With these words of celebration, exalt him, and you too would rise.

स युध्मः सत्त्वा खजकृत्समद्वी तुविम्रक्षो नदनुमाँ ऋजीषी ।
बृहद्रैणुश्च्यवनो मानुषीणामेकः कृष्टीनामभवत्सहावा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa yudhmaḥ satvā khajakṛt samadvī tuvimirakṣo nadanumāñ ṛjīṣī. Bṛhadreṇuṣ-cyavano mānuṣī-ṇāmekah kṛṣṭīnām-abhavat sahāvā.*

Indra is a hero, strong and realistic, a warrior, socially committed, all loving and friendly, eloquent, simple, natural and honest, dynamic, stormy in movement, and a unique embodiment of courage and tolerance among the best of thinking humanity.

त्वं ह नु त्यददमायो दस्यूँरेकः कृष्टीरवनोरायीय । अस्ति
स्विन्नु वीर्यं तत् इन्द्र न स्विदस्ति तदृतुथा वि वोचः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvaṁ ha nu tyadadamāyo dasyūñrekaḥ kṛṣṭīra-vanorāryāya. Asti svinnu vīryam tat ta indra na svidasti tadṛtuthā vi vocaḥ.*

Indra, you for sure are the one who fight out and control the wicked and violent elements and bring the world communities together for a united world of progressive and cultured humanity. That indeed is your strength, real heroism, is it not? Pray speak of that courage, competence and vision according to the needs of time and season.

सदिद्धि ते तुविजातस्य मन्ये सहः सहिष्ठ तुरतस्तुरस्य ।

उग्रमुग्रस्य तवसस्तवीयोऽ रध्रस्य रध्रतुरो बभूव ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sadiddhi te tuvijātasya manye sahaḥ sahiṣṭha turatasturasya. Ugramugrasya tavasastavī-yo'radhrasya radhraturo babhūva.*

Real and true indeed is the courage and tolerance of the world hero, yours all, I believe, O boldest and most forbearing warrior, which defines the light, power and victory of the ruler who is the instant victor over the victorious, blazing over the violent, stronger than the strongest and most powerful non-violent destroyer of the destructive.

तन्नः प्रत्नं सख्यमस्तु युष्मे इत्था वदद्भिर्वलमङ्गिरोभिः ।

हन्नच्युतच्युदस्मेषयन्तमृणोः पुरो वि दुरो अस्य विश्वाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tannah pratnaṁ sakhyamastu yuṣme itthā vadadbhir-valamaṅgirobhiḥ. Hannacyutacyud dasmeṣayantamṛṇoḥ puro vi duro asya viśvāḥ.*

That age-old friendship of ours with you may, we pray, be firmly established in you and remain thus with the vibrant celebrants too who speak this same way in praise of you, and just as the sun breaks the cloud and opens the flood gates of rain showers, so may you, O lord imperishable and generous, shaker of the otherwise unshaken, destroy the darkness of evil, inspire and advance the dynamic leaders, and open all the gates of the human cities on the world highways.

स हि धीभिर्हव्यो अस्त्युग्र ईशानुकृन्महति वृत्रतूर्ये । स
तोकसाता तनये स वज्री वितन्तसाय्यो अभवत्सुमत्सु ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa hi dhībhir-havyo astyugra īsānakṛn-mahati vṛtratūrye. Sa tokasātā tanaye sa vajrī vitanta-sāyyo abhavat samatsu.*

That is the lord worthy of homage with all our intelligence and holy actions, refulgent maker of leaders and achievers in the great human struggle against evil and deprivation. That wielder of adamant power is to be exalted and glorified in the battles of humanity for the advancement and progress of our children and grand children for future generations.

स म॒ज्मना॒ जनि॑म॒ मानु॑षाणा॒मम॑र्त्येन॒ नाम्ना॑ति॒ प्र सं॑र्खे ।

स द्यु॒म्नेन॒ स शव॑सोत॒ राया॒ स वी॒र्ये॑ण॒ नृत॑मः॒ समो॑काः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sa majmanā janima mānuṣāṇām-amatryena nāmnāti pra sarsre. Sa dyumnena sa śavasota rāyā sa vīryeṇa nṛtamaḥ samokāḥ.*

With immortal power he continues and extends the name and identity of humanity and, as highest leader of supreme human virtues and all pervasive with human presence, he advances the human generations with honour and excellence, courage and valour, wealth and fame, and manly vigour and splendour.

स यो न मु॒हे न मि॒थू ज॒नो भू॒त्सु॒मन्तु॑नामा॒ चुमु॑रिं॒ धुनि॑च ।
वृ॒ष्णवि॑प॒पुं श॒म्बरं॒ शु॒ष्णमि॒न्द्रः पु॒रां च्यौ॒त्नाय॑ श॒यथा॑य॒ नू
चि॑त् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa yo na muhe na mithū jano bhūt suman-tunāmā cumurim dhunim ca. Vṛṇak pipruṁ śambaraṁ śuṣṇamindraḥ purāṁ cyautnāya śayathāya nū cit.*

The man who never suffers from error, never feels bewildered, stupefied, infatuated or perverted but

remains self-possessed, conscious of his essential identity and constancy of character, who shakes the ogre, the hoarder, the vociferous bully and the exploiter, and favours the generous, peace loving and enlightened persons, is Indra, worthy to be the ruler for the peace and progress of the common-wealth of nations for sure.

उदावता त्वक्षसा पन्यसा च वृत्रहत्याय रथमिन्द्र तिष्ठ ।

धिष्व वज्रं हस्त आ दक्षिणत्राऽभि प्र मन्द पुरुदत्र
मायाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Udāvatā tvakṣasā panyasā ca vṛtrahatyāya ratham-indra tiṣṭha. Dhiṣva vajraṁ hasta ā dakṣiṇatrā'bhi pra manda purudatra māyāḥ.*

And by raising and refining the admirable power of action, O lord ruler and sovereign, ascend your chariot for the battle of life against darkness and deprivation. Take up the thunderous weapon of power and force in the right hand, generous lord, shine in all your majesty and glory of action and destroy the force and wiles of the enemy.

अग्निर्न शुष्कं वनमिन्द्र हेती रक्षो नि धक्ष्यशनिर्न भीमा ।

गम्भीरयं क्रुध्वया यो रुरोजाध्वानयदुरिता दम्भयच्च ॥ १० ॥

10. *Agnirna śuṣkaṁ vanamindra hetī rakṣo ni dhakṣyaśanirna bhīmā. gambhīraya ṛṣvayā yo rujojādhvānayad duritā dambhayacca.*

Just as fire burns down dry forest woods to ash, so Indra, O lord ruler awful as thunder, shatter the forces of terror and destruction, you who, with a mighty blow of the weapon of justice and punishment, crush the evils of fear, deceit and terror.

आ सहस्रं पथिभिरिन्द्र राया तुविद्युम्न तुविवाजैर्भिर्वाक् ।
याहिसूनो सहसो यस्य नू चिददेव ईशे पुरुहूत योतोः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā sahasraṁ pathibhirindra rāyā tuvidyumna
tuvivājebhirarvāk. Yāhi sūno sahaso yasya nū
cidadeva īše puruhūta yotoḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world, lord of abundant wealth, power, honour and excellence, child of omnipotence, universally invoked and adored, who join and reshape the uniform and various powers of nature and humanity, come here to a thousand devotees by a thousand ways with wealth of a thousand forms of food, energy and advancement, lord whose favour and friendship even the semipious desire to have.

प्र तुविद्युम्नस्य स्थविरस्य घृष्वेर्दिवो ररप्शो महिमा
पृथिव्याः । नास्य शत्रुर्न प्रतिमानमस्ति न प्रतिष्ठिः
पुरुमायस्य सह्योः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Pra tuvidyumnasya sthavirasya ghr̥ṣverdivo
rarap̥śe mahīmā pr̥thivyāḥ. Nāsyā śatrurna
pratimānamasti na pratiṣṭhiḥ purumāyasya
sahyoḥ.*

The greatness and glory of this lord of abundance, most ancient and venerable, self-refulgent tamer of evil, transcends the bounds of the earth. There is no enemy, no equal measure or rival, nor any defined seat of stability of this self-sufficient, omnipotent and forbearing lord.

प्र तत्ते अद्या करणं कृतं भूत्कुत्सं यदायुर्मतिथिग्वमस्मै ।
पुरू सहस्रा नि शिशा अभि क्षामुत्तूर्वीयाणं धृषता
निनेथ ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Pra tat te adyā karaṇaṁ kṛtaṁ bhūt kutsaṁ yadāyura-atithigvaṁ-asmai. Purū sahasrā ni śiśā abhi kṣāmut tūrvayāṇaṁ dhṛṣatā ninetha.*

Surely great are your acts, activities and ways of earthly accomplishment today, as you bring a thousand gifts of wealth, knowledge and competence to this mighty, vibrating and hospitable humanity and raise the earth to the heights of speed and progress.

अनु त्वाहि॒घ्ने अ॒ध दे॒व दे॒वा म॒दु॒न्वि॒श्वे क॒वि॒त॒मं क॒वी॒नाम् ।
क॒रो य॒त्र व॒रि॒वो ब॒ाधि॒ताय॑ दि॒वे ज॒नाय॑ त॒न्वे गु॒णानः॑ ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Anu tvāhighne adha deva devā madan viśve kavitaṁ kavīnām. Karo yatra varivo bādhitāya dive janāya tanve gṛṇāṇaḥ.*

Refulgent lord, brilliant sages of the world rejoice in unison with you in honour as the dispeller of demonic darkness and adore you as wisest of divine visionaries since, adored and exalted by them, you bring gifts of freedom and deliverance for the distressed as well as for the brilliant and give them health and material well being.

अनु॑ द्यावा॑पृथि॒वी तत् ओ॒जोऽ म॑र्त्या जि॒हत इन्द्र॑ दे॒वाः ।
कृ॒ष्वा कृ॒त्नो अ॒कृ॒तं य॒त्ते अ॒स्त्यु॒क्थं न॒वी॒यो ज॒नय॑स्व
य॒ज्ञैः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Anu dyāvāprthivī tat ta ojo'martyā jihata indra devāḥ. Kṛṣvā kṛtno akṛtaṁ yat te astyukthaṁ navīyo janayasva yajñaiḥ.*

Indra, lord omnipotent, heaven and earth and the immortals and brilliants of nature and humanity move in observance of that support and splendour of

yours. O lord of action, inspire us to accomplish what is yet to be accomplished and to create the latest songs of adoration by yajnas and yajnic acts of social development for all.

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महँ इन्द्रो नृवदा चर्षणिप्रा उत द्विवर्ही अमिनः सहोभिः ।

अस्मद्रगवावृधे वीर्यीयोरुः पृथुः सुकृतः कर्तृभिर्भूत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mahān indro vṛvadā carṣṇiprā uta dvibarhā aminah sahobhiḥ. Asmadyrag-vāvṛdhe vīryāyoroḥ prthuh sukṛtaḥ kartṛbhir-bhūt.*

May the great Indra, the sun, overseeing and commanding cosmic energy inspiring humanity, pervasive and expansive over heaven and earth, impetuous but unafflictive, come to us with auxiliary forces and grow vast and high, helping noble work by the assistance of active and expert workers.

इन्द्रमेव धिषणां सातये धाद् बृहन्तमृष्वमजरं युवानम् ।

अषालहेन शर्वसा शूशुवांसं सद्यश्चिद्यो वावृधे असीमि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Indrameva dhiṣaṇā sātaye dhād bṛhantam-ṛṣvamajaram yuvānam. Aṣālḥena śavasā śūśuvāṁsam sadyaścid yo vāvṛdhe asāmi.*

Whoever with relentless action and intelligence and unchallengeable power and courage, for the sake of development and progress, dedicates himself to Indra, sun and cosmic energy, vast and high, pervasive, impetuous, indestructible, ever fresh and youthful, and forceful, soon for sure grows to power and prosperity

to the full.

पृथू करस्ता बहुला गभस्ती अस्मद्रच^१क्सं मिमीहि श्रवांसि ।
यूथेव पश्वः पशुपा दमूना अस्माँ इन्द्राभ्या ववृत्स्वाजौ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Prthū karasnā bahulā gabhasī asmadyrak saṁ
mimīhi śrvāṁsi. Yūtheva paṣvaḥ paśupā damūnā
asmāñ indrābhyā vavṛtsvājau.*

Indra,, lord of power and peaceful controller, extend your open, generous and sanctifying hand of plentiful abundance to us for the gift of food and energy, power and fame, and guide us constantly in our battle of life for victory like a shepherd watching, controlling and guiding his flock.

तं व इन्द्रं चतिर्नमस्य शाकैरिह नूनं वाजयन्तो हुवेम ।
यथा चित्पूर्वे^१ जरितार^२ आसुरनेद्या अनवद्या अरिष्टाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Taṁ va indraṁ catinamasya śakairiha nūnaṁ
vājayanto huvema. Yathā cit pūrve jaritāra āsu-
ranedyā anavadyā ariṣṭāḥ.*

O children of the earth, for the sake of you all here in the world, we invoke, invite and adore that lord Indra, fearless giver of joy, with all his power and forces, in pursuit of knowledge, peace and progress, just as the sagely celebrants of all time do and live blameless, irreproachable, and safe and secure against fear and injury.

धृतव्रतो धनुदाः सोमवृद्धः स हि वामस्य वसुनः पुरुक्षुः ।
सं जग्मिरे पृथ्या^३ रायो^४ अस्मिन्त्समुद्रे न सिन्धवो
यादमानाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Dhṛtavrato dhanadāḥ somavṛddhaḥ sa hi vāmasya vasunaḥ purukṣuḥ. Saṁ jagmire pathyā rāyo asmint-samudre na sindhavo yādamānāḥ.*

Indra is the lord ordainer and observer of unshakable discipline of law and order, giver of wealth, exalted in honour and excellence, and abundant treasure-hold of cherished riches of the world. Indeed all wealth, powers and honours of the world move, each in its own right course, and concentrate in him just as the rivers flow and all together join and concentrate in the sea.

शर्विष्ठं नु आ भर शूर शव ओजिष्ठमोजो अभिभूत उग्रम् ।
विश्वो द्युम्ना वृष्ण्या मानुषाणामस्मभ्यं दा हरिवो माद-
यध्यै ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Śaviṣṭham na ā bhara śūra śava ojiṣṭhamojo abhibhūta ugram. Viśvā dyumnā-vṛṣṇyā mānu-ṣāṇām-asmabhyam dā harivo mādayadhyai.*

Heroic Indra, destroyer of the evil, leader of the brave and tempestuous forces of humanity, bring us the strongest power and valour, most burning and blazing lustre and dignity, and give us showers of all the wealth and honours of the world good for the people for their joy and celebration.

यस्ते मदः पृतनाषाळमृध्न इन्द्र तं नु आ भर शूशुवांसम् ।
येन तोकस्य तनयस्य सातौ मंसिमहि जिगीवांसस्त्वोताः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yaste madaḥ pṛtanāṣāḷamṛdhra indra taṁ na ā bhara śūśuvāṁsam. Yena tokasya tanayasya sātau maṁsīmahi jigīvāṁsas-tvotāḥ.*

Indra, invincible hero, ruler of life, bless us with that righteous passion of yours, challenging and

victorious yet forbearing and unhurtful, which inspires all good virtues and by which, under your protection, we may triumph in life and live happy in the company of our children and grand children.

आ नो॑ भर॒ वृष॑णं शु॒ष्ममिन्द्र॑ धन॒स्पृतं॑ शू॒शुवांसं॑ सुदक्षम् ।
येन॑ वंसा॑म॒ पृत॑नासु शत्रून्तवोतिभि॒रुत॑ जा॒मीर॑जामीन् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ā no bhara vṛṣaṇaṁ śuṣmamindra dhanasprṛtaṁ śūśuvāṁsaṁ sudakṣam. Yena vaṁsāma pṛtanāsu śatrūn tavotibhiruta jāmīñrajāmīn.*

Indra, lord of life and ruler of the world, bless us with that overwhelming vigour and power victorious in our struggles for wealth and prosperity ever rising in excellence, expertise and generosity by which, under your guidance and protection, we may be successful in our battles of life against negative forces and win over our own people and others unrelated, strangers and aliens.

आ ते॒ शु॒ष्मो वृ॒षभ॑ ए॒तु प॒श्चादोत्तरा॑द॒धरा॑दा पुरस्ता॑त् ।
आ वि॒श्वतो॑ अ॒भि स॑मे॒त्वर्वा॑दिन्द्र॒द्युम्नं॑ स्व॒र्वद्धे॑ह्यस्मे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ā te śuṣmo vṛṣabha etu paścādottarādharādā purastāt. Ā viśvato abhi sametvarvāṇindra dyumnam svarvaddhehyasme.*

Indra, ruler of the world, may overwhelming and generous vigour, force and power come and flow for you all round from above and below, front and behind, all ways and every way constantly without break, and may it come to us from all sides. O lord of peace, prosperity and happiness, hold, protect and promote the wealth, honour and excellence of life for us and bless

us with the grace of holy living on earth.

नृवत्त इन्द्र नृतमाभिरूती वंसीमहि वामं श्रोमतेभिः । ईक्षे
हि वस्व उभयस्य राजन्धा रत्नं महि स्थूरं बृहन्तम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Nṛvat ta indra nṛtamābhirūti vaṁsīmahi vāmaṁ śromatebhiḥ. Īkṣe hi vasva ubhayasya rājan dhā ratnaṁ mahi sthūraṁ bṛhantam.*

Lord of humanity, leader of world pioneers, illustrious ruling power, refulgent Indra, we pray may we share and enjoy your most human favour and protection and have the cherished graces of life with revelations of the Word and actions of holiness. O refulgent lord, I see your divine glory of both heaven and earth prevailing among rulers and the people, and pray sustain this glory of life, great, constant, expansive and infinite.

मरुत्वन्तं वृषभं वावृधानमकवारिंदिव्यं शासमिन्द्रम् ।

विश्वासाहमवसे नूतनायोग्रं सहोदामिह तं हुवेम ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Marutvantam vṛṣabhaṁ vāvṛdhānamakavāriṁ divyaṁ śāsamindram. Viśvāsāhamavase nūtanā-yograṁ sahodāmiha taṁ huvema.*

Here on the vedi of this dear green earth, for the protection of life and the environment and for progress of the latest order, we invoke, invite and celebrate Indra, lord of glory, commanding humanity and the winds, generously valorous, ever rising, free from detractors, divinely refulgent, all ruling, all forbearing and victorious, illustrious giver of both tolerance and fighting power over evil for victory of the good for constant growth.

जनं वञ्चिन्महि चिन्मन्यमानमेभ्यो नृभ्यो रन्धया येष्वस्मि ।
अथा हि त्वा पृथिव्यां शूरसातौ हवामहे तनये गोष्वप्सु ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Janam vajrin mahi cinmanyamānam-ebhyo nṛbhyo randhayā yeṣvasmi. Adhā hi tvā pṛthiv-yām śūrasātau havāmahe tanaye goṣvapsu.*

O lord of the thunderbolt of power, justice and punishment, humble that man who proudly holds himself as the greatest and mightiest against these people among whom I live and justify my existence. And now, O lord, for the sake of these very people on earth and in the battles of the brave for victory, we invoke, invite and celebrate you among our children, our cows, our lands and waters, and in the onward flow of our life and progress.

वयं त एभिः पुरुहूत सख्यैः शत्रोः शत्रोरुत्तर इत्स्याम ।
घ्नन्तो वृत्राण्युभयांनि शूर राया मदेम बृहता त्वोताः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Vayam ta ebhiḥ puruhūta sakhyaiḥ śatroḥ śatroruttara it syāma. Ghnanto vṛtrāṇyubhayāni śūra rāyā madema bṛhatā tvotāḥ.*

We are yours, O lord universally invoked and adored, and we pray that by these friendly words and acts of service we may be constantly superior to one enemy after another enemy of life and progress, fighting out and destroying the evils of darkness and want in both spiritual and material fields of life on earth, so that, under the umbrella of your protection and guidance, we may enjoy life with wealth, honour and excellence, rising higher and higher.

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द्यौर्न य इन्द्राभि भूमार्यस्तस्थौ रयिः शर्वसा पृत्सु जनान् ।
तं नः सहस्रभरमुर्वरासां दद्धि सूनो सहसो वृत्रतुरम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Dyaurna ya indrābhi bhūmāryastasthau rayiḥ śavasā pṛtsu janān. Taṁ naḥ sahasrabharam-urvarāsāṁ daddhi sūno sahaso vṛtraturam.*

Indra, lord of life, creator giver of strength, commander of power and forbearance, give us that wealth and life's value and that master ruling power vast as skies and bright as sun which, by its intrinsic strength of character can stand by people in the face of hostile forces in our struggle for progress, fight a thousand battles with success, give us lands of fertility and smiling greenery, and overcome the darkness of ignorance, poverty and injustice.

दिवो न तुभ्यमन्विन्द्र सत्राऽसुर्यं देवेभिर्धायि विश्वम् ।
अहिं यद् वृत्रमपो वव्रिवांसं हवृजीषिन्विष्णुना सचानः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Divo na tubhyamanvindra satrā'suryaṁ devebhirdhāyi viśvam. Ahim yad vṛtramapo vavriv-āṁsaṁ hannṛjīṣin viṣṇunā sacānaḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world, observer of the original law and keeper of the honest simplicity of natural conduct, when in union with omnipresent Vishnu, omnipotent cosmic energy, you break the cloud of serpentine motion holding showers of the waters of life in hiding, then, together with the showers, universal life breath of vital energies is received, like light of the sun from heaven, by the brilliancies of humanity and of

nature such as earth to bless you and your people.

तूर्वन्नोजीयान्तवसस्तवीयान्कृतब्रह्मेन्द्रो वृद्धमहाः ।

राजाभवन्मधुनः सोम्यस्य विश्वासां यत्पुरां दुर्नुमावत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tūrvannojīyān tavaśastaviyān kṛtabrahmendro vṛddhamahāḥ. Rājābhavanmadhunah somyasya viśvāsām yat purām dartnumāvat.*

Indra, refulgent and illustrious leader, is mightiest of the mighty. Breaking the clouds for shower, having created abundance of food, energy and literature of vision and wisdom, and having raised a team of veteran assistants, he becomes the real ruler of humanity, commander of honey sweets of peace and joy and saviour of all cities of the common wealth against the assailant and destroyer.

शुतैरपद्रन्पुण्य इन्द्रात्र दशोणये कवयेऽर्कसातौ । वृधैः

शुष्णस्याशुषस्य मायाः पित्वो नारिरेचीत्किं चन प्र ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Śatairapadran paṇaya indrātra daśoṇaye kavaye'rkaśātau. Vadhaiḥ śuṣṇasyāśuṣasya māyāḥ pitvo nārire cīt kiṁ cana pra.*

Here in the world of business and administration in the advancement of life and light for the men of vision and wisdom protected from all ten directions, misers, thieves and robbers all run off by a hundred onslaughts of the ruler's admirers. Indra, O lord ruler of light and life, can any one exhaust, surpass or defeat the power, knowledge and abundance of the mighty and generous ruling order? None.

महो द्रुहो अप विश्वायु धायि वज्रस्य यत्पतने पादि शुष्णः ।

उरु ष सरथं सारथ्ये करिन्द्रः कुत्साय सूर्यस्य सातौ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Maho druho apa viśvāyu dhāyi vajrasya yat patane pādi śuṣṇaḥ. Uru ṣa sarathaṁ sārathaye karindraḥ kutsāya sūryasya sātau.*

When on the fall of the mighty thunderbolt of justice and punishment the demon of darkness and denial is fallen and the sustaining force of all hate, jealousy and enmity is withdrawn, then the mighty Indra, further, opens and extends the field for the positive leaders and pioneers of vision, creativity and power for the nation on the march in the higher battle of light and culture.

प्रश्येनो न मदिरमंशुमस्यै शिरो दासस्य नमुचेर्मथायन् ।
प्रावन्नमीं साप्यं ससन्तं पृणग्राया समिषा सं स्वस्ति ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Pra śyeno na madiramamśumasmai śiro dāsasya namucermathāyan. Prāvannamīm sāpyaṁ sasantam pṛṇagrāyā samiṣā saṁ svasti.*

Crushing the head of the violent destroyer, churning the mind of the persistent saboteur to correction, saving the humbled opponent at the end of his tether now lying at peace for mercy, and providing all such with adequate means and materials with food and sustenance for a life of comfort and well being, the leader, commander, ruler, Indra, like a victorious eagle, should bring the exhilarating drink of new life and joy of celebration for this social order.

वि पिप्रोरहिमायस्य दृळ्हाः पुरो वज्रिञ्छवसा न दर्दः ।
सुदामन्तद्रेक्णो अप्रमृष्यमृजिष्वने दात्रं दाशुषे दाः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi piprorahimāyasya drlḥāḥ puro vajriñchavasā na dardaḥ. Sudāman tad rekṇo apramṛṣyamṛjiśvane dātram dāśuṣe dāḥ.*

O lord of the power of thunderbolt, with your power and force, pray never destroy the strongholds and cities of the protective and promotive leader of versatile genius and competence. Instead, O lord of generosity, for such a philanthropic leader of simple and honest law and conduct of pious virtue, provide generous gifts and grants of irresistible and permanent value.

स वेतसुं दशमायं दशोणिं तूतुजिमिन्द्रः स्वभिष्टिसुम्नः ।

आ तुग्रं शश्वदिभं द्योतनाय मातुर्न सीमुप सृजा इयध्यै ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa vetasum daśamāyaṁ daśoṇim tūtujimindraḥ svabhiṣṭisumnaḥ. Ā tugraṁ śaśvadibhaṁ dyotanāya māturna sīmupa sṛjā iyadhyai.*

Indra, refulgent ruler commanding noble peace and cherished well being, in order to continuously advance the dominion and raise it to splendour, adopt, nurse and promote the world famous, ten ways versatile, ten ways expansive, powerful and ambitiously receptive and progressive social order as your own family, just as the mother elephant nurses, guides and promotes her calf to maturity without let up.

स ई स्पृधो वनते अप्रतीतो बिभ्रद्वज्रं वृत्रहणं गभस्तौ ।

तिष्ठद्दरी अध्यस्तेव गर्ते वचोयुजा वहत इन्द्रमृष्वम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Sa īm spr̥dho vanate apratīto bibhrad vajraṁ vṛtrahaṇaṁ gabhastau. Tiṣṭhaddharī adhyasteva garte vacoyujā vahata indramṛṣvam.*

Indra, glorious ruler, enemies unknown, takes on and wins over the rivals and contenders and, wielding the cloud-breaking thunderbolt in hand and settled in

his dominion seat of power, he aims like an archer and rides his chariot driven by word-controlled horse powers which drive the mighty ruler over the expanse of his dominion.

सुनेम तेऽ वसा नव्य इन्द्र प्र पूरवः स्तवन्त एना यज्ञैः । सुप्त
यत्पुरः शर्म शारदीर्दब्धन्दासीः पुरुकुत्साय शिक्षन् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sanema te'vasā navya indra pra pūravaḥ stavanta enā yajñaiḥ. Sapta yat purah śarma śāradīrda-rdhan dāsīḥ purukutsāya śikṣan.*

Indra, lord of honour and excellence, by virtue of your protection and promotion, we enjoy the latest gifts of life, and the citizens adore you by these programmes of yajna since you establish seven cities for comfortable living, open out seven abundant autumnal streams against drought and deprivation, and destroy all forms of slavery and impiety for the education and advancement of the heroic wielder of power and weapons of defence.

त्वं वृध इन्द्र पूर्व्यो भूर्वरिवस्यनुशने काव्याय ।

परा नववास्त्वमनुदेयं महे पित्रे ददाथु स्वं नपातम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tvaṁ vṛdha indra pūrvyo bhūrvarivas-yannuśane kāvyāya. Parā navavāstvamana-udeyaṁ mahe pitre dadātha svaṁ napātam.*

Indra, lord ruler of honour and excellence, knowledge, wisdom and generosity, be the first and foremost leader in the service of the great advancing human nation, specially for the inspired and ambitious pioneer of art, science and culture. Give the best and latest home and infrastructure worthy of being granted

to the great father figure of future development which must not be self-destructive or self-defeating in any way.

त्वं धुनिरिन्द्र धुनिमतीर्ऋणोरपः सीरा न स्ववन्तीः ।

प्र यत्समुद्रमति शूर पर्वि पारया तुर्वशं यदुं स्वस्ति ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Tvaṁ dhunirindra dhunimaṭirṇorapaḥ sīrā na sravantīḥ. Pra yat samudramati śūra parṣi pārāyā turvaśaṁ yadum svasti.*

Indra, you are the shaker and arouser of life and passion. Arouse, accelerate and control the roaring streams of the nation's life and wealth like the pulsating veins and arteries of the human system. O brave hero, you cross the seas and traverse the skies, let there be peace and well being with the industrious, self-controlled and dynamic humanity.

तव ह त्यदिन्द्र विश्वमाजौ सस्तो धुनीचुमुरी या ह
सिष्वप् । दीदयदित्तुभ्यं सोमेभिः सुन्वन्दभीतिरिध्मभृतिः
पक्थ्यर्कैः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Tava ha tyadindra viśvamājau sasto dhunīcu-murī yā ha siṣvap. Dīdayadit tubhyaṁ somebhiḥ sunvan dabhītiridhmabhṛtiḥ pakthyarkaiḥ.*

Indra, lord sustainer and giver of peace and joy, in the business of life, all that roaring action or sufferance or consumption, all is your world, for you : the idle, the restful, the sleeping, the shining, the violent, the faithful bearing holy fuel, the cook, whether preparing soma with sacred work or doing homage with songs and prayers of adoration, everything is yours, all is for you.

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इमा उ त्वा पुरुतमस्य कारोर्हव्यं वीर हव्या हवन्ते ।

धियो रथेष्टामजरं नवीयो रयिर्विभूतिरीयते वचस्या ॥ १ ॥

1. *Imā u tvā purutamasya kārōrhavyaṁ vīra havyā havante. Dhiyo ratheṣṭhāmajaraṁ navīyo rayirvibhūtirīyate vacasyā.*

Heroic Indra, leader of the world, you are ageless, ever new, ever fresh. These creations of the most versatile artist worthy of presentation glorify you, adorable lord, and they are offered to you in homage since all creations of intelligence, all wealth and celebrated glory reach you, lord of the nation's chariot, and everything flows from you.

तमु स्तुष इन्द्रं यो विदानो गिर्वीहसं गीर्भिर्यज्ञवृद्धम् । यस्य
दिवमति मन्हा पृथिव्याः पुरुमायस्य रिरिचे महित्वम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tamu stuṣa indraṁ yo vidāno girvāhasaṁ gīrbhīryajñavṛddham. Yasya divamati mahnā pṛthivyāḥ purumāyasya ririce mahitvam.*

Indra is the lord omniscient who alone knows the ultimate mystery of existence. I adore and glorify him who is the ultimate content of all speech, who is exalted by songs of adoration in yajnas, and whose glory by its sublimity and omnipotence transcends the light of heaven and the magnitude of the world of nature.

स इत्तमोऽव्युनं ततन्वत्सूर्येण व्युनवच्चकार । कदा ते
मती अमृतस्य धामेयक्षन्तो न मिनन्ति स्वधावः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa it tamo'vayunaṁ tatanvat sūryeṇa vayuna-vaccakāra. Kadā te martā amṛtasya dhāmeya-kṣanto na minanti svadhāvaḥ.*

The lord of his own absolute omniscience and omnipotence illuminates the world of darkness and ignorance by the light of expansive knowledge like the sun which dispels the darkness of night. The mortals, O lord immortal, who seek to join your domain never violate your laws.

यस्ता चकार स कुहं स्विदिन्द्रः कमा जनं चरति कासु
विक्षु । कस्तं यज्ञो मनसे शं वराय को अर्क इन्द्र कतमः स
होता ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yastā cakāra sa kuha svidindraḥ kamā janam carati kāsū vikṣu. Kaste yajño manase śaṁ varāya ko arka indra katamaḥ sa hotā.*

Who is that Indra and where, that lord omnipotent who does all those things? Which people does he favour and visit? Among which community or nation? O lord omnipotent, which sacred act of yajna is that which pleases you at heart and gives you the satisfaction of your choice? What sort of praise and adoration? Who is the yajaka you listen to and respond?

इदा हि ते वेविषतः पुराजाः प्रत्नास आसुः पुरुकृत्सखायः ।
ये मध्यमास उत नूतनास उतावमस्य पुरुहूत बोधि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Idā hi te veviṣataḥ purājāḥ pratnāsa āsuḥ purukṛt sakhāyaḥ. Ye madhyamāsa uta nūtanāsa utāvamasya puruhūta bodhi.*

O lord of universal acts, universally invoked and adored, all are your friends, pray know and enlighten

them all here and now, all those who are ancient, old and eminent, middling ones, moderns, most recent ones, existing and active all over the world.

तं पृच्छन्तोऽ वरासुः पराणि प्रत्ना त इन्द्र श्रुत्यानु येमुः ।
अर्चामसि वीर ब्रह्मवाहो यादेव विद्य तात्त्वा महान्तम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Taṁ prcchanto 'varāsaḥ parāṇi pratnā ta indra śrutyānu yemuḥ. Arcāmasi vīra brahmavāho yādeva vidma tāt tvā mahāntam.*

Indra, lord of knowledge and power, brave leader and ruler of the world, the seekers of truth young and old, ancient and modern all, trying to know you by question and answer in faith, go by the Word which is eternal and highest. O lord giver of divine vision, sustainer of the life and wealth of existence, the more we know, the greater we find you and worship you as lord supreme.

अभि त्वा पाजो रक्षसो वि तस्थे महि जज्ञानमभि तत्सु
तिष्ठ । तव प्रत्नेन युज्येन सख्या वज्रेण धृष्णो अप ता
नुदस्व ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Abhi tvā pājo rakṣaso vi tasthe mahi jajñāna-mabhi tat su tiṣṭha. Tava pratnena yujyena sakhyā vajreṇa dhr̥ṣṇo apa tā nudasva.*

Against you stands the force of evil powers, O potent lord of courage and valour, face that firmly and, with your age old ally and friendly thunderbolt of justice and punishment, crush those forces and wipe them out before they rise to dangerous proportions.

स तु श्रुधीन्द्र नूतनस्य ब्रह्मण्यतो वीर कारुधायः ।
त्वं ह्याइपिः प्रदिवि पितृणां शश्वद् बभूथ सुहव एष्टौ ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa tu śrudhīndra nūtanasya brahmaṇyato vīra kārudhāyaḥ. Tvaṁ hyāpiḥ pradivi pitṛṇām śaśvad babhūtha suhava eṣtau.*

Indra, potent lord of courage and valour, sustainer of the artist, scientist and their creations, listen to the prayer of the latest seeker of the wealth and wisdom of existence. O lord responsive to our call in cherished plans and programmes, you are and have been the constant friend and guardian of our forefathers in their search divine for light and fulfilment.

प्रोतये वरुणं मित्रमिन्द्रं मरुतः कृष्वावसे नो अद्य । प्र पूषणं
विष्णुमग्निं पुरन्धिं सवितारमोषधीः पर्वतांश्च ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Protaye varuṇaṁ mitramindraṁ marutaḥ kṛṣvā-vase no adya. Pra pūṣaṇaṁ viṣṇumagnīṁ purandhīm savitāramoṣdhīḥ parvatāmśca.*

O scholar of science, study, research, realise and bring for our protection and advancement the divine bounties of nature: vital udana and prana energies, electricity, winds, nourishing vitality of samana energy, vyana and dhananjaya energies, heat, cosmic energy of universal sustenance, solar energy, herbs, clouds and mountains for showers and herbs.

इम उ त्वा पुरुशाक प्रयज्यो जरितारो अभ्यर्चन्त्यर्कैः । श्रुधी
हवमा हुवतो हुवानो न त्वावाँ अन्यो अमृत त्वदस्ति ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ima u tvā puruśāka prayajyo jaritāro abhyarcantyarkaiḥ. Śrudhī havamā huvato huvāno na tvāvāñ anyo amṛta tvadasti.*

O lord omnipotent, adorable in yajna, these celebrants of your divine powers honour and worship

you with their offers of homage and adoration. Listen to the devotee's call and supplications while invoked. There is none other than you who is like you and who commands powers and virtues such as yours, immortal as you are.

नू म आ वाचमुप याहि विद्वान्विश्वेभिः सूनो सहस्रो यजत्रैः ।
ये अग्निजिह्वा ऋतसाप आसुर्ये मनुं चक्रुरपरं दसाय ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Nū ma ā vācamupa yāhi vidvān viśvebhiḥ sūno sahaso yajatraiḥ. Ye agnijiḥvā ṛtasāpa āsurye manuṁ cakruruparam dasāya.*

O lord of knowledge, creator and giver of strength, listen to my words of prayer and come to me with all universal forms of wealth and those adorable powers worthy of being cherished who have the tongue of fire, serve the truth of divine law and who raise humanity high like the cloud for charity toward the weak and exhausted.

स नो बोधि पुराता सुगेषूत दुर्गेषु पथिकृद्विदानः । ये
अश्रमास उरवो वहिष्ठास्तेभिर्न इन्द्राभि वक्षि वाजम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Sa no bodhi pura-etā sugeṣūta durgeṣu pathikṛd vidānaḥ. Ye aśramāsa uravo vahiṣṭhās-tebhirna indrābhi vakṣi vājam.*

May he, Indra, the lord all-knowing, know us and enlighten us, the leader who goes forward as pioneer over paths both easy and difficult, carving new channels of progress over annals of history, and may he bring us those modes of energy, power and transport which are wide and versatile beyond wear and tear, indefatigable, inexhaustible.

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Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

य एक इद्धव्यश्चर्षणीनामिन्द्रं तं गीर्भिरभ्यर्च आभिः ।
यः पत्यते वृषभो वृष्ण्यावान्तसत्यः सत्वा पुरुमायः
सहस्वान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ya eka iddhavyaścarṣaṇīnāmindraṁ taṁ gīrbhir-abhyarca ābhiḥ. Yaḥ patyate vṛṣabho vṛṣṇyāvānt-satyah satvā purumāyah sahasvān.*

The one sole lord of humanity worthy of yajnic homage is Indra, whom I adore with these words of praise. He it is, lord generous, giver of showers of strength and bliss, eternal, imperishable, omnificent, omnipotent and forbearing who protects and sustains life as supreme father and guardian.

तमु नः पूर्वे पितरो नवग्वाः सप्त विप्रांसो अभि वाजयन्तः ।
नक्षद्दभं ततुरिं पर्वतेष्टामद्रोघवाचं मतिभिः शविष्ठम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tamu naḥ pūrve pitaro navagvāḥ sapta viprāso abhi vājayantaḥ. Nakṣddābhaṁ taturim parvate-ṣṭhāmadroghavācam matibhiḥ śaviṣṭham.*

Him our ancient forefathers and the seven sages, like our five senses, mind and intellect, alongwith their fellow men, have celebrated and glorified, the lord that is tamer and controller of opposition, saviour from suffering, pervasive in clouds and over mountains, sweet of tongue and strongest in force and power.

तमीमह इन्द्रमस्य रायः पुरुवीरस्य नृवतः पुरुक्षोः ।
यो अस्कृधोयुरजरः स्वर्वान्तमा भर हरिवो मादयध्वै ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tamīmaha indramasya rāyaḥ puruvīrasya nṛvataḥ purukṣoḥ. Yo askṛdhoyurajarah svarvān tamā bhara harivo mādayadhyai.*

We pray to Indra for his gifts of wealth, happy progeny, man power and generous abundance which he, lord of unlimited potential, ageless and blissful, commanding men and transport, would, we hope, bring us for his joy and ours.

तन्नो वि वौचो यदि ते पुरा बिज्जरितार आनुशुः सुम्नमिन्द्र ।
कस्ते भागः किं वयो दुध खिद्वः पुरुहूत पुरुवसोऽ-
सुर्धः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tanno vi voco yadi te purā cijjaritāra ānaśuḥ sumnamindra. Kaste bhāgaḥ kiṁ vayo dudhra khidvaḥ puruhūta purūvaso 'suraghnah.*

Indra, speak to us how the ancient celebrants of yours were blest with the gift of peace and joy. Say what is your share and contribution therein, what joy and ecstasy of being, O lord irresistible, forceful, universally invoked, commanding immense riches, destroyer of evil and the wicked.

तं पृच्छन्ती वज्रहस्तं रथेष्ठामिन्द्रं वेपी वक्करी यस्य नू गीः ।
तुविग्राभं तुविकूर्मि रभोदां गातुमिषे नक्षते तुम्रमच्छ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Taṁ pṛcchantī vajrahastam ratheṣṭhāmindram vepī vakvari yasya nū gīḥ. Tuvigrābham tuvikūrmim rabhodām gātumiṣe nakṣate tumramaccha.*

If the voice and words of a person are vibrant with devotion and eloquent with enquiry in right earnest about Indra, lord of power, honour and excellence,

wielder of the thunderbolt in hand, riding the chariot of life, strong with iron grasp, bold in action, giver of tempestuous strength and commander of cosmic force, then such a person wins the lord's favour of dominion over land for food, energy and the happiness of his heart's desire.

अ॒या ह॒ त्वं मा॒यया॑ वावृ॒धानं॑ म॒नोजु॑वा॒ स्वतवः॑ पर्व॒तेन॑ ।
अच्यु॑ता चिद्वी॒ळिता॑ स्वो॒जो रु॒जो वि दृ॒ळ्हा धृ॑ष॒ता
वि॒रप्ति॑न् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ayā ha tyaṁ māyayā vāvṛdhānaṁ manojuvā svatavaḥ parvatena. Acyutā cid vīḷitā svojo rujo vi dṛḷhā dhṛṣatā virapśin.*

O lord of your own essential strength and splendour, divine and exuberant, with this thunder force of yours fast as mind, imperishable and indomitable, pray shatter that stronghold of evil growing by illusion firmly fixed and even reinforced by deceptive reason.

तं वो॑ धि॒या नव्य॑स्या॒ शवि॑ष्ठं प्र॒त्नं प्र॒त्नवत्प॑रितंसु॒यध्यै॑ ।
स नो॑ वक्ष॒दनि॑मा॒नः सु॒वह्मेन्द्रो॑ वि॒श्वान्य॑ति॒ दुर्ग॑हा॒णि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Taṁ vo dhiyā navyasyā śaviṣṭhaṁ pratnaṁ pratnavat paritaṁsayadhyai. Sa no vakṣadani-mānaḥ suvahmendra viśvānyati durgahāṇi.*

May Indra, lord of infinite knowledge and power, bless us and you all with the best and latest vision and intelligence in order that we may adore and glorify the omnipotent eternal lord as ever, and may the lord saviour of the celestial chariot bring the universal strength of action, otherwise unattainable, and take us across all impassable impediments.

आ जनाय द्रुहणे पार्थिवानि दिव्यानि दीपयोऽन्तरिक्षा ।
तपो वृषन्विश्वतः शोचिषा तान्ब्रह्मद्विषे शोचय
क्षामपश्च ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ā janāya druhvaṇe pāṛthivāni divyāni dīpayo'ntarikṣā. Tapā vṛṣan viśvataḥ śociṣā tān brahma-dviṣe śocaya kṣāmapaśca.*

O lord of generous showers of light and purity of peace, light up and reveal the blazing magnificence of the regions of earth, firmament and heaven for people stricken with hate, jealousy and enmity against life, humanity, divinity and revelation of the glory of existence. Let them feel the heat and light of the blaze from all sides, heat up even the green earth and cool waters for them and thus let them be cleansed through suffering and penitence.

भुवो जनस्य दिव्यस्य राजा पार्थिवस्य जगतस्त्वेषसंदृक् ।
धिष्व वज्रं दक्षिण इन्द्र हस्ते विश्वा अजुर्य दयसे वि
मायाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Bhuvo janasya divyasya rājā pāṛthivasya jagatas-tveṣasaṁdrk. Dhiṣva vajraṁ dakṣiṇa indra haste viśvā ajurya dayase vi māyāḥ.*

Indra, self-refulgent ruler of earth and the world of light, of humanity and the moving world, ageless lord of light and justice, take the thunderbolt of light and justice in the right hand, destroy the wiles of the wicked and give the light of knowledge to the seekers.

आ संयतमिन्द्र णः स्वस्तिं शत्रुतूर्यीय बृहतीममृधाम् । यया
दासान्यार्यीणि वृत्रा करो वज्रिन्सुतुका नाहुषाणि ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ā saṁyatamindra ṇaḥ svastiṁ śatrutūryāya bahatīm-amṛdhrām. Yayā dāsānyāryāṇi vṛtrā karo vajrint sutukā nāhuṣāṇi.*

Indra, lord of adamant will and power, ruler of the world, bring in that wide ranging and inviolable peace and well being in a state of constant vigilance and dynamism to win over enmity and opposition by which darkness and ignorance can be replaced by light and knowledge and the lower and average orders of society can be raised to higher state of enlightenment and action.

स नो नियुद्धिः पुरुहूत वेधो विश्ववाराभिरा गहि प्रयज्यो ।
न या अदेवो वरते न देव आभिर्याहि तूयमा मद्र्य-
द्रिक् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Sa no niyudbhiḥ puruhūta vedho viśvavārābhirā gahi prayajyo. Na yā adevo varate na deva ābhir-yāhi tūyamā madryadrik.*

O lord all wise and worshipful, universally adored and invited, come to us by well controlled and well directed modes and means of advancement with those laws and policies of universal interest and value and application, which neither the impious obstruct nor the pious camouflage. Come straight here to us with these without delay.

Mandala 6/Sukta 23

Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

सुत इत्त्वं निमिंश्ल इन्द्र सोमे स्तोमे ब्रह्मणि शस्यमान उक्थे ।
यद्वा युक्ताभ्यां मघवन्हरिभ्यां बिभ्रद्वज्रं बाह्वोरिन्द्र यासि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Suta it tvaṃ nimiśla indra some stome brahmaṇi śasyamāna ukthe. Yad vā yuktābhyām maghavan haribhyām bibhrad vajraṃ bāhvorindra yāsi.*

Indra, lord of honour, wealth and excellence of the world, when the soma is distilled, songs of prayer and adoration are sung and the music of Vedic hymns swells in the air, and when you move and come, one with us, loving and ecstatic, drawn by your own fiery motive powers of saving grace and holding the thunderbolt in hand, you are great and glorious.

यद्वा दिवि पार्ये सुष्विमिन्द्र वृत्रहत्येऽवसि शूरसातौ । यद्वा
दक्षस्य बिभ्युषो अबिभ्यदरन्धयः शर्धत इन्द्र दस्यून् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yad vā divi pārye soṣvimindra vṛtrahatyē'vasi śūrasātau. Yad vā dakṣasya bibhyuṣo abibyd-arandhayaḥ śardhata indra dasyūn.*

Or when, O mighty lord Indra, free from fear, you protect the creator of the soma of life's joy in the battle of the brave for the elimination of darkness and want and for advancement of light and showers of love and cherished prosperity, or when you scare away even the mighty fearsome warriors against life, you shine in divine glory. O lord Indra, we pray, subdue the forces of violence, fear and destruction.

पाता सुतमिन्द्रो अस्तु सोमं प्रणेनीरुग्रो जरितारमृती । कर्ता
वीराय सुष्वय उ लोकं दाता वसुं स्तुवते कीरये चित् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pātā sutamindro astu somaṃ praṇenīrugro jaritāramūṭī. Kartā vīrāya suṣvaya u lokam dātā vasu stuvate kīraye cit.*

May Indra, ruler of the world, be protector of

the joy of life created with cooperative effort under divine guidance. May the lord of splendour be the leader to guide the celebrant to the desired goal in protection and security of justice. May the lord be the creator of a world of beauty for the brave who endeavour to contribute to the health and joy of life. May the lord bless the divine poet and celebrant with wealth and prosperity in life.

गन्तेयान्ति सर्वना हरिभ्यां बभ्रिर्वज्रं पपिः सोमं ददिर्गाः ।
कर्ता वीरं नर्यं सर्ववीरं श्रोता हवं गृणतः स्तोमवाहाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ganteyānti savanā haribhyām babhrirvajraṁ papiḥ somaṁ dadirgāḥ. Kartā vīraṁ naryaṁ sarvavīraṁ śrotā havam gṛṇataḥ stomavāhāḥ.*

Listen ye all celebrants and yajakas, Indra, ruler of the world, is he who reaches all programmes of positive and creative development by the fastest transport with dynamic experts of theory and practice both, who wields thunderous power and weapons, protects, promotes and shares the soma, invigorating joys of life, gives cows, fertile lands and brilliant words of wisdom and guiding policy, creates bravest of the brave leaders, and listens and appreciates the songs and celebrations of the admirers among the people.

अस्मै वयं यद्वावान तद्विविष्म इन्द्राय यो नः प्रदिवो
अपस्कः । सुते सोमे स्तुमसि शंसदुक्थेन्द्राय ब्रह्म वर्धनं
यथासत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Asmai vayam yad vāvāna tad viviṣma indrāya yo naḥ pradivo apaskaḥ. Sute some stumasi śaṁsa-dukthendrāya brahma vardhanam yathāsat.*

Whatever Indra, lord ruler of light and love, wishes, we do for him since he creates for us the holy acts and does all other divine acts of sustenance. When the soma is distilled and the songs of praise arise, we celebrate and exalt him so that knowledge, food, energy and moral rectitude may arise and grow the way it should.

ब्रह्माणि हि चकृषे वर्धनानि तावत्त इन्द्र मृतिभिर्विविष्मः ।
सुते सोमै सुतपाः शन्तमानि रान्द्र्या क्रियास्म वक्ष्णानि
यज्ञैः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Brahmāṇi hi cakṛṣe vardhanāni tāvat ta indra matibhir-viviṣmaḥ. Sute some sutapāḥ śanta-māni rāndryā kriyāśma vakṣaṇāni yajñaiḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler, the more noble acts of growth and development you do, the more with our intelligentsia and our people we do our acts of duty for you. O lord lover of honour and excellence, when the work is done, the soma is distilled and the time is come for celebration, we do praise worthy acts with yajnas and sing most delightful songs of joy in your honour.

स नो बोधि पुरोळाशं रराणः पिबा तु सोमं गोऋजीकमिन्द्र ।
एदं बर्हिर्यजमानस्य सीदोरुं कृधि त्वायत उ लोकम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Sa no bodhi puroḷāṣaṁ rarāṇaḥ pibā tu somaṁ gorṇīkamindra. Edaṁ barhir-yajamānasya sīdo-
rum kṛdhi tvāyata u lokam.*

Indra, lord of majesty, know and enlighten us, happily taste the delicious pudding and drink the exhilarating soma seasoned with cow's milk so soothing to the mind and senses. Come, be seated on the

yajamana's vedi, and create a wider and higher world of beauty for your devotees.

स मन्दस्वा ह्यनु जोषमुग्र प्र त्वा यज्ञास इमे अश्नुवन्तु ।

प्रेमे हवीसः पुरुहुतमस्मे आ त्वेयं धीरवस इन्द्र यम्याः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Sa mandasvā hyanu joṣamugra pra tvā yajñāsa ime aśnuvantu. Preme havāsaḥ puruhūtamāsme ā tveyaṁ dhīravasa indra yamyāḥ.*

Indra, refulgent lord, enjoy and rejoice in response to these yajnic acts of our homage as they may please you, and may these our addresses of invocation reach you, lord universally loved, and may this song of adoration and enlightened awareness appeal to you for our protection and advancement.

तं वः सखायः सं यथा सुतेषु सोमैभिरीं पृणता भोजमिन्द्रम् ।
कु वित्तस्मा असति नो भराय न सुष्विमिन्द्रोऽवसे
मृधाति ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Taṁ vaḥ sakhāyaḥ saṁ yathā suteṣu somebhirīm prṇatā bhojamindram. Kuvit tasmā asati no bharāya na suṣvimindro'vase mṛdhāti.*

O friends, in all your acts of divine service, admire and adore Indra, lord giver of light and food, with yajnic offers of water and endeavours of creative joy dedicated to him so that the great and magnanimous lord would be gracious in the sustenance and protection of you and us all, since he never forsakes the earnest creator of soma.

एवेदिन्द्रः सुते अस्तावि सोमै भ्रद्वाजेषु क्षयदिन्मघोनः ।
असद्यथा जरित्र उत सूरिन्द्रो रायो विश्ववारस्य
दाता ॥ १० ॥

10. *Evedindrah sute astāvi some bharadvājeṣu kṣayadinmaghonaḥ. Asad yathā jaritra uta sūri-rindro rāyo viśvavārasya dātā.*

Thus is Indra admired and adored among saints and scholars in the world of honour and excellence when the soma is distilled and ready for celebration so that he, lord of honour, power and knowledge, may settle and abide by men of power and prosperity and be the giver of universal wealth of value to the devoted celebrant.

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वृषा मद् इन्द्रे श्लोक उक्त्वा सचा सोमेषु सुतपा ऋजीषी ।
अर्चत्र्यो मघवा नृभ्य उक्थैर्दुक्षो राजा गिरामक्षितोतिः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vṛṣā mada indre śloka ukthā sacā someṣu sutapā rjīṣī. Arcatrya maghavā nṛbhya ukthairdyukṣo rājā girāmakṣitotiḥ.*

Indra, refulgent ruler, is generous as a cloud of showers in the holy programmes of peace and progress of the social order, joy incarnate, delightful as a poem, sacred as a hymn, loved as a friend, lover and protector of the people's happiness and achievement, simple, honest and natural in conduct, admired, revered and consecrated for the people and celebrated by the holiest of their voices, lord of honour, power and glory wrapped in heavenly light, inviolable, ever protective, a very haven of peace and security.

तत्तुरिर्वीरो नर्यो विचेताः श्रोता हवं गृणत उर्व्यूतिः । वसुः
शंसो नरां कारुधाया वाजी स्तुतो विदथे दाति वाजम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Taturirvīro naryo vicetāḥ śrotā havam̐ gr̥natā urvyūtiḥ. Vasuḥ śaṁso narām̐ kārudhāyā vājī stuto vidathe dāti vājam.*

Pressing fast forward against the enemies, brave, leader of leaders, wide awake and all aware, attentive to the call of the supplicant, all round protector of the people, haven and home and real asset of the nation, admired by the people, patron of artists and expert professionals, swift and powerful, adored in yajnic programmes, Indra, the ruler, gives speed and sustenance to the nation's progress.

अक्षो न चक्रयोः शूर बृहन्प्र ते मृह्य रिरिच्ये रोदस्योः ।
वृक्षस्य नु ते पुरुहूत वया व्युत्तयो रुरुहुरिन्द्र पूर्वीः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Akṣo na cakryoh̐ śūra br̥han pra te mahnā ririce rodasyoh̐. Vṛkṣasya nu te puruhūta vayā vyūtayo ruruhūrindra pūrvīḥ.*

Like the axis of two moving bodies such as two wheels or stars and planets or sun and earth, O mighty lord of majesty, Indra, universally invoked and adored, the eternal processes of your creation, protection and promotion of the expansive universe grow and extend like the branches of a tree by virtue of your infinite power and excell the light of the sun and generosity of the earth.

शचीवतस्ते पुरुशाक् शाका गवामिव स्तुतयः संचरणीः ।
वत्सानां न तन्तयस्त इन्द्र दामन्वन्तो अदामानः सुदामन् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Śacīvataste puruśāka śākā gavāmiva srutayaḥ saṁcaraṇīḥ. Vatsānām̐ na tantayasta indra dāmanvanto adāmānaḥ sudāman.*

Indra, refulgent lord ruler of the world, destroyer of suffering, manifold are your deeds, unbounded your intelligence, and countless your people. The abundant streams of your generous acts are expansive, associative and convergent like waves of light rays and paths of cows and orbits of stars, and, like tethers of the calves and axes of planets, they are controllers and yet givers of freedom, O generous lord of law and liberty.

अन्यदद्य कर्वरमन्यदु श्वोऽसच्च सन्मुहुराचक्रिरिन्द्रः ।
मित्रो नो अत्र वरुणश्च पूषाऽर्यो वशस्य पर्येतास्ति ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Anyadadya karvaramanyadu śvo'sacca sanmuhurācakririndraḥ. Mitro no atra varuṇaśca pūṣā'ryo vaśvasya paryetāsti.*

Indra, our friend here, great and just, life giver and sustainer, master and over all controller of controllers does one act today, another tomorrow, creative and destructive, integrating and disintegrating, making and unmaking, and goes on doing thus again and again in a positive cyclic order.

वि त्वदापो न पर्वतस्य पृष्ठादुक्थेभिरिन्द्रानयन्त यज्ञैः । तं
त्वाभिः सुष्टुतिभिर्वाजयन्त आजिं न जग्मुर्गिर्वाहो
अश्वाः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vi tvadāpo na parvatasya prṣṭhādukthebhirindrānayanta yajñaiḥ. Taṁ tvabhiḥ suṣṭutibhirvājayanta ājīm na jagmurgirvāho aśvāḥ.*

Indra, lord of beneficence sung and celebrated in hymns of holiness, just as warriors rush to battle for victory, so do joyous devotees and celebrants eager for karmic action and life's victory hasten to you with

homage and yajnas performed with these hymns of praise and songs of adoration, and then, just as rain showers pour from the heights of clouds and streams flow down from the top of mountains, so do fruits of piety and gifts of divine grace shower down and flow, from you.

न यं जरन्ति शरदो न मासा न द्याव इन्द्रमवकर्शयन्ति ।
वृद्धस्य चिद्वर्धतामस्य तनूः स्तोमेभिरुक्थैश्च शस्य-
माना ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Na yañ jaranti śarado na māsā na dyāva indra-mavakarśayanti. Vṛddhasya cid vardhatāmasya tanūḥ stomebhir-ukthaiśca śasyamānā.*

Winters and years wither him not, nor months weaken him, nor the sun and days wear out Indra celebrated by hymns of divine praise and songs of adoration. May the existential manifestation of the lord supreme, eternal Indra grow on and on in majesty. May the body and mind of this eternal jiva, individual soul, grow by the chant of sacred songs and hymns of divine praise.

न वीळवे नमते न स्थिराय न शर्धते दस्युजूताय स्तवान् ।
अज्रा इन्द्रस्य गिरयश्चिदृष्व गम्भीरे चिद्भवति गाध-
मस्मै ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Na vīḷave namate na sthirāya na śardhate dasyujūtāya stavān. Ajrā indrasya girayaścird-ṛṣvā gambhīre cid bhavati gādhamasmai.*

He bows not to the strong and forceful, nor bends before the resolute, nor does he praise or flatter the bold nor anyone allied to the wicked. Mighty

mountains are, for Indra, plain as fields, and for him the ocean in the depth becomes firm ground and a fordable flow.

गम्भीरेण न उरुणामत्रिन्प्रेषो यन्धि सुतपावन्वाजान् । स्था
ऊ षु ऊर्ध्व ऊती अरिषण्यन्नक्तोव्युष्टौ परितक्म्यायाम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Gambhīreṇa na uruṇāmatrin preṣo yandhi sutapāvan vājān. Stha ū ṣu ūrdhva ūtī ariṣaṇya-nnaktorvyuṣṭau paritakmyāyām.*

Mighty lord, purifier and sanctifier of things in the world of creation, with deep love, profound purpose and grace unbound, give us abundance of food and energy and wide ranging knowledge and success. Stay with us constant with your protection high over us, at dawn and at dusk, night and day without hurt or let up.

सचस्व नायमवसे अभीक इतो वा तमिन्द्र पाहिरिषः ।
अमा चैनमरण्ये पाहिरिषो मदेम शतहिमाः सुवीराः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sacasva nāyamavase abhika ito vā tamindra pāhi riṣaḥ. Amā cainamaranye pāhi riṣo madema śatahimāḥ suvīrāḥ.*

Indra, ruling lord of the realm, be with us, our leadership and our policy, and justice for protection and progress. Save the system here and afar, at home and abroad, from fear and violence so that, blest with the brave, we may live and rejoice for a full hundred years.

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या त ऊतिरवमा या परमा या मध्यमेन्द्र शुष्मिन्नस्ति ।
ताभिरू षु वृत्रहृत्यऽवीर्न एभिश्च वाजैर्महान्न उग्र ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yā ta ūtiravamā yā paramā yā madhyamendra
śuṣminnasti. Tābhirū ṣu vṛtrahatye'vīrna ebhiśca
vājair-mahān na ugra.*

Indra, mighty ruler, dispenser of justice and giver of inspiring vigour and vision, whatever your modes of safety and security at the primary level, whatever at the middle level and whatever of the highest level of the order, with all those protect us in the battle against darkness, want and negation, and bless us with these flights of progress and victory, O lord great and refulgent.

आभिः स्पृधो मिथतीररिषण्यन्नमित्रस्य व्यथया मन्युमिन्द्र ।
आभिर्विश्वा अभियुजो विबूचीरायीय विशोऽव तारी-
र्दसीः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ābhiḥ sprdho mithatīrariṣaṇyannamitrasya
vyathayā manyumindra. Ābhirviśvā abhiyujō
viṣūcīrāyāya viśo'va tārīrdāsīḥ.*

Indra, mighty ruler and commander, with these forces of defence and protection engaged in action, break down the pride and morale of the enemy and, with these, without loss of men and materials or interests of the country, protect and advance the cooperative powers employed across the land, the people, and the services for the noble citizens of the nation.

इन्द्र जामय उत येऽजामयोऽवाचीनासो वनुषो ययुज्रे ।
त्वमेषां विथुरा शवांसि जहि वृष्ण्यानि कृणुही पराचः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Indra jāmaya uta ye'jāmayo 'rvācīnāso vanuṣo
yuyujre. Tvameṣāṃ vithurā śavānsi jahi vṛṣṇyāni
kṛṇuhī parācaḥ.*

Indra, mighty ruler and commander of the common wealth, whether it is your own people or other distant ones or saboteurs who join upfront against you to injure the system, you destroy their forces of sabotage, eliminate their growing potential and throw them out.

शूरो वा शूरं वनते शरीरैस्तनूचा तरुषि यत्कृण्वैते ।

तोके वा गोषु तनये यदप्सु वि क्रन्दसी उर्वरासु ब्रवैते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Śūro vā śūraṁ vanate śarīrais-tanūrucā taruṣi yat kṛṇvaite. Toke vā goṣu tanaye yadapsu vi krandasī urvarāsu bravaite.*

When the brave engage the brave in battle with brilliance of physical force of body, or when people argue, dispute and shout over rights and inheritance in relation to children and grand children, or about fertile lands and cows or waters, then, too, judge and resolve the dispute.

नहि त्वा शूरो न तुरो न धृष्णुर्न त्वा योद्धो मन्यमानो युयोध ।

इन्द्र नकिष्ट्वा प्रत्यस्त्येषां विश्वा जातान्यभ्यसि तानि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nahi tvā śūro na turo na dhṛṣṇurna tvā yodho manyamāno yuyodha. Indra nakiṣṭvā pratya-styeṣāṁ viśvā jātānyabhyasi tāni.*

Neither the brave nor impetuous nor violent nor warrior, however great and proud, can stand and fight against you. Indra, lord almighty, none is your equal, none adversary, you are supreme over all those that are born and existent.

स पत्यत उभयोर्नृम्णमयोर्यदी वेधसः समिथे हवन्ते । वृत्रे

वा महो नृवति क्षये वा व्यचस्वन्ता यदि वितन्तसैते ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Sa patyata ubhayorṇṛmṇamayoryadī vedhasaḥ samithe havante. Vṛtre vā maho nṛvati kṣaye vā vyacasvantā yadi vitantasaite.*

If two partners in the matter of integration or division or separation of finances or management of a large corporate organisation of men dispute, then he gets control of the money or the assets whom judges of piety and penetrative intelligence call upon to manage, and above all Indra, the ruler, is the ultimate master.

अध् स्मा ते चर्षणयो यदेजानिन्द्र त्रातोत भवा वरूता ।
अस्माकांसो ये नृतमासो अर्य इन्द्र सूरयो दधिरे पुरो
नः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Adha smā te carṣaṇayo yadejānindra trātota bhavā varūtā. Asmākāso ye nṛtamāso arya indra sūrayo dadhire puro naḥ.*

And also, O lord ruler and master, giver of honour and excellence, destroyer of evil and wickedness, Indra, be the saviour and protector of all your people specially of those who are stricken with fear. Be the defender and promoter of those people of ours who are the highest leading lights and bravest heroes who hold the forts and maintain the cities for us.

अनु ते दायि मह इन्द्रियाय सत्रा ते विश्वमनु वृत्रहत्ये ।
अनु क्षत्रमनु सहो यजत्रेन्द्र देवेभिरनु ते नृषहो ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Anu re dāyi maha indriyāya satrā te viśvamanu vṛtrahatyē. Anu kṣatramanu saho yajatrendra devebhiranu te nṛṣahye.*

Consequently, O lord most adorable, supreme

ruler, protector of life and destroyer of negation, appropriate to your greatness and majesty, in keeping with the honour and dignity of the world social order, and in view of the courage and fortitude required to face the challenges to humanity, the whole world is given unto you and entrusted, in truth, by the leading lights and brilliant visionaries of nations in the battle of light against darkness, of goodness against evil, and of prosperity against want and squalor.

एवा नः स्पृधः समजा समत्स्विन्द्र रारन्धि मिथतीरदेवीः ।
विद्यामवस्तोरवसा गुणन्तो भरद्वाजा उत त इन्द्र नूनम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Evā naḥ sprdhaḥ samajā samatsvindra rārandhi mithatīradevīḥ. Vidyāma vastoravasā gṛṇanto bharadvājā uta ta indra nūnam.*

Thus, O lord Indra, giver of honour and victory, we pray, inspire us to advance in our ambition to win over our rivals in the battles of life. O lord destroyer, subdue the warring forces of darkness and selfishness. Let us all, celebrants and men of knowledge and action, singing and celebrating your honour day and night, know you for sure and win the victories by virtue of your guidance and protection.

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श्रुधी न इन्द्र हव्यामसि त्वा महो वाजस्य सातौ वावृषाणाः ।
सं यद्विशोऽयन्त शूरसाता उग्रं नोऽवः पार्ये अहन्दाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Śrudhī na indra hvayāmasi tvā maho vājasya sātau vāvṛṣāṇāḥ. Saṁ yad viśo'yanta śūrasātā ugraṁ no'vaḥ pārye ahan dāḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler and giver of honour and excellence, listen to us: overwhelming and exuberant we call upon you in the great battle of sustenance and advancement. When the people march on in the battle of the brave, then on the decisive day give us the blazing passion of your force and protection to victory.

त्वां वाजी हवते वाजिनेयो महो वाजस्य गध्यस्य सातौ ।
त्वां वृत्रेष्विन्द्र सत्पतिं तरुत्रं त्वां चष्टे मुष्टिहा गोषु
युध्यन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvām vājī havate vājineyo maho vājasya gadhyasya sātau. Tvām vṛtreṣvindra satpatiṁ tarutram tvām caṣṭe muṣṭihā goṣu yudhyan.*

The war-like scion of a heroic family of learned leaders and scholars, seeker of a great new success just at hand in the field of food, energy, knowledge and progress, invokes you, Indra, potent lord victor, you saviour of devotees and defender of truth, and, fighting hand to hand, looks up to you at the decisive moment of victory for the acquisition of new wealths of light and development of lands, cows and branches of energy.

त्वं कविं चोदयोऽर्कसातौ त्वं कुत्साय शुष्णं दाशुषे वक् ।
त्वं शिरो अमर्मणः पराहन्नतिथिग्वाय शंस्यं करिष्यन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvaṁ kaviṁ codayo'rkasātau tvaṁ kutsāya śuṣṇaṁ dāśuṣe vark. Tvaṁ śīro amarmaṇaḥ parāhannatithigvāya śamsyaṁ kariṣyan.*

You enthuse and inspire the creative visionary in the work on solar energy, thunder and lightning. You break open the secrets of concentrated energy for the man of power and generosity. Thus you shake and

subdue the head of invulnerable pride and intransigence and do praise-worthy service to the leader who honours and keeps open house for visiting scholars.

त्वं रथं प्र भरो योधमृष्वमावो युध्यन्तं वृषभं दशद्युम् ।

त्वं तुग्रं वेतसवे सचाहन्त्वं तुजिं गृणन्तमिन्द्र तूतोः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvaṃ ratham pra bharo yodhamṛṣvamāvo yudhyantaṃ vṛṣabhaṃ daśadyum. Tvaṃ tugraṃ vetasave sacāhan tvaṃ tujim grṇantamindra tūtoḥ.*

Indra, ruler and commander, you create and maintain an invulnerable war chariot and protect the strong fighting force shining in ten directions for days on end. In full dedication to the honour and brilliance of the social order, destroy violence and terror and advance the strong, promotive and allied powers that do honour to the nation.

त्वं तदुक्थमिन्द्र बर्हणा कः प्र यच्छता सहस्रा शूर दर्शि ।

अव गिरेर्दासं शम्बरं हुन्प्रावो दिवोदासं चित्राभिरूती ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvaṃ tadukthamindra barhaṇā kaḥ pra yacchatā sahasrā śūra darṣi. Ava girerdāsaṃ śambaram han prāvo divodāsaṃ citrābhirūti.*

Indra, mighty destroyer of evil and preserver of the good, it is praise worthy that with your great force you destroy a hundred thousand evils, O brave lord, and, with wondrous saving powers, release from the cloud pent up showers, so soothing and refreshing, and thus relieve and protect humanity dedicated as a liberal servant of divinity.

त्वं श्रद्धाभिर्मन्दसानः सोमैर्दभीतये चुमुरिमिन्द्र सिष्वप् ।
त्वं रजिं पिठीनसे दशस्यन्ष्टिं सहस्रा शच्या सचाहन् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvaṁ śraddhabhir-mandasānaḥ somairdabhī-taye cumurim-indra siṣvap. Tvaṁ rajiṁ piṭhīnase daśasyan ṣaṣṭiṁ sahasrā śacyā sacāhan.*

Indra, ruling lord destroyer and preserver, rejoicing with faithful homage and joyous celebrations of dedicated followers, you send the oppressive ogre to sleep in order to save the oppressed and, favouring the man of right conduct in keeping with your holiness, you give him the right direction and ward off a sixty thousand obstacles from his path.

अहं च न तत्सूरिभिरानश्यां तव ज्याय इन्द्र सुम्नमोजः । त्वया
यत्स्तवन्ते सधवीर वीरास्त्रिवरूथेन नहुषा शविष्ठ ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ahaṁ cana tat sūribhir-ānaśyāṁ tava jyāya indra sumnamojaḥ. Tvaṁ yat stavante sadhavīra vīrāstrivarūthena nahuṣā śaviṣṭha.*

Indra, bravest lord of the house of the brave, I pray, may I too, along with the learned and the wise and great, attain that high order of vigour and splendour, peace and well being, with the grace of your presence bestowed by you, lord of three worlds, which the brave and learned people value, admire and pray for.

वयं ते अस्यामिन्द्र द्युम्नहूतौ सखायः स्याम महिन् प्रेष्ठाः ।
प्रातर्दनिः क्षत्रश्रीरस्तु श्रेष्ठो घने वृत्राणां सनये धना-
नाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Vayaṁ te asyāmindra dyumnahūtau sakhāyaḥ syāma mahina preṣṭhāḥ. Prātardaniḥ kṣatraśrī-rastu śreṣṭho ghane vṛtrāṇāṁ sanaye dhanānām.*

Indra, greatest lord of grace and glory, may we, in this yajnic programme of power and prosperity of the human nation, be your dearest friends and supportive participants, and may the rising generosity and gracious glory of the world order rise highest in our battle against darkness of ignorance, injustice and poverty for the achievement of all round prosperity and well being.

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किमस्य मदे किम्वस्य पीताविन्द्रः किमस्य सख्ये चकार ।
रणा वा ये निषदि किं ते अस्य पुरा विविद्रे किमु
नूतनासः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kimasya made kimvasya pītāvindrah kimasya sakhye cakāra. Raṇā vā ye niṣadi kiṁ te asya purā vividre kimu nūtanāsaḥ.*

What does Indra, destroyer of suffering, do in the ecstasy of this soma, for the beauty and glory of this order? What in the exuberance of the drink, in the joyous experience of its management and satisfaction therefrom? What in the friendly identity with it and its people? And what do they know and discern, the veterans and the youngest of the new generation, who joyously celebrate in the company of this Indra in the House? What do they gain?

सदस्य मदे सद्वस्य पीताविन्द्रः सदस्य सख्ये चकार ।
रणा वा ये निषदि सते अस्य पुरा विविद्रे सदु नूतनासः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sadasya made sadvasya pītāvindrah sadasya sakhye cakāra. Raṇā vā ye niṣadi sat te asya purā vividre sadu nūtanāsaḥ.*

Noble deeds of the truth of its reality does Indra perform in the rapture of its dignity, noble and true indeed when he drinks of the soma of that experience, nothing but the truth and dignity of action and policy in friendly identity with this social order. And they who joyously sit in his company in the House identified with the glory of this order, veterans as well as new ones, they too know and realise the truth and the reality, nothing but the truth, whole and undiluted.

नहि नु ते महिमानः समस्य न मघवन्मघवत्त्वस्य विद्म ।
न राधसोराधसो नूतनस्येन्द्र नकिर्ददृश इन्द्रियं ते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Nahi nu te mahimanaḥ samasya na maghavan maghavattvasya vidma. Na rādhaso rādhaso nūtanasyendra nakirdadṛśa indriyaṁ te.*

Indra, lord of wealth, power and majesty, we know not anyone equal to you in greatness and glory, nothing like your regality and munificence, nothing so perfect as your perfection which reveals ever new possibilities. None comprehends your omniscience and your omnipotence.

एतत्त्यत्त इन्द्रियमचेति येनावधीर्वरशिखस्य शेषः । वज्रस्य
यत्ते निहतस्य शुष्मात्स्वनाच्चिदिन्द्र परमो ददार ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Etat tyat ta indriyamaceti yenāvadhīrvaraśikhasya śeṣaḥ. Vajrasya yat te nihatasya śuṣmāt svanāccidindra paramo dadāra.*

Indra, lord of power and perfection, this omnipotence of yours is apprehended when with it you strike and destroy the greatest and highest adversary to the very end, which too is just the tip of the might of

omnipotence, and when, by the force of the mere roar and rumble of the thunderbolt hurled, the proudest enemy is shattered.

वधीदिन्द्रो वरशिखस्य शेषोऽभ्यावर्तिने चायमानाय
शिक्षन् । वृचीवन्तो यद्धरियूपीयायां हन्पूर्वे अर्धे भियसापरो
दत् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Vadhīdindro varaśikhasya śeṣo'bhyāvartine cāyamānāya śikṣan. Vṛcīvato yaddhariyūpīyāyāṁ han pūrve ardhe bhiyasāparo dart.*

Just as Indra, the sun, breaks the cloud on high to the last drop of rain, so should Indra, eminent teacher as well as the ruler, in the act of giving instruction to the dedicated learners all round vigilant in a sustained manner, while giving them pioneering enlightenment in their love of scholars and scholarship, dispel their basic fear, ignorance and negative tendencies and thus eliminate the possibilities of later resurgence of evil with the healthy fear of unknown and unexpected consequences.

त्रिंशच्छतं वर्मिण इन्द्र साकं यव्यावत्यां पुरुहूत श्रवस्या ।
वृचीवन्तः शरवे पत्यमानाः पात्रा भिन्दाना न्यर्थान्या-
यन् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Trimśacchatam varmiṇa indra sākam yavyāvatyāṁ puruhūta śravasyā. Vṛcīvantāḥ śarave patyamānāḥ pātrā bhindānā nyarthānyāyan.*

Indra, mighty lord ruler universally invoked and honoured, let thirty hundred renowned warriors in armour in a well provided army in top gear breaking through the enemy lines, shattering the defences, achieve

their decisive goal.

यस्य गावावरुषा सूयवस्यू अन्तरू षु चरतो रेरिहाणा । स
सृज्जयाय तुर्वशं परादाद वृचीवतो दैववाताय शिक्षन् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yasya gāvāvaruśā sūyavasyū antarū ṣu carato
rerihāṇā. Sa sṛñjayāya turvaśam parādād
vṛcīvato daivavātāya śikṣan.*

The ruler whose power and law, internal policy and external defence, both like two healthy, ruddy and loving cows, well provided and happily self-satisfied, operate in the dominion, he, training the efficient force in radiative communication and productive science, would throw off the destructive elements of the state.

द्वयाँ अग्ने रथिनो विंशतिं गा वधूमतो मघवा मह्यं सम्राट् ।
अभ्यावर्ती चायमानो ददाति दूणाशेयं दक्षिणा पार्थ-
वानाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Dvayāñ agne rathino viṁśatiṁ gā vadhūmato
maghavā mahyaṁ samrāt. Abhyāvarī cāya-māno
dadāti dūṇāśeyaṁ dakṣiṇā pārthavānām.*

Agni, refulgent ruler, commanding wealth, power, honour and excellence, dynamic leader ever on the move for progress and victory, revered and celebrated all round, gives me both chariot warriors for defence of the nation and happy families and a team of twenty creative ministers to bear the burdens of the nation, which gift from any of global rulers is invulnerable indeed.

Mandala 6/Sukta 28***Gavah or Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi*****आ गावो अगमन्नुत भद्रमक्रन्त्सीदन्तु गोष्ठे रणयन्त्वस्मे ।****प्रजावतीः पुरुरूपा इह स्युरिन्द्राय पूर्विरुषसो दुहानाः ॥ १ ॥**

1. *Ā gāvo agmannuta bhadram-akrantsīdantu goṣṭhe raṇayantvasme. Prajāvatiḥ pururūpā iha syurindrāya pūrvīruṣaso duhānāḥ.*

Let the cows come as rays of the sun, sit and rest in the stalls, be happy and bring us happiness and good fortune. May they be fertile with many calves, of many colours and breeds, abundant, yielding plenty of milk for the health and prosperity of the nation, and thereby let them be harbingers of light like the morning dawns.

इन्द्रो यज्वने पृणते च शिक्षत्युपेदधाति न स्वं मुषायति ।**भूयो'भूयो रयिमिदस्य वर्धयन्नभिन्ने खिल्ये नि दधाति देवयुम् ॥ २ ॥**

2. *Indro yajvane pṛṇate ca śikṣatyuped dadāti na svaṁ muṣāyati. Bhūyobhūyo rayimidasya vardhayannabhinne khilye ni dadhāti devayum.*

Indra, the ruler, gives protection and maintenance grants to the man dedicated to yajna. He engages him in creative and educational work and thus gives him fulfilment and purpose in life. This way too he does not deplete his own knowledge and culture but maintains it. Constantly and continuously he adds to the wealth of the nation and, in every region of the land, he looks after and maintains the devotees of learning, society and divinity without taking away anything from

them materially.

न ता न॑श॒न्ति न द॑भाति॒ तस्क॑रो नासा॒मामि॒त्रो व्य॑थिरा
द॒धर्ष॑ति । दे॒वाँश्च॑ या॒भिर्य॑ज॒ते ददा॑ति च॒ ज्यो॒गित्ता॒भिः
सच॑ते गोप॒तिः स॒ह ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Na tā naśanti na dabhāti taskaro nāsāmāmitro vyathirā dadharṣati. Devāṅśca yābhiryajate dadāti ca jyogit tābhiḥ sacate gopatiḥ saha.*

Knowledge, fruits of yajna, generosity, patronage of learning and culture, these rays of light do not perish nor deplete nor fade away. The thief steals them not, no enemy can afflict them, nor can anyone injure or insult them. The lord of these cows, lights and radiations, with which he serves the divinities, learned and the wise, gives, creates and adds to life's beauty, also, he constantly and continuously lives, lasts and rises with them.

न ता अ॒वी र॑णु॒कका॑टो अ॒श्नु॒ते न सं॑स्कृ॒तत्र॑मु॒प॒ यन्ति॑ ता
अ॒भि । उ॒रुगा॑य॒मभ॑यं॒ तस्य॑ ता अ॒नु गा॒वो म॑र्त॒स्य वि॑ च॒रन्ति॑
यज्व॑नः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Na tā arvā reṇukakāṭo āsnute na saṁskṛtatramupa yanti tā abhi. Urugāyamabhayaṁ tasya tā anu gāvo martasya vi caranti yajvanah.*

Neither a vociferous brute raising clouds of dust like a war horse attains to these rays of light and culture, nor do these radiations penetrate the thick head of a violent man insulated against enlightenment. Like cows, the rays of refinement roam freely round the open pastures of the generous man of yajna and social service, a boundless world of freedom and fearlessness.

गावो भगो गाव इन्द्रो मे अच्छान् गावः सोमस्य प्रथमस्य
भक्षः । इमा या गावः स जनास् इन्द्र इच्छमीदृदा मनसा
चिदिन्द्रम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Gāvo bhago gāva indro me acchān gāvaḥ
somasya prathamasya bhakṣaḥ. Imā yā gāvaḥ sa
janāsa indra icchāmīddhṛdā manasā cidindram.*

May Bhaga, lord of wealth and good fortune, give me cows. May Indra, lord of power and majesty, give me good cows. May Bhaksha, adorable lord of primal food, energy and ecstasy of life, give me good cows for milk. O people, O lord of power and glory, Indra, I love and love to have all that is cows, i.e., mothers of food and energy, sources of sweetness, light and culture, masters of knowledge and wisdom, honour and excellence. I love that all with my heart and mind, the beauty, the glory, the ecstasy!

यूयं गावो मेदयथा कृशं चिदश्रीरं चित्कृणुथा सुप्रतीकम् ।
भद्रं गृहं कृणुथ भद्रवाचो बृहद्वो वय उच्यते सभासु ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yūyam gāvo medayathā kṛśam cidaśrīram cit
kṛṇuthā supratīkam. Bhadram grham kṛṇutha
bhadravāco brhad vo vaya ucyate sabhāsu.*

You develop the cows of life, mother spirits of body, mind and soul. Give health and vigour to the weak and emaciated, turn the ugly and unpleasant to beautiful, graceful and illustrious. Make the home overflow with peace, prosperity and the bliss of good fortune. You command noble speech in the assemblies of the wise and powerful leaders so that your life and work is praised and appreciated wide and high in the world.

प्रजावतीः सूयवसं रिशन्तीः शुद्धा अपः सुप्रपाणे पिबन्तीः ।
मा वः स्तेन ईशत माघशंसः परि वो हेती रुद्रस्य
वृज्याः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Prajāvatīḥ sūyavasam riśantīḥ śuddhā apaḥ
suprapāṇe pibantīḥ. Mā vaḥ stena īśata māgha-
śamsaḥ pari vo heṭi rudrasya vṛjyāḥ.*

O fertile and abundant cows blest with calves, feeding on fine green grass and drinking pure water from transparent pools, may no thief ever overpower you, may no strike of the cruel and sinful butcher ever slaughter you.

(Swami Dayanand applies this mantra to the duties of the ruler: The ruler should look after the cattle wealth of the country. The government must protect and promote the cows. Not only that. Even the people and their education culture and efficiency are, like the holy cow, to be protected against violence and promoted with good food and water and all means of prevention of social crime and violence.)

उपेदमुपपर्चनमासु गोषूप पृच्यताम् ।
उप ऋषभस्य रेतस्युपेन्द्र तव वीर्ये ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Upedamupaparcanamāsu goṣūpa pṛcyatām.
Upa ṛṣabhasya retasyupendra tava vīrye.*

In this social order and in the policy, let there be a union and identity of the ruler with the people, their lands and their languages. Indra, noble and illustrious ruler, all giver, let the people share, join and support you in your creative acts of courage and development.

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इन्द्रं वो नरः सखायं सेपुर्महो यन्तः सुमतये चकानाः ।
 महो हि दाता वज्रहस्तो अस्ति महामु रण्वमवसे यज-
 ध्वम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indram vo narah sakhyāya sepurmaho yantah
 sumataye cakānāḥ. Maho hi dātā vajrahasto asti
 mahāmu raṇvamavase yajadhvam.*

O citizens of the land, leading lights of humanity in love with knowledge, wisdom and guidance, to win your friendship and to rise to the heights of life for your sake, honour and serve Indra, supreme ruler, lord of knowledge and power. Great is he, all giver, and wields the sceptre of light, power and justice. Join the great lord of love and joy and honour him with homage and yajnic service for protection and progress.

आ यस्मिन्हस्ते नयीं मिमिक्षुरा रथे हिरण्यये स्थेष्ठाः ।
 आ रश्मयो गभस्त्योः स्थूरयोराध्वन्नश्वासो वृषणो
 युजानाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ā yasmin haste naryā mimikṣurā rathe hiraṇyaye
 ratheṣṭhāḥ. Ā rāśmayo gabhastyoḥ sthūrayō
 rādhvannaśvāso vṛṣaṇo yujānāḥ.*

Indra in whose hands are all the gifts of life for mankind rides the golden chariot of the cosmos, holding reins of the world in his mighty hands, controlling the potent forces of nature like horses on the course of time and destiny.

श्रिये ते पादा दुव आ मिमिक्षुर्धृष्णुर्वज्री शवसा
दक्षिणावान् । वसानो अत्कं सुरभिं दृशे कं स्वर्ण
नृतविषिरो बभूथ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Śriye te pādā duva ā mimikṣurdhr̥ṣṇurvajrī śavasā
dakṣiṇāvān. Vasāno atkaṁ surabhiṁ dṛśe kaṁ
svarṇa nṛtaviṣiro babhūtha.*

Gracious are your feet firmly fixed in liberality and compassion. The devotees offer their homage of soma there for glory. You are all conquering, wielder of the thunderbolt, mighty generous by your own essential power and munificence, and, wearing a fragrant, glorious and heavenly robe, blissful sight for all to see, O director of the cosmic dance, you are the all moving, all inspiring, omniscient presence and power.

स सोम आमि॑श्लतमः सुतो भू॒द्यस्मिन्प॒क्तिः प॒च्यते सन्ति॑
धा॒नाः । इन्द्रं॑ नरः॑ स्तुवन्तो॑ ब्रह्मका॒रा उ॒क्था शंसन्तो॑
देववा॑ततमाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa soma āmiślatamaḥ suto bhūd yasmin paktiḥ
pacyate santi dhānāḥ. Indram naraḥ stuvanto
brahmakārā ukthā śamsanto devavātataamāḥ.*

That is the blessed dominion of Indra, ideal world order raised to systemic purity and integrated to organismic unity wherein soma is distilled and seasoned in plenty, ample food is prepared for all, food grains are grown in abundance, and leading lights of the people, divinely occupied, sing songs of appreciation in praise of Indra and rise to the heights of excellence bordering on divinity.

न ते अन्तः शर्वसो धाय्यस्य वि तु बाबधे रोदसी महित्वा ।
आ ता सूरिः पृणति तूतुजानो यूथेवाप्सु समीजमान
कृती ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Na te antaḥ śavaso dhāyyasya vi tu bābadhe rodasī mahitvā. Ā tā sūriḥ pṛṇati tūtujāno yūthevāpsu samījamāna ūtī.*

No one can reach the end of your power, the force that binds up heaven and earth as a handful of dust in space. Still the man of courage and vision without fear, moving at supersonic speed under the cover of your protection, does attain that pleasure of fulfilment which a host of thirsty travellers finds at a shady fount of holy waters.

एवेदिन्द्रः सुहव ऋष्वो अस्तूती अनूती हिरिशिप्रः सत्वा ।
एवा हि जातो असमात्योजाः पुरु च वृत्रा हनति नि
दस्यून् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Evedindrah suhava ṛṣvo astūti anūti hiriśiprah satvā. Evā hi jāto asamātyojāḥ purū ca vrtrā hanati ni dasyūn.*

Thus may the lord sublime, omnipotent Indra, ever active in golden glory, listen to the prayers of universal humanity in all direct and indirect modes of divine protection and grace. Thus does the lord, self-manifest in boundless power and glory, create and preserve the abundant wealth of good and destroy darkness, enmity and negation of evil.

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भूय इद्धावृधे वीर्यीयँ एको अजुर्यो दयते वसूनि । प्र रिरिचे
दिव इन्द्रः पृथिव्या अर्धमिदस्य प्रति रोदसी उभे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Bhūya id vāvṛdhe vīryāyaṅ eko ajuryo dayate vasūni. Pra ririce diva indraḥ pṛthivyā ardhamidasya prati rodasī ubhe.*

Again and again the one ageless Indra grows in manifestation to express his power and creates, preserves and gives all wealths of the world. The sun from the regions of light covers half of the earth and relieves the other half. In turn, the earth and the sky both receive only half of the light and heat, and the sun exceeds and excels both.

अथा मन्ये बृहदसूर्यमस्य यानि दाधार नकिरा मिनाति ।
दिवेदिवे सूर्यो दर्शतो भूद्वि सद्यान्युर्विया सुक्रतुर्धात् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Adhā manye brhadasuryamasya yāni dādihāra nakirā mināti. Divedive sūryo darśato bhūd vi sadmānyurviyā sukraturdhāt.*

And I know and honour the extensive luminous life giving power and energy of this sun and of the many planets that it holds and sustains, which no power can deny, disturb, diminish or destroy. Day by day, every morning, the sun rises glorious and, holy participant in the cosmic yajna of Indra, it generates and sustains many abodes of life along with the wide earth.

अद्या चिन्नू चित्तदपो नदीनां यदाभ्यो अरदो गातुमिन्द्र ।
नि पर्वता अद्यसदो न सेदुस्त्वया दृळ्हानि सुक्रतो
रजांसि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Adyā cinnū cit tadapo nadīnān yadābhyo arado gātumindra. Ni parvatā admasado na sedustvayā dṛḷhāni sukrato rajānsi.*

Indra, refulgent lord, now as ever you draw up

the waters of the rivers by evaporation, shower them and let them flow in river beds to the sea. You attract the earth by gravitation and let it move in orbit. You fix the mountains in place and float the clouds in windy courses, everything in place like guests in a dinner party. Indeed, O lord of holy action in cosmic yajna, by you are all regions of the universe set in place, firm and secure.

सत्यमित्तन्न त्वावाँ अन्यो अस्तीन्द्र देवो न मर्त्यो ज्यायान् ।
अहन्नहिं परिशयानमर्णोऽ वासृजो अपो अच्छ समुद्रम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Satyamit tanna tvāvāñ anyo asfīndra devo na martyo jyāyān. Ahannahim pariśayānamarṇo 'vāsṛjo apo acchā samudram.*

Indra, refulgent lord eternal, true it is there is no one else divine or human as great as you who break the dark and dormant cloud, release the showers of rain and let the whirling streams flow and join the rolling ocean. Similarly, O lord omnipotent, you break the dark silence of sleeping nature from the state of inertness and set the processes of creative evolution aflow and let them ultimately recede into the fathomless ocean of silence again.

त्वमपो वि दुरो विषूचीरिन्द्र दृळ्हमरुजः पर्वतस्य ।
राजाभवो जगतश्चर्षणीनां साकं सूर्यं जनयन्द्या-
मुषासम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvamapo vi duro viṣūcīrindra ṛḷḷhamarujah parvatasya. Rājābhavo jagataścarṣaṇīnām sākaṁ sūryaṁ janayan dyāmuśāsam.*

Indra, you break open the impenetrable doors

of the cloud and release the rain showers. You break the adamantine mountains and let the waters flow in river courses. You break the bottomless inertness of life energy and let it flow in evolutionary channels of human action and courses of history. Creating the children of the moving world along with the sun and dawn of the day and the regions of heaven and earth, you reign supreme as light of the world, refulgent creator and ultimate dispenser.

Mandala 6/Sukta 31

Indra Devata, Suhotra Bharadvaja Rshi

अभूरेको रयिपते रयीणामा हस्तयोरधिथा इन्द्र कृष्टीः ।
वि तोके अप्सु तनये च सुरेऽ वोचन्त चर्षणयो विवाचः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Abhūreko rayipate rayiṇāmā hastayoradhithā indra kṛṣṭīḥ. Vi toke apsu tanaye ca sūre'vocanta carṣaṇayo vivācaḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, in you vests the governance and control of the entire wealth and assets of the nation, pray be the sole possessor and custodian of national wealth, O lord of honour and excellence. In your hands alone lies the direction of the nation, producers, workers and defence forces all. The wisest people of the land speaking different languages in different styles, in their words and actions describe and celebrate the brilliance of the rule and governance of Indra to their children and grand children.

त्वद्भियेन्द्र पार्थिवाणि विश्वाऽच्युता चिच्छ्यावयन्ते रजांसि ।
द्यावाक्षामा पर्वतासो वनानि विश्वं दृळ्हं भयते अजम्ना
तै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvad bhiyendra pārthivāni viśvā'cyutā ciccyā-vayante rajāmsi. Dyāvākṣāmā parvatāso vanāni viśvaṃ dr̥ḥam bhayate ajmannā te.*

Indra, sole lord of law and power, by the fear and pressure of your presence, all the unshakables on earth and in the skies stir and move along their functional course. Heaven and earth, clouds and mountains, deep forests, indeed the entire fixed and functionary world of existence fears the unmoved motion of your pervasive presence and dare not relent in their function.

त्वं कुत्सेनाभि शुष्णमिन्द्राऽशुषं युध्य कुर्यवं गविष्ठौ ।
दशं प्रपित्वे अध सूर्यस्य मुषायश्चक्रमविवे रपांसि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvaṃ kutsenābhi śuṣṇamindrā'śuṣaṃ yudhya kuyavaṃ gaviṣṭau. Daśa prapitve adha sūryasya muṣāyaścakramavive rapāṃsi.*

Indra, lord ruler and giver of light, having fought out the voracious drought and bad harvest with the thunderbolt of natural energy, keen for success in the development of lands and cows and the project of solar energy, you deplete ten injurious impediments and ride the chariot of the dominion like the sun in orbit.

त्वं शतान्यव शम्बरस्य पुरो जघन्थाप्रतीनि दस्योः । अशिक्षो
यत्र शच्या शचीवो दिवोदासाय सुन्वते सुतक्रे भरद्वाजाय
गृणते वसूनि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tvaṃ śatānyava śambarasya puro jaghanthā-pratīni dasyoḥ. Aśikṣo yatra śacyā śacīvo divodā-sāya sunvate sutakre bharadvājāya gr̥ṇate vasūni.*

Break open the hundreds of hidden strongholds and treasures of the wealth and power of the dark clouds

and hoards collected by the thief, and there, O lord of light and power of knowledge and wisdom, with knowledge and expertise, provide the means and materials of prosperity and well being for the advancement of the generous scientist, creative artist, pharmacist, technologist and celebrant of divinity.

स संत्यसत्वन्महते रणाय॑ रथ॒मा तिष्ठ॑ तुवि॒नृम्ण॑ भी॒मम् ।
या॒हि प्र॑पथि॒न्नव॑सोप॒ म॒द्रिक्प्र॑ च॒ श्रुत॑ श्रावय चर्ष॒णि-
भ्यः॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa satyasatvan mahate raṇāya rathamā tiṣṭha tuvinṛmṇa bhīmam. Yāhi prapathinnavasopa madrik pra ca śruta śrāvaya carṣaṇibhyaḥ.*

O lord commander of the power of truth and reality, master of manifold wealth and splendour, ready for the arduous battle of life, ride the awesome chariot, go forward, traveller of the path of rectitude, come to us too with the wisdom of revealed omniscience with all your modes of defence and protection and proclaim the truth for the people.

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Indra Devata, Suhotra Bharadvaja Rshi

अ॒पू॒र्व्या पु॒रु॒तमा॑न्यस्मै म॒हे वी॒राय॑ तव॒से तु॒राय॑ । वि॒र॒क्षि॒ने
व॒ज्रि॒णे श॑न्त॒मानि॒ वचा॑स्या॒सा स्थ॑वि॒राय॑ तक्ष॒मम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Apūrvyā purutamānyasmai mahe vīrāya tavase turāya. Virapśine vajriṇe śantamāni vacāṁ-syāsā sthavirāya takṣam.*

Let me compose an original and comprehensive song of praise in my own, words in a state of peace

overflowing with reverence in honour of this great hero, Indra, mighty performer of action, admirable wielder of the thunderbolt of justice and punishment, unshakable embodiment of tranquillity.

स मातरा सूर्येणा कवीनामवासयद्रुजदद्रिं गृणानः ।
स्वाधीभिर्ऋक्भिर्वावशान उदुस्त्रियाणामसृजन्निदानम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa mātārā sūryeṇā kavīnāmavāsayaḍ rujadadrīm grṇānaḥ. Svādhībhir-ṛkvabhir-vāvaśāna udu-sriyāṇām-asrjan-nidānam.*

By the light of the sun, he illuminates the heaven and earth, protectors and inspirers of poets like father and mother. Breaking the cloud of showers, shaking the mountains of impediments and inhibitions of mind, sung and celebrated in songs of praise and jubilation, pleased, inspiring and illuminant in response to the homage of reverence, he opens the flood gates of light and song in words, breaking off all impediments to the original vision and imagination of the poet.

स वह्निभिर्ऋक्भिर्गोषु शश्वन्मितजुभिः पुरुकृत्वा जिगाय ।
पुरः पुरोहा सखिभिः सखीयन्दृळ्हा रुरोज कविभिः कविः
सन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sa vahnibhir-ṛkvabhir-goṣu śaśvan mitajñubhiḥ purukṛtvā jigāya. Puraḥ purohā sakhibhiḥ sakhiyan dṛlḥā ruroja kavibhiḥ kavīḥ san.*

He is the ruler, himself a visionary, friend of friends, relentless hero of abundant action, breaker of the strongholds of darkness, and with the company and support of assisting partners, celebrants and poetic creators sitting in meditative posture, he breaks the

adamantine rigidities of dead wood and wins the battles for the development of lands and cows and the advancement of knowledge, arts and enlightenment.

स नीव्याभिर्जरितारमच्छा महो वाजेभिर्महद्भिश्च शुष्यैः ।
पुरुवीराभिर्वृषभ क्षितीनामा गिर्वणः सुविताय प्र याहि ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa nīvyābhir-jaritāram-acchā maho vājābhir-mahadbhiśca śuṣmaiḥ. Puruvīrābhir-vṛṣabha kṣitī-nāmā girvaṇaḥ suvitāya pra yāhi.*

Indra, mighty brave and generous ruler, sung and celebrated in song, come well to the celebrant for the well being of the people and bless them with high spirits and ambition for victory and latest great powers and forces manned by many heroic leaders and warriors of the rising generation.

स सर्गेण शवसा तक्तो अत्यैरप इन्द्रो दक्षिणतस्तुराषाद् ।
इत्था सृजाना अनपावृदर्थं दिवेदिवे विविषुरप्रमृष्यम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa sargeṇa śavasā takto atyairapa indro dakṣina-tasturāṣāt. Itthā sṛjānā anapāvṛdarthaṁ divedive viviṣurapr-amṛṣyam.*

Indra, mighty ruler, instant victor, come happy and jubilant with vibrant new forces of creation, with dynamic pioneers advancing like winds who may, thus, creating, preserving, reconstructing, discovering new goals day by day, move on, realise anew indestructible eternal values and never look back.

Mandala 6/Sukta 33

Indra Devata, Shunahotra Bharadvaja Rshi

य ओजिष्ठ इन्द्र तं सु नो दा मदो वृषन्स्वभिष्टिर्दास्वान् ।
सौवश्यं यो वनवत्स्वश्वो वृत्रा समत्सु सासहदुमित्रान् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ya ojiṣṭha indra taṁ su no dā mado vṛṣant-svabhiṣtir-dāsvān. Sauvaśvyam yo vanavat svaśvo vṛtrā samatsu sāsahadamitrān.*

Indra, lord of honour and excellence, ruler most illustrious, generous, victorious and beneficent, inspired with ardent passion, give us that stormy force of dynamic action for achievement which, equipped with instant and unfailing capability, may fight out the unfriendly powers of darkness in the contests of life and win the wealths of high value in the world for our cherished goal.

त्वां ही३न्द्रावसे विवाचो हवन्ते चर्षणयः शूरसातो ।
त्वं विप्रे॑भिर्वि पु॒णीं॑र॒शाय॑स्त्वोत॒ इत्स॑र्निता॒ वाज॑मवी ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tvām hīndrāvase vivāco havante carṣaṇayaḥ śūrasātau. Tvām viprebhirvi paṇīṁraśāyastvota it sanitā vājamarvā.*

You alone, O lord ruler, Indra, the people of diverse speech adore and invoke in diverse words in battles of the brave for protection and success. You alone, with the wise and vibrant, subdue the uncreative and greedy, and you alone give peace and rest to the celebrants. Indeed, under your protection only, does the cavalier and the warrior win the light of knowledge and victory in action.

त्वं ताँ इन्द्रो॒भयौ॑ अ॒मित्रा॒न्दासा॑ वृ॒त्राण्यायी॑ च शूर ।
वधी॑र्वने॒व सु॒धिते॑भि॒रत्कै॑रा पृ॒त्सु दर्शि॑ नृ॒णां नृ॑तम ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tvām tāṁ indrobhayāṁ amitrān dāsā vṛtrāṇyāryā ca śūra. Vadhīrvaneva sudhitebhir-atkairā pṛtsu darṣi nṛṇām nṛtama.*

Indra, brave ruler, leading light of the leaders, with focussed, objective and decisive judgement, distinguish between both opponents and supporters, the vile and the noble, split open both clearly to full exposure, and, with decisive blows of unfailing tactic, fight out the negatives in the contests of the dominion just like a forester felling the dead wood with sharpened axe.

स त्वं न इन्द्राकवाभिरूती सखा विश्वायुरविता वृधे भूः ।
स्वर्षाता यद्ध्वयामसि त्वा युध्यन्तो नेमधिता पृत्सु
शूर ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa tvaṁ na indrākavābhirūti sakhā viśvāyuravitā vṛdhe bhūḥ. Svarṣātā yaddhvayāmasi tvā yudhyanto nemadhitā pṛtsu śūra.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world, life of life and giver of showers of bliss, be our friend and protector with all your modes of defence and protection for our advancement without reserve or restriction. Fighting our battles of life, O brave and generous hero, defender of good against evil, we invoke and call upon you to come and help us with love and grace.

नूनं न इन्द्रापराय च स्या भवा मृळीक उत नो अभिष्टौ ।
इत्था गृणन्तो महिनस्य शर्मन्दिवि घ्याम पार्ये गोष-
तमाः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nūnaṁ na indrāparāya ca syā bhavā mṛṭika uta no abhiṣṭau. Itthā gṛṇanto mahinasya śarman divi syāma pārye goṣatamāḥ.*

Indra, lord of life, for sure be our friend and protector, and saviour of others too, for now and for

ever, and for the attainment of our cherished goal be kind and gracious. Singing, celebrating and glorifying the splendour of the great lord, we pray, may we abide in the high heaven of divine felicity and, blest with the sacred Word of Divinity, swim across the seas of suffering to freedom.

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Indra Devata, Shunahotra Bharadvaja Rshi

सं च त्वे जग्मुर्गिरि इन्द्र पूर्वीर्वि च त्वद्यन्ति विभवो मनीषाः ।
पुरा नूनं च स्तुतय ऋषीणां पस्पृध इन्द्रे अद्युक्थार्का ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sam ca tve jagmurgira indra pūrvīrvi ca tvad yanti vibhvo manīṣāḥ. Purā nūnaṁ ca stutaya ṛṣīṇāṁ pasprdhra indre adhyukthārkā.*

Indra, lord giver of thought, speech and knowledge, all universal thoughts and diverse forms and words of the eternal Word, all languages past, present and future, proceed from you, return unto you and abide in you. For sure, all ancient hymns and recitations, all interpretive adorations of the seers divining into the visions and meanings of the mantras vie with each other to reach and concentrate on the glory of Indra.

पुरुहुतो यः पुरुगूर्त ऋभ्वाँ एकः पुरुप्रशस्तो अस्ति यज्ञैः ।
रथो न महे शवसे युजानोऽस्माभिरिन्द्रोऽनुमाद्यो भूत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Puruhūto yaḥ purugūrta ṛbhvāñ ekaḥ puru-praśasto asti yajñaiḥ. Ratho na mahe śavase yujāno 'smābhirindro anumādyo bhūt.*

Indra who is invoked by many, admired by

many, sole lord adored by many, is sought after by the wise through creative and reflective yajnic endeavours for the pursuit of great vision and power with concentrated mind in meditation. May he be like a chariot for us across the world of life and consequently give us ultimate freedom and joy.

न यं हिंसन्ति धीतयो न वाणीरिन्द्रं न क्षन्तीदुभि वर्धयन्तिः ।
यदि स्तोतारः शतं यत्सहस्रं गृणन्ति गिर्वणसं शं
तदस्मै ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Na yaṁ himsanti dhītayo na vāṇīrindram
nakṣanfidabhi vardhayanfiḥ. Yadi stotāraḥ śataṁ
yat sahasraṁ grṇanti girvaṇasaṁ śaṁ tadasmai.*

No thoughts can violate Indra, the ruler, nor hurt him, nor can words comprehend him. In fact, the thoughts and words of devotees exalt and glorify him. And when celebrants offer a hundred and thousand adorations to this lord of exaltation, he is pleased and then peace and bliss of well being descends on the devotee.

अस्मा एतद्विव्यर्चेव मासा मिमिक्ष इन्द्रे न्वयामि सोमः ।
जनं न धन्वन्नभि सं यदापः सत्रा वावृधुर्हवनानि यज्ञैः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Asmā etad divyarceva māsā mimikṣa indre
nyayāmi somaḥ. Janam na dhanvannabhi saṁ
yadāpaḥ satrā vāvrdhur-havanāni yajñaiḥ.*

Just as soma, nectar juice of nature, mixes with the moon and the moon mixes fully with the sun once in the month on full moon night, so in this heavenly relation of life and action between Indra, the ruler, and the devotee, I join with Indra, and just as showers of

rain in the desert exhilarate the people so may the sessions of yajna advance the devotees and thereby may they exalt and glorify the lord.

अस्मा एतन्मह्याङ्गूषमस्मा इन्द्राय स्तोत्रं मतिभिरवाचि ।
असद्यथा महति वृत्रतूर्य इन्द्रो विश्वायुरविता वृधश्च ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Asmā etanmahyāṅgūṣamasmā indrāya stotraṁ matibhiravāci. Asad yathā mahati vṛtratūrya indro viśvāyuravitā vṛdhaśca.*

For this Indra, this ruler, this giver of the light of life, is this exalted song of praise and adoration sung and offered by faithful and intelligent devotees so that for the victory of light over darkness and ignorance in this battle of life Indra, lord of all life and the world, may be our protector and guardian for advancement.

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Indra Devata, Nara Bharadvaja Rshi

कदा भुवत्रथक्षयाणि ब्रह्म कदा स्तोत्रे सहस्रपोष्यं दाः ।
कदा स्तोमं वासयोऽस्य राया कदा धिर्यः करसि वाज-
रत्नाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kadā bhuvan rathakṣayāṇi brahma kadā stotre sahasrapoṣyaṁ dāḥ. Kadā stomam vāsayo'sya rāyā kadā dhiyaḥ karasi vājaratnāḥ.*

When would your chariots come to rest in the garage? When do you give away a thousand prizes of support and sustenance at the victory celebration? When do you reward the celebrant with wealth for his song? And when do you make our acts of thought and will fructify with the wealth of success and victory?

कहिं स्वि॒त्तदिन्द्र॑ यन्न॒भिर्न॑न्वीरैर्वीरान्नीलया॑से जयाजीन् ।
त्रिधा॑तु गा अधि॑ जयासि गो॒ष्विन्द्र॑ द्यु॒म्नं स्व॑र्व॒द्धेह्य॑स्मे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Karhi svit tadindra yannṛbhinṇ vīrairvīrān nīlayāse jayājīn. Tridhātu gā adhi jayāsi goṣvindra dyumnaṁ svarvad dhehyasme.*

When is it, Indra, brilliant ruler, that you bring people to meet with people, the brave to meet with the brave, vying in contest to win the battles of progress, conquer threefold wealth of knowledge and minerals over the lands and create and bring us celestial and blissful wealth, honour and excellence?

कहिं स्वि॒त्तदिन्द्र॑ यज॒रि॒त्रे वि॒श्वप्सु॑ ब्र॒ह्म कृ॑णवः शविष्ठ ।
क॒दा धि॒यो न नि॒युतो॑ युवा॒से क॒दा गोम॑घा ह॒व॒नानि॑
गच्छः॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Karhi svit tadindra yajjaritre viśvapsu brahma kṛṇavaḥ śaviṣṭha. Kadā dhiyo na niyuto yuvāse kadā gomaghā havanāni gacchāḥ.*

Indra, most potent ruler of the world, when would you bring that wealth of knowledge and holiness of universal form and character which we too desire for the celebrant? Commanding highest virtue, when would you join and inspire our thought and will to rise for the grand leap forward? When would you lead us to win the cherished honour, splendour and glory of the earth worthy of you?

स गोम॑घा ज॒रि॒त्रे अ॒श्व॒श्चन्द्रा॑ वाज॒श्रव॑सो अधि॑ धेहि पृ॒क्षः ।
पी॒पि॒ही॒षः सु॒दु॒घामिन्द्र॑ धे॒नुं भ॒रद्वा॑जेषु सु॒रु॒चो रुरु॑च्याः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa gomaghā jaritre aśvaścandrā vājaśravaso adhi dhehi prkṣaḥ. Pīpihīṣaḥ sudughāmindra dhenum̐ bharadvājaṣu suruco rurucyāḥ.*

Indra, ruler of the world, give us the honour and excellence of a free world order, liquid wealth of gold in circulation, progressive advancement and renown in abundance for a planned programme, and drink the soma of attainable success worthy of a nation of knowledge, virtue and love of divinity, and thus help us create and structure an earthly order of fruitful prosperity for the dynamic bearers of science and action, a lovely world of beauty and splendour indeed.

तमा नूनं वृजनमन्यथा चिच्छूरो यच्छक्र वि दुरो गृणीषे ।
मा निररं शुक्रदुष्यस्य धेनोराङ्गिरसान्ब्रह्मणा विप्रजिन्व ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tamā nūnaṁ vṛjanamanyathā cicchūro yaccha-kra vi duro gṛṇīṣe. Mā niraraṁ śukradughasya dhenorāṅgirasān brahmaṇā vipra jinva.*

Indra, valiant ruler, lord of knowledge and power, destroyer of darkness, hate and enmity, let the paths of love and progress you approve and proclaim and the doors of new knowledge you open never be otherwise, keep them wide open onwards. O vibrant lover of knowledge and advancement, never forsake the faithful scholars of divine nature's fertility, vitality and virility, never desert the visionaries of the divine Word of Veda, serve and advance them with means and materials for relentless pursuit of knowledge and life's sanctity.

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Indra Devata, Nara Bharadvaja Rshi

स॒त्रा म॒दास॒स्तव॑ वि॒श्वज॑न्याः स॒त्रा रा॒योऽध॒ ये पा॒र्थि॒वासः ।
स॒त्रा वा॒र्जाना॑म॒भवो॑ वि॒भक्ता॑ य॒द्दे॒वेषु॑ धा॒रय॑था अ॒सुर्य॑म् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Satrā madāsastava viśvajanyāḥ satrā rāyo'dha ye pāṛthivāsaḥ. Satrā vājānāmahavo vibhaktā yad deveṣu dhārayathā asuryam.*

Truly all your joys and inspirations, Indra, are universal, meant for the world. Truly all your earthly wealth, power and honour is for all children of the earth. Truly you are the wielder and distributor of all forms of food and energy which you bear and bring forth in the divinities of nature and humanity as the very breath of life.

अ॒नु प्र॒ येजे॑ ज॒न॒ ओजो॑ अ॒स्य स॒त्रा द॑धिरे॒ अनु॑ वी॒र्यी॑य ।
स्यु॒म॒गृ॒भे दु॒धये॑ऽ र॒वते॑ च॒ क्रतुं॑ वृ॒ञ्ज॒न्त्यपि॑ वृ॒त्रह॑त्ये ॥ २ ॥

2. *Anu pra yeje jana ojo asya satrā dadhire anu vīryāya. Syūmagr̥bhe dudhaye'rvate ca kratum vṛñjantyapi vṛtrahatye.*

Consequently people honour, value and worship the vigour and splendour of Indra in this world, and truly they develop it for the attainment of higher strength and vitality, and, for the attainment of united advancement of the progressive forces and countering the forces of negation in the battle against darkness, they gather their powers, perform concerted yajnic action and root out evil and wickedness.

तं स॒ध्री॒चीरू॒तयो॑ वृ॒ष्ण्या॑नि॒ पौंस्या॑नि नि॒युतः॑ स॒श्चुरि॑न्द्रम् ।
स॒मु॒द्रं न॑ सि॒न्धव॑ उ॒क्थ॑शु॒ष्मा उ॒रु॒व्यच॑सं गि॒र् आ वि॑श॒न्ति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Taṁ sadhrīcīrūtayo vṛṣṇyāni paumsyāni niyutaḥ saścurindram. Samudraṁ na sindhava ukthaśu-smā uruvyacasam gira ā viśanti.*

All modes of protection and security, showers of strength and generosity, manliness and vigour and allied virtues and actions converge to Indra, join and abide in him. Just as rivers flow and reach the sea, so do all resonant voices of adoration and admirable qualities of life reach the lord all pervasive in the wide world.

स रायस्त्रामुप सृजा गृणानः पुरुश्चन्द्रस्य त्वमिन्द्र वस्वः ।
पतिर्बभूथासमो जनानामेको विश्वस्य भुवनस्य राजा ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sa rāyaskhāmupa sṛjā gṛṇānaḥ puruścandrasya tvamindra vasvaḥ. Patirbabhūthāsamo janānā-meko viśvasya bhuvanasya rājā.*

Indra, sole ruler of the whole world, be the one unequalled master and protector of the people and of the golden wealth of the land, and, adored and glorified by them, release the streams of wealth, honour and excellence of the world for us.

स तु श्रुधि श्रुत्या यो दुवोयुर्द्यौर्न भूमाभि रायो अर्यः ।
असो यथा नः शवसा चकानो युगेयुगे वयसा चेकि-
तानः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa tu śrudhi śrutyā yo duvoyurdyaurṇa bhūmābhi rāyo ariyaḥ. Aso yathā naḥ śavasā cakāno yugeyuge vayasā cakitānaḥ.*

Listen to our prayers and adorations, Indra, lord ruler who love the prayers and adorations of devotees, who are resplendent as sun and boundless as space,

master, protector and giver of wealth, honour and excellence, so that shining by wealth and power, growing in knowledge and awareness day by day, you be, as you have been, kind and gracious to us as ever before.

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अ॒र्वाग्र॑थं वि॒श्ववा॑रं त उ॒ग्रेन्द्र॑ यु॒क्तासो॑ हर॒यो वह॑न्तु ।

की॒रि॒श्चि॒द्धि॒ त्वा॒ हव॑ते स्व॒र्वानृ॑धी॒महि॑ सध॒माद॑स्ते अ॒द्य ॥ १ ॥

1. *Arvāgratham viśvavāraṁ ta ugrendra yuktāso harayo vahantu. Kiriściddhi tvā havate svarvān-rdhīmahi sadhamādaste adya.*

Indra, resplendent lord ruler of the world, we pray, may the motive powers attached to your chariot of universal wealth and bliss bring you hither to us. So does the enlightened celebrant with joy at heart invoke and invite you today so that we too who abide with you in the hall of assembly may grow and prosper.

प्रो द्रो॒णे॒ हर॑यः कर्मा॑गम॒न्पुन॑नास॒ ब्रह्म॑न्तो अभू॒वन् । इन्द्रो॑
नो अ॒स्य पू॒र्व्यः प॑पीयाद् द्यु॒क्षो म॑दस्य सो॒म्यस्य॑ राजा ॥ २ ॥

2. *Pro drone harayaḥ karmāgman punānāsa rjyanto abhūvan. Indro no asya pūrvyaḥ papiyād dyukṣo madasya somyasya rājā.*

Let the people go forward and higher in the measure of action and achievement and continue to rise in the sacred manner of simple and natural rectitude. And may Indra, ancient ruler of the world bright as heaven on earth, shining and ruling over the delightful

order of bliss, rise exuberant and drink of the joy of soma, peace and glory of the order.

आस॒स्त्रा॒णासः॑ शव॒सान॒मच्छेन्द्रं॑ सुच॒क्रे र॒थ्या॒सो अ॒श्वः ।
अ॒भि श्रव॑ ऋ॒ज्यन्तो॑ वहे॒युर्नू चि॒न्नु वा॒योर्मु॒तं वि द॑स्येत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Āsahrāṇāsaḥ śavasānamacchendram sucakre rathyāso aśvāḥ. Abhi śrava ṛjyanto vaheyurnū cinnu vāyoramṛtam vi dasyet.*

May the motive powers of the chariot of mighty Indra, ever on the move in the divine orbit in a simple and natural manner, gracefully bear the lord to the chant of our yajnic programmes of humanity. Let the immortal breath of life never be exhausted, let no one waste away the nectar vitality of immortality.

वरि॑ष्ठो अ॒स्य दक्षि॑णामि॒यतीन्द्रो॑ म॒घोनां॑ तु॒विकू॑र्मितमः । यय॑
वज्रि॒वः परि॑यास्य॒हो म॒घा च॑ धृ॒ष्णो द॑य॒से वि सू॒रीन् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Variṣṭho asya dakṣiṇamiyartīndro maghonām tuvikūrmitamaḥ. Yayā vajrivaḥ pariyāsyāṇho maghā ca dhrṣṇo dayase vi sūrīn.*

Indra, highest power of the dominion and fastest performer among men of wealth and splendour, achieves and raises the strength and honour of this social order by which, O lord of courage and power, wielder of the thunder of justice and punishment, you remove sin and crime and give rich gifts of reward and recognition to the scholars and the brave heroes.

इन्द्रो॑ वा॒जस्य॑ स्थ॒विरस्य॑ दा॒तेन्द्रो॑ गी॒र्भिर्वि॑र्धतां वृ॒द्धम॑हाः ।
इन्द्रो॑ वृ॒त्रं ह॒निष्ठो॑ अस्तु॒ सत्त्वा ऽऽता॑ सू॒रिः पृ॑णति॒
तूत॑जानः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indro vājasya sthavirasya dāteindro gīrbhirva-rdhatām vṛddhamahāḥ. Indro vṛtram haniṣṭho astu satvā''tā sūriḥ pṛṇati tūtujānaḥ.*

Indra is the giver of solid strength and stable progress. May Indra, celebrated by the great and exalted by our words of adoration, rise in glory. Indra is the destroyer of darkness in the extreme, brilliant and brave in the essence, and, instant performer as he is, learned, he is, and the giver of complete fulfilment.

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अपादित उदु नश्चित्रतमो महीं भर्षद् द्युमतीमिन्द्रहूतिम् ।
पन्यसीं धीतिं दैव्यस्य यामञ्जनस्य रातिं वनते सुदानुः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Apādita udu naścitratamo mahīm bharṣad dyumatīm-indrahūtim. Panyasīm dhītim daivyasya yāmañjanasya rātim vanate sudānuḥ.*

May Indra, lord immaculate, wondrous power and glorious ruler, perfect, self-existent and self-sustained, be here direct and accept and exalt our sincere, abundant and brilliant voice of adoration in honour of divinity. The lord is a generous and munificent giver, loves the celebrative voice of the heart and cherishes the homage of noble godly people on way to divinity.

दूराच्चिदा वसतो अस्य कर्णा घोषादिन्द्रस्य तन्यति ब्रुवाणः ।
एयमेनं देवहूतिर्ववृत्यान्मद्रचगिन्द्रमियमृच्यमाना ॥ २ ॥

2. *Dūrāccidā vasato asya karṇā ghoṣād-indrasya tanyati bruvāṇaḥ. Eyamenam devahūtirvavṛtyānmadryag-indram-iyam-ṛcyamānā.*

The ears of this lord Indra receive the voice of the speaker even from far off wherever he be, and from that voice, speaking in response, he raises it to the roar of thunder. May this voice of mine in honour of divinity, reaching and celebrating the lord of glory, come back to me, complete the circuit and bless me as voice divine.

तं वो धिया परमया पुराजामजरमिन्द्रमभ्यनूष्यकैः । ब्रह्मा
च गिरो दधिरे समस्मिन्महाँश्च स्तोमो अधि वर्धदिन्द्रे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Taṁ vo dhiyā paramayā purājām-ajaram-indram-abhyānūṣyarkaiḥ. Brahmā ca giro dadhire samasmin mahāñśca stomo adhī vardhadindre.*

For you all with the best and highest of mind and faith I proclaim and celebrate the ancient and unaging Indra, cosmic energy of the Divine with yajnic gifts of homage. The eternal consciousness of omniscience and the voice of the Vedas all resound in this cosmic medium and the mighty yajna of creation and evolution too renews, evolves and expands under this same Indra, divine energy.

वर्धाद्यं यज्ञ उत सोम इन्द्रं वर्धाद् ब्रह्म गिर उक्था च मन्म ।
वर्धाहैनमुषसो यामन्नक्तोर्वर्धन्मासाः शरदो द्याव इन्द्रम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vardhād yaṁ yajña uta soma indram vardhād brahma gira ukthā ca manma. Vardhāhaina-muṣaso yāmannaktorvardhān māsāḥ śarado dyāva indram.*

Let yajna, corporate programmes of research and development, advance Indra, power and application of the electric energy of nature. Let soma, positive creations

and the scholar dedicated to peace and universal happiness extend the possibilities of power. Let the divine words of the Veda and the achievement of food and energy of universal value exalt Indra, lord of divine energy. And let the dawns, days and nights, hours, months, seasons, earth and heaven, all glorify Indra, lord of the universe. Let our thought and chants of holy word glorify him.

एवा जज्ञानं सहसे असामि वावृधानं राधसे च श्रुताय ।

महामुग्रमवसे विप्र नूनमा विवासेम वृत्रतूर्येषु ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Evā jajñānam sahasē asāmi vāvṛdhānam rādhasē ca śrutāya. Mahām-ugram-avase vipra nūnamā vivāsema vṛtratūryeṣu.*

Thus for the sake of strength and power, patience and fortitude as well as for challenge, for defence, protection and victory in our battles against darkness, want and evil, for the sake of onward achievement of wealth and success, and for the use and advancement of the vibrant learned scholar, O holy sage, let us all dedicate ourselves decisively and relentlessly to the great, illustrious, and perfect energy of divine nature, evolving, rising, and constantly developing it for us by our yajnic efforts, and let us thus serve and glorify Indra, omnipotent lord of the universe.

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मन्द्रस्य कवेर्दिव्यस्य वह्नेर्विप्रमन्मनो वचनस्य मध्वः ।

अपा नस्तस्य सचनस्य देवेषो युवस्व गृणते गोअग्राः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Mandrasya kaverdīvyasya vahnervipramanmano vacanasya madhvah. Apā nastasya sacanasya deveṣo yuvasva gr̥ṇate goagrāḥ.*

Taste the honey sweet of the Word of this happy and blissful divine poet, celebrant of light, inspirer of passion and vision of wisdom, and friend of Divinity. O refulgent lord of generosity, protect and promote the brilliant and revealing Word of the poet, bless the servant of divinity with energy and sustenance and reveal the words of divinity for the celebrant.

अयमु॑शा॒नः पर्य॑द्रि॒मु॒खा ऋ॒त॒धी॒ति॒भिर्ऋ॒त॒यु॒ग्यु॒जा॒नः ।
रु॒ज॒द॒रु॒गं वि॒ व॒ल॒स्य॒ सा॒नुं प॒णी॑र्व॒चो॒भिर्भि॒ यो॒ध॒दि॒न्द्र ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ayamuśānaḥ paryadrimusrā ṛtadhītibhir-ṛtayugyujānaḥ. Rujadarugṇam vi valasya sānum paṇīṛvacobhirabhi yodhadindraḥ.*

This poet, like the sun, loving, inspiring and impassioned, in unison with the truth and law of existence, with waves of energy bearing rays of light and showers of rain, breaks the clouds of darkness, lights up impenetrable tops of mighty mountains, opens up treasures of wealth, and blesses the untainted and the celebrants. Thus does Indra fight and shine.

अ॒यं द्यो॒तय॑दद्यु॒तो व्य॑क्॒तून् दो॒षा व॒स्तोः श॒रद् इ॒न्दु॒रि॒न्द्र ।
इ॒मं के॒तु॒म॒दधु॑नू॒ चि॒द॒ह्नां शु॒चि॒ज॒न्म॒न उ॒ष॒स॑श्च॒कार ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ayam dyotayadadyuto vyaktūn doṣā vastoh śarada indurindra. Imaṁ ketum-adadhur-nū cidahnām śucijanmana uṣasaścakāra.*

Thus does this sun, this cosmic drop of divine soma, light up the unlighted: the nights, the mornings,

days and seasons of the year. Thus does Indra create the light of immaculate dawns which bear up the light as banner of the days.

अयं रोचयदुरुचो रुचानोऽयं वासयद् व्यृतेन पूर्वीः ।
अयमीयत ऋतयुग्भिर्श्वैः स्वर्विदा नाभिना चर्ष-
णिप्राः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ayam rocayad-aruco rucāno'yaṁ vāsayad
vyṛtena pūrvīḥ. Ayamīyata ṛtayugbhir-aśvaiḥ
svarvidā nābhinā carṣaṇiprāḥ.*

This Indra, the sun, itself refulgent, lights up the lightless such as earth and moon, and it lights up the ancient dawns, by the operation of cosmic law. It goes on in orbit by the centre pin of cosmic gravitation with other heavenly bodies such as planets and satellites, drawn by the motive forces of cosmic law and giving light and comfort primarily to the people of the earth.

नू गृणानो गृणते प्रत्न राजन्निषः पिन्व वसुदेयाय पूर्वीः ।
अप ओषधीरविषा वनानि गा अर्वतो नृचसे रिरिहि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Nū grṇāno grṇate pratna rājanniṣaḥ pinva vasu-
deyāya pūrvīḥ. Apa oṣdhīraviṣā vanāni gā arvato
nṛncase rirīhi.*

Rajan, brilliant ruler, ancient power, praised and celebrated by devotees, develop and increase abundant food, energy and wealth for the dedicated liberal giver of charities, and for the development and accomplishment of holy programmes give waters, herbs, innoxious forests, cows, horses and brave leaders and competent manpower for the celebrant.

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इन्द्र पिब तुभ्यं सुतो मदायाऽव स्य हरी वि मुचा सखाया ।
 उत प्र गाय गण आ निषद्याऽथा यज्ञाय गृणते वयो
 धाः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indra piba tubhyam suto madāyā'va sya harī vi mucā sakhāyā. Uta pra gāya gaṇa ā niṣadyā-'thā yajñāya grṇate vayo dhāḥ.*

Indra, refulgent ruler, drink the soma of joy distilled for your pleasure and majesty, let the motive power of the dominion, the government and the people, too be free and relax since they are friends. Sit in the assembly of the dominion and sing and inspire the people to celebrate the holy occasion, and bear and bring food, good health and long age for the celebrant of the dominion to carry on the corporate business of governance and administration as a yajna for the lord.

अस्य पिब यस्य जज्ञान इन्द्र मदाय क्रत्वे अपिबो विरप्सिन् ।
 तमु ते गावो नर आपो अद्रिरिन्दुं समहान्पीतये समस्मै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Asya piba yasya jajñāna indra madāya kratve apibo virapsin. Tamu te gāvo nara āpo adri-rindum samahyan pītaye samasmai.*

Indra, mighty ruler, drink of this nectar sweet of soma which you tasted at your birth and which you drank for passion and exhilaration while you arose for great action in the field of knowledge and governance, the same soma which the cows and rays of the sun, men and leaders, waters, clouds and mountains have collected and seasoned for this drink of yours.

समिद्धे अग्रौ सुत इन्द्र सोम आ त्वा वहन्तु हरयो वहिष्ठाः ।
त्वायता मनसा जोहवीमीन्द्रा याहि सुविताय महे नः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Samiddhe agnau suta indra soma ā tvā vahantu harayo vahiṣṭhāḥ. Tvāyatā manasā johavīmī-indrā yāhi suvitāya mahe nah.*

When the fire is kindled and rising and the soma is distilled, let the strongest motive forces of transport and the most powerful leaders who can bear the burdens of the commonwealth bring you here. And when you are here I invoke and invite you with a mind wholly dedicated to you, Indra, destroyer of pain and suffering, come for our great pleasure and prosperity of well being.

आ याहि शश्वदुशता ययाथेन्द्र महा मनसा सोमपेयम् ।
उप ब्रह्माणि शृणव इमा नोऽथा ते यज्ञस्तन्वेऽ वयो
धात् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā yāhi śaśvaduśatā yayāthendra mahā manasā somapeyam. Upa brahmāṇi śṛṇava imā no'thā te yajñastanve vayo dhāt.*

Indra, mighty ruler and dispenser of peace and prosperity, come here without let up with inspired sages and leaders with magnanimous mind and morale to this nectar drink of the soma of governance and enlightenment. Listen carefully to these songs of adoration and words of the Veda, and, we pray, may this yajnic business of governance and administration bear and bring us good food, energy and a long age of good health for our person and the social order.

यदिन्द्र दिवि पार्ये यदृग्यद्वा स्वे सदेने यत्र वासि । अतो
नो यज्ञमवसे नियुत्वान्तसुजोषाः पाहि गिर्वणो मरुद्भिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yadindra divi pārye yadṛdhagyad vā sve sadane yatra vāsi. Ato no yajñamavase niyutvānt-sajoṣāḥ pāhi girvaṇo marudbhiḥ.*

Indra, enlightened ruler, admired and adored in refined words of homage and reverence, whether you are in a far off land of your choice you love to promote in a special direction or in your own place of residence, or wherever you happen to be, from there, O loving and friendly leader dedicated to the yajnic order of governance for its defence and protection, develop and promote the order by the most vibrant force of daring commandos.

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अहेळमान् उप याहि यज्ञं तुभ्यं पवन्त इन्द्रवः सुतासः ।
गावो न वज्रिन्स्वमोको अच्छेन्द्रा गहि प्रथमो यज्ञि-
यानाम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Aheḷamāna upa yāhi yajñam tubhyam pavanta indavaḥ sutāsaḥ. Gāvo na vajrintsvamoko acche-ndrā gahi prathamō yajñiyānām.*

Indra, lord ruler of glory and power, giver of freedom and dignity, come loving and favourable, grace our yajna of life and living. Drops of soma flow from the press for you and sanctify and brighten up the yajna. O lord of thunder and justice, first and foremost of the holiest guardians of yajna, just as mother cows rush to their stalls for their calves, so eagerly come to us and bless the devotees.

या ते काकुत्सुकृता या वरिष्ठा यया शश्वत्पिबसि मध्व
ऊर्मिम् । तया पाहि प्र ते अध्वर्युरस्थात्सं ते वज्रो वर्ततामिन्द्र
गव्युः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yā te kākut sukṛtā yā variṣṭhā yayā śaśvat pibasi madhva ūrmim. Tayā pāhi pra te adhvaryur-asthāt saṁ te vajro vartatāmindra gavyuḥ.*

Indra, ruling lord of Dharma and rectitude, by that sophisticated and discriminative palate of yours by which you always taste the sweets of the flow of life, and by that discriminative and sublimated thought and speech by which you always distil the essence and value of the sweets and shades of life and respond to human action, taste the sweets of our yajnic performance, and protect and promote us by your words of wisdom through the rise and fall of life's movement. The high-priest dedicated to love and non-violence awaits you at the altar. May your wheel of justice and governance over the earth ever revolve over the order of humanity.

एष द्रप्सो वृषभो विश्वरूप इन्द्राय वृष्णे समकारि सोमः ।
एतं पिब हरिवः स्थातरुग्र यस्येशिषे प्रदिवि यस्ते
अन्नम् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Eṣa drapso vṛṣabho viṣvarūpa indrāya vṛṣṇe samakāri somaḥ. Etaṁ piba harivaḥ sthātarugra yasyeśiṣe pradivi yaste annam.*

This soma of the order of beauty and sweetness of bliss, flowing, free from intoxication and illusion, creative and exuberant, universal and open in form and performance, is distilled to the essence in honour of the generous and potent lord of power and glory. Drink of

it, taste and judge of it, O lord illustrious ever on the move by motive forces yet settled at centre, rule over it in the light of heaven, live it, it is the very food for your life and existence.

सुतः सोमो असुतादिन्द्र वस्यानयं श्रेयाञ्चिकितुषे रणाय ।
एतं तित्तिर्व उप याहि यज्ञं तेन विश्वास्तविषीरा पृणस्व ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sutaḥ somo asutādindra vasyānayaṁ śreyāñci-
kituṣe raṇāya. Etaṁ titirva upa yāhi yajñam tena
viśvāstaviṣīrā pṛṇasva.*

This soma, blissful order of life fashioned into form from the raw materials of life and thought, O lord of power and glory, is better, more fragrant and inspiring for the man of intelligence and culture in search of a life of knowledge, achievement and happiness. Come, O lord victorious over opposition and contradictions, to this yajnic order of society and thereby strengthen all forces of action for advancement and total fulfilment.

हव्यामसि त्वेन्द्र याह्यर्वाङ्गिरं ते सोमस्तन्वे भवति ।
शतक्रतो मादयस्वा सुतेषु प्रास्मौ अव पृतनासु प्र विक्षु ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Hvayāmasi tvendra yāhyarvāṅgiraṁ te soma-
stanve bhavāti. Śatakrato mādayasvā suteṣu
prāsmāñ ava pṛtanāsu pra vikṣu.*

Indra, ruler and protector, we invoke and exhort you, go forward, let the soma of exhilaration and social dignity be sufficient and inspiring for your health and the body politic. O lord of a hundred great actions and yajnic victories, rise and celebrate the glory of life among the people raised and refined to the sweetness and beauty of culture. Guide on, protect and promote

us among the nations and powers of the world.

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Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

प्रत्यस्मै पिपीषते विश्वानि विदुषे भर ।

अरंगमाय जग्मयेऽ पश्चादध्वने नरे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pratyasmai pipīṣate viśvāni viduṣe bhara.*
Araṅgamāya jagmaye'paścāddadhvane nare.

Indra, ruler and patron of knowledge and culture, provide all facilities of the world for this bold and courageous leading scholar thirsting for knowledge and constantly going forward to reach the expansive bounds of his subject, never tarrying, never looking back.

एमेनं प्रत्येतन् सोमेभिः सोमपातमम् ।

अमत्रेभिर्ऋजीषिणमिन्द्रं सुतेभिरिन्दुभिः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Emenam pratyetana somebhiḥ somapātamam.*
Amatrebhir-ṛjīṣiṇam-indraṁ sutebhirindubhiḥ.

In consequence and return, O scholars and citizens of the land, be grateful to this Indra, brilliant ruler, lover of the peace and pleasure of the soma of knowledge and enlightenment and promoter of scholars and men of truth and naturalness. Do all possible homage to him with ample measures of work and knowledge distilled like soma in the essence from your brilliant work and noble conduct.

यदी सुतेभिरिन्दुभिः सोमेभिः प्रतिभूषथ ।

वेदा विश्वस्य मेधिरो धृषत्तन्मिदेषते ॥ ३ ॥

1. *Yadī sutebhirindubhiḥ somebhiḥ pratibhūṣatha.
Vedā viśvasya medhiro dhr̥ṣat taṁ tamideṣate.*

If you honour the lord ruler with the homage of pure and brilliant soma of knowledge and yajnic action in response to his magnanimity, the wise and adorable lord of the world would acknowledge and appreciate each act of homage.

अस्मा अस्मा इदन्धसोऽध्वर्यो प्र भरा सुतम् ।
कुवित्समस्य जेन्यस्य शर्धतोऽ भिशस्तेरवस्परत् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Asmā asmā idandhaso'dhvaryo pra bharā sutam.
Kuvit samasya jenyasya śardhato'bhiś-astera-
vasparat.*

O high priest of the yajnic order, bear and bring an equable share of bright and inspiring food and maintenance for every one. And may the great and wise one, the lord, preserve, protect, promote and defend the rightful constancy of the admirable force and power of the order against violence and calumny.

Mandala 6/Sukta 43

Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

यस्य त्यच्छम्बरं मदे दिवोदासाय रुन्धयः ।
अयं स सोम इन्द्र ते सुतः पिब ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yasya tyacchambaram made divodāsāya randha-
yah. Ayam sa soma indra te sutaḥ piba.*

Indra, lord of power and glory, this is that soma distilled and seasoned for you in the exhilaration and ecstasy of which you, like the sun on high, break down the forces of darkness and evil to promote the spirit of

light and generosity. Pray drink of it to your heart's content and protect and promote the spirit of it.

यस्य तीव्रसुतं मदं मध्यमन्तं च रक्षसे ।

अयं स सोम इन्द्र ते सुतः पिब ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yasya tīvrasutaṁ madam madhyamantaṁ ca rakṣase. Ayam sa soma indra te sutaḥ piba.*

Indra, lord ruler, this is that soma, the power and glory of the yajnic order, distilled and refined in your honour, the brilliant and pure spirit of which in the essence you protect and promote in the beginning, in the middle and at the end of its completion. Pray drink of it to your heart's content and rejoice in the splendour and ecstasy of it.

यस्य गा अन्तरश्मनो मदे दृळ्हा अवासृजः ।

अयं स सोम इन्द्र ते सुतः पिब ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yasya gā antaraśmāno made dṛḷhā avāsrjaḥ. Ayam sa soma indra te sutaḥ piba.*

Indra, lord of glory, this is that soma of knowledge and power distilled and refined for you under the force and exhilaration of which you release mighty waves of energy confined in the thickest cloud and most solid materials. Drink of it to your heart's content and protect and promote the science and power of it.

यस्य मन्दानो अन्धसो माघोनं दधिषे शर्वः ।

अयं स सोम इन्द्र ते सुतः पिब ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yasya mandāno andhaso māghonaṁ dadhiṣe śavaḥ. Ayam sa soma indra te sutaḥ piba.*

Indra, lord of vision, knowledge and power,

happy and worshipful devotee of the sweetness, beauty and ecstasy of life, this is that soma of existence distilled and refined in the essence for you, the mighty energy, force and exuberant vitality of which you bear, protect and promote. Live it, enjoy it to your heart's content, and protect and promote its glory on and on.

Mandala 6/Sukta 44

Indra Devata, Shamyu Barhaspatya Rshi

यो रयिवो रयिन्तमो यो द्युम्नैर्द्युम्नवत्तमः ।

सोमः सुतः स इन्द्र तेऽस्ति स्वधापते मदः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yo rayivo rayintamo yo dyumnair-dyumnavattamah. Somah sutah sa indra te'sti svadhāpate madah.*

Indra, supreme lord of your own nature, power and law, that soma beauty and bliss of the world of existence created by you, which is most abundant in wealth and brilliance, which is most glorious in splendour and majesty, is all yours, all for yourself, all your own pleasure, passion and ecstasy.

यः शृग्मस्तुविशग्म ते रायो दामा मतीनाम् ।

सोमः सुतः स इन्द्र तेऽस्ति स्वधापते मदः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yah śagmas-tuviśagma te rāyo dāmā matīnām. Somah sutah sa indra te'sti svadhāpate madah.*

Indra, O mighty lord most kind, master of your own power and potential, that exciting peace and pleasure of life created, those gifts of wealth showered on rational humanity, the exuberance of munificence, all is yours, for your own pleasure and ecstasy, and

rendered back to you in homage and gratitude.

येन वृद्धो न शर्वसा तुरो न स्वाभिरूतिभिः ।

सोमः सुतः स इन्द्र तेऽस्ति स्वधापते मदः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yena vṛddho na śavasā turo na svābhirūtibhiḥ.
Somaḥ sutaḥ sa indra te'sti svadhāpate madah.*

Indra, mighty ruler, protector and sustainer of your own creation, your power and potential and your own forces of protection by which you promote the good and positive and destroy the evil and negative like the ancient and eternal father guardian and like a protective destroyer for preservation, that is the beauty and glory and assertive energy of life created by you. That is yours, your fatherly pleasure and ecstasy. Pray let it evolve and rise.

त्यमु वो अप्रहणं गृणीषे शवसस्पतिम् ।

इन्द्रं विश्वासाहं नरं मंहिष्ठं विश्वचर्षणिम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tyamu vo aprahaṇam gṛnīṣe śavasaspatim.
Indraṁ viśvāsāhaṁ naraṁ maṁhiṣṭhaṁ viśva-
carṣaṇim.*

All ye children of the earth, for you all I praise and celebrate that Indra, lord dispenser of justice and punishment without anger or violence, commander of power and forces of the nation, challenger of all negative forces of the world, leader of humanity, and great and glorious ruler of the men of vision and acts of universal value.

यं वर्धयन्तीद्विः पतिं तुरस्य राधसः ।

तमिच्चस्य रोदसी देवी शुष्मं सपर्यतः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yam vardhayanīd girah patim turasya rādhasaḥ.
Taminvasya rodasī devī śuṣmaṁ saparyataḥ.*

Indra whom universal voices of the world exalt and celebrate in adoration, is the ruler and protector of all the effective achievers of the world of nature and humanity. Him, in truth, the brilliant heaven and the green earth both serve under his power and law. To him our homage is always due.

तद्व उक्थस्य ब्रह्मणेन्द्रायोपस्तृणीषणि ।

विपो न यस्योतयो वि यद्रोहन्ति सक्षितः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tad va ukthasya barhaṇendrāyopastrñiṣaṇi.
Vipo na yasyotayo vi yad rohanti sakṣitataḥ.*

That lord you exalt by the beauty and sublimity of your holy song of praise in honour of Indra whose protections and modes of advancement then rise together like shoots of soma inwardly stirred by the song under his umbrella.

अविद्वक्षं मित्रो नवीयान्पपानो देवेभ्यो वस्यो अचैत् ।
ससवान्तस्तौलाभिर्धौतरीभिरुष्या पायुरभवत्सखिभ्यः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Avivad dakṣaṁ mitro navīyān papāno devebhyo
vasyo acait. Sasavāntstaulābhirdhautarībhī-
ruruṣyā pāyurabhavat sakhibhyaḥ.*

The rising youth, friendly and protective, knows and achieves strength and expertise, and provides a place of rest and security for the noble and the wise. Well provided with food and means of sustenance, eager to protect and promote, he rises as a guardian power for friends and companions with unshakable forces of defence and protection.

ऋतस्य पथि वेधा अपायि श्रिये मनांसि देवासो अक्रन् ।
दधानो नाम महो वचोभिर्वपुर्दृशये वेन्यो व्यावः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ṛtasya pathi vedhā apāyi śriye manānsi devāso akran. Dadhāno nāma maho vacobhirvapurdṛśaye venyo vyāvaḥ.*

On the path of truth and eternal law, the man of knowledge and wisdom is protected, and the noble and the wise control and transform their minds for the beauty and grace of manners and culture. May the Great one, kind and loving, bearing the holy name, reveal his divine presence in response to our prayers and protect us through the paths of life.

द्युमत्तमं दक्षं धेह्यास्मे सेधा जनानां पूर्विररातीः । वर्षीयो
वयः कृणुहि शचीभिर्धनस्य सातावस्माँ अविद्धि ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Dyumattamaṁ dakṣaṁ dhehyasme sedhā janānāṁ pūrvīrarātīḥ. Varṣīyo vayaḥ kṛṇuhi śacībhir-dhanasya sātāvasmāñ aviddhi.*

Grant us strength and expertise of the brightest order, accomplish the tasks on hand and ward off the age-old adversities of the people, bless us with a long age of charity and generosity, and let us join and participate in the battles for wealth and success with the best of actions and intelligence among people.

इन्द्र तुभ्यमिन्मघवन्नभूम वयं दात्रे हरिवो मा वि वेनः ।
नकिरापिर्दृशे मर्त्यत्रा किमङ्ग रश्चोदनं त्वाहुः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Indra tubhaminmaghavannabhūma vayaṁ dātre harivo mā vi venāḥ. Nakirāpirdadṛśe martyatrā kimaṅga radhracodanaṁ tvāhuḥ.*

Indra, lord of power and majesty, let us be, let us live and work only for you, generous and charitable ruler. Pray do not ignore us, do not neglect us. There is none visible among the mortals around here our own such as you, lord of horse and men, otherwise, O lord dear as breath of life, why would they call you the inspirer for the achievement of honour and excellence in life?

मा जस्वने वृषभ नो ररीथा मा ते रेवतः सुख्ये रिषाम ।

पूर्वीष्ट इन्द्र निषिधो जनैषु जह्यसुष्वीन्द्र वृहापृणतः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Mā jasvane vṛṣabha no rarīthā mā te revataḥ sakhye riṣāma. Purvīṣṭa indra niṣṣidho janeṣu jahyasusṣvīn pra vrhāpṛṇataḥ.*

Indra, mighty generous destroyer of suffering, deliver us not to the unjust and the hungry grabber. Let us never suffer in the friendship of the generous lord nor fall off from loyalty. Let us take advantage of the age old facilities of success among the people. Eliminate the uncreative and keep us away from ungrateful negationists.

उदभ्राणीव स्तनयन्नियतीन्द्रो राधांस्यश्व्यानि गव्या । त्वमसि प्रदिवः कारुधाय मा त्वादामान आ दधन्मघोनः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Udabhrāṇīva stanayanniyarīndro rādhānsyaśvyāni gavyā. Tvamasi pradivaḥ kārudhāyā mā tvādāmāna ā dabhan maghonaḥ.*

And like thundering clouds, Indra moves and declares the gifts of success and munificence, horses and fast accomplishment, cows and abundant food and drink. O lord, you are the patron sustainer of brilliant

artists, inventive scientists and expert technologists. Let the miserly non-giver never deceive you or injure you, and never let him deceive the generous and prosperous people.

अध्वर्यो वीर प्र महे सुतानामिन्द्राय भर स ह्यस्य राजा ।
यः पूर्व्याभिरुत नूतनाभिर्गीर्भिर्वीवृधे गृणतामृषीणाम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Adhvaryo vīra pra mahe sutānāmindrāya bhara sa hyasya rājā. Yaḥ pūrvyābhiruta nūtanābhir-gīrbhirvāvṛdhe gṛṇatāmṛṣīṇām.*

O brave high priest of the social order of the yajna of love and non-violence, bear the best of soma distilled for homage in honour of the great Indra, ruler of the world. He alone is the ruler of this order worthy to rule who rises in personal and social esteem by the holy voices, both old and new, of the admirers and the wise seers of the land.

अस्य मदे पुरु वर्षीसि विद्वानिन्द्रो वृत्राण्यप्रती जघान ।
तमु प्र होषि मधुमन्तमस्मै सोमं वीराय शिप्रिणे पिबध्वै ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Asya made puru varpāmsi vidvānindro vṛtrāṇ-yapraṭī jaghāna. Tamu pra hoṣi madhumanta-masmai somam vīrāya śipriṇe pibadhyai.*

Under the inspiration and ardent passion of this soma, Indra, irresistible lord ruler all wise, destroys many covert forces of darkness and evil. That same soma, honey sweet and exhilarating you bear for a drink to this brave hero who shines in brilliant helmet and armour.

पातो सुतमिन्द्रो अस्तु सोमं हन्ता वृत्रं वज्रेण मन्दसानः ।
गन्ता यज्ञं परावर्तश्चिदच्छ वसुधीनामविता कारु-
धायाः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Pātā sutamindro astu somam hantā vrtram vajrena mandasānah. Gantā yajñam parāvata-ścidacchā vasurdhīnāmavitā kārudhāyāḥ.*

Let Indra, the ruler, drink the soma distilled from exhilarating herbs and protect the spirit and honour of the nation arisen from the noble rule of the order. Let him, happy and inspired, destroy the demon of evil and darkness with the thunderbolt of justice and power. Let him go and attend the yajna of the order well even from afar, provide happy and peaceful settlement for all the people, protect and promote intellectual work and programmes of corporate action, and sustain and advance the experts in art, science and technology.

इदं त्यत्पात्रमिन्द्रपानमिन्द्रस्य प्रियममृतमपायि । मत्सद्यथा
सौमन्साय देवं व्यशुस्मद् द्वेषो युयवद् व्यंहः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Idam tyat pātramindrapānamindrasya priyama-mṛtamapāyi. Matsad yathā saumanasāya devam vyasmad dveṣo yuyavad vyamhaḥ.*

This is that life-giving cup of Indra's nectar drink, his favourite, from which he drinks the dear delicious elixir of life so that he feels happy at heart and inspires the divine force of cosmic energy to ward off hate and enmity from us and cast away all sin and evil, and thereby save and strengthen the immortal soul.

एना मन्दानो जहि शूर शत्रूञ्जामिमजामिं मघवन्नमित्रान् ।
अभिषेणां अभ्यादेदिशानान्पराच इन्द्र प्र मृणा जही
च ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Enā mandāno jahi śūra śatrūñ-jāmimajāmiṁ maghavannamitrān. Abhiṣeṇāñ abhyādediś-ānān parāca indra pra mṛṇā jahī ca.*

This way Indra, O valiant hero, happy at heart and joyous, commanding wealth, power and excellence of the world, give up all enemies whether among the related or unrelated people, all unfriendly and menacing forces, all oppositions up front, and all those who order you about like bullies, ward them off, throw them out far away, destroy them all. Keep the soul untainted and free.

आसु ष्मा णो मघवन्निन्द्र पृत्त्वश्स्मभ्यं महि वरिवः सुगं
कः । अपां तोकस्य तनयस्य जेष इन्द्रं सूरीन्कृणुहि स्मा नो
अर्धम् ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Āsu śmā ṇo maghavannindra prtsvasmabhyam mahi varivaḥ sugam kaḥ. Apām tokasya tanayasya jeṣa indra sūrīn kṛṇuhi smā no ardham.*

In these battles of life, among these forces of positive action, O lord of wealth, power and majesty, Indra, destroyer of negativities and enmities, make the way clear for us for the achievement of life's great honour and excellence. Indra, lord of glory and victory, bless us with bravery and spirit of heroism, high intelligence, and power and prosperity of success in our struggle and attainment of the waters of life, noble actions and brave children and grand children.

आ त्वा हरयो वृषणो युजाना वृषरथासो वृषरश्मयोऽ-
त्याः । अस्मत्राञ्चो वृषणो वज्रवाहो वृष्णे मदाय सुयुजो
वहन्तु ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Ā tvā harayo vṛṣaṇo yujānā vṛṣarathāso vṛṣara-śmayo'tyāḥ. Asmatrāñco vṛṣaṇo vajravāho vṛṣṇe madāya suyujō vahantu.*

Indra, O leading light and spirit of the nation of humanity, may the pioneers, brave and heroic, united with you in thought and action, blazing as sunrays and falling as showers, instant in initiative and perfect in aim, riding mighty chariots, concentrating on our defence and protection, generous and magnanimous, wielding thunder and lightning, willing warriors all, conduct and bring you here for our strength and joy of life's victory.

आ ते वृषन्वृषणो द्रोणमस्थुर्घृतप्रुषो नोर्मयो मदन्तः । इन्द्र
प्र तुभ्यं वृषभिः सुतानां वृष्णे भरन्ति वृषभाय सोमम् ॥ २० ॥

20. *Ā te vṛṣan vṛṣaṇo droṇamasthur-ghṛtapruṣo normayo madantaḥ. Indra pra tubhyam vṛṣabhiḥ sutānām vṛṣṇe bharanti vṛṣabhāya somam.*

Indra, lord of power and glory, delightful showers of soma, exuberant and exhilarating like dancing waves of the sea, come and fill your cup of nectar and sprinkle your altar of yajna with ghrta. Thus do the leading lights of nature and humanity bear and bring the soma of life's light and joy distilled by brave and generous leaders of the yajnic order for the mighty and magnanimous lord ruler of the world.

वृषसि दिवो वृषभः पृथिव्या वृषा सिन्धूनां वृषभः
स्तिर्यानाम् । वृष्णे त इन्द्रुर्वृषभ पीपाय स्वादू रसो मधुपेयो
वराय ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Vṛṣāsi divo vṛṣabhaḥ prthivyā vṛṣā sindhūnām vṛṣabhaḥ stiyānām. Vṛṣṇe ta indurvṛṣabha pīpāya svādū raso madhupeyo varāya.*

You are the showerer of the light of heaven. You

are the inspirer of the life of earth. You are the showerer of the waters of rivers and the seas. You are the life breath of things moving and non-moving all together. This is the homage, honey drink, bright, delicious, the very nectar of life for the lord ruler.

अयं देवः सहसा जायमान् इन्द्रेण युजा पणिर्मस्तभायत् ।
अयं स्वस्य पितुरायुधानीन्दुरमुष्णादशिवस्य मायाः ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Ayaṁ devaḥ sahasā jāyamāna indreṇa yujā paṇimastabhāyat. Ayaṁ svasya piturāyudhānī-ndur-amuṣṇād-aśivasya māyāḥ.*

This brilliant and divine soma rising and manifesting with exhilaration and ardent passion, friend of Indra and one with his glory, stabilises the admirable rule and order of the world and strengthens the supporters of it. This soma, bright and blissful as the moon, keeps the arms and armaments and the justice and administration of its creator and ruler in order, and it frustrates the plans and wiles of the unruly and the unholy.

अयमकृणोदुषसः सुपत्नीरयं सूर्ये अदधाज्ज्योतिरन्तः । अयं
त्रिधातु दिवि रोचनेषु त्रितेषु विन्ददमृतं निगूळहम् ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Ayamakṛṇoduṣasaḥ supatnīrayaṁ sūrye adadhā-jjyotirantaḥ. Ayaṁ tridhātu divi rocaneṣu triteṣu vindadamṛtaṁ nigūḷham.*

This ardent passion of Indra, lord omnipotent creator, makes the dawns bright and blissful inspirers of love and devotion, vests the sun with light within, creates the universe of three natural principles of mind, energy and matter, and infuses the immortal spirit, as

mysterious and immanent spirit, in the three bright worlds of heaven, earth and the firmament, and helps us to discover the immortal bliss with ardent passion of holiness.

अ॒यं द्यावा॑पृथि॒वी वि ष्क॑भा॒यद॒यं रथ॑म॒युनक्स॑प्त॒रश्मि॑म् ।
अ॒यं गो॑षु श॒च्या प॒क्वम॑न्तः सोमो॑ दा॒धार द॑र्श॒यन्त्र॑-
मुत्स॑म् ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Ayaṁ dyāvāpṛthivī vi śkabhāyadayaṁ rathamaya-
yunak saptaraśmim. Ayaṁ goṣu śacyā pakvaman-
taḥ somo dādharma daśayantramutsam.*

This passion and omnipotence of Indra wields and stabilises the heaven and earth in orbit. It ordains the seven-rayed chariot of the sun in the system. With its power and action it places mature living energy in the fertility of earths, milk in cows and warmth in the rays of sunlight, and thus it holds and sustains soma, life energy of existence, in the universe, thereby making it a living system of tenfold nature, i.e., five elements and five pranic energies.

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*Indra (1-30) and Brbustaksha (31-33) Devata,
Shamyu Barhaspatya Rshi*

य आ॒नय॑त्परा॒वतः॑ सु॒नीती॑ तुर्व॒शं यदु॑म् ।
इन्द्रः॑ स नो॒ युवा॑ सखा॑ ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ya ānayat parāvataḥ sunītī turvaśam yadum.
Indraḥ sa no yuvā sakhā.*

May Indra, that eternal lord omnipotent, that youthful ruler, and that forceful leader, be our friend

and companion so that he may lead the man of instant decision and action and the hardworking people on way to wisdom and right living even from far off distance.

अविप्रे चिद्वयो दधदनाशुना चिदर्वता ।

इन्द्रो जेता हितं धनम् ॥ २ ॥

12. *Avipre cid vayo dadhadanāśunā cidarvatā.*
Indro jetā hitaṁ dhanam.

He brings food, health and age, life and light of knowledge for the innocent and for the ignorant and unintelligent too and wins wealth and honour for the good life at the fastest without haste and impatience.

महीरस्य प्रणीतयः पूर्वोरुत प्रशस्तयः ।

नास्य क्षीयन्त ऊतयः ॥ ३ ॥

13. *Mahīrasya praṇītayāḥ pūrvōruta praśastayāḥ.*
Nāsyā kṣīyanta ūtayāḥ.

Great are this ruler's policies and acts of leadership, universal and admirable. Never do his honour, reputation and modes of defence, protection and progress go down.

सखायो ब्रह्मवाहुसेऽर्चतु प्र च गायत ।

स हि नः प्रमतिर्मही ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sakhāyo brahmavāhase 'rcata pra ca gāyata.*
Sa hi naḥ pramatirmahī.

Come ye friends and comrades, adore the harbinger and protector of divine sustenance and light of universal knowledge, celebrate him in song and proclaim his gifts of kindness. He is the light of

sublimity, he alone is our vision and wisdom.

त्वमेकस्य वृत्रहन्नविता द्वयोरसि । उतेदृशे यथा वयम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tvamekasya vrtrahannavitā dvayorasi.*
Utedrśe yathā vayam.

O lord destroyer of evil like the sun, breaker of the clouds, you are the saviour and protector of the one, the lonely and helpless as well as of both the people and the officers of administration as we too likewise are supporters of the ruler and the people.

नयसीद्वति द्विषः कृणोष्युक्थशंसिनः ।

नृभिः सुवीर उच्यसे ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Nayasīdvati dviṣaḥ kṛṇoṣyukthaśamsinaḥ.*
Nṛbhiḥ suvīra ucyase.

You control, guide and manage even the stubborn hatefults and convert them to ardent admirers of positive knowledge as men of faith and enlightenment. So you are called the real heroic leader and ruler by the leading lights.

ब्रह्माणं ब्रह्मवाहसं गीर्भिः सखायमृग्मियम् ।

गां न दोहसे हुवे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Brahmāṇaṁ brahmavāhasaṁ gīrbhiḥ sakhāy-amṛgmiyam. Gāṁ na dohase huve.*

I invoke and celebrate in holy words the seer and scholar of the universal knowledge of the Vedas, adorable friend and exponent of divine knowledge as one would serve and milk the cow for living energy or study and meditate on the holy Word for living light.

यस्य विश्वानि हस्तयोरुचुर्वसूनि नि द्विता ।

वीरस्य पृतनाषहः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yasya viśvāni hastayorūcurvasūni ni dvitā.*
Virasya pṛtanāṣahaḥ.

Seers and scholars say that in the hands of the heroic leader and ruler, brave challenger and subduer of all forces, lie and abide all treasures of the world both material and spiritual. (The real scholar too is one who commands the knowledge of nature as well as of the spirit, of this world and of the world beyond.)

वि दृळ्हानि चिदद्रिवो जनानां शचीपते ।

वृह माया अनानत ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Vi dṛḷhāni cidadrivo janānām śacīpate.*
Vṛha māyā anānata.

O bold and intrepid ruler and protector of the people, lord of mighty action, you break the clouds and shake the mountains. Pray strengthen the strongholds of the people and uproot the wiles of the wicked.

तमु त्वा सत्य सोमपा इन्द्र वाजानां पते ।

अहूमहि श्रवस्यवः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tamu tvā satya somapā indra vājānām pate.*
Ahūmahī śravasyavaḥ.

Indra, lord ever true and redoubtable, protector of the spirit and culture of the good life, ruler and promoter of food, energy and progressive advancement of the people, we invoke and call upon you to lead us in our pursuit of sustenance, progress, honour and

excellence and immortal fame.

तमु त्वा यः पुरासिथ्र यो वा नूनं हिते धने ।

हव्यः स श्रुधी हवम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Tamu tvā yaḥ purāsitha yo vā nūnaṁ hite dhane.
Havyaḥ sa śrudhī havam.*

You who have ever been with us and for us since eternity, who surely are with us in our best of prosperity and ever at the call of action, the same, O lord adorable, we invoke and pray listen to our call and come and bless.

धीभिरर्वीन्द्रिरर्वतो वाजौ इन्द्र श्रवाय्यान् ।

त्वया जेष्य हितं धनम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Dhībhir-arvadbhir-arvato vājāṅ indra śravāyyān.
Tvayā jeṣṣma hitaṁ dhanam.*

With our intelligence and actions, with our drive and horses, and with your helping hand and grace, O lord of victory, destroyer and preserver, Indra, rising and advancing, we pray, let us succeed in our battles of life and win wholesome and reputable treasures of peace and prosperity.

अभूरु वीर गिर्वणो महौ इन्द्र धने हिते ।

भरे वितन्तसाय्यः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Abhūru vīra girvaṇo mahāṅ indra dhane hite.
Bhare vitantasāyyaḥ.*

Indra, lord giver of honour and excellence, great, adored in words of praise and prayer, when the call is given, the forces are in array and the battle is raging, then, O lord of victory, be with us. And when the treasure is won and abounds for the good in life, then too, O

lord pervasive, be with us.

या त ऊतिरमित्रहन्मक्षूजवस्तमासति ।

तया नो हिनुही रथम् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Yā ta ūtir-amitrahan makṣūjavastamāsatī.
Tayā no hinuhī ratham.*

And when your umbrella of protection and promotion grows most extensively fast and wide, then by that accelerate our chariot of honour and glory and let it range wider and wider.

स रथेन रथीतमोऽस्माकेनाभियुग्वना ।

जेषि जिष्णो हितं धनम् ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Sa rathena rathītamo'smākenābhiyugvanā.
Jeṣi jiṣṇo hitam dhanam.*

O leader and ruler, Indra, bravest commander of the fastest chariot of our social order, thirsting for victory, by that united chariot of ours in unison with us you win the treasures of life good for the nation of humanity.

य एक इत्तमु ष्टुहि कृष्टीनां विचर्षणिः ।

पतिर्जज्ञे वृषक्रतुः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Ya eka it tamu ṣṭuhi kṛṣṭīnām vicarṣaṇiḥ.
Patirjajñe vṛṣakratuḥ.*

O man, invoke, admire and celebrate that one alone who is unique by himself, ever watchful guardian of the people, generous performer and showerer of blissful fruits of his action, and who emerges and rises as the protector and ruler of all.

यो गृणतामिदासिंथाऽऽपिरूती शिवः सखा ।

स त्वं न इन्द्र मृलय ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Yo grṇatāmidāsithā'pirūtī śivaḥ sakhā.
Sa tvaṁ na indra mṛlaya.*

Indra, potent lord of action, destroyer of suffering and giver of bliss, who are good and kind, friendly and one with the celebrants as our kith and kin, all protective under your umbrella, such as you are, we pray, be kind and gracious to us and lead us to the peace and happiness of the good life.

धिष्व वज्रं गभस्त्यो रक्षोहत्याय वज्रिवः ।

सासहीष्ट्य अभि स्पृधः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Dhiṣva vajraṁ gabhastyo rakṣohatyāya vajrivaḥ.
Sāsahīṣṭhā abhi sprdhah.*

O wielder of the thunderbolt of defence and power, take up the adamantine mace and thunder of power and justice in your hands for the destruction of evil and wickedness and face, challenge, resolve and win the battles ahead.

प्रत्नं रयीणां युजं सखायं कीरिचोदनम् ।

ब्रह्मवाहस्तमं हुवे ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Pratnaṁ rayīṇāṁ yujaṁ sakhāyaṁ kirico-
danam. Brahmapavāhastamaṁ huve.*

I invoke and celebrate that most eminent sage and scholar of universal Vedic knowledge who is great as ancient seers, friend, and inspirer of dedicated disciples to win the wealth of life both spiritual and material.

स हि विश्वानि पार्थिवाँ एको वसूनि पत्यते ।

गिर्वीणस्तमो अध्रिगुः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Sa hi viśvāni pāṛthivāñ eko vasūni patyate.*
Girvanastamo adhriguḥ.

He alone, most adorable, instant mover and omnipresent lord of the universe, solely by himself, rules, protects and promotes all treasures of the earth.

(He alone deserves to be ruler of the world who is an earthly embodiment of such universal virtues.)

स नो नियुद्धिरा पृण कामं वाजैर्भिरश्विभिः ।

गोमद्भिर्गोपते धृषत् ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Sa no niyudbhirā pṛṇa kāmam vājebhir-aśvibhiḥ.*
Gomadbbhir-gopate dhṛṣat.

O lord of land with controlled mind and senses, bold and resolute, come to us with your teams of harnessed services and commissioned forces commanding speed and movement, warriors of horse and armour, managers of lands and cattle wealth, controllers of information and communication, and with all this infrastructure fulfil our desires and ambitions for the good life of success and progress.

तद्वो गाय सुते सचा पुरुहुताय सत्वने ।

शं यद्ववे न शाकिने ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Tad vo gāya sute sacā puruhūtāya satvane.*
Śaṁ yad gave na śākinē.

In your soma yajna in the business of the world of the lord's creation, sing together songs of homage in

honour of the universally adored, ever true and eternal almighty Indra, songs which may be as pleasing to the mighty lord as to the seeker and the celebrant.

न घा वसुर्नि यमते दानं वाजस्य गोमतः ।

यत्सीमुप श्रवद्भिरः ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Na ghā vasurni yamate dānam vājasya gomataḥ.
Yat sīmupa śravad girah.*

And surely the lord giver of settlement and gifts of knowledge, power and speedy progress does not withhold the gifts since he closely hears the prayers of the devotee and responds.

कुवित्सस्य प्र हि व्रजं गोमन्तं दस्युहा गमत् ।

शचीभिरप नो वरत् ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Kuvitsasya pra hi vrajam gomantaṁ dasyuhā gamat. Śacībhirapa no varat.*

May the lord destroyer of evil, negativity and poverty visit the homestead of the prayerful devotee blest with lands, cows and divine knowledge and open up the flood gates of wealth, power and divine grace for us with his vision and powers.

इमा उ त्वा शतक्रतोऽभि प्र णोनुवुर्गिरः ।

इन्द्र वत्सं न मातरः ॥ २५ ॥

25. *Imā u tvā śatakrato'bhi pra ṇonuvurgirah.
Indra vatsaṁ na mātaraḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler of the world and guardian of the people, just as mother cows look toward and low out of affection for the calf, so do these people look up to you with love and reverence, and their voices of

adoration exalt you, O lord of a hundred acts of kindness and holiness.

दूणाशं सख्यं तव गौरसि वीर गव्यते ।

अश्वो अश्वायते भव ॥ २६ ॥

26. *Dūṇāśaṁ sakhyaṁ tava gaurasi vīra gavyate.*
Aśvo aśvāyate bhava.

Indra, potent lord ruler of multifarious acts and potential, never can your friendship toward the people be lost or destroyed, it is permanent and versatile. You are all love and revelation to a person in search of faith and knowledge, and you are all impetuous victor for a person thirsting for speed and progress. (The way we think and act, you respond.)

स मन्दस्वा ह्यन्धसो राधसे तन्वा महे ।

न स्तोतारं निदे करः ॥ २७ ॥

27. *Sa mandasvā hyandhaso rādhasē tanvā mahe.*
Na stotāraṁ nide karaḥ.

Indra, ruler of the world of knowledge and action, be happy at heart by body, mind and soul with good food, energy and soma, and make others happy. Subject not your devoted celebrant to the malignity of revilers.

इमा उ त्वा सुतेसुते नक्षन्ते गिर्वणो गिरः ।

वत्सं गावो न धेनवः ॥ २८ ॥

28. *Imā u tvā sutesute nakṣante girvaṇo girāḥ.*
Vatsaṁ gāvo na dhenavaḥ.

These words and voices of adoration, O spirit

adorable, reach you, in every yajna, in every cycle of creation, like cows rushing to the calf with love.

पुरु॒तमं पुरु॒णां स्तो॒तॄणां वि॒वाचि॑ ।
वाजे॑भिर्वाजय॒ताम् ॥ २९ ॥

29. *Purūtamaṁ purūṇāṁ stotṛṇāṁ vivāci.*
Vājebhir-vājayatām.

May the most ancient and eternal knowledge in the speech of the ancient celebrants of divinity, enlightening and energising humanity with the vital spirits of existence, reaching the primeval soul, come to us too, enlighten and energise us too.

अ॒स्माक॑मिन्द्र भू॒तु ते॒ स्तोमो॑ वाहि॒ष्ठो अन्त॑मः ।
अ॒स्मात्रा॑ये म॒हे हि॒नु ॥ ३० ॥

30. *Asmākamindra bhūtu te stomo vāhiṣṭho antamaḥ.*
Asmān rāye mahe hinu.

Indra, lord giver of honour and excellence, may our song of celebration in your honour carry our message of homage closest to your heart to exalt you, and may you, we pray, inspire us to achieve the highest wealths of life.

अधि॑ बृ॒बुः प॑णी॒नां व॑र्षि॒ष्ठे मूर्ध॑न्न॒स्थात् ।
उ॒रुः क॑क्षो न गा॒ङ्ग्यः ॥ ३१ ॥

31. *Adhi br̥buh paṇīnāṁ varṣiṣṭhe mūrdhannasthāt.*
Uruḥ kakṣo na gāṅgyaḥ.

Let the maker, artist, analyst and architect, occupy and preside over the highest position in the world of business, wide and high like the embankment of a mighty river, to contain and control the flow of the

current of waters.

यस्य वायोरिव द्रवद्भद्रा रातिः सहस्रिणी ।

सद्यो दानाय मंहते ॥ ३२ ॥

32. *Yasya vāyoriva dravad bhadra rātiḥ sahasrīṇī.
Sadyo dānāya maṇhate.*

Whose gifts to society flow in a thousand directions like the currents of wind, his generosity and charities always and instantly, rise and continue to rise for the progress of humanity.

तत्सु नो विश्वे अर्य आ सदा गृणन्ति कारवः ।

बृभुं सहस्रदातमं सूरिं सहस्रसातमम् ॥ ३३ ॥

33. *Tat su no viṣve aṛya ā sadā gṛṇanti kāravaḥ.
Bṛbhuṁ sahasradātamaṁ sūriṁ sahasrasāt-amam.*

All our artists and artisans always appreciate and admire the chief architect, learned, wise and brave, giver of a thousand gifts and sharer of a thousand things with thousands of people. He indeed is the head of our business world.

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Indra Devata, Shamyu Barhaspatya Rshi

त्वामिद्धि हवामहे साता वाजस्य कारवः ।

त्वां वृत्रेष्विन्द्र सत्पतिं नरस्त्वां काष्ठस्वर्वतः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Tvāmiddhi havāmahe sātā vājasya kāravaḥ. Tvām
vṛtreṣvindra satpatiṁ narastvām kāṣṭhāsvar-
vataḥ.*

Indra, lord of power and advancement, you alone we invoke and call upon for acquisition of food,

energy, honour, excellence and progress. All of us, leading people, makers, poets, artists, artisans and architects of the nation, fast advancing in all directions, invoke and exhort you, protector and promoter of universal truth and values in human struggles for light, goodness and generosity, and the wealth of life.

स त्वं नश्चित्र वज्रहस्त धृष्णुया महः स्तवानो अद्रिवः ।

गामश्वं रथ्यमिन्द्र सं किर सत्रा वाजं न जिग्युषे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sa tvām naścitra vajrahasta dhṛṣṇuyā mahāḥ stavāno adrivaḥ. Gāmaśvaṁ rathyamindra saṁ kira satrā vājaṁ na jigyuṣe.*

Indra, lord of wondrous powers and performance, wielding the thunderbolt of justice and punishment in hand, great and glorious, breaker of the clouds and shaker of mountains, invoked and adored in song, with truth and science, power and force, collect, organise and win for us the wealth of lands, cows and rays of the sun, horses, transports and chariots like the victories of wealth and glory for the ambitious nation.

यः सत्राहा विचर्षणिरिन्द्रं तं हूमहे वयम् ।

सहस्रमुष्क तुविनृम्णा सत्पते भवा समत्सु नो वृधे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yaḥ satrāhā vicarṣaṇir-indraṁ taṁ hūmahe vayam. Sahasramuṣka tuvinṛmṇa satpate bhavā samatsu no vṛdhe.*

We invoke and adore Indra, lord of glory, constant watcher of humanity and human actions, and pray: O lord protector of truth, commanding thousandfold vitality and flames of fiery forces, master of universal wealth, be with us for our advancement in

the struggles of life.

बाधसे जनान्वृषभेव मन्युना घृषौ मीळ्ह ऋचीषम ।
अस्माकं बोध्यविता महाधने तनूष्वप्सु सूर्ये ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Bādhase janān vṛṣabheva manyunā ghr̥ṣau mīḥa ṛcīṣama. Asmākaṁ bodhyavitā mahā-dhane tanūśvapsu sūrye.*

Indra, ruler of the world, sacred as hymns of Rgveda, as a bull controls the herd, so you control as well as defend people with righteous passion and justice when they rub against each other or face great conflicts. O lord, be our saviour, giver of enlightenment in the great battles for wealth, health care, water management and the harnessing of solar energy.

इन्द्र ज्येष्ठं न आ भरँ ओजिष्ठं पपुर्णि श्रवः ।
येनेमे चित्र वज्रहस्त रोदसी ओभे सुशिप्र प्राः ॥ ५ ॥

Indra jyeṣṭhaṁ na ā bharaṇ ojiṣṭhaṁ papuri śravaḥ. Yeneme citra vajrahasta rodasī obhe suṣipra prāḥ.

Indra, lord of noblest virtue and knowledge, bear and bring us that best and most lustrous food for the nourishment of body and mind by which, O wondrous hero of golden helmet and wielder of thunder in hand, you may reach both this earth and this sky upto the heaven.

त्वामुग्रमवसे चर्षणीसहं राजन्देवेषु हूमहे । विश्वा सु नो
विथुरा पिबन्ना वसोऽ मित्रान्तसुषहान्कृधि ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvām-ugram-avase carṣaṇīśahaṁ rājan deveṣu hūmahe. Viśvā su no vithurā pibdanā vaso 'mitrāntsuṣahān kṛdhi.*

For our defence and protection, O ruler, of all the brilliant, generous and mighty powers, we invoke you, illustrious challenger of the enemies of humanity. O lord giver of peace and settlement in security, crush and scatter the obdurate negative forces within and outside, and turn the opponents into friends and unquestionable supporters.

यदिन्द्र नाहुषीष्वाँ ओजो नृम्णं च कृष्टिषु ।

यद्वा पञ्च क्षितीनां द्युम्नमा भर सत्रा विश्वानि पौंस्या ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Yadindra nāhuṣīṣvāñ ojo nṛmṇaṁ ca kṛṣṭiṣu.*
Yad vā pañca kṣitīnāṁ dyumnamā bhara satrā
viśvāni paumsyā.

Indra, ruler of the world, whatever the lustre and splendour in humanity across history, whatever the power and wealth among communities, whatever the virtue and quality in the five elements of nature or lands of the earth, or whatever the strength and vigour of the world of existence, you bear and symbolise all that. Pray, O lord, bear and bring us all that.

यद्वा तृक्षौ मघवन्द्रुह्यावा जने यत्पूरौ कच्च वृष्यम् ।

अस्मभ्यं तद्रिरीहि सं नृषाह्येऽ मित्रान्पृत्सु तुर्वणे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yad vā tṛkṣau maghavan druhyāvā jane yat pūrau*
kacca vṛṣṇyam. Asmabhyaṁ tad rirīhi saṁ
nṛṣāhye'mitrān pṛtsu turvaṇe.

O lord of wealth and power of the world, whatever the wisdom among the learned, whatever the energy among people of anger and hostility, or whatever strength and vigour among people of fullness of virility and generosity, at their best, bring us all that in the battles

of human contest and competition so that we may face, fight out and eliminate anger, enmity and malice.

इन्द्र त्रिधातुं शरणं त्रिवरूथं स्वस्तिमत् । छर्दिर्यच्छ
मघवद्भ्यश्च मह्यं च यावया दिद्युमैभ्यः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Indra tridhātu śaraṇaṁ trivarūtham svastimat. Chardir-yaccha maghavadbhyaśca mahyaṁ ca yāvayā didyumebhyaḥ.*

Indra, lord ruler of the wealth of nations, for the men of wealth, power, honour and generosity of heart, and for me too, give a home made of three metals and materials, comfortable in three seasons of summer, winter and rains, a place of rest, peace and security for complete well being. Give the light for them, keep off the blaze from them.

ये गव्यता मनसा शत्रुमादभुरभिप्रघ्नन्ति धृष्णुया ।
अधस्मा नो मघवन्निन्द्र गिर्वणस्तनूपा अन्तमो भव ॥ १० ॥

10. *Ye gavyatā manasā śatrum-ādabhur-abhipra-ghnanti dhrṣṇuyā. Adha smā no maghavan-nindra girvaṇastanūpā antamo bhava.*

Indra, lord of peace and power, exalted by words of adoration, give us warriors who, with their love of cows, lands and speech and with the force of their mind and strength of arm and courage, press down the enemies and destroy their arms and armies, and then, also, O lord protector of our person and body politic, be with us at the closest, deep within.

अधस्मा नो वृधे भवेन्द्र नायमवा युधि । यदन्तरिक्षे पतर्यन्ति
पर्णिनो दिद्यवस्तिग्ममूर्धानः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Adha smā no vṛdhe bhavendra nāyamavā yudhi. Yadantarikṣe patayanti paṇino didyavas-tigmamūr-dhānaḥ.*

Indra, chief of defence forces, give us those flying birds of defence and protection which blaze through skies and spaces carrying deep penetrative war heads in front, and then, also, be with us for our leadership, defend and protect us in the battles for our advancement.

यत्र शूरासस्तन्वो वितन्वते प्रिया शर्म पितृणाम् । अथ स्मा
यच्छ तन्वेऽ तने च छर्दिर्चित्तं यावय द्वेषः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Yatra śūrāsastanvo vitanvate priyā śarma pitṛ-
nām. Adha smā yaccha tanve tane ca chardiraci-
ttaṁ yāvaya dveṣaḥ.*

Give us the sweet home where the brave extend the honour and achievement of their forefathers, and then, for further extension of the honour, achievement and tradition of the nation, give us peace and security free from mental worry and keep off all jealousy, malice and hostility.

यदिन्द्र सगे अर्वतश्चोदयासे महाधने । असमने अध्वनि
वृजिने पथि श्येनाँइव श्रवस्यतः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yadindra sarge arvatascodayāse mahādhane. Asamane adhvani vṛjine pathi śyenāñ iva śrava-
syataḥ.*

And when, in the effort for creation and in the struggle for extension of honour and achievement of new wealth, you inspire the stormy pioneers and ambitious warriors thirsting for fame, and urge them

on to fly like eagles on unequal paths and winding ways of progress and possibility, then also, O lord, be with us all through.

सिन्धूँरिव प्रवण आशुया यतो यदि क्लोशमनु च्वणि ।
आ ये वयो न वर्वृत्यामिषि गृभीता बाह्वोर्गवि ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Sindhūñriva pravaṇa āśuyā yato yadi klośamanu cvaṇi. Ā ye vayo na varvṛtatyāmiṣi grbhītā bāhvorgavi.*

The pioneers and warriors of new projects on earth fly on and move like rivers rushing down to the sea. They move by superfast carriers whose controls are held fast in hands, and instantly act in response to the sound signal and pounce upon the target like birds on food at sight, intensively.

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*Soma, Indra, Dana, Ratha, Dundubhi Devatah,
Garga Bharadvaja Rshi*

स्वादुष्किलायं मधुमाँ उतायं तीव्रः किलायं रसवाँ उतायम् ।
उतो न्वस्य पपिवांसमिन्द्रं न कश्चन सहत आहवेषु ॥ १ ॥

1. *Svāduṣkilāyaṁ madhumāñ utāyaṁ tīvraḥ kilāyaṁ rasavāñ utāyam. Uto nvasya papi-vāmsamindram na kaścana sahata āhaveṣu.*

Soma: of course it is delicious, honey sweet, and it is sharp and strong and intense, and also it has wonderful flavour. And when Indra, the mighty one, has happily drunk of this soma, this nectar of life, none can withstand him in battles.

अयं स्वादुरिह मदिष्ठ आसु यस्येन्द्रो वृत्रहत्ये ममाद । पुरुणि
यश्च्यौत्ता शम्बरस्य वि नवतिं नव च देह्योऽहन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ayaṁ svāduriha madiṣṭha āsa yasyendro
vṛtrahatyē mamāda. Purūṇi yaścyautnā śamba-
rasya vi navatiṁ nava ca dehyo han.*

It is delicious, most exhilarating here in the business of life. Indra, mighty ruler, having drunk of it, exults in the battle against want and wickedness for the achievement of prosperity and, waxing in strength and passion, destroys the multitudinous forces of evil and breaks ninety and nine strongholds of darkness like the sun breaking clouds for rain.

अयं मे पीत उदियर्ति वाचमयं मनीषामुशतीमजीगः ।
अयं षळुर्वीरमिमीत धीरो न याभ्यो भुवनं कच्चनारे ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ayaṁ me pīta udiyarti vācamayaṁ manīṣām-
uśatīmajīgaḥ. Ayaṁ ṣaḷurvīramimīta dhīro
na yābhyo bhuvanaṁ kaccanāre.*

This ecstasy of soma stimulates and refines my speech, it energises and sublimates my mind and awareness to love and passion for divinity. Man in the state of mental stability and spiritual constancy realises the six dimensional universe of existence beyond which there is no world of matter or mind higher or lower.

अयं स यो वरिमाणं पृथिव्या वर्ष्माणं दिवो अकृणोदय
सः । अयं पीयूषं तिसृषु प्रवत्सु सोमो दाधारोर्वन्त-
रिक्षम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ayaṁ sa yo varimāṇaṁ pṛthivyā varṣmāṇaṁ divo
akṛṇodayaṁ saḥ. Ayaṁ pīyūṣaṁ tisṛṣu pravatsu
somo dādhārorvantarikṣam.*

This soma is that cosmic energy which causes the showers of vitality from the sun and creates the fertility of the earth. It bears the nectar sweets of three rolling oceans of heaven, earth and the middle region and sustains the vast skies.

अयं विदच्चित्रदृशीकमर्णः शुक्रसद्भानामुषसामनीके । अयं
महान्महता स्कम्भनेनोद् द्यामस्तभ्नाद् वृषभो मरु-
त्वान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ayaṁ vidaccitradr̥śīkamarnah śukrasadmanā-
muṣasāmanīke. Ayaṁ mahān mahatā skambha-
nenod dyāmastabhnād vṛṣabho marutvān.*

This generous and exuberant energy of the universe commanding the force of the currents of nature's inherent power vests the beatific ocean of the glorious sunrays of immaculate beauty of the mornings. It is great and, by its mighty gravitational force, sustains the solar region in position above.

धृषत्पिब कलशे सोममिन्द्र वृत्रहा शूर समरे वसूनाम् । माध्यं-
न्दिने सर्वन् आ वृषस्व रयिस्थानो रयिमस्मासु धेहि ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Dhṛṣat piba kalaśe somamindra vṛtrahā śūra
samare vasūnām. Mādhyāndine savana ā vṛṣasva
ryisthāno rayimasmāsu dhehi.*

Bold and resolute Indra, ruler, destroyer of darkness and poverty, drink the soma from the vessel for the battle of life's wealth. Come to the mid-day session of yajna and bring the showers. As you yourself are the treasurehold of wealth, bless us with the wealth of life.

इन्द्र प्र णः पुरा॒ने॒व पश्य॑ प्र नो॒ नय॑ प्र॒तरं॑ वस्यो॒ अच्छ॑ । भवा॒
सुपा॒रो अतिपा॒र्यो नो॒ भवा॒ सुनी॑तिरु॒त वाम॑नीतिः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Indra pra ṇaḥ pura-eteva paśya pra no naya prataraṁ vasyo accha. Bhavā supāro atipārayo no bhavā sunītiruta vāmanītiḥ.*

Indra, leader and commander of world power, look at us and watch like a leader moving fast forward. Lead us to wealth of the world across the oceans. Be the unswerving pilot of the nation, take us to the shores beyond and lead us on by the policy and practice of nobility and gracious living.

उरुं नो॒ लो॒कमनु॑ नेषि वि॒द्वान्त्स्वर्वा॑ज्योति॒रभयं॑ स्व॒स्ति ।
ऋ॒ष्व्वा त इन्द्र॑ स्थवि॒रस्य॑ बा॒हू उप॑ स्थेयाम शर॒णा
बृ॒हन्ता ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Uruṁ no lokamanu neṣi vidvānt-svarvaj-jyo-tir-abhayaṁ svasti. Ṛṣvā ta indra sthavirasya bāhū upa stheyāma śaraṇā brhantā.*

Indra, sagely scholar and just ruler of the world, lead us to the higher regions of life, fearless, full of heavenly light, a haven of bliss and well being. O lord of constancy, we pray, may we abide in the shelter and security of the umbrella of your mighty protective hands.

वरि॑ष्ठे न इन्द्र व॒न्धुरे॑ धा॒ वहि॑ष्ठयोः शता॒वन्न॑श्वयो॒रा ।
इ॒ष॒मा वक्षी॑षां व॒र्षि॑ष्ठं मा नस्तारी॒न्मघ॑व॒त्रायो॑ अ॒र्यः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Variṣṭhe na indra vandhure dhā vahiṣṭhayoḥ śatāvannaśvayorā. Iṣamā vakṣiṣām varṣiṣṭhām mā nastārīn-maghavan rāyo aryah.*

Indra, ruler and guardian of the people, master

and controller of the wealth and power of the world, let us ride and abide in the best chariot of our choice in your well managed system of governance run by the strongest and most efficient leaders and forces. O lord of a hundred powers and actions, bring us the best and most abundant food and sustenance, energy and power. Let no one as master tread over our wealth, power, and basic rights of life and freedom.

इन्द्रं मृळं मह्यं जीवातुमिच्छ चोदय धियमयसो न धाराम् ।
यत्किं चाहं त्वायुरिदं वदामि तज्जुषस्व कृधि मा देव-
वन्तम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Indra mṛḷa mahyaṁ jīvātumiccha codaya dhiya-mayaso na dhārām. Yat kiṁ cāhaṁ tvāyuridaṁ vadāmi tajjuṣasva kṛdhi mā devavantam.*

Indra, ruler sustainer of all, be kind and gracious to me, please to wish me the good life, sharpen and inspire my mind and intellect like the razor's edge. And whatever I wish out of love and devotion, to you I say this: Please to accept and grant, and raise me up to the love and favour of divinity.

त्रातारमिन्द्रमवितारमिन्द्रं हवेहवे सुहवं शूरमिन्द्रम् । ह्वयामि
शक्रं पुरुहूतमिन्द्रं स्वस्ति नो मघवा धात्विन्द्रः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Trātāram-indram-avitāramindram havehave suha-vaṁ śūramindram. Hvayāmi śakraṁ pura-hūtamindram svasti no maghavā dhātvindraḥ.*

In every battle of life one after another, I invoke Indra, lord giver of wealth, honour and power, saviour Indra, protector Indra, brave Indra invoked with love and devotion, pure and powerful, universally invoked

and adored. May Indra bring us the good life and all round well being.

इन्द्रः सुत्रामा स्ववाँ अवोभिः सुमृळीको भवतु विश्ववेदाः ।
बाधतां द्वेषो अभयं कृणोतु सुवीर्यस्य पतयः स्याम ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Indraḥ sutrāmā svavāṅ avobhiḥ sumṛṭīko bhavatu viśvavedāḥ. Bādhatām dveṣo abhayaṁ kṛṇotu suvīryasya patayah syāma.*

Indra, lord omniscient, mighty protector and sole lord of his own essential powers may, we pray, be kind and gracious with his modes of protection and advancement, ward off hate and enmity and grant us freedom from fear so that we may be masters and promoters of the noble strength and honour of life.

तस्य वयं सुमतौ यज्ञियस्याऽपि भद्रे सौमनसे स्याम । स
सुत्रामा स्ववाँ इन्द्रो अस्मे आराच्छिद् द्वेषः सनुतयु-
योतु ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Tasya vayaṁ sumatau yajñiyasyā'pi bhadre saumanase syāma. Sa sutrāmā svavāṅ indro asme ārāccid dveṣaḥ sanutaryuyotu.*

May we enjoy the favour, kindness and love of that lord adorable, all protective Indra, sole master of his own essential powers and forces, who may always ward off from us all hate and enmity far or near.

अव त्वे इन्द्र प्रवतो नोर्मिर्गिरो ब्रह्माणि न्त्रियुतो धवन्ते ।
उरू न राधः सर्वना पुरुष्यपो गा वज्रिन्युवसे समि-
न्दून् ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ava tve indra pravato normirgiro brahmāṇi niyuto dhavante. Urū na rādhaḥ savanā puruṣ-yapo gā vajrin yuvase samindūn.*

Indra, O ruler of the world, like streams of flood rushing down to the sea, all voices of prayer and adoration, offers of homage and chants of the holy Word dedicated to your service rise, reach and concentrate in you. O wielder of the thunderbolt of power and justice, you hold, integrate, treasure and distribute immense wealth of means and materials of success, yajnic sessions and inspirations, wide ranging waters and social programmes of action, lands, cows and lights of knowledge, and all things of beauty and joy leading to mental and spiritual bliss of peace.

क ईं स्तवत्कः पृणात्को यजाते यदुग्रमिन्मघवा विश्व-
हावेत् । पादाविव प्रहरन्नन्यमन्यं कृणोति पूर्वमपरं
शचीभिः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ka īm stavat kaḥ pṛṇāt ko yajāte yadugramin-
ma-ghavā viśvahāvet. Pādāviva praharannan-
yamanyam kṛṇoti pūrvamaparam śacībhiḥ.*

Who can praise and fully celebrate him? Who can finally serve and join him?

Whoever is passionately dedicated and whom the lord of glory may favour, govern, and protect day and night, the lord who, like a man on the walk alternating his feet in motion moving the hind one forward and leaving the forward one then behind, dispenses people up and down according to their actions and the law of karma.

शृण्वे वीर उग्रमुग्रं दमायन्नन्यमन्यमतिनेनीयमानः ।
एधमानद्विळुभयस्य राजा चोष्कृत्यते विश्व इन्द्रो मनु-
ष्यान् ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Śṛṇve vīra ugramugraṁ damāyann-anyam-anyam-atinenīyamānaḥ. Edhamānadviḷubha-yasya rājā coṣkūyate viśa indro manuṣyān.*

I hear that Indra, potent lord, controller of all proud and passionate ones, leading all up and down by their performance, favouring the good and punishing the rising proud and arrogant, rules all communities of humanity, good and evil, and calls them up for justice and dispensation.

परा पूर्वेषां सुख्या वृणक्ति वितर्तुराणो अपरेभिरेति ।

अनानुभूतीरवधून्वानः पूर्वीरिन्द्रः शरदस्तर्तरीति ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Parā pūrveṣāṁ sakhyā vṛṇakti vitarturāṇo apare-bhireti. Anānubhūtīravadhūnvānaḥ pūrvīrindraḥ śaradastartarīti.*

With love and understanding, Indra, lord ruler, gives up the dead wood of the old and goes forward taking on other new forms of life and society like waves of the sea pressing on fast forward. Shaking off the callous who refuse to learn by experience he goes on like the sun crossing over the years of time gone by and living and shaping new eras of time.

रूपंरूपं प्रतिरूपो बभूव तदस्य रूपं प्रतिचक्षणाय । इन्द्रो मायाभिः पुरुरूप ईयते युक्ता ह्यस्य हरयः शता दश ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Rūpaṁrūpaṁ pratirūpo babhūva tadasya rūpaṁ praticakṣaṇāya. Indro māyābhiḥ pururūpa īyate yuktā hyasya harayaḥ śatā daśa.*

Indra, the supreme soul, pervades all forms of existence to reveal that pervasive form of presence according to each form. The individual soul, the jiva,

takes on one form of life after another to reveal that existential form of its real self. The ruler takes over each form of the institutions of his governance to reveal his power and presence through that institution. Indra thus, of many many forms of manifestation goes on by manifold powers and potentials, assisted by thousands of its motive forces like the master of a chariot drawn by horses.

युजा॒नो ह॒रिता॒ रथे॒ भूरि॒ त्वष्ट्रे॒ह र॑जति । को वि॒श्वाहा॑ द्वि॒षतः॑
पक्षे॑ आसत उ॒तासी॑नेषु सू॒रिषु॑ ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Yujāno haritā rathe bhūri tvaṣṭeha rājati. Ko viśvāhā dviṣataḥ pakṣa āsata utāsīneṣu sūriṣu.*

With its powers and potentials yoked to its chariot-like body form, Tvashta, the soul, shines gloriously in its existential form here. It takes the best form of its love and choice by karma, for who would choose to be with the malicious fools day and night when the wise and visionaries are sitting close by?

अ॒ग॒व्यू॒ति क्षे॒त्रमा॒गन्म॑ दे॒वा उ॒र्वी स॒ती भू॒मिरं॑हू॒रणा॑भूत् ।
बृ॒ह॒स्प॒ते प्र॑ चि॒कित्सा॒ गवि॑ष्टावि॒त्था स॒ते ज॒रित्र॑ इन्द्र॒
पन्था॑म् ॥ २० ॥

20. *Agavyūti kṣetramāganma devā urvī satī bhūmiran̄hūrṇābhūt. Bṛhaspate pra cikitsā gaviṣṭā-vitthā sate jaritra indra panthām.*

O noble people, brilliant pioneers, let us take over the vast virgin land which is a field good enough for warriors of action to develop and cultivate. O Brhaspati, lord of knowledge, protector and promoter of great things, Indra, destroyer of suffering, master of

diagnostics and correctives, let us make the pathway for the development of cattlewealth and advancement of knowledge and education in the service of the present generation of the celebrants of divinity and nobilities of humanity.

दिवेदिवे सदृशीरन्यमर्धं कृष्णा असेधदप सद्यनो जाः ।
अहन्दासा वृषभो वस्रयन्तोदव्रजे वचिनं शम्बरं च ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Divedive sadṛśīranyamardham kṛṣṇā asedhadapa sadmano jāḥ. Ahan dāsā vṛṣabho vasrayanto-davraje varcinam śambaram ca.*

Day by day the sun dispels the equal cover of darkness arisen at night from its abode to the other half of the globe. The mighty solar power of showers breaks the dark vapours concealed in the cloud, strikes the blazing lightning and opens the flood gates of rain to flow into streams on land.

(So does the ruler dispel the darkness of ignorance, injustice and poverty and open the flood - gates of light and knowledge with justice and prosperity.)

प्रस्तोक इन्नु राधसस्त इन्द्र दश कोशयीर्दश वाजिनोऽ दात् ।
दिवोदासादतिथिगवस्य राधः शाम्बरं वसु प्रत्यग्र-
भीष्म ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Prastoka innu rādhasasta indra daśa kośayīrdaśa vājino'dāt. Divodāsādatithigvasya rādhaḥ śāmbaram vasu pratyagrabhīṣma.*

Indra, lord ruler, the celebrant of your means and materials of success and accomplishment has given ten treasure gifts of land and ten modes of fast transport.

We accept and reciprocate the gifts of the lord's showers of generosity and hospitality from the celebrant giver of the treasures of means and materials of success, water showers and the gifts of land, home and wealth for sustenance.

दशाश्वान्दश कोशान्दश वस्त्राधिभोजना ।

दशो हिरण्यपिण्डान्दिवोदासादसानिषम् ॥ २३ ॥

23. *Daśāśvān daśa kośān daśa vastrādhibhojanā.
Daśo hirṇyapiṇḍān divodāsādasāniṣam.*

Let me receive and enjoy in common ten transports, ten treasures of wealth, ten garments, ten kinds of food and ten pieces of gold from the brilliant and generous giver.

(Swami Dayanand suggests in his commentary that the ratio at the maximum between the lowest and highest paid working partner in the social order should be one to ten.)

दश रथान्प्रष्टिमतः शतं गा अथर्वभ्यः ।

अश्वथः पायवेऽ दात् ॥ २४ ॥

24. *Daśa rathān praṣṭimataḥ śataṁ gā atharvabhyāḥ.
Aśvathāḥ pāyave 'dāt.*

Let the treasurer give ten chariots equipped with powerful steer and motive force to the guard and a hundred cows for the non-violent scholars of the physical and spiritual sciences of the Atharva Veda tradition.

महि राधो विश्वजन्यं दधानान्भरद्वा-

जान्त्सार्ज्यो अभ्ययष्ट ॥ २५ ॥

25. *Mahi rādho viśvajanyaṁ dadhānān bharadvā-jāntsārñjayo abhyayaṣṭa.*

Let the ruler, descendant of the creators of all lawful forms of wealth, support and maintain the scholars and scientists who create, provide and manage the great wealth and power of universal value.

वनस्पते वीङ्ङो हि भूया अस्मत्सखा प्रतरणः सुवीरः ।
गोभिः सन्नद्धो असि वीळ्यस्वाऽऽस्थाता ते जयतु
जेत्वानि ॥ २६ ॥

26. *Vanaspate vīḍvaṅgo hi bhūyā asmatsakhā prata-
raṇaḥ suvīraḥ. Gobhiḥ sannaddho asi vīḷayasvā''-
sthātā te jayatu jetvāni.*

O vanaspati, ruler, protector and promoter of forests and light of the sun for energy, be strong of your systemic body of governance and strong in the constituent parts of the system. Manned with noble young supporters, be our friend, pilot and saviour across the seas. You are self-controlled in mind and senses, strongly endowed with refined speech and manners, strengthen us who are committed to you, and let your forces win the battles with high morale.

दिवस्पृथिव्याः पर्योज उद्भृतं वनस्पतिभ्यः पर्याभृतं सहः ।
अपामोज्मानं परि गोभिरावृतमिन्द्रस्य वज्रं हविषा रथं
यज ॥ २७ ॥

27. *Divaspr̥thivyāḥ paryoja udbhṛtaṁ vanaspati-
bhyāḥ paryābhṛtaṁ sahaḥ. Apāmājmanāṁ pari
gobhirāvratm-indrasya vajraṁ haviṣā rathaṁ
yaja.*

Enlightened ruler and scholar, the energy

collected and raised from the sun and earth, the energy, vitality and patience received and learnt from the trees and forests, the liquid power of the waters rising and reinforced with rays of the sun, and the forceful current of electric energy, with all these energies together harnessed, create and serve the chariot, the fast progressive social order worthy of your governance.

इन्द्रस्य वज्रो मरुतामनीकं मित्रस्य गर्भो वरुणस्य नाभिः ।
सेमां नो हव्यदाति जुषाणो देव रथं प्रति हव्या गृभाय ॥ २८ ॥

28. *Indrasya vajro marutāmanīkaṁ mitrasya garbho varuṇasya nābhiḥ. Semāṁ no havyadātiṁ juṣāṇo deva ratha prati havyā grbhāya.*

Enlightened ruler, lord of grace and pilot of the nation, loving and kind to participants in yajnic governancc, you are the thunder and lightning of the cloud break of showers, you are the power and splendour of the people, you are offspring of the light of sun and love of divinity, you are the centre spring of justice and discrimination. Lord ruler, accept this offer of homage as our share of Raja-dharma in the service of the system.

उप श्वासय पृथिवीमुत द्यां पुरुत्रा ते मनुतां विष्टितं जगत् ।
स दुन्दुभे सजूरिन्द्रेण देवैर्दुराहवीयो अप सेधु शत्रून् ॥ २९ ॥

29. *Upa śvāsaya pṛthivīmuta dyām purutrā te manutām viṣṭhitam jagat. Sa dundubhe sajūrindreṇa devairdūrād davīyo apa sedha śatrūn.*

O victorious lord ruler of the world, let the roar of the victory drum fill heaven and earth with a fresh lease of joy and new life. Lord of the whole nation, let the wide world moving and non-moving know of you

and your glory. Blow over the world, equipped with armaments of thunder and vision of the wise, ward off the dangers and throw out the enemies far away.

आ क्रन्दय बलमोजो न आ धा निः ष्टनिहि दुरिता बाध-
मानः । अप प्रोथ दुन्दुभे दुच्छुना इत इन्द्रस्य मुष्टिरसि
वीलयस्व ॥ ३० ॥

30. *Ā krandaya balamojo na ā dhā niḥ ṣṭanihi duriṭā
bādhamānaḥ. Apa protha dundubhe ducchunā ita
indrasya muṣṭirasi vīlayasva.*

Call out the forces, challenge the enemies all-round, inspire us with vigour and splendour, roar like thunder, repel all evils and negativities, scare away the barking maligners. You are the strike of lightning, rise and let us rise too with might and main.

आमूरज प्रत्यावर्तयेमाः केतुमहुन्दुभिर्वीवदीति । समश्व-
पणाश्चरन्ति नो नरोऽस्मार्कमिन्द्र रथिनो जयन्तु ॥ ३१ ॥

31. *Āmūraja pratyāvartayemāḥ ketumad dundubhir-
vāvadīti. Samaśvaparnāścaranti no naro'smā-
kamindra rathino jayantu.*

Indra, lord ruler, throw out the enemy forces. Rally our forces back in form and array, ever ready. Let the battle drum boom, with the flag flying. Our warriors on the wing in armour and our leaders in the forefront advance and fight out the challenges. Let our heroes of the chariot come out with flying colours.

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*Agni (1-10), Maruts (11, 12, 20, 21), Maruts or others (13-15), Pusha (16-19), Prshni or Dyava bhumi (22)
Devatah, Shamyu Barhaspatya Rshi*

यज्ञायज्ञा वो अग्रये गिरागिरा च दक्षसे ।

प्रप्र वयममृतं जातवेदसं प्रियं मित्रं न शंसिषम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yajñāyajñā vo agnaye girāgirā ca dakṣase.
Pra-pra vayamamṛtaṁ jātavedasaṁ priyaṁ
mitraṁ na śaṁsiṣam.*

In every yajnic programme of your creative and constructive work, in every word of our voice, join and let us honour, appraise and develop agni, imperishable energy pervasive in all things of existence and adore Agni, omniscient and omnipresent lord giver of knowledge and enlightenment.

ऊर्जो नपातुं स हिनायमस्मयुर्दाशेम हव्यदातये ।

भुवद्वाजेष्वविता भुवद् वृध उत त्राता तनूनाम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ūrjo napātaṁ sa hināyamasmayurdāśema
havyadātaye. Bhuvad vājeṣvavitā bhuvad vṛdha
uta trātā tanūnām.*

Let us honour and serve Agni, infallible cosmic light and energy, power that is surely our own, lover and benefactor in matters of creation and development. May Agni be our protector and promoter in our struggles for progress and may he be the saviour and cleanser of our health of body, mind and social order.

वृषा ह्यग्रे अजरो महान्विभास्यर्चिषा । अजस्त्रेण शोचिषा
शोशुचच्छुचे सुदीतिभिः सु दीदिहि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vṛṣā hyagne ajaro mahān vibhāsyarciṣā.
Ajasreṇa śociṣā śośucacchuce sudītibhiḥ su
dīdihī.*

Agni, generous lord giver of showers of light and energy, wealth and power, you are great, unaging and immortal. You shine with lustre and purity. O lord pure and purifying, blazing with universal light and glory, enlighten us blissfully with the divine rays of eternal light, knowledge and purity.

महो देवान्यजसि यक्ष्यानुषक्तव क्रत्वोत दुंसना ।

अर्वाचः सीं कृणुह्यग्रेऽ वसे रास्व वाजोत वंस्व ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Maho devān yajasi yakṣyānuṣak tava kratvota
daṁsanā. Arvācaḥ sīm kṛṇuhyagne'vase rāsva
vājota vaṁsva.*

Agni, giver of light and power, you join, honour and serve the bounties of nature and brilliancies of humanity. Join the great ones in order by holy acts of yajna, raise your actions and turn the divinities hitherward for our protection and advancement. Give us the courage and power to act and win, and join us in the celebrations of success.

यमापो अद्रयो वना गर्भमृतस्य पिप्रति । सहसा यो मथितो
जायते नृभिः पृथिव्या अधि सानवि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yamāpo adrayo vanā garbhamṛtasya piprati.
Sahasā yo mathito jāyate nṛbhiḥ pṛthivyā adhi
sānavi.*

Agni, eternal vitality is the generator as well as the generation of the cosmic heat of vitality and the cosmic law, whom, in the state of existence, the waters

and actions of men, clouds and mountains, and the forests and sun rays feed and promote to the full, and which arises and kindles when it is produced by the force of attrition and churning by men on the surface of the earth.

आ यः प॒प्रौ भानु॒ना रोद॑सी उ॒भे धू॒मेन॑ धावते दि॒वि । ति॒रस्त॑मो
ददृ॒श ऊ॒र्म्या॒स्वा श्या॒वास्व॑रु॒षो वृ॒षा श्या॒वा अ॑रु॒षो
वृ॒षा ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā yaḥ paprau bhānunā rodasī ubhe dhūmena dhāvate divi. tirastamo dadṛśa ūrmyāsvā śyāvāsvaruṣo vṛṣā śyāvā aruṣo vṛṣā.*

Agni is that heat of vitality which fills both heaven and earth with sun light and rises to the skies from earth by smoke. It is seen to dispel the darkness prevailing over dark nights, shining red as harbinger of rain, while it shines in sun rays too as harbinger of the showers of light and rain.

बृ॒हद्भि॑र॒ग्ने अ॒र्चि॑भिः शु॒क्रेण॑ दे॒व शो॒चिषा॑ । भ॒रद्वा॑जे
स॒मिधा॑नो य॒विष्ठ॑य रे॒वन्नः॑ शु॒क्र दी॑दिहि द्यु॒मत्पा॑वक
दी॒दिहि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Bṛhadbhiragne arcibhiḥ śukreṇa deva śociṣā. Bharadvāje samidhāno yaviṣṭhya revannaḥ śukra dīdihi dyumat pāvaka dīdihi.*

O resplendent Agni, most youthful unaging power, bright and pure, kindled and rising in the mind and soul of sagely scholars in pursuit of science, energy and progress, shine with mighty flames of light, purity and power, and bring us the wealth of life replete with light and enlightenment. O generous light and fire of

life, shine and enlighten us.

विश्वासां गृहपतिर्विशामसि त्वमग्ने मानुषीणाम् । शतं
पूर्भिर्यविष्ठ पाह्मंहसः समेद्धारं शतं हिमाः स्तोतृभ्यो ये च
ददति ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Viśvāsām gr̥hapatir-viśāmasi tvamagne mānu-
ṣīṇām. Śataṁ pūrbhir-yaviṣṭha pāhyaṁhasaḥ
sameddhāraṁ śataṁ himāḥ stotr̥bhyo ye ca
dadati.*

Agni, unaging light and fire of the youthful spirit of life, you are the master and guardian of the home of all the human communities of the world along with all the cities and settlements taken together. O destroyer of evil and purifier of life in the crucibles of existence, save from sin the yajamana, who kindles, raises and develops the fire energy, with a hundred ways of protection and bless those who support the developers and celebrants of fire with means and materials so that they live and work for a full hundred years.

त्वं नश्चित्र ऊत्या वसो राधांसि चोदय ।

अस्य रायस्त्वमग्ने रथीरसि विदा गाधं तुचे तु नः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tvaṁ naścitra ūtyā vaso rādhāṁsi codaya. Asya
rāyastvamagne rathīrasi vidā gādham tuce tu naḥ.*

Agni, wonderful lord of versatile action, giver of shelter and security of the home, with protection and advancement, inspire and raise our means and materials for success and achievement. O lord of knowledge and vision, you are the guide and pilot of the chariot and wealth and honours of this generation. Give us the message and inspiration of peace, progress and security

for our children.

पर्षि॑ तो॒कं तन॑यं प॒र्तृभि॑ष्ट्वमद॒ब्धैरप्र॑युत्वभिः ।

अग्ने॑ हेळांसि॒ दैव्या॑ युयोधि॒ नोऽदे॑वानि॒ ह्वरांसि॑ च ॥ १० ॥

10. *Parṣi tokam tanayam parṭrbhiṣṭvam-adabdhaira-prayutvabhiḥ. Agne helāmsi daivyā yuyodhi no'devāni hvarāmsi ca.*

Agni, lord of light and culture, you cleanse, refine and enrich our children and teenagers with all nourishments and safeguards for body, mind and soul with unfailing and unchallengeable modes and methods of education and refinement. Resist and overcome the passions and negativities which attract natural wrath and fight out impious temptations from us.

आ स॒खायः॑ स॒बर्दु॑घां धे॒नुम॑जध्व॒मुप॑ नव्य॒सा वचः॑ ।

सृ॒जध्व॑मन॒पस्फुरा॑म् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā sakhāyaḥ sabardughām dhenum-ajadhvam-upa navyasā vacaḥ. Sṛjadhvam-anapasphurām.*

Come ye friends all, let us develop the language and culture of versatile possibilities of creative achievement by the latest methods and media of communication, and let us create a new and unshakable body of knowledge and language of lasting value.

या श॒र्धीय॑ मा॒रुता॑य॒ स्वभा॑नवे॒ श्रवो॑ऽमृ॒त्यु धु॑क्षत ।

या मृ॒ळीके॑ म॒रुतां॑ तु॒राणां॑ या सु॒म्नैरे॑व॒यावरी॑ ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Yā śardhāya mārutāya svabhānave śravo'mṛtyu dhukṣata. Yā mṛṭlike marutām turāṇām yā sumnai-revayāvarī.*

O mother teacher, O divine speech, you are the

one who create, kindle, refine and raise the word and vision of immortal value for the strength and refinement of dynamic people for self-enlightenment, and who are a divine messenger for the good and well-being of vibrant people of fast action with gifts of comfort and cultured behaviour.

भरद्वाजायाव धुक्षत द्विता । धेनुं च विश्वदोहसमिधं च
विश्वभोजसम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Bharadvājāyāva dhukṣata dvitā. Dhenum ca viśvadohasam-iṣam ca viśvabhojasam.*

O mother, you bear and bring the milk of twofold efficacy for the brilliant celebrant and bearer of science, power and fast action: divine speech yielding universal knowledge and enlightenment for all, and universal food for the body, mind and soul for the nourishment of all without discrimination.

तं व इन्द्रं न सुक्रतुं वरुणमिव मायिनम् ।
अर्यमणं न मन्द्रं सृप्रभोजसं विष्णुं न स्तुष आदिशे ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Tam va indram na sukratum varuṇamiva māyinaṁ. Aryamaṇam na mandram sṛprabhojasam viṣṇum na stuṣa ādiśe.*

O lovers of knowledge and fast action, for the sake of your guidance and enlightenment, I admire and pay homage to the divine teacher who is the hero of instant good action like Indra, cosmic electric energy, who is versatile and resourceful like Varuna, universal power of judgement and discrimination, who is happy and rejoicing like Aryaman, universal guide, and who provides universal food of delicate flavour like Vishnu,

all pervasive preserver and sustainer of the universe.

त्वेषं शर्धो न मारुतं तुविष्वण्यनर्वाणं पूषणं सं यथा शता ।
सं सहस्रा कारिषच्चर्षणिभ्य आँ आविर्गूळ्हा वसू करत्
सुवेदा नो वसू करत् ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Tveṣaṁ śardho na mārutaṁ tuviṣṣvaṇyanar-
vāṇaṁ pūṣaṇaṁ saṁ yathā śatā. Saṁ sahasrā
kāriṣa-ccarṣaṇibhya āñ āvirgūlhā vasū
karat suvedā no vasū karat.*

I admire the divine teacher, harbinger of knowledge and power, I admire the power like the blazing force of the winds, I admire the resounding automotive chariot and the nourishing food products for sustenance so that wealth may be raised to hundred and from hundred to thousand for the people, hidden riches may be revealed from the depths, and the brilliant scholar may create further wealth and power for our peace and security of well being with knowledge and enlightenment.

आ मा पूषन्नृपं द्रव् शंसिषं नु ते अपिकर्ण आघृणे ।
अघा अर्यो अरातयः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Ā mā pūṣannrpa drava śamsiṣaṁ nu te apikarṇa
āghṛṇe. Aghā aryo arātayaḥ.*

O lord giver of nourishment and sustenance, shining with knowledge and glowing with passion for action, come fast to me and I shall sing of your glory in truth close to your ear. O master of the community, eliminate hate, enmity, adversity and close-heartedness.

मा काकम्बीरमुद् वृहो वनस्पतिमशस्तीर्वि हि नीनशः ।
मोत सूरौ अहं एवा च न ग्रीवा आदधते वेः ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Mā kākambīramud vṛho vanaspatim-aśastīrvi hi nīnaśaḥ. Mota sūro aha evā cana grīvā ādadhate veḥ.*

Do not uproot the trees such as the banyan which provide shelter to the poor innocent birds, but do remove the revilers and deplorables. The strong must not hurt the weak and their supports like the hunters who catch birds by the neck.

दृतेरिव तेऽ वृकमस्तु सख्यम् ।

अच्छिद्रस्य दधन्वतः सुपूर्णस्य दधन्वतः ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Dṛteriva te'vṛkamastu sakhyam. Acchidrasya dadhanvataḥ supūrṇasya dadhanvataḥ.*

Lord giver of nourishment and sustenance, let your friendship be non-violent, and unexploitative. Immaculate you are, spotlessly clean, totally self-fulfilled, and you command immense plenty, prosperity and impeccability.

परो हि मर्त्यैरसि समो देवैरुत श्रिया ।

अभि ख्यः पूषन्पृतनासु नस्त्वमवा नूनं यथा पुरा ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Paro hi maryairasi samo devairuta śriyā. Abhi khyah pūṣan pṛtanāsu nastvamavā nūnaṁ yathā purā.*

Pusha, giver of nourishment and sustenance, you are highest among mortals by nobility and grace, equal to the brilliant in nature and humanity in generosity. Watch us, guard us in the battles of life and protect and promote us as ever before.

वामी वामस्य धूतयः प्रणीतिरस्तु सूनृता ।

देवस्य वा मरुतो मर्त्यस्य वेजानस्य प्रयज्यवः ॥ २० ॥

20. *Vāmī vāmasya dhūtayaḥ praṇītirastu sūnṛtā.
Devasya vā maruto martyasya vejānasya praya-
jyavaḥ.*

O Maruts, tempestuous heroes, movers and shakers in action and holy creative performers, let the policy, programmes and acts of the people be noble and graceful, inspired and directed by truth and righteousness, promotive for all, whether the person is exceptionally noble, or brilliant, or ordinary mortal, or a priest and yajaka.

सद्यश्चिदस्य चर्कृतिः परि द्यां देवो नैति सूर्यः । त्वेषं शवो
दधिरे नाम यज्ञियं मरुतो वृत्रहं शवो ज्येष्ठं वृत्रहं शवः ॥ २१ ॥

21. *Sadyaschid yasya carkṛtiḥ pari dyām devo naiti
sūryaḥ. Tveṣam śavo dadhire nāma yajñiyam
maruto vṛtraham śavo jyeṣṭham vṛtraham śavaḥ.*

The ruler, whose action is instant, constant and ever true, whose people, leaders and warriors command sure, brilliant and yajnic force and power of the highest order to dispel darkness, evil and wickedness, rises and shines like the bright sun across the heavens.

सकृद्ध द्यौरजायत सकृद्ध भूमिरजायत ।
पृथ्वा दुग्धं सकृत्पयस्तदन्यो नानु जायते ॥ २२ ॥

22. *Sakṛddha dyaurajāyata sakṛd bhūmirajāyata.
Prṣṇyā dugdham sakṛt payas-tadanyo nānu
jāyate.*

The sun is born one and once unique, the earth is born one and once, unique, the skies and stars, milk and waters all are one, born once and unique. None else is born after exactly the same. That other, the creator is

never born.

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स्तुषे जनं सुव्रतं नव्यसीभिर्गीभिर्मित्रावरुणा सुमन्यन्ता ।
त आ गमन्तु त इह श्रुवन्तु सुक्षत्रासो वरुणो मित्रो
अग्निः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Stuṣe janam suvratam navyasībhīrgīrbhirmitrā-varuṇā sumnayanā. Ta ā gamantu ta iha śruvantu sukṣatrāso varuṇo mitro agniḥ.*

With latest words and fresh voice, I honour and admire the man committed to duty and discipline, Mitra, the friend, and Varuna, the man of judgement and clear vision, both givers of peace and pleasure of well being. May they come here, I pray, and listen, They command the wealth and honour of the admirable social order, Mitra, Varuna and brilliant blazing Agni, all three like sun, ocean and fire.

विशोविश इड्यमध्वरेष्वदृप्तक्रतुमरतिं युवत्योः ।

दिवः शिशुं सहसः सूनुमग्निं यज्ञस्य केतुमरुषं यजध्वै ॥ २ ॥

2. *Viśoviśa īdyamadhvareṣvadr̥ptakratumaratiṁ yuvatyoh. Divaḥ śiśuṁ sahasaḥ sūnumagniṁ yajñasya ketumaruṣaṁ yajadhyai.*

I admire and adore Agni, leader of light and fire, honoured and worshipped in every community, calm and delighted in yajnic projects of love and non-violence, free from illusion and infatuation, generated by youthful parents, i.e., sun and earth, child of cosmic energy, symbol and column of yajna, and crimson red

like the dawn which is brilliant and soothing. I pray may Agni come and join us at our yajna.

अरुषस्य दुहितरा विरूपे स्तृभिरन्या पिपिशे सूरौ अन्या ।
मिथस्तुरा विचरन्ती पावके मन्म श्रुतं नक्षत ऋच्यमाने ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Aruṣasya duhitarā virūpe str̥bhiranya pipiṣe sūro anyā. Mithasturā vicarantī pāvake manma śrutam nakṣata ṛcyamāne.*

Two daughters of the glowing fire, the night and the day, different in form, one adorned with stars, the other lighted by the sun, move on alternating with each other. Both of them, pure, purifying and sanctifying, adorable and adored, pervade the world, and may they, we pray, inspire our thought and mind. (So may men and women be complementary to each other.)

प्र वायुमच्छा बृहती मनीषा बृहद्रयिं विश्ववारं रथप्रांम् ।
द्युतद्यामा नियुतः पत्यमानः कविः कविर्मियक्षसि
प्रयज्यो ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra vāyumacchā br̥hatī manīṣā br̥hadrayim viśvavāraṁ rathaprām. Dyutadyāmā niyutaḥ patyamānaḥ kaviḥ kavimiyakṣasi prayajyo.*

O venerable scholar of vision and imagination, dedicated to in-depth research with ambition for the honour and glory of success, with your brilliant and far-reaching intelligence and application, you study and plan to harness the abundantly rich and powerful universal energy of the divine wind and its carrier forces of energy, immensely useful to drive the chariot over the paths of light in space. Venerable scholar, honour the visionary seer, his vision and learning.

(Swami Dayananda applies this manta also to the control of breath, pranic energy and mind for flights of the soul in samadhi for the achievement of supra-sensuous experiences of universal nature.)

स मे वपुश्छदयदश्विनोर्यो रथो विरुक्मान्मनसा युजानः ।
येन नरा नासत्येष्यध्यै वर्तिर्याथस्तनयाय त्वमे च ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa me vapus-chadayad-asvinoryo ratho virukmān manasā yujānaḥ. Yenā narā nāsatye-ṣayadhyai vartir-yāthas-tanayāya tmane ca.*

That brilliant chariot of the Ashvins, complementary currents of universal energy of divine nature, directed by the mind, may, I pray, vest my body and mind with light and energy, the chariot by which leading lights of humanity dedicated to Truth and Divinity go by the path of righteousness in search of enlightenment for themselves and their children.

पर्जन्यवाता वृषभा पृथिव्याः पुरीषाणि जिन्वतुमप्यानि ।
सत्यश्रुतः कवयो यस्य गीर्भिर्जगतः स्थातुर्जगदा कृणु-
ध्वम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Parjanyaavātā vṛṣabhā pṛthivyāḥ purīṣāṇi jinvata-mapyāni. Satyaśrutaḥ kavayo yasya gīrbhir-jagataḥ sthātārjagadā kṛṇudhvam.*

O generous and showerful winds and clouds, move the vapours of water from the earth and the firmament. O men of vision and imagination, established leaders and scholars of the world dedicated to truth and the voice of truth, listen to the scholar by whose words of knowledge you discover the world and work for its prosperity.

पावीरवी कन्या चित्रायुः सरस्वती वीरपत्नी धियं धात् ।

ग्राभिरच्छिद्रं शरणं सजोषा दुराधर्षं गृणते शर्मं यंसत् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Pāvīravī kanyā citrāyuh sarasvatī vīrapatnī dhiyaṁ dhāt. Gnābhiracchidraṁ śaraṇaṁ sajoṣā durādharṣaṁ grṇate śarma yaṁsat.*

Gracious Sarasvati, mother harbinger of knowledge and sacred speech, wondrous of form and life energy, spirit of purity and sanctity inspired and protected by omniscient and omnipotent Lord, may, we pray, bring us knowledge and wisdom in words of divine revelation and, loving and kind as the mother is, may she bless the celebrant with faultless haven and home of peace and well being free from fear and violence.

पथस्पथः परिपतिं वचस्या कामेन कृतो अभ्यानलर्कम् ।

स नो रासच्छुरुधश्चन्द्राग्रा धियं धियं सीषधाति प्र पूषा ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Pathaspathaḥ paripatiṁ vacasyā kāmēna kṛto abhyānaḥ larkam. Sa no rāsacchurudhaścandrā-grā dhiyaṁ dhiyaṁ sīṣadhāti pra pūṣā.*

Let the supplicant inspired by love and reverence offer homage in holy words to adorable Pusha, giver of health and sustenance and guardian of people in all paths of life, and may that lord grant the supplicant invigorating herbs and brilliant life saving drugs. Pusha matures our mind and intelligence and gives us success in action and achievement.

प्रथमभाजं यशसं वयोधां सुपाणिं देवं सुगर्भस्तिमृध्वम् ।

होता यक्षद्यजतं पस्त्यानामग्निस्त्वष्टारं सुहवं विभावा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Prathamabhājam yaśasaṁ vayodhām supāṇim devaṁ sugabhastim-rbhvam. Hotā yakṣad yajataṁ pastyānām-agnis-tvaṣṭāraṁ suhavaṁ vibhāvā.*

Let agni, generous yajaka, join and offer abundant homage and service to Tvashta, maker of forms and institutions for humanity. Who is freely sociable, and first to be invited, famous and adorable, giver of health and long age, expert of hand in action, generous, brilliant, exceptionally intelligent, adorable and openly accessible and responsive to the brilliant host, agni.

भुवन्स्य पितरं गीर्भिराभी रुद्रं दिवा वर्धया रुद्रमक्तौ ।

बृहन्तमृष्वमजरं सुषुम्नमृधग्धुवेम कविनेषितासः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Bhuvanasya pitaraṁ gīrbhirābhī rudraṁ divā vardhayā rudramaktau. Bṛhantam-rṣvam-ajaraṁ suṣumnamṛdhagghuvema kavineṣitāsaḥ.*

With all these words of homage by day and in the night, adore and exalt Rudra, guardian sustainer of the world and destroyer of suffering and disease. Inspired and exhorted by the wise poet of vision, let us all in truth and sincerity invoke and adore Rudra, dispenser of justice and punishment, great giver of advancement, unaging and blissful giver of peace and well being.

आ युवानः कवयो यज्ञियासो मरुतो गन्त गृणतो वर्स्याम् ।

अचित्रं चिद्धि जिन्वथा वृधन्त इत्था नक्षन्तो नरो

अङ्गिरस्वत् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā yuvānaḥ kavayo yajñīyāso maruto ganta gr̥ṇato varasyām. Acitraṁ ciddhi jinvathā vṛdhanta itthā nakṣanto naro aṅgirasvat.*

Come O Maruts, youthful, creative visionaries and adorable yajakas vibrant as winds, and listen to the exhortations of the celebrants: you are leading lights of nature and humanity, messengers and harbingers of the breath of life, reaching everywhere, advancing yourself and raising all thus, you revitalise even the less than ordinary lands and rejuvenate worse than terminable cases of suffering and bless them with new life.

प्र वीराय प्र तवसे तुरायाऽजा यूथेव पशुरक्षिरस्तम् । स
पिस्पृशति तन्वि श्रुतस्य स्तुभिर्न नाकं वचनस्य
विषः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Pra vīrāya pra tavase turāyā'jā yūtheva paśura-kṣirastam. Sa piṣṣr̥śati tanvi śrutasya stūbhirna nākaṁ vacanasya vipaḥ.*

Reach the brave, the courageous and the instant destroyer of suffering and darkness, and, like a shepherd leading the flock home, let your words of prayer and adoration rest there, and just as the sky is decked and adorned by the stars, so the listener is touched at heart by the words of the prayerful man of the revealed Word.

यो रजांसि विममे पार्थिवानि त्रिश्चिद्विष्णुर्मनवे बद्धिताय ।
तस्य ते शर्मन्नुपदद्यमाने राया मदेम तन्वा ३ तना च ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Yo rajāṁsi vimame pāṛthivāni triścid viṣṇur-manave bādhitāya. Tasya te śarmann-upadadya-māne rāyā madema tanvā tanā ca.*

O lord all pervasive, Vishnu, who have created

the three regions of the universe for humanity and sustain the three to save us from the limitations of suffering and darkness, we pray that with the abundant and expansive gifts of health and wealth we may live and enjoy life in this vast home given by you.

तन्नोऽहिर्बुध्न्यो अद्भिरर्कैस्तत्पर्वतस्तत्सविता चनो धात् ।
तदोषधीभिरभि रतिषाचो भगः पुरन्धिर्जिन्वतु प्र
राये ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Tanno'hirbudhnyo adbhir-arkais-tat parvatatstat savitā cano dhāt. Tadoṣadhībhirabhi rātiṣāco bhagaḥ purandhirjinvatu pra rāye.*

That blessed home of ours, Lord of the deep caverns of the clouds formed in the sky, may sustain us with showers of waters and rays of the sun. That home, the mountain and the lord creator, Savita and sun may sustain and bring gifts of food for us therein. And the same, the lord abundant giver of wealth, power and honour and sustainer of the world, Bhaga, may promote and vitalise with herbs for us to live in plenty and prosperity.

नू नो रयिं रथ्यां चर्षणिप्रां पुरुवीरं मह ऋतस्य गोपाम् ।
क्षयं दाताजरं येन जनान्त्स्पृधो अदेवीरभि च क्रमाम विश
आदेवीरभ्यश्नवाम ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Nū no rayiṁ rathyaṁ carṣaṇiprāṁ puruvīraṁ maha ṛtasya gopām. Kṣayaṁ dātājaraṁ yena janā-ntspṛdho adevīrabhi ca kramāma viśa ādevīra-bhyaśnavāma.*

O lord creator and generous giver, give us the commonwealth equipped with chariots, good for all

people, blest with many heroic children and warriors, great and protector of the truth and law of the world in existence. May the lord giver give us an unaging home land and shelter by which we may face and overcome the impious rivals contesting against us and build a nation of brilliant and God fearing people so that both the simple and the sophisticated people may live well.

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हुवे वो देवीमदितिं नमोभिमृळीकाय वरुणं मित्रमग्निम् ।

अभिक्षुदामर्यमणं सुशेवं त्रातृन्देवान्त्सवितारं भगं च ॥ १ ॥

1. *Huve vo devīmaditiṁ namobhirmṛḷikāya varuṇaṁ mitramagnim. Abhikṣadāmar-yamaṇaṁ śuśevaṁ trātṛṇ devāntsavitāraṁ bhagaṁ ca.*

For your happiness and felicity I invoke, invite and honour with reverence and hospitality the Vishvedevas, powers and people of generous and divine nature : the brilliant mother scholar, the lady of exalted nature and character, and indestructible Aditi, Mother Nature, Varuna, udana energy of vitality and the man of elevating wisdom, Mitra, pranic energy and the friend dear as breath of life, Agni, fire and the man of passion and purity of action, Abhikshada, the generous person who is a spontaneous giver and fighter against adversity, Aryaman, the person who guides with judgement and discrimination between good and evil, the person committed to selfless service of the community, all noble and brilliant powers and people who help as saviours and path finders, Savita, giver of light and inspiration as the sun, Bhaga, lord of universal wealth and power,

and the man who counts for the honour and excellence of humanity.

सुज्योतिषः सूर्य दक्षपितृननागास्त्वे सुमहो वीहि देवान् ।
द्विजन्मानो य ऋतुसापः सत्याः स्वर्वन्तो यजता अग्नि-
जिह्वाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Sujotiṣaḥ sūrya dakṣapitṛnanāgāstve sumaho vīhi devān. Dvijanmāno ya ṛtasāpaḥ satyāḥ svarvanto yajatā agnijihvāḥ.*

O man bright as the sun, if you want to maintain your simplicity, innocence and freedom from sin, approach, honour and exalt the generous and brilliant seniors of parental nature who command the holy light of knowledge, expertise of action and greatness of character, who are nobly born and divinely educated, who are true to the bone and unshakably committed to nothing but the truth and the law of Dharma, and who enjoy perfect peace of mind with an open door hospitality but have a tongue of fire that brooks no nonsense and burns double dealing with a whiff of air.

उत द्यावापृथिवी क्षत्रमुरु बृहद्रोदसी शरणं सुषुम्ने ।
महस्करथो वरिवो यथा नोऽस्मे क्षयाय धिषणे अनेहः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Uta dyāvāpṛthivī kṣatramuru bṛhad rodasī śaraṇaṁ suṣumne. Mahaskaratho varivo yathā no'sme kṣayāya dhiṣaṇe anehaḥ.*

And O heaven and earth, give us the strength of a mighty social order, O magnetic and electric energy of the earth and firmament, great givers of peace and comfort, provide us a vast home of comfort and joy. O noble and generous divinities of nature and humanity,

great things as you do, give us the best of wealth and competence for our life on earth so that our home and family may be free from sin and violence.

आ नो रुद्रस्य सूनवो नमन्तामद्या हुतासो वसवोऽधृष्टाः ।
यदीमर्भे महति वा हितासो बाधे मरुतो अह्वाम देवान् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā no rudrasya sūnavo namantāmadyā hūtāso vasavo'dhr̥ṣṭāḥ. Yādīmarbhe mahati vā hitāso bādhe maruto ahvāma devān.*

May the off-springs of Rudra, lord of justice and nature's vitality, come down to us, invited they are today. Modest yet invincible, brilliant and vibrant as winds they are, givers of home and comfort, and since they are appointed to fight out adversaries in battles big or small, we call upon them.

मिम्यक्ष येषु रोदसी नु देवी सिषक्ति पूषा अभ्यर्धयज्वी ।
श्रुत्वा हव मरुतो यद्ध याथ भूमा रेजन्ते अध्वनि प्रविक्ते ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Mimyakṣa yeṣu rodasī nu devī siṣakti pūṣā abhyardhayajvā. Śrutvā havam maruto yaddha yātha bhūmā rejante adhvani pravikte.*

O Maruts, vibrant warriors of nature and humanity with whom the energy and generosity of heaven and earth is joined and whom Pusha, vital energy of nature and humanity, blesses with reverence and recognition, go quick in response to the call and meet the purpose. And when you proceed in response to the call and march on the path, all those who inhabit the earth tremble on the route of your advance.

अभि त्यं वीरं गिर्वीणसमर्चेन्द्रं ब्रह्मणा जरितुर्नवेन ।
श्रवदिद्धवमुप च स्तवानो रासद्वाजाँ उप महो गृणानः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Abhi tyam vīram girvaṇasamarcendram brahmaṇā jaritarnavena. Śravadiddhavamupa ca stavāno rāsad vājāṇ upa maho grṇānaḥ.*

O celebrant of nature, divinity and the best of humanity, sing in praise of that mighty adorable Indra, commander of glory and power, with the best and latest of your songs of celebration. And the great Indra, sung and celebrated thus, would closely hear the song and prayer and would grant you food and sustenance and fast progress and victories in the battles of life.

ओमानमापो मानुषीरमृक्तं धातं तोकाय तनयाय शं योः ।
यूयं हि ष्ठा भिषजो मातृर्तमा विश्वस्य स्थातुर्जगतो
जनित्रीः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Omānamāpo mānuṣīramṛktaṁ dhāta tokāya tanayāya śaṁ yoh. Yūyam hi ṣṭhā bhiṣajo mātṛtamā viśvasya sthāturjagato janitrīḥ.*

O waters of purity, Apah, O leaders of humanity pure at heart like holy waters, you are a bliss for humanity. Bear and bring nourishing, protective and unsullied food for our children and for our youth and bring about a state of peace free from sin and evil. You are the most motherly harbingers of health, the best physicians. You are the makers of a new generation for all the moving and non-moving world. Pray stay constant and friendly as you are.

आ नो देवः सविता त्रायमाणो हिरण्यपाणिर्यजतो
जगम्यात् । यो दत्तवाँ उषसो न प्रतीकं व्यूर्णुते दाशुषे
वायीणि ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ā no devaḥ savitā trāyamāṇo hiraṇyapāṇir-yajato jagamyāt. Yo datravāṅ uṣaso na pratīkaṁ vyūrṇute dāśuṣe vāryāṇi.*

May the divine and refulgent Savita, creator, preserver and generator of golden handed charity, loving and adorable, come and bless us, he who, all giving, opens up treasures of wealth for the generous giver like the first lights of the dawn.

उत त्वं सूनो सहस्रो नो अद्या देवाँ अस्मिन्ध्वरे ववृत्याः ।
स्यामहं ते सदमिद्रातौ तव स्यामग्नेऽ वसा सुवीरः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta tvam sūno sahaso no adyā devāṅ asminna-dhvare vavṛtyāḥ. Syāmaḥam te sadamid rātau tava syāmagne'vasā suvīraḥ.*

O light and fire of life, Agni, off-spring of divine strength and vitality, in this yajnic programme of love and non-violent creation of an enlightened society, let the divine values and virtues of nature and humanity turn and come our way and flow on. O lord of brilliance, let me stay established for all time in the bliss of your generosity and, under your protection and guidance, let me command the heights of heroism with the brave.

उत त्या मे हवमा जग्म्यातुं नासत्या धीभिर्युवमङ्ग विप्रा ।
अत्रिं न महस्तमसोऽमुमुक्तं तूर्वतं नरा दुरितादभीके ॥ १० ॥

10. *Uta tyā me havamā jagmyātaṁ nāsatyā dhībhir-yuvamaṅga viprā. Atriṁ na mahastamaso'-mumuktaṁ tūrvataṁ narā duriṭādabhiḥke.*

And may the Ashvins, those two complementary currents of nature's energy, the teacher and the preacher, leading lights of the world, vibrant benefactors dear as

breath of life, both committed to truth and eternal law, come in response to my invitation with gifts of intelligence and competence for holy action, protect me as Atri, the man free from physical, mental and spiritual ailments, save me from deep darkness and release me from sin and evil all round prevailing.

ते नो रा॒यो द्यु॒मतो॒ वाज॑वतो दा॒तारो॑ भू॒त नृ॒वतः॑ पु॒रु॒क्षोः ।
द॒श॒स्यन्तो॑ दि॒व्याः पा॒र्थि॒वासो॒ गो॒जा॒ता अ॒प्या मृ॒ळता॑ च
दे॒वाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Te no rāyo dyumato vājavato dātāro bhūta nṛvataḥ purukṣoḥ. Daśasyanto divyāḥ pāthivāso gojātā apyā mṛṣatā ca devāḥ.*

O divine powers of nature and humanity, learned and wise teachers and scholars, be you all givers of rich gifts of wealth, light, speed and success, human resources and food for sustenance. And may all the divinities celestial, terrestrial, spatial and aqueous bless us with peace and felicity.

ते नो रु॒द्रः सर॑स्वती स॒जोषा॑ मी॒ळहु॒ष्मन्तो॒ विष्णु॑र्मृ॒ळन्तु
वा॒युः । ऋ॒भु॒क्षा वा॒जो दै॒व्यो वि॒धा॒ता प॒र्जन्या॒वाता॑
पि॒प्यता॑मिषं नः ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Te no rudraḥ sarasvatī sajoṣā mīḷhuṣmanto viṣṇurmṛṣantu vāyuḥ. Ṛbhukṣā vājo daivyo vidhātā parjanyavātā pipyatāmiṣaṁ naḥ.*

May Rudra, lord of justice and punishment, Sarasvati, mother of knowledge and speech, Vishnu, omnipresent spirit of the universe, Vayu, the winds, Rbhuksha, expert artist, universal energy, divine favour, law giver, clouds and winds, all virile and friendly, bring

us food and energy and give us peace and felicity.

उत स्य देवः सविता भगो नोऽ पां नपादवतु दानु पप्रिः ।
त्वष्टा देवेभिर्जनिभिः सजोषा द्यौर्देवेभिः पृथिवी
समुद्रैः ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Uta sya devaḥ savitā bhago no 'pām napādavatu dānu papriḥ. Tvaṣṭā devebhir-janibhiḥ sajoṣā dyaurvebhiḥ pṛthivī samudraiḥ.*

And that refulgent Savita, the sun, Bhaga, pranic energy, Apam-napat, unfailing electric energy born of waters, Tvashta, maker of forms with brilliant generative powers, the heaven with all its lights, the earth with the seas, may all these together, friendly and supportive, generously giving and fulfilling, protect and promote us in life.

उत नोऽ हिर्बुध्न्यः शृणोत्वज एकपात्पृथिवी समुद्रः ।
विश्वे देवा ऋतावृ धो हुवानाः स्तुता मन्त्राः कविशस्ता
अवन्तु ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Uta no'hirbudhnyah śṛṇotvaja ekapāt pṛthivī samudrah. Viśvedevā ṛtāvṛdho huvānāḥ stutā mantrāḥ kaviśastā avantu.*

And the deep cloud in the firmament, the unborn Spirit of the universe, the sole divine support of existence, the earth, the sea, all the divine forces of the universe which prove and maintain the eternal law invoked and adored, and Veda mantras taught by seers, may all these listen to our prayers and protect us.

एवा नपातो मम तस्य धीभिर्भरद्वाजा अभ्यर्चन्त्यर्केः ।
ग्रा हुतासो वसवोऽधृष्टा विश्वे स्तुतासो भूता यजत्राः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Evā napāto mama tasya dhībhir-bharadvājā
abhyarcantyarkaiḥ. Gnā hutāso vasavo'dhr̥ṣṭā
viśve stutāso bhūtā yajatrāḥ.*

Thus do we bearers of science and power and our descendants and disciples offer homage with thoughts, words and actions of devotion and pray that the Vishvedevas, universal creators and unifiers of nature and humanity, and their potentials, invoked and admired, free and fearless, may continue to be providers of peace and shelter for all for ever.

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उदु त्यच्चक्षुर्महि मित्रयोराँ एति प्रियं वरुणयोरदब्धम् ।
ऋतस्य शुचिं दर्शितमनीकं रुक्मो न दिव उदिता व्यद्यौत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Udu tvaccakṣurmahi mitrayorāñ eti priyaṁ
varuṇayoradabdhām. Ṛtasya śuci darśatama-
nīkaṁ rukmo na diva uditā vyadyaut.*

Lo! the sun, that glorious eye of the universe, darling of the day and night, rises up undaunted, and like the pure, resplendent, golden face of heaven unveiled shines from the regions of eternal light.

(The sunrise is a metaphor which may be applied to the rise of any great light - giving power, say a great leader, giver of enlightenment, a teacher, a reformer, or a great movement.)

वेद यस्त्रीणि विदथान्येषां देवानां जन्म सनुतरा च विप्रः ।
ऋजु मर्तेषु वृजिना च पश्यन्नभि चष्टेसूरो अर्य एवान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Veda yastrīṇi vidathānyeṣām devānām janma sanutarā ca viprah. R̥ju marteṣu vṛjinā ca paśyannabhi caṣṭe sūro aya evān.*

The lord of light who is all wise, too, knows, reaches and pervades three orders of the world, i.e., the earth, the middle regions of the skies, and the highest regions of the light of heaven; three fields of life, i.e., jnana or knowledge, karma or action, and upasana or prayer and meditation; and three departments of the social order, i.e., teaching and research, governance and administration, and dharma or values of life, law and justice. He also knows the birth and life of these Vishvedevas, i.e., the divinities of nature and humanity. And watching the simple and straight paths and performances as well as the tortuous and crooked movements of the mortals, the potent master reveals where they reach in consequence.

स्तुष उ वो मह ऋतस्य गोपानदिति मित्रं वरुणं सुजातान् ।
अर्यमणं भगमदब्धधीतीनच्छा वोचे सधन्यः पाव-
कान् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Stuṣa u vo maha ṛtasya gopānaditiṁ mitram varuṇam sujātān. Aryamaṇam bhagamada-bdhadhīfīnacchā voce sadhanyaḥ pāvakān.*

Happy and blest, I admire and celebrate in words of song all of you, Vishvedevas, great observers and protectors of the eternal law of Truth and righteousness: Aditi, indestructible mother nature, Mitra, sun and brilliant friend, Varuna, ocean and venerable judge, Aryaman, universal guide and discriminative path maker, Bhaga, lord of honour and excellence,

universally known, dauntless, intelligent and wise purifying powers all.

रिशादसुः सत्पतीरदब्धान्महो राज्ञः सुवसनस्य दातृन् । यूनः
सुक्षत्रान्क्षयतो दिवो नृनादित्यान्याम्यदितिं दुवोयु ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Riśādasah satpatīṅradabdhān maho rājñah
suvasanasya dātṛn. Yūnah sukṣatrān kṣayato divo
nṛnādityān yāmyaditiṁ duvoyu.*

I reach, admire and celebrate Aditi, mother spirit of nature, and the offsprings of Aditi, destroyers of evil and protectors of the good and true, irresistible great rulers, givers of peaceful homes, ever young and unaging, makers of great social orders, well established leaders of light and all refulgent suns. I approach them with prayers for blessings, they love the supplicants.

द्यौःस्पितः पृथिवि मातरध्रुगग्ने भ्रातर्वसवो मृळता नः । विश्व
आदित्या अदिते सजोषा अस्मभ्यं शर्म बहुलं वि यन्त ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Dyauspitah prthivi mātadaradhrugagne bhrātara-
vasavo mṛṭatā naḥ. Viṣva ādityā adite sajoṣā
asmabyaṁ śarma bahulaṁ vi yanta.*

O refulgent sun, O father, O earth, O mother, compassionate, free from hate and anger, O fire, O brother, givers of shelter and protection, give us peace and felicity. O children of mother Infinity, O Mother Nature, all ever our own, loving friends, pray bring us a homely settlement of joy and all round prosperity.

मा नो वृकाय वृक्ये समस्मा अघायते रीरधता यजत्राः ।

यूयं हि ष्ठा रथ्यो नस्तनूनां यूयं दक्षस्य वचसो बभूव ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Mā no vṛkāya vṛkye samasmā aghāyate rīradhatā yajatrāḥ. Yūyaṁ hi śṭhā rathyo natanūnaṁ yūyaṁ dakṣasya vacaso babhūva.*

Adorable friends and unifiers, divinities of nature and humanity, throw us not to the wolf and the thief nor to the rule of the sinner, nor relegate us to seizure, deprivation and exploitation. Pray stay you constant as our guide in matters of body, health and action and in the working of our social institutions, and be the carrier medium of the word and voice of the eminent expert.

मा वृ एनो अन्यकृतं भुजेम मा तत्कर्म वसवो यच्चयध्वे ।
विश्वस्य हि क्षयथ विश्वदेवाः स्वयं रिपुस्तन्वं रीरिषीष्ट ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Mā va eno anyakṛtaṁ bhujema mā tat karma vasavo yaccayadhve. Viśvasya hi kṣayatha viśvadevāḥ svayaṁ ripustanvaṁ rīriṣīṣṭa.*

O Vasus, givers of peace and settlement, dispensers of the laws of nature and humanity, let us not suffer your dispensation's punishment for the sin and crime committed by others, nor let us do that act which you hate and prohibit. You are the rulers of the world and dispensers of justice and punishment, O divinities of nature and humanity. Let the hater and the evil doer be the instrument of his own self-infliction.

नम इदुग्रं नम आ विवासे नमो दाधार पृथिवीमुत द्याम् ।
नमो देवेभ्यो नम ईश एषां कृतं चिदेनो नमसा विवासे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Nama idugraṁ nama ā vivāse namo dādihāra prthivīmuta dyām. Namodevebhyo nama īśa eṣāṁ kṛtaṁ cideno namasā vivāse.*

Namas, the thunder of omnipotence and universal law, is mighty. Reverence on the human plane too has power. I respect law and reverence. Law and reverence sustain the earth and the sun. I offer reverence to the nobilities and the divinities. The power of the Divine and reverence for life rule the actions, good as well as evil, of all these people. I accept the power and value reverence with humility and submission to the divine dispensation.

ऋतस्य वो रथ्यः पूतदक्षानृतस्य पस्त्यसदो अदब्धान् ।
ताँ आ नमोभिरुरुचक्षसो नृन्विश्वान्व आ नमे महो
यजत्राः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ṛtasya vo rathyah pūதாக্ষānṛtasya pastyasado adabdhān. Tāñ ā namobhirurucakṣaso nṛṇ viśvānva ā name maho yajatrāḥ.*

O great divinities of nature and nobilities of humanity, I, moving forward by the chariot of law and reverence, bow with homage and surrender to you all, powers strengthened and sanctified by the law of eternal truth, invincible presences in human homes, who are vastly watchful guardians of all the people and their actions in the world.

ते हि श्रेष्ठवर्चसस्त उ नस्तिरो विश्वानि दुरिता नयन्ति ।
सुक्षत्रासो वरुणो मित्रो अग्निर्ऋतधीतयो वक्मराज-
सत्याः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Te hi śreṣṭhavarcasasta u nastiro viśvāni duriṭā nayanti. Sukṣatrāso varuṇo mitro agnir-ṛtadhī-tayo vakmarājasatyāḥ.*

They alone are Vishvadevas, men of highest

excellence, they alone lead us over and across all evil and suffering of life, and they alone are the right rulers and managers of the social order, who are men of wisdom, right judgment and discrimination as Varuna, universal ruler, unifying sustainers and saviour friends as Mitra, the sun, and pure and purifying agents of action as Agni, the fire, who are committed in thought, word and action to universal truth and eternal values of life, and who have the courage of the conviction to speak the truth in matters of governance and administration in the political order of the world state.

ते न इन्द्रः पृथिवी क्षामं वर्धन्पूषा भगो अदितिः पञ्च
जनाः । सुशर्मणः स्ववसः सुनीथा भवन्तु नः सुत्रात्रासः
सुगोपाः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Te na indrah pṛthivī kṣāma vardhan pūṣā bhago
aditiḥ pañca janāḥ. Suśarmāṇaḥ svavasah sunīthā
bhavantu naḥ sutrātrāsaḥ sugopāḥ.*

May those divine powers of nature and humanity, cosmic energy, the firmament, the earth, the sustainer, glorious God, mother nature, all people dear as five pranic energies, all happy home dwellers nobly protected and well guided, be our saviours and protectors.

नू सद्मानं दिव्यं नंशि देवा भारद्वाजः सुमतिं याति होता ।
आसानेभिर्यजमानो मियेधैर्देवानां जन्म वसूयुर्व-
वन्द ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Nū sadmānaṁ divyaṁ namśi devā bhāradvājaḥ
sumatiṁ yāti hotā. Āsānebhīryajamāno miye-
dhair-devānāṁ janma vasūyurvavanda.*

O divine powers, the bearer of knowledge who invokes the divinities and serves the nobilities in yajnic programmes is blest with divine peace and settlement and enjoys wisdom and divine guidance. The yajamana in pursuit of wealth and excellence, sitting with inspiring and adorable yajakas, obtains the vision of rising divinities in his life.

अ॒प॒ त्वं वृ॒जिनं रि॒पुं स्तेन॑म॒ग्ने दुरा॑ध्य॒म् ।

द॒वि॒ष्ठम॑स्य स॒त्पते॑ कृ॒धी सु॑ग॒म् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Apa tyam vṛjinam ripuṁ stenamagne durā-dhyam. Daviṣṭhamasya satpate kṛdhī sugam.*

Agni, O divine leader, cast away that crooked thief, that strenuous enemy, far from the path of the aspirant. O protector and promoter of the good and the true, make it easy for him to follow the course simple and straight.

ग्रा॒वा॒णः सोम॑ नो॒ हि कं॑ स॒खित्व॑नाय॒ वाव॑शुः ।

ज॒ही न्य॑त्रि॒णं प॒णिं वृ॒को हि षः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Grāvāṇaḥ soma no hi kaṁ sakhitvanāya vāvaśuḥ. Jahī nyatrinam paṇim vṛko hi ṣaḥ.*

O Soma, giver of peace and inspiration, our holy ones generous as clouds and strong as granite love peace for divine favour and friendship. Throw away the ogre of crooked behaviour, he is a wolf only.

यू॒यं हि॒ ष्ठा सु॑दान॒व इन्द्र॑ज्ये॒ष्ठा अ॒भिद्य॑वः ।

क॒र्ती नो॒ अध्व॑न्ना सु॒गं गो॒पा अ॒मा ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Yūyam hi ṣṭhā sūdānava indrajyēṣṭhā abhidyaṇaḥ. Kartā no adhvannā sugam gopā amā.*

O Vishvedevas, bounties of nature divine and leading lights of humanity, stay you all generous as ever, shining as the sun on high above all. Make our march of progress simple and manageable, and protect our hearth and home.

अपि पन्थामगन्महि स्वस्तिगामनेहसम् ।

येन विश्वाः परि द्विषो वृणक्ति विन्दते वसु ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Api panthāmaganmahī svastigāmanehasam.
Yena viśvāḥ pari dviṣo vṛṇakti vindate vasu.*

And also, let us move on by the path which is faultless, auspicious, sinless and inviolable, which leads to noble attainments with peace, and by which holy brave people remove all hate, jealousy and enmity and realize all wealth and self fulfillment.

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न तद्विवा न पृथिव्यानु मन्ये न यज्ञेन नोत शमीभिराभिः ।
उब्जन्तु तं सुभ्वः पर्वतासो नि हीयतामतिराजस्य
यष्टा ॥ १ ॥

1. *Na tad divā na pṛthivyānu manye na yajñena nota
śamūbhirābhiḥ. Ubjantu taṁ subvaḥ parvatāso
ni hīyatāmatirājasya yaṣṭā.*

I believe the enthusiastic performer of yajna would not be forsaken by heaven or earth, nor would he be deprived of the rewards of his yajna or of all these noble actions. I pray may the showers of generous clouds bless him. (Let none neglect yajna.)

अति वा यो मरुतो मन्यते नो ब्रह्म वा यः क्रियमाणं
निनित्सात् । तपूषि तस्मै वृजिनानि सन्तु ब्रह्मद्विषमभि तं
शोचतु द्यौः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ati vā yo maruto manyate no brahma vā yaḥ
kriyamāṇam ninitsāt. Tapūṁṣi tasmai vṛjināni
santu brahmadviṣamabhi taṁ śocatu dyauh.*

O maruts, vibrant heroes, whoever hates us, or despises our wealth and piety, or deprecates our acts and holy programmes in progress, must have his tortuous paths exposed by the blazing light of truth. Let the loving and brilliant wise men subject the hater of nobility and eternal values to disapproval until he feels sorry.

किमङ्ग त्वा ब्रह्मणः सोम गोपां किमङ्ग त्वाहुरभिः शस्तिपां
नः । किमङ्ग नः पश्यसि निद्यमानान् ब्रह्मद्विषे तपूषि
हेतिमस्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Kimaṅga tvā brahmaṇaḥ soma gopāṁ kimaṅga
tvāhurabhiśastipāṁ naḥ. Kimaṅga naḥ paśyasi
nidyamānān brahmadviṣe tapuṣiṁ hetimasya.*

O dear lover of peace and joy, would they not call you protector of the honour and wealth of humanity? O friend, shall we not call you protector of our honour and reputation? O leader, dear as breath of life, don't you see our detractors and maligners? Pray strike the blazing thunderbolt upon the hater of nobility and universal values of spirituality.

अवन्तु मामुषसो जायमाना अवन्तु मा सिन्धवः पिन्व-
मानाः । अवन्तु मा पर्वतासो ध्रुवासोऽवन्तु मा पितरो
देवहूतौ ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Avantu māmusaṣo jāyamānā avantu mā sindhavaḥ pinvamānāḥ. Avantu mā parvatāso dhruvāso'vantu mā pitaro devahūtau.*

Let the rising dawns inspire me. May the swelling seas raise and promote us. Let the steadfast mountains, deep clouds and generous warriors defend me. May the paternal powers of nature and humanity protect and advance us in our holy programmes of advancement in values and culture.

विश्वदानीं सुमनसः स्याम पश्येम नु सूर्यमुच्चरन्तम् ।
तथा कर्द्वसुपतिर्वसूनां देवां ओहानोऽवसागमिष्ठः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Viśvadānīm sumanasah syāma paśyema nu sūrya-muccarantam. Tathā karad vasupatir-vasūnām devāñ ohāno'vasāgamiṣṭhaḥ.*

May we always be happy at heart and see the sun rise and sojourn in space higher and higher. May the lord protector of health and wealth and honour come with all modes of protection and progress, call upon us to rise and raise us to the heights of brilliance and generosity.

इन्द्रो नेदिष्ठमवसागमिष्ठः सरस्वती सिन्धुभिः पिन्व-
माना । पर्जन्यो न ओषधीभिर्मयोभुरग्निः सुशंसः सुहवः
पितेव ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indro nediṣṭhamavasāgamiṣṭhaḥ sarasvatī sin-dhubhiḥ pinvamānā. Parjanya na oṣadhī-bhirma-yobhuragniḥ suśaṁsah suhavaḥ piteva.*

Let Indra, the ruler, come closest to us with modes of protection and progress. May Sarasvati, mother of knowledge and dynamic speech swelling with

streams and showers of culture and refinement, come and bless. Let Agni, adorable leader of light and fire of action, responsive to our invocation, blissful like a father and guardian, come with herbs and comforts for health, honour and advancement.

विश्वे देवासु आ गंत शृणुता म इमं हवम् ।
एदं बर्हिर्नि षीदत ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Viśve devāsa ā gata śṛṇutā ma imam havam.*
Edam barhirni ṣīdata.

O eminent brilliancies of the world, learned and generous presences, come, listen to this invocation of mine and grace this holy seat of our yajnic programme of study and development.

यो वो देवा घृतस्नुना हव्येन प्रतिभूषति ।
तं विश्व उष गच्छथ ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yo vo devā ghṛtasnunā havyena pratibhūṣati.*
Tam viśva upa gacchatha.

O generous and brilliant scholars and leading lights of the world, whoever the person that invites you and honours you with homage of yajna seasoned and refined with fragrant materials overflowing with ghṛta, come to him and bless him with light, sweetness and advancement in knowledge, honour and wealth of life.

उष नः सूनवो गिरः शृण्वन्त्वमृतस्य ये ।
सुमृळीका भवन्तु नः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Upa naḥ sūnavo girah śṛṇvantvamṛtasya ye.*
Sumṛṭīkā bhavantu naḥ.

May the Vishvedevas, eminent brilliancies of

humanity, children of immortality and creators of the language of immortality in knowledge, come and listen to the prayers of the seekers and be givers of bliss to us. May the children listen to the voices of the immortals and be givers of joy to us.

विश्वे देवा ऋतावृध ऋतुभिर्हवन्श्रुतः ।

जुषन्तां युज्यं पयः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Viśve devā ṛtāvṛdha ṛtubhir-havanaśrutaḥ.*
Juṣantām yujyam payaḥ.

May the leading lights of the world, sages and scholars, generous and brilliant, expanding the bounds of knowledge and universal law in truth and development, listen to our invitation, love, honour and bless the liquid and milky investments in the yajnic programmes of research and progress according to the seasons of time and social requirements.

स्तोत्रमिन्द्रो मरुद्गणस्त्वष्ट्रमन्मित्रो अर्यमा ।

इमा हव्या जुषन्त नः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Stotram-indro marudgaṇas-tvaṣṭramān mitro*
aryamā. Imā havyā juṣanta naḥ.

May Indra, gracious ruler, leading group of dynamic people consisting of expert makers and designers, Mitra, expert of vision and future possibilities, brilliant and universal friend like the sun, and Aryama, pioneer of the paths of progress with judgement and directive control, accept, love and honour these offers of holy yajnic investments for us.

इमं नो अग्रे अध्वरं होतर्वयुनश्चो यज ।

चिकित्वान्दैव्यं जनम् ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Imam no agne adhvaram hotarvayunaśo yaja.
Cikivān daivyaṁ janam.*

Agni, leading light and majestic ruler, generous giver and highpriest of the yajnic order of humanity approved and honoured by enlightened people, you know the enlightened people and the peaceful non-violent order. Pray take over, rule and administer this order of ours according to the people's performance and the law.

विश्वे देवाः शृणुतेमं हव मे ये अन्तरिक्षे य उप द्यवि ष्ठा । ये
अग्निजिह्वा उत वा यजत्रा आसद्यास्मिन्बर्हिषि मादय-
ध्वम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Viśvedevāḥ śṛṇutemaṁ havam me ye antarikṣe
ya upa dyavi ṣṭha. Ye agnijihvā uta vā yajatrā
āsadyāsmiṁ barhiṣi mādayadhyam.*

O Vishvedevas, leading lights and generous bounties of nature and humanity, listen to this invocation and invitation of ours, you who abide and operate in the middle region and the highest region of light, who have the tongue of fire and light of truth. You are lovable and adorable. Come, sit on this seat of holy grass in this yajna, rejoice and let us rejoice with you.

विश्वे देवा मम शृण्वन्तु यज्ञिया उभे रोदसी अपां नपाच्च
मम । मा वो वचांसि परिचक्ष्याणि वोचं सुप्नेष्विहो अन्तमा
मदेम ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Viśve devā mama śṛṇvantu yajñiyā ubhe rodasī
apāṁ napācca manma. Mā vo vacāṁsi parica-
kṣyāṇi vocaṁ sumneṣvid vo antamā madema.*

O Vishvedevas, adorable leading lights,

protective like both earth and sky, the fire divine, listen to my thought and word. Never shall I speak any words against your life sustaining powers and science worthy of universal celebration. Pray let us rejoice at the closest with you in comfort and joy of all aspects of life.

ये के च ज्मा महिनो अहिमाया दिवो जज्ञिरे अपां सधस्थे ।
ते अस्मभ्यमिषये विश्वमायुः क्षप उस्त्रा वरिवस्यन्तु
देवाः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ye ke ca jmā mahino ahimāyā divo jajñire apām sadhasthe. Te asmabhyamiṣaye viśvamāyuh kṣapa usrā varivasyantu devāḥ.*

And whatever great powers of divine nature born on the earth and in the regions of firmament waters born of the sun, all these divine powers of nature and humanity may bring us universal life energy and happy days and nights for our sustenance and enlightenment.

अग्नीपजन्याववतंतु धियं मेऽस्मिन्हवे सुहवा सुष्टुतिं नः ।
इळामन्यो जनयद्गर्भमन्यः प्रजावतीरिष आ धत्त-
मस्मे ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Agnīparjanyaāvavataṁ dhiyaṁ me'smin have suhavā suṣṭutiṁ naḥ. Ilāmanyō janayad garbhamaṇyaḥ prajāvatīriṣa ā dhattamasme.*

May the vital fire energy of light and electricity and the clouds of vapour in space protect and augment my intellect, and in this yajnic business of life promote our honour and fame in response to our invocation and invitation to yajna. One of these, the fire divine, generates and inspires our speech, and the other, the vapours, generate the cloud which fertilises earth and

produces food. May the two bring us food, energy and noble progeny.

स्तीर्णे ब॒र्हिषि॑ समिधा॒ने अ॒ग्नौ सू॒क्तेन॑ म॒हा नम॒सा वि॒वासे ।
अ॒स्मिन्नो॑ अ॒द्य वि॒दथे॑ यजत्रा॒ विश्वे॑ दे॒वा ह॒विषि॑
मादयध्वम् ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Sūrṇe barhiṣi samidhāne agnau sūktena mahā namasā vivāse. Asmin no adya vidathe yajatrā viśvedevā haviṣi mādayadhvam.*

O Vishvedevas, holy bounties of nature and humanity, the sacred grass is strewn on the vedi, the fire is kindled and rising with the holy chant of mantras and oblations of fragrant homage of havi. Today in this our yajnic programme, O adorables, accept and enjoy our offer of homage and hospitality and let us rejoice with you.

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व॒यमु॑ त्वा पथस्प॒ते रथं॑ न वाज॒सातये॑ ।
धि॒ये पू॒षन्न॑युज्महि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vayamu tvā pathspate ratham na vājasātaye. Dhiye pūṣann-ayujmahi.*

O Pusha, lord giver of food and energy and guide and director over all our paths of life, for the sake of vision and wisdom and to reach the goal in our mission of life we take to you as one rides a chariot piloted by an all-wise driver.

अ॒भि नो॒ नर्य॑ वसु॒ वी॒रं प्र॑र्यतदक्षिणम् ।
वा॒मं गृ॒हर्प॑तिं नय ॥ २ ॥

2. *Abhi no naryam vasu vīram prayatadakṣiṇam.
Vāmaṁ gr̥hapatiṁ naya.*

Take us to a plentiful home and gracious master, a brave leader of men and generous giver of the gifts of life's wealth.

अदित्सन्तं चिदाघृणे पूषन्दानाय चोदय ।

पणेश्चिद्वि प्रदा मनः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Aditsantam cidāghṛṇe pūṣan dānāya codaya.
Paṇeścid vi mradā manah.*

Pusha, generous lord of light and grace, motivate the non-giver to give in charity and soften the heart of even the mean and miserly.

वि पथो वाजसातये चिनुहि वि मृधो जहि ।

सार्धन्तामुग्र नो धियः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Vi patho vājasātaye cinuhi vi mṛdho jahi.
Sādhantāmugra no dhiyaḥ.*

O resplendent leader and master of life force, select and secure for us the paths of advancement to energy and success, cast off the obstructions, and lead our plans and programmes of action to success.

परि तृन्धि पणीनामारया हृदया कवे ।

अथैमस्मभ्यं रन्धय ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Pari tṛndhi paṇīnāmārayā hr̥dayā kave.
Athemasmabhyam randhaya.*

O lord of vision and creativity, smite the hearts of the callous niggards with a goad, and subdue them to correction and maturity for the sake of us all.

वि पूषन्नारया तुद पणेरिच्छ हृदि प्रियम् ।
अथैमुस्मभ्यं रन्धय ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vi pūṣannārayā tuda paṇericcha hr̥di priyam.
Athemasmabhyaṁ randhaya.*

Pusha, lord giver of life, nourishment and inspiration, smite the callous, calculating and miserly in the heart with the pangs of affliction, wish him well for love and season him in the crucibles of remorse for our sake.

आ रिख किकिरा कृणु पणीनां हृदया कवे ।
अथैमुस्मभ्यं रन्धय ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ā rikha kikirā kṛṇu paṇīnām hr̥dayā kave.
Athemasmabhyaṁ randhaya.*

O creative lord of vision and foresight, write out the balance sheet of life's hagglers and bargainers, touch their hearts, let them mature all round and let us be happy.

यां पूषन्ब्रह्मचोदनीमारां बिभर्ष्याघृणे ।
तया समस्य हृदयमा रिख किकिरा कृणु ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yām pūṣan brahmacodanīmārām bibharṣyā-
ghṛṇe. Tayā samasya hr̥dayamā rikha kikirā kṛṇu.*

Pusha, lord of light and grace, giver of food and growth for life, you command that analytical intellect which discriminates between truth and untruth and inspires the mind to have the vision of divinity. With that inspiring intelligence, imprint the settled mind with holiness and let it expand with ideas.

या ते अष्ट्रा गोओपशाघृणे पशुसाधनी ।
तस्यास्ते सुम्नमीमहे ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Yā te aṣṭrā go-opaśā''ghṛṇe paśusādhanī.
Tasyāste sumnamīmahe.*

Lord of creative knowledge and development, that versatile vision and expertise of yours which develops cattle wealth and builds vast dairies and veterinary institutions, we love, and we pray for the gifts of that vision for comfort and well being.

उत नो गोषणिं धियमश्वसां वाजसामुत ।
नृवत्कृणुहि वीतये ॥ १० ॥

10. *Uta no goṣaṇim dhiyamaśvasām vājasāmuta.
Nṛvat kṛṇuhi vītaye.*

Lord of light and life's development, give us the gift of that knowledge and intelligence which may develop the wealth of cows and horses and create modes and means of success and prosperity. Give us that intelligence inspired with love for people so that we may live in peace and joy.

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सं पूषन्विदुषा नय यो अञ्जसानुशासति ।
य एवेदमिति ब्रवत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sam pūṣan viduṣā naya yo añjasānuśāsati.
Ya evedamiti bravat.*

Pusha, giver of food and nourishment for body and mind, take us forward truly with that scholar who

teaches us of truth with confidence and definiteness, saying: This is what it is, and it is not otherwise.

समु पूष्णा गमेमहि यो गृह्णँ अभिशासति ।
इम एवेति च ब्रवत् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Samu pūṣṇā gamemahi yo gr̥hāṇ abhiśāsati.*
Ima eveti ca bravat.

Let us go forward in life with that teacher, giver of nourishment for body, mind and soul, that family physician, who rules the home and governs home life, saying with confidence and definiteness: This is it, this way and not otherwise.

पूष्णाश्चक्रं न रिष्यति न कोशोऽ व पद्यते ।
नो अस्य व्यथते पविः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Pūṣṇāścakram na risyati na koṣo'va padyate.*
No asya vyathate pavih.

The wheel of Pusha, lord of life and provider of growth and sustenance, never slackens, nor does it violate anything. His treasury never depletes, and his knowledge and arms of defence never hurt anything positive.

यो अस्मै हविषाविध्नन् तं पूषापि मृष्यते ।
प्रथमो विन्दते वसु ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yo asmai haviṣāvidhanna taṁ pūṣāpi mṛṣyate.*
Prathamo vindate vasu.

Pusha, lord ruler and giver of nourishment and growth, does not hurt or challenge him who offers homage with creative and constructive projects in

honour of him. Indeed, the first and original inventor and maker of basic things wins rewards of wealth for the invention.

पूषा गा अन्वेतु नः पूषा रक्षत्वर्वतः ।

पूषा वाजं सनोतु नः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Puṣā gā anvetu naḥ pūṣā rakṣatvarvataḥ.*
Pūṣā vājaṁ sanotu naḥ.

Let Pusha, patron sustainer and promoter of artists, approve and support the development of lands, cows and words of knowledge. Let Pusha protect and promote horses and other modes of transport. Let Pusha create and provide food, energy and wealth of all kinds for us.

पूषन्ननु प्र गा इहि यजमानस्य सुन्वतः ।

अस्माकं स्तुवतामुत ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Pūṣannanu pra gā ihi yajamānasya sunvataḥ.*
Asmākaṁ stuvatāmuta.

Pusha, giver of sustenance, acknowledge, protect and promote the developed lands, cows and words of knowledge of the yajamana and also of ours who are the celebrants of this yajna of development.

माकिर्नेशन्माकीं रिषन्माकीं सं शारि केवटे ।

अथारिष्टाभिरा गहि ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Mākirneśanmākīm riṣan-mākīm saṁ śāri kevaṭe.*
Athāriṣṭābhirā gahi.

Let none be frustrated. Let none frustrate anyone. Let none throw anyone into the pit of darkness

and nothingness. O lord of nourishment and growth, come, bless us with everything whole and unhurt, with inviolable acts and unchallengeable policies.

शृण्वन्तं पूषणं वयमिर्यमनष्टवेदसम् ।

ईशानं राय ईमहे ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Śṛṇvantam pūṣaṇam vayam-iryam-anaṣṭav-
edasam. Īśānam rāya īmahe.*

Pusha, lord of nourishment and growth, is listening, inspiring and all round ruler and guardian of indestructible wealth and knowledge. We pray to the lord for wealth and honour of permanent nature.

पूषन्तव व्रते वयं न रिष्येम कदा चन ।

स्तोतारस्त इह स्मसि ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pūṣan tava vrata vyaṁ na risyema kadā cana.
Stotārasta iha smasi.*

Lord of life, we are your devotees, celebrants here in life. Let us never suffer in the observance of your laws and discipline.

परि पूषा परस्ताद्धस्तं दधातु दक्षिणम् ।

पुनर्नो नष्टमाजतु ॥ १० ॥

10. *Pari pūṣā parastāddhastam dadhātu dakṣiṇam.
Punarno naṣṭamājatu.*

May Pusha grant us the perfect umbrella of his right hand all over and help us recover the losses and accelerate our gains.

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एहि वां विमुचो नपादाघृणे सं सचावहै ।
रथीर्ऋतस्य नो भव ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ehi vām vimuco napādāghṛṇe saṁ sacāvahai.
Rathīr-ṛtasya no bhava.*

Come resplendent spirit of freedom indestructible, be our guide and saviour as master and pilot of the chariot on the path of eternity and divine truth and we shall be ever together.

रथीर्तमं कपर्दिनमीशानं राधसो महः ।
रायः सखायमीमहे ॥ २ ॥

2. *Rathītamaṁ kapardinam-īśānaṁ rādhaso mahāḥ.
Rāyaḥ sakhāyam-īmahe.*

We adore the highest chariot hero of flying hair, our friend and saviour, great ruler and ordainer of the wealth of existence and pray to him for wealth and power for advancement in life.

रायो धारास्याघृणे वसो राशिरजाश्व ।
धीवतोधीवतः सखा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Rāyo dhārāsyāghṛṇe vaso rāśirajāśva.
Dhīvatodhīvataḥ sakhā.*

O resplendent lord unborn and eternal, riding the waves of light, you are the treasure house of wealth and happy settlement, and you are a ceaseless flow of honour and excellence, a happy friend for every person blest with intelligence and wisdom.

पूषणं न्वजाश्वमुप स्तोषाम वाजिनम् ।
स्वसुर्यो जार उच्यते ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pūṣaṇam nvajāśvamupa stoṣāma vājinam.*
Svasuryo jāra ucyate.

We honour and adore the sun, Pusha, giver of vitality and potency, rider of the eternal chariot flying like a courser in space which steals away the dawn, its own creation, they say.

मातुर्दिधिषुमब्रवं स्वसुज्ररः शृणोतु नः ।
भ्रातेन्द्रस्य सखा मम ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Mātur-didhiṣum-abravam svasurjārah śṛṇotu naḥ. Bhrātendrasya sakhā mama.*

I speak of the sun, sustainer of the earth mother, lover of its own creation, the dawn, brother of electric energy of the cosmos, and my friend and companion for life. May the sun be close to us and respond to our prayer.

आजासः पूषणं रथे निशृम्भास्ते जनश्रियम् ।
देवं वहन्तु बिभ्रतः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ājāsaḥ pūṣaṇam rathe niśṛmbhāste janaśriyam. Devam vahantu bibhrataḥ.*

May the radiations of the sun, waves of light energy firmly yoked in its chariot bearing life and lustre for humanity, bring the divine light and life into this world.

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य एनमादिदेशति कर्म्भादिति पूषणम् ।
न तेन देव आदिशे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ya enamādideśāti karambhāditi pūṣaṇam.
Na tena deva ādiṣe.*

If one were to describe this Pusha, the sun or the universal chemistry of nourishment and vital energy, and say: It is from the solar suction of waters from earth and all space, or that, on the level of the individual human, it is from oat meal cooked with milk, then by this the divine process is neither to be defined nor to be determined nor, yet, to be exaggerated.

उत घा स रथीतमः सख्या सत्पतिर्युजा ।

इन्द्रो वृत्राणि जिघ्रते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Uta ghā sa rathītamah sakhyā satpatiryuajā.
Indro vrtrāṇi jighnate.*

In fact, that fastest energy, Indra, heroic ruler of the chariot, supportive of the positive forces of nature and humanity in combination with friendly powers such as electric energy, breaks the clouds of darkness and want and thus remains the protector, promoter and ruling controller of natural truth.

उतादः परुषे गवि सूरश्चक्रं हिरण्ययम् ।

न्यैरयद्रथीतमः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Utādaḥ paruṣe gavi sūraścakram hirṇyayam.
Nyairayad rathītamah.*

And that mighty hero, solar energy in combination with electric energy, at the fastest chariot like velocity, sets in motion the golden circuit of developmental evolution in the fierce rays of the sun, in the battles of life and in the fiery communication of powerful speech.

यदद्य त्वां पुरुष्टुत ब्रवीम दस्र मन्तुमः ।

तत्सु नो मन्म साधय ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yadadya tvā puruṣṭuta bravāma dasra mantumah.
Tat su no manma sādahaya.*

O universal destroyer, preserver and promoter, most perceptive and conscientious, universally adored Pusha, lord giver of life, whatever we speak to you or wish to day, we pray, fructify and accomplish that thought and plan of ours.

इमं च नो गवेषणं सातये सीषधो गणम् ।

आरात्पूषन्नसि श्रुतः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Imaṃ ca no gaveṣaṇaṃ sātaye sīṣadho gaṇam.
Arāt pūṣannasi śrutah.*

And this body of thought and speech of our socio-economic plan, pray, lead to completion and success. O lord, you are renowned far and wide as giver of success and onward progress for the achievement of wealth and honour.

आ ते स्वस्तिमीमह आरेअघामुपावसुम् ।

अद्या च सर्वतातये श्वश्च सर्वतातये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ā te svastimīmahe āre aghāmupāvasum.
Adyā ca sarvatātaye śvaśca sarvatātaye.*

We pray for your gifts of happiness and well being of the perfect order for all for today, for tomorrow and for all time for the elimination of sin and evil and for the attainment of wealth and excellence in a state of peace and harmony.

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Indra - Pushanau Devate, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

इन्द्रा नु पूषणा वयं सुख्याय स्वस्तये ।
हुवेम वार्जसातये ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indrā nu pūṣaṇā vayam sakhyāya svastaye.*
Huvema vājasātaye.

We always invoke and call upon Indra, lord commander of power, honour and excellence, and Pusha, giver of nourishment energy and intelligence, for the sake of friendship and all round joy and well being and for the achievement of success and victory in the battles of life.

सोममन्य उपासदत्पातवे चम्वोः सुतम् ।
करम्भमन्य इच्छति ॥ २ ॥

2. *Somamanya upāsadat pātave camvoḥ sutam.*
Karambhamanya icchati.

One of them, Indra, abides in the middle region between earth and heaven and drinks the soma distilled there, i.e., it catalyses the vapours of the clouds into rain through electric charge, while the other, Pusha, loves karambha, i.e., the sun sucks up the vapours of water and herbal juices and turns them into soma clouds. Thus the two sit together and act.

अजा अन्यस्य वह्नयो हरी अन्यस्य संभृता ।
ताभ्यां वृत्राणि जिघ्रते ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ajā anyasya vahnayo harī anyasya sambhṛtā.*
Tābhyām vṛtrāṇi jighnate.

The carriers of one, Pusha, are the sun beams

while those of the other, Indra, are positive and negative currents of electricity, and thereby the duo, Indra and Pusha, work together and break the clouds, and humanity gets the boons of food, energy and wealth.

यदिन्द्रो अनयद्रितो महीरपो वृषन्तमः ।

तत्र पूषाभवत्सचा ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Yadindro anayad rito mahīrapo vṛṣantamah.
Tatra pūṣābhavat sacā.*

When most generous Indra moves and brings about heavy showers of rain, then Pusha too is the corporate power of natural energy. (Thus making and breaking, consumption and creation are simultaneous processes of natural metabolism in life.)

तां पूष्णः सुमतिं वयं वृक्षस्य प्र वयामिव ।

इन्द्रस्य चा रभामहे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tām pūṣṇaḥ sumatiṁ vayaṁ vṛkṣasya pra vayā-miva. Indrasya cā rabhāmahe.*

That immanent will and wisdom of Pusha, divine nature's creative and promotive power, and that catalytic power of Indra, natural electric energy, we love, join and apply at our level to have results like extensive branches of the tree.

उत्पूषणं युवामहेऽभीशूरिव सारथिः ।

महा इन्द्रं स्वस्तये ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ut pūṣaṇaṁ yuvāmahe 'bhīśūṛiva sārathiḥ.
Mahyā indraṁ svastaye.*

Just as a charioteer joins, holds and controls the

reins of his horses, and just as the supreme charioteer of the universe holds and controls the activity of natural forces such as radiations of the sun and exudations of the earth or the gaseous vapours and electric charge, so do we join Pusha and Indra, study and apply complementary forces and processes for the earth and for the great happiness and well being of her children.

Mandala 6/Sukta 58

Pusha Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

शुक्रं ते अ॒न्यद्य॑ज॒तं ते अ॒न्यद्वि॑षुरू॒पे अ॒ह॒नी द्यौरि॑वासि ।
वि॒श्व॒ा हि मा॒या अ॒व॒सि स्व॒धावो भ॒द्रा ते पू॒षन्नि॒ह
रा॒तिर॑स्तु ॥ १ ॥

1. *Śukraṁ te anyad yajataṁ te anyad viṣurūpe ahanī dyaaurivāsi. Viśvā hi māyā avasi svadhāvo bhadra te pūṣanniha rātirastu.*

O Pusha, giver of nourishment for body, mind and soul, you are the light of the world as the sun. Two are the forms of your beauty and glory, both different yet alike like the twin forms of the day: one is bright and inspiring, the other is soothing sweet adorable as the night. Lord of your own essential might, you animate, inspire, preserve and promote all intelligence, energy and powers of the world community. We pray, may your gifts of generosity be good for all in this world.

अ॒जा॒श्वः प॒शुपा॑ वा॒जप॑स्त्यो धि॒यंजि॑न्वो भुव॒ने वि॒श्वे
अ॒र्पि॑तः । अ॒ष्ट्रां पू॒षा शि॒थिरा॑मु॒द्वरी॑वृ॒जत्सं॑चक्षा॒णो भुव॑ना
दे॒व ई॒यते ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ajāśvaḥ paśupā vājapastyo dhiyaṁjinvo bhuvane viśve arpitah. Aṣṭrāṁ pūṣā śithirām-udvarīvrjat samcakṣāṇo bhuvanā deva īyate.*

Conducted by radiating beams for horses as motive power, protector of animal life, giver of plentiful homes, inspirer of intelligence and wisdom, the brilliant sun, generous light of life dedicated to the entire world, moves on and on watching the regions of the world and inspiring and elevating general intelligence and unambitious minds to initiative.

यास्ते पूषन्नावो अन्तः समुद्रे हिरण्ययीरन्तरिक्षे चरन्ति ।
ताभिर्यासि दूत्यां सूर्यस्य कामेन कृतं श्रवं इच्छमानः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yāste pūṣannāvo antaḥ samudre hiraṇyayī-rantarikṣe caranti. Tābhiryāsi dūtyāṁ sūryasya kāmēna kṛta śrava icchamānaḥ.*

O sagely scholar and realised soul, Pusha, giver of nourishment for body, mind and soul, golden are your vessels moving over the sea and in the sky. By these vessels you go round the world with love and desire for further food for knowledge and acting as messenger of the sun for the world.

पूषा सुबन्धुर्दिव आ पृथिव्या इळस्पतिर्मघवा दुस्मवर्चाः ।
यं देवासो अददुः सूर्यायै कामेन कृतं तवसं स्वज्वम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pūṣā subandhurdiva ā pṛthivyā ṇaspatirmaghavā dasmavarcaḥ. Yaṁ devāso adaduḥ sūryāyai kāmēna kṛtaṁ tavaśaṁ svañcam.*

Pusha, giver of nourishment, is a noble friend and brother of all from earth to heaven, master of holy speech and light, possessing power, honour and excellence, and commanding extraordinary brilliance. A realised soul inspired with love and desire, mighty strong and self-cultured, the divinities dedicate him to

Surya, dawn of a new day.

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Indragṇi Devate, Bharadvāja Barhaspatya Rshi

प्र नु वो॑चा सु॒तेषु॑ वां वी॒र्या॑ऽ यानि॑ च॒क्रथुः ।
ह॒तासो॑ वां पि॒तरो॑ दे॒वश॑त्रव॒ इन्द्रा॑ग्नी जीव॒थो यु॒वम् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Pra nu vocā suteṣu vām vīryā yāni cakrathuḥ.
Hatāso vām pitaro devaśatrava indrāgnī jīvatho
yuvam.*

Indra and Agni, electric and heat energies of nature and their parent sources, I celebrate deeds of wondrous order you have performed in the yajnic creations of the world of nature. Gone are the opposite forces, and you two are alive and active.

ब॒ळि॒त्था म॑हि॒मा वा॒मिन्द्रा॑ग्नी प॒निष्ठ॑ आ ।
स॒मानो॑ वां ज॒निता॑ भ्रा॒तरा॑ यु॒वं य॒मावि॑हेह॒मातरा॑ ॥ २ ॥

2. *Baḷitthā mahimā vāmindrāgnī paniṣṭha ā. Samāno
vām janitā bhrātarā yuvaṁ yamāv-iheha-mātarā.*

Indra and Agni, great and true and most admirable is your might and majesty. Your father, source of generation, is one and the same, you are twins, and your mother is right here, Nature, Shakti of the Supreme sovereign Spirit.

ओ॒क्वि॒वांसा॑ सु॒ते स॒चाँ अ॒श्वा स॒प्ती॑ इ॒वादाने॑ ।
इन्द्रा॑ न्व॒ग्नी अव॑सेह॒ वज्रि॑णा व॒यं दे॒वा ह॒वामहे॑ ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Okivāmsā sute sacāñ aśvā sapṭī ivādane. Indrā
nvagnī avaseha vajriṇā vayaṁ devā havāmahe.*

Indra and Agni, wielders of the thunderbolt,

homogeneous powers in this business of life and nature, voracious consumers, like stormy war horses and creators, we, enlightened yajakas in developmental yajna, invoke, invite and develop you with all your protective and promotive powers right here.

य इन्द्राग्नी सुतेषु वां स्तवत्तेष्वृतावृधा ।

जोषवाकं वदतः पज्रहोषिणा न देवा भसथश्चन ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ya indrāgnī suteṣu vām stavat teṣvṛtāvṛdhā. Joṣa-vākaṁ vadataḥ pajrahoṣiṇā na devā bhasatha-ścana.*

Indra, lord of power and energy, Agni, lord of light, bold speakers of truth, observers and promoters of the law of truth, whoever honours and adores you in creative yajnic acts of life, you respond to him in words of truth and favour loud and bold. The divines never speak words void of value.

इन्द्राग्नी को अस्य वां देवौ मर्तश्चिकेतति ।

विषूचो अश्वान्युयुजान ईयत एकः समान आ रथे ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrāgnī ko asya vām devau martaściketati. Viṣūco aśvān yuyujāna īyata ekaḥ samāna ā rathe.*

Indra and Agni, energy and power of heat and electricity, who is the mortal man in this world that knows both of you divines and who, using the all pervasive fire and electricity like horses moving in all directions, solely travels in a uniformly structured systemic chariot all by himself?

इन्द्राग्नी अपादियं पूर्वागात्पद्धतीभ्यः । हित्वी शिरो जिह्वया
वावदच्चरत्त्रिंशत्पदा न्यक्रमीत् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indrāgnī apādiyaṃ pūrvāgāt padvaṭibhyaḥ. Hitvī śīro jihvayā vāvadaccarat trimśat padā nya-kramīt.*

Lightning and fire divine, this light of the dawn, shaking up its locks of hair and proclaiming its rise with its flames, radiates before life on the earth is on wheels, and moves on thirty steps of time and space.

इन्द्राग्नी आ हि तन्वते नरो धन्वानी ब्राह्मोः ।

मा नो अस्मिन्महाधने परा वर्क्तं गविष्टिषु ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Indrāgnī ā hi tanvate naro dhanvāni bāhvoḥ. Mā no asmin mahādhane parā varktaṃ gavīṣṭiṣu.*

Indra and Agni, cosmic energy and heat of life, leaders and best of humanity, stretch their bows between their arms. In this great battle business of life, pray do not forsake us in the heat of action in which light and fire must be integrated as life and inspiration.

इन्द्राग्नी तपन्ति माऽघा अर्यो अरातयः ।

अप द्वेषांस्या कृतं युयुतं सूर्यादधि ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Indrāgnī tapanti mā'ghā aryo arātayaḥ. Apa dveṣāṃsyā kṛtaṃ yuyutaṃ sūryādadhi.*

Indra and Agni, lords of existence, enmities and sinful negativities of life heat up and consume me. Throw off all hate and enmities and keep them away from the light of the sun.

इन्द्राग्नी युवोरपि वसु दिव्यानि पार्थिवा ।

आ न इह प्र यच्छतं रयिं विश्वायुपोषसम् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Indrāgnī yuvorapi vasu divyāni pāṛthivā. Ā na iha pra yacchataṃ rayiṃ viśvāyupoṣasam.*

Indragñi, give us here not only your own gifts but also the wealths and honours of the earth and heaven and bless us with full life and health distilled from the world of nature.

इन्द्राग्नी उक्थवाहसा स्तोमेभिर्हवनश्रुता ।

विश्वाभिर्गीभिरा गतमस्य सोमस्य पीतये ॥ १० ॥

10. *Indrāgnī ukthavāhasā stomebhir-havanaśrutā.
Viśvābhir-gīrbhirā gatam-asya somasya pītaye.*

Indra and Agni, light and energy of the spirit of life, carriers and harbingers of songs of adoration, listening close by to the invocations and celebrations of the yajakas, come with all words of appreciation and praise and all voices of commendation and elevation to our yajnic performance and to taste the nectar sweet of its essence distilled.

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Indragñi Devate, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

श्नथद् वृत्रमुत संनोति वाजमिन्द्रा यो अग्नी सहुरी सपर्यात् ।

इरज्यन्ता वसव्यस्य भूरेः सहस्तमा सहसा वाजयन्ता ॥ १ ॥

1. *Śnathad vṛtramuta sanoti vājamindrā yo agnī sahurī saparyāt. Irajyantā vasavyasya bhūreḥ sahasamā sahasā vājayantā.*

One who honours and adores challenging and victorious Indra and Agni, vibrant, stormy and fiery electric forces of nature and humanity, conquers restraining opposition and wins food, energy and wealth of life. Both are most courageous and enduring commanders of power and victory, givers of honour and

excellence, ample peace and settlement and harbingers of the glory of success and fulfilment.

ता योधिष्टमभि गा इन्द्र नूनमपः स्वरुषसो अग्र ऊळहाः ।
दिशः स्वरुषस इन्द्र चित्रा अपो गा अग्ने युवसे नियुत्वान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā yodhiṣṭamabhi gā indra nūnamapaḥ svaruṣaso agna ūlḥāḥ. Diśaḥ svaruṣasa indra citrā apo gā agne yuvase niyutvān.*

Indra, lord of power and excellence, Agni, lord of light and vision, like lands and waters, sun and dawns joined together, defend and fight for lands and waters, words and wondrous actions to expand to the quarters of space, and shine and join the sun and the dawns. Indra, O controller, you join the sun and dawns, and Agni, O ruler, you control the lands and waters, words and actions.

आ वृत्रहणा वृत्रहभिः शुष्मैरिन्द्र यातं नमोभिरग्ने अर्वाक् ।
युवं राधोभिरकवेभिरिन्द्राग्ने अस्मे भवतमुत्तमेभिः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā vṛtrahaṇā vṛtrahabhiḥ śuṣmairindra yātaṁ namobhiragne arvāk. Yuvam rādhobhir-akavebhir-indrā'gne asme bhavatam-uttamebhiḥ.*

Indra, thunderous ruler, Agni, enlightened teacher and citizen, both destroyers of evil and darkness, come hither to us with defensive, positive and protective forces and with ample measures of food, energy and advancement. O Indra, O Agni, both of you, pray, be ours, wholly for us all, with the best of unlimited and commendable means of success and progress.

ता हुवे ययोरिदं पप्रे विश्वं पुरा कृतम् ।
इन्द्राग्नी न मर्धतः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tā huve yayoridam papne viśvam purā kṛtam.
Indrāgnī na mardhataḥ.*

I invoke, admire and celebrate Indra, cosmic energy, and Agni, cosmic heat and light, both manifestations of divine vision, will and action, by whose power and operation this whole universe has evolved as of eternity. The two do not hurt, injure or destroy us.

उ॒ग्रा वि॒घ॒नि॒ना मृ॒ध इन्द्रा॒ग्नी ह॒वामहे ।

ता नो॑ मृ॒ळात ई॒दृशे॑ ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Ugrā vighaninā mṛdha indrāgnī havāmahe.
Tā no mṛḷāta īdṛśe.*

We invoke, invite and develop Indra and Agni, divine and blazing powers of nature's energy and light, both destroyers of adversaries and life's negativities. May they protect us and bless us with peace and prosperity in this world of our action and existence.

ह॒तो वृ॒त्रा॒ण्यायी॑ ह॒तो दा॒सानि॑ स॒त्प॒ती ।

ह॒तो वि॒श्व॒ अप॒ द्वि॒षः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Hato vṛtrānyāryā hato dāsāni satpatī.
Hato viśvā apa dviṣaḥ.*

Indra and Agni, divine powers of omnipotent will and vision, of holy nature, character and action, defenders of Truth and Law, destroy evil, darkness and want, destroy pain, suffering and slavery, destroy and eliminate all hate and enmity.

इन्द्रा॒ग्नी यु॒वामि॒मे॒रे॒ऽभि॑ स्तो॒मा अ॒नू॒षत॑ ।

पि॒ब॒तं शं॒भु॒वा सु॒तम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Indrāgnī yuvāmīme'bhi stomā anūṣata.
Pibatam śambhuvā sutam.*

Indra and Agni, powers of will and vision of action in nature and humanity, these songs of adoration celebrate you. O givers of peace, prosperity and well being, drink of the nectar of this joy and bliss distilled.

या वां सन्ति पुरुस्पृहो नियुतो दाशुषे नरा ।
इन्द्राग्नी ताभिरा गतम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yā vām santi purusprho niyuto dāśuṣe narā.
Indrāgni tābhirā gatam.*

Indra and Agni, leading powers of humanity, come to the generous giver and celebrant yajaka with all those gifts and powers of yours which are loved and cherished by all.

ताभिरा गच्छतं नरोपेदं सर्वनं सुतम् ।
इन्द्राग्नी सोमपीतये ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Tābhirā gacchatam naropedam savanam
sutam. Indrāgnī somapītaye.*

Indra and Agni, leading lights, with those cherished gifts and powers come and join this yajnic session to drink of the soma of joy distilled.

तमीळिष्व यो अर्चिषा वना विश्वा परिष्वजत् ।
कृष्णा कृणोति जिह्वया ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tamīṣva yo arciṣā vanā viśvā pariśvajat.
Kṛṣṇā kṛṇoti jihvayā.*

O celebrant, love and adore that power of divinity which with its refulgence pervades all rays of

the sun, moves all floods of water, and envelops all forests and makes them green with its radiations.

य इद्ध अ॒विवा॑सति सु॒म्नमिन्द्र॑स्य॒ मर्त्यैः ।

द्यु॒म्नाय॑ सु॒तरी॑ अ॒पः ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ya iddha āvivāsati sumnam-indrasya martyaḥ.
Dyumnāya sutarā apah.*

Whoever the mortal that honours and adores the favour and grace of Indra when the fire is burning for the sake of excellence, the waters of his life and the flow of his actions would be blest with fulfilment.

ता नो॒ वाज॑वती॒रिष॑ आ॒शून्पि॑पृत॒मर्वी॑तः ।

इन्द्र॑म॒ग्निं च॒ वोळ॑हवे ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Tā no vājavatīriṣa āśūn pipṛtam-arvataḥ.
Indram-agniṁ ca voḥhave.*

May the two, Indra and Agni, electricity and fire, give us food and sustenance full of energy and excellence and provide us with modes of travel and transport. Let us too develop the fire and electricity, energy for transport and communication.

उ॒भा वामिन्द्रा॑ग्नी आहु॒वध्या॑ उ॒भा रा॒र्धसः॑ सु॒ह मा॑दय॒ध्याँ ।

उ॒भा दा॒तारी॑वि॒षां र॑यी॒णामु॑भा वाज॑स्य सा॒तये॑ हुवे
वाम् ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ubhā vāmindrāgnī āhuvadhyā ubhā rādhasaḥ
saha mādayadhyai. Ubhā dātārāviṣām rayiṇā-
mubhā vājasya sātaye huve vām.*

I invoke you both, Indra and Agni, lords of cosmic electricity and fire energy, to develop both heat

and electricity in order to celebrate both with honours and wealth of success. And I honour and adore you both, beneficent givers of food, energy and wealth, for the winning of victory in life's battle for excellence and advancement.

आ नो गव्यैर्भिरश्व्यैर्वसव्यैर्ऋतम् गच्छतम् ।

सखायौ देवौ सख्याय शंभुवेन्द्राग्नी ता हवामहे ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ā no gavebhir-aśvyair-vasvyairupa gacchatam.*
Sakhāyau devau sakhyāya śambhuvendrāgnī tā havāmahe.

Indra and Agni, come you both to us and bring us the wealth of cows, horses and homes, lands and graces of speech and knowledge, travel, transport and communications, peace and prosperity of settled homes. Come friends, brilliant divine givers of good and well being for friendship and bonhomy. Pray come, we invoke, invite and adore you both.

इन्द्राग्नी शृणुतं हवं यजमानस्य सुन्वतः ।

वीतं हव्यान्या गतं पिबतं सोम्यं मधु ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Indrāgnī śṛṇutam havam yajamānasya sunvataḥ.*
Vītam havyānyā gataṁ pibataṁ somyaṁ madhu.

Indra and Agni, scholars of fire and electric energy, listen to the invitation and adoration of the yajamana and institutor of the yajnic programme of creative development. Accept the invitation and offers of homage, come, and taste the honey sweets of the pleasure of somaic achievement distilled from natural energy.

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इयमददाद्रभसमृणच्युतं दिवोदासं वध्यश्वाय दाशुषे । या
 शश्वन्तमाचखादावसं पुणिं ता ते दात्राणि तविषा
 सरस्वति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Iyamadadād rabhasamṛṇacyutam̐ divodāsam̐
 vadhryaśvāya dāśuṣe. Yā śaśvantamācakhādā-
 vasam̐ paṇim̐ tā te dātrāṇi taviṣā sarasvati.*

Sarasvati, this perennial stream of divine awareness, which stabilizes a permanent, all protective and adorable perspective dedicated to the light of Divinity, gives to the generous man of yajna blest with expansive mind and senses the zeal for action dedicated to fulfilment of obligations, a dynamic spirit which leads the man to freedom from all debts of life. These are thy brilliant gifts, O mother, to humanity.

इयं शुष्मेभिर्बिसखा इवारुजत्सानुं गिरीणां तविषेभि-
 रूर्मिभिः । पारवतघ्नीमवसे सुवृत्तिभिः सरस्वतीमा विवासेम
 धीतिभिः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Iyam̐ śuṣmebhir-bisakhā ivārujat sānu girīṇām̐
 taviṣebhir-ūrmibhiḥ. Pārāvataḥnīm-avase
 suvṛktibhiḥ sarasvatīmā vivāsema dhītibhiḥ.*

This stream of divine awareness and knowledge, with fierce blows and powerful waves of light and inspiration, breaks through the height of mountains and depths of clouds covering darkness and concealing treasures and opens them out like one who digs up and out the roots of lotus flowers. Let us adore and serve this brilliant mother stream, Sarasvati, breaking over

the banks of floods, with sincere thoughts and holy actions and let us root out darkness and ignorance from life.

सरस्वति देवनिदो नि बर्हय प्रजां विश्वस्य बृसयस्य
मायिनः । उत क्षितिभ्योऽ वनीरविन्दो विषमैभ्यो अस्त्रवो
वाजिनीवति ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Sarasvati devanido ni barhaya prajāṃ viśvasya
br̥sayasya māyinaḥ. Uta kṣitibhyo'vanīravindo
viṣamebhyo asravo vājīnīvati.*

O Sarasvati, mighty stream of light and inspiration, uproot the maligners of divinity and divine knowledge, take over the children of the wise givers of enlightenment across the world, adopt lands and nations, and let the streams of knowledge and culture flow for all peoples of the earth.

प्र णो देवी सरस्वती वाजेभिर्वाजिनीवती ।
धीनामवित्र्यवतु ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Pra ṇo devī sarasvatī vājebhir-vajīnīvatī.
Dhīnāmavitryavatu.*

May Sarasvati, bright mother of divine light and knowledge, overflowing with streams of wealth, honour and spirit, protector and promoter of intelligence, will and enlightened action, save us from darkness and evil and advance us into the light of life.

यस्त्वा देवि सरस्वत्युपब्रूते धने हिते । इन्द्रं न वृत्रतूर्ये ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Yastvā devī sarasvatyupabrute dhane hite.
Indraṃ na vṛtratūrye.*

O brilliant and generous Mother Sarasvati,

whoever calls upon you like one who calls upon Indra, omnipotent ruler, for the destruction of the demon of evil at the time when the battle is raging at the door, you listen, come and save the supplicant.

त्वं देवि सरस्वत्यवा॒ वाजेषु॑ वाजिनि ।

रदा॑ पृ॒षेव॑ नः स॒निम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tvaṁ devi sarasvatvavā vājeṣu vājini.*
Radā pūṣeva naḥ sanim.

O brilliant and generous mother of divine vision and wisdom, dynamic giver of knowledge, strength and energy in the struggle of life, remove the veil from our intelligence, give us nourishment like the earth and light of discrimination like the sun, and then draw out the plan of our destiny.

उ॒त स्या॑ नः॒ सर॑स्वती॒ घो॒रा हिर॑ण्यवर्तनिः ।

वृ॒त्रघ्नी॑ व॒ष्टि सु॒ष्टुतिम् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Uta syā naḥ sarasvatī ghorā hiraṇyavartaniḥ.*
Vrtraghnī vaṣṭi suṣṭutim.

And may that Sarasvati, awful breaker of the clouds of darkness, come by the golden paths of light, listen and, with love and grace, acknowledge our song of praise.

यस्या॑ अ॒न॒न्तो अ॒हु॒तस्त्वेष॑श्च॒रिष्णु॑र॒णवः॑ ।

अम॑श्चर॒न्ति रो॑रुवत् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yasyā ananto ahrutas-tveṣaś-cariṣṇur-aṇavaḥ.*
Amaścarati roruvat.

Whose radiation of light and dynamic flow of

speech moves on and on endless, straight and upright, roaring across the ocean of space, that is the Mother Sarasvati.

सा नो विश्वा अति द्विषः स्वसृरन्या ऋतावरी ।
अतन्नहेव सूर्यः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Sā no viśvā ati dviṣaḥ svasṛranya ṛtāvarī.*
Atannaheva sūryaḥ.

And may that flow of speech, warding off all hate and enmity, bearing truth like the light of dawn, lead us to other, different, sister streams of knowledge like the sun moving to other successive days, the same yet new.

उत नः प्रिया प्रियासु सप्तस्वसा सुजुष्टा ।
सरस्वती स्तोम्या भूत् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Uta naḥ priyā priyāsu saptaśvasā sujuṣṭā.*
Sarasvatī stomyā bhūt.

And may Sarasvati, dynamic stream of light, knowledge and speech, dearest among seven lovely sister streams of knowledge, word, and mind and senses, loving and blissful, be adorable and remain favourable.

आपप्रुषी पार्थिवान्युरु रजो अन्तरिक्षम् ।
सरस्वती निदस्पातु ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Āpaprūṣī pāṛthivānyuru rajo antarikṣam .*
Sarasvatī nidaspātu.

Pervading the objects of earth, the vast skies, the middle regions and the particles of nature, may the divine awareness and enlightening speech protect us

against hate and enmity.

त्रिषधस्था सप्तधातुः पञ्च जाता वर्धयन्ती ।

वाजेवाजे हव्या भूत ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Triṣadhasthā sapta dhātuḥ pañca jātā vardha-
yanṭī. Vājevāje havya bhūt.*

Existent and all pervasive in three regions of the world, sustained in seven, five elements, ahankara and mahat tattva, produced by five pranic energies, rising and expanding, Sarasvati, fluent speech and awareness, may, we pray, arise at our invocation.

प्र या महिम्ना महिनासु चेकिते द्युम्नेभिरन्या अपसामप-
स्तमा । रथ इव बृहती विभ्वने कृतोपस्तुत्या चिकितुषा
सरस्वती ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Pra yā mahimnā mahināsu cekite dyumnebhira-
nyā apasāmapastamā. Ratha iva brhātī vibh-
vane kṛtopastutyā cikituṣā sarasvatī.*

She that is distinguished as great by her grandeur in these things and regions, appears different and exceptional to different people by her light and lustre. She is most dynamic in the dynamics of existence, vast and expansive as space, created for the glory of Infinity by the lord creator, adorable by the celebrant: that is Sarasvati, dynamic spirit of omniscience.

सरस्वत्यभि नो नेषि वस्यो मापं स्फरीः पर्यसा मा न आ
धक् । जुषस्व नः सुख्या वेश्या च मा त्वक्षेत्राण्यरणानि
गन्म ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Sarasvatyabhi no neṣi vasyo māpa spharīḥ payasā
mā na ā dhak. Juṣasva naḥ sakhyā veśyā ca mā
tvat kṣetrāṇyaraṇāni ganma.*

Sarasvati, perennial harbinger of divine gifts of enlightenment and prosperity, pray bring us all that is lovely and excellent more and ever more. Pray do not spurn us, don't cast us away, nor let us be consumed by excess of exuberance and power. Help us with love and friendship, and let us never fall off from you into lands forlorn and void of joy.

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स्तुषे नरा दिवो अस्य प्रसन्ताऽश्विनो हुवे जरमाणो अर्केः ।
या सद्य उस्त्रा व्युषि ज्यो अन्तान्युयूषतः पर्युरू वरांसि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Stuṣe narā divo asya prasantā'śvinā huve jara-māṇo arkaiḥ. Yā sadya usrā vyuṣi jmo antānyu-yūṣataḥ paryurū varāmsi.*

I praise and celebrate the Ashvins, leading lights of heaven pervasive in this world, and worshipfully invoke them with holy chant of mantras. Complementary powers of nature's circuitous energy and fertility, they always conduct the rays of the sun at dawn and fill the earth from end to end with choice things of excellence.

ता यज्ञमा शुचिभिश्चक्रमाणा रथस्य भानुं रुरुचू रजोभिः ।
पुरू वरांस्यमिता मिमानाऽपो धन्वान्यति याथो अज्रान् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā yajñamā śucibhiścakramāṇā rathasya bhānuṃ rurucū rajobhiḥ. Purū varāmsyamitā mimānā'po dhanvānyati yātho ajrān.*

Continuously energising nature's sacred operations and augmenting the yajna with purest

splendours, they light up the light of this beautiful world on the move with showers of mist and energies. Creating many gifts and waters of measureless value, they pass over and across regions of space yet untraversed.

ता ह त्वद्दुर्तिर्यदरध्रमुग्रेत्था धिय ऊहथुः शश्वदश्वैः ।

मनोजवेभिरिषिरैः शयध्यै परि व्यथिदाशुषो मर्त्यस्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tā ha tyad vartir-yadaradhram-ugretthā dhiya ūhathuḥ śasvad-aśvaiḥ. Manojavebhir-iṣiraiḥ śayadhyai pari vyathir-dāśuṣo martyasya.*

They are the divinities vibrant and blazing as wind and lightning that reach the yajna by unfailing radiations of energy fast as mind and sensitive as thought. They inspire the mind and will of the mortal man otherwise groping in the pathless woods of action and raise the generous yajnic giver so that he may cross the hurdles and rest in peace with a perfect sense of fulfilment.

ता नव्यसो जरमाणस्य मन्मोप भूषतो युयुजानसप्ती ।

शुभं पृक्षमिषमूर्ज वहन्ता होता यक्षत्प्रतो अध्रुग्युवाना ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tā navyaso jaramāṇasya manmopa bhūṣato yuyujānasaptī. Śubham prkṣam-iṣam-ūrjam vahantā hotā yakṣat pratno adhrugyuvānā.*

They bless the mind and fructify the intentions of the new celebrant in search of knowledge and power. Ever young and energetic as wind and lightning, using seven currents of nature's centrifugal and centripetal energy, they bear and bring excellent gifts of water, food, energy and psychic determination. Let the learned yajaka, then, free from hate, jealousy and pride, dedicate

himself to the youthful powers with faith and persistence.

ता वल्गू दस्त्रा पुरुशाकतमा प्रत्ना नव्यसा वचसा विवासे ।
या शंसते स्तुवते शंभविष्ठा बभूवतुर्गृणते चित्रराती ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Tā valgū dasrā puruśākatamā pratnā navyasā vacasā vivāse. Yā śamsate stuvate śambhaviṣṭhā babhūvatur-gṛṇate citrarātī.*

With the latest words of homage, I celebrate and glorify the twin Ashvin divinities: graceful, destroyers of want and suffering, most versatile of power, ancient and eternal powers of the divine, who may, we pray, be good and blissful to the devoted celebrant and bring an immense variety of wondrous gifts for the yajaka.

ता भुज्युं विभिरद्भ्यः समुद्रात्तुग्रस्य सूनुमूहथू रजोभिः ।
अरेणुभिर्योजनेभिर्भुजन्ता पतत्रिभिरर्णसो निरुप-
स्थात् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tā bhujyum vibhiradbhyaḥ samudrāt tugrasya sūnum-ūhathū rajobhiḥ. Areṇūbhir-yojanebhir-bhujantā patatribhir-arṇaso nirupasthāt.*

I celebrate and glorify the twin Ashvins, protectors and sustainers of life, who raise by radiation usable products of nature's energy from the waters and the seas by the regions of light, and who by forces of gravitation bring down by dustless usable paths of space energy from the depths of spatial waters.

वि ज्युषा रथ्या यातमर्द्रि श्रुतं हवं वृषणा वधिमृत्याः ।
दशस्यन्ता शयवे पिप्यथुर्गामिति च्यवाना सुमतिं
भुरण्यू ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Vi jayuṣā rathyā yātamadrīm śrutam havam
vrṣanā vadhrimatyāḥ. Daśasyantā śayave pipya-
thurgāmiti cyavānā sumatiṁ bhuranyū.*

Ever anxious for all round victory and riding the chariot of waves of energy, you top the mountain and reach the cloud. Generous givers of showers, you perceive the invitation of the productive earth and the expansive skies. Mighty strong, you promote the earth and prompt the voice of her people so that they may be at peace, and, ever vibrant on the move, nourishing and sustaining, you inspire the mind with noble thoughts and will for holy actions.

यद्रोदसी प्रदिवो अस्ति भूमा हेळो देवानामुत मर्त्यत्रा ।
तदादित्या वसवो रुद्रियासो रक्षोयुजे तपुर्घं दधात ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Yad rodasī pradivo asti bhūmā heḷo devānāmuta
martyatrā. Tadādityā vasavo rudriyāso rakṣoyuje
tapuragham dadhāta.*

O heaven and earth, O light of the world, howsoever great be the anger of the holy ones and of the average mortals, that same anger, O Adityas, seasons of time, Vasus, shelter homes of life and sustenance, Rudras, powers of natural justice and dispensation, all that sin and sufferance, bear on and reserve for correction of the negative forces of hate and enmity.

य ई राजानावृतुथा विदधद्रजसो मित्रो वरुणश्चिकेतत् ।
गम्भीराय रक्षसे हेतिमस्य द्रोघाय चिद्वचस आनवाय ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Ya īm rājānāvṛtuthā vidadhad rajaso mitro
varuṇaściketāt. Gambhīrāya rakṣase hetimasya
droghāya cid vacasa ānavāya.*

Let Mitra, man of love, and Varuna, man of judgement and discrimination, who fully knows and serves the Ashvins, pervasive and dynamic lights and rulers of world regions, according to the seasons of time, wield and duly order their power and force in respect of the inscrutable, the demoniac, the malignant as also for the latest word of praise or calumny.

अन्तरैश्चक्रैस्तनयाय वर्तिर्द्युमता यातं नृवता रथेन । सनुत्येन
त्यजसा मर्त्यस्य वनुष्यतामपि शीर्षा ववृक्तम् ॥ १० ॥

10. *Antaraiś-cakrais-tanayāya vartir-dyumatā yātaṁ nṛvatā rathena. Sanutyena tyajasā martyasya vanuṣyatāmapī śīrṣā vavrktam.*

O brilliant lords of humanity and nature, come by the chariot of internal wheels of the social order with leading lights of the people, making new paths for the coming generation with inspiring message of selfless performance of duty and also take off the heads of the terrorist forces of destruction.

आ परमाभिरुत मध्यमाभिर्नियुद्धिर्यातमवमाभिर्वाक् ।
दृळ्हस्य चिद्गोमतो वि व्रजस्य दुरो वर्त गृणते चित्र-
राती ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā paramābhiruta madhyamābhir-niyudbhir-yātamavamābhir-arvāk. Dr̥ḥasya cid gomato vi vrajasya duro vartaṁ gr̥ṇate citrarāṭi.*

Ashvins, complementary ruling powers of love and judgement of the nation of humanity, creators and givers of wondrous gifts of plenty, come here by the highest, middling and lowest order of cooperative participants in the social order and open the doors of

the fixed as well as of the movable treasures of the nation for the celebrant.

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क्व॑ त्या व॒ल्गू पु॒रुहू॒ताद्य॑ दू॒तो न स्तोमो॑ऽ विद॒न्नम॑स्वान् ।
आ यो अ॒र्वाङ्नास॑त्या व॒वर्त॑ प्रे॒ष्टा ह्यस॑थो अ॒स्य
मन्म॑न् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Kva tyā valgū puruhūtādyā dūto na stomo'-
vidannamasvān. Ā yo arvāñnāsatyā vavarta
preṣṭhā hyasatho asya manman.*

Where are the handsome twin divines, universally adored, today? Let the song of adoration reach them like an humble messenger so that the divines ever true come here and abide as the dearest divinities celebrated in song.

अ॒रं मे गन्तुं॑ ह॒वना॒यास्मै॑ गृ॒णाना॑ यथा॒ पिबा॑थो अ॒न्धः ।
परि॑ ह॒ त्यद्व॒र्तिर्यी॑थो रि॒षो न यत्प॑रो ना॒न्तर॑स्तुतु॒र्यात् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Araṁ me gantaṁ havanāyāsmāi grṇānā yathā
pibātho andhaḥ. Pari ha tyad vartiryātho riṣo
na yat paro nāntarastuturyāt.*

Come well and happy in response to this invitation of mine and, revered and adored, drink the nectar sweets offered. Pray come by the path and to the home where no adversary far or near within may hurt us.

अ॒कारि॑ वा॒मन्ध॑सो वरी॒मन्न॑स्तारि॒ ब॒र्हिः सु॒प्राय॑ण॒तमम् ।
उ॒त्ता॒नह॑स्तो यु॒वयु॑र्व॒वन्दा॑ऽऽ वा॒ नक्ष॑न्तो अ॒द्रय॑ आ॒ज्जन् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Akāri vāmandhaso varīmannastāri barhiḥ supṛa-
yaṇatamam. Uttānahasto yuvayurvavandā''vām
nakṣanto adraya āñjan.*

Most excellent foods and drinks have been prepared for you and the softest grass carpet has been spread for you. With raised hands the high priest welcomes and adores you with love and reverence, and the devotees wait to honour and anoint you like the clouds of rain approaching.

ऊर्ध्वो वामग्निरेध्वरेष्वस्थात्प्र रातिरेति जूर्णिनीं घृताची ।

प्र होता गूर्तमना उराणोऽ युक्त यो नासत्या हवीमन् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ūdhrvo vāagnir-adhvareṣvasthāt pra rātireti
jūrṇinī ghṛtācī. Pra hotā gurtamanā urāṇo 'yukta
yo nāsatyā havīman.*

Brilliant leaders ever true, in honour of you both, up goes the fire in flames in the creative acts of love and non-violence. The abundant overflowing ladle of powerful ghrta moves forward with the oblation. And the zealous dedicated priest with faithful mind calls upon you to come and bless the yajna.

अधि श्रिये दुहिता सूर्यस्य रथं तस्थौ पुरुभुजा शतोत्तिम् ।

प्र मायाभिर्मायिना भूतमत्र नरा नृतू जनिमन्यज्जिना-
नाम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Adhi śriye duhitā sūryasya ratham tasthau puru-
bhuja śatotim. Pra māyābhir-māyinā bhūtamatra
narā nṛtū janiman yajñiyanām.*

Just as the dawn, off spring of the sun, rides the radiant chariot of light with a hundred gifts of beauty and grace, similarly, O twin divines of nature, leaders

of humanity, sustainers of many, lords of vision and power, come hither with all your gifts of light and graces and be inspirers of humanity in the life of revered performers of sacred acts of yajnic creation.

युवं श्रीभिर्दर्शताभिराभिः शुभे पुष्टिमूहथुः सूर्यायाः ।
प्र वां वयो वपुषेऽनु पमन्नक्षद्वाणी सुष्टुता धिष्यता
वाम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yuvaṁ śrībhir-darśatābhirābhiḥ śubhe puṣṭimūhathuḥ sūryāyāḥ. Pra vāṁ vayo vapuṣe 'nu paptan nakṣad vāṇī suṣṭutā dhiṣṇyā vām.*

Ashvins, twin divines of nature's dynamics, generous, devout and bold, with these open and gracious radiations of the light of dawn, you bring inspiring rejuvenation for the good of humanity, and then, like birds on the wing, excellent hymns of thanks and praise rise and reach you to do honour to your grace.

आ वां वयोऽश्वासो वहिष्ठा अभि प्रयो नासत्या वहन्तु ।
प्र वां रथो मनोजवा असर्जीषः पृक्ष इषिधो अनु पूर्वीः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Ā vāṁ vayo 'śvāso vahiṣṭhā abhi prayo nāsatyā vahantu. Pra vāṁ ratho manojavā asarjīṣaḥ prkṣa iṣidho anu purvīḥ.*

Ashvins, twin divines ever real beyond destruction, may your strong carriers flying as birds, bring you to the food and fragrance of our yajna, and may your chariot of nature's energy radiations faster than mind create food, energy and delicacies to our heart's desire as of all time for our yajnic libations for further development.

पुरु हि वां पुरुभुजा देष्णं धेनुं न इषं पिन्वतमसक्राम् ।
स्तुतश्च वां माध्वी सुष्टुतिश्च रसाश्च ये वामनु रति-
मग्मन् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Puru hi vām purubhujā deṣṇam dhenum na iṣam
pinvatamasakrām. Stutaśca vām mādhvī suṣtu-
tiśca rasāśca ye vāmanu rātimagman.*

O sustainers of all, great are your gifts. Pray give us and increase the food and gifts of the cow, the earth, the knowledge and the language of knowledge beyond challenge and deterioration. Celebrated are the songs of adoration in your honour, and honey sweet the flavours of your gifts which are all appropriate and enjoyable in respect of your generosity.

उत म ऋत्रे पुरयस्य रघ्वी सुमीळहे शतं पेरुके च पक्वा ।
शाण्डो दाद्धिरणिनः स्मदिष्टीन्दश वशासो अभिषाच
ऋष्वान् ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Uta ma ṛjre purayasya raghvī sumīḷhe śataṁ
peruke ca pakvā. Śāṇḍo dāddhiraṇinaḥ sma-
ddiṣṭīn daśa vaśāso abhiṣāca ṛṣvān.*

In the simple, straight and bountiful social order of the pioneer ruler, let all the small and sophisticated rights and duties toward all simple and sophisticated projects be mine in a hundred ways, and let the giver of peace, freedom and refinement give me great, focussed, obedient and efficient assistants and co-workers directly responsible to me, in tens and hundreds of strength.

सं वां शता नासत्या सहस्राऽश्वानां पुरुपन्था गिरे दात् ।
भ्रद्वीजाय वीर नू गिरे दाद्धता रक्षांसि पुरुदंससा स्युः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Sam vām śatā nāsatyā sahasrā'śvānām puru-
panthā gire dāt. Bharadvājāya vīra nū gire
dāddhatā rakṣāmsi purudaṁsasā syuḥ.*

Ashvins, ever true and indestructible powers of divinity, let the brave pioneer of your manifold path give hundreds and thousands of your motive forces to the celebrant and the man of science and energy with directions for noble policy and communication in correct language and then, O givers of a thousand gifts, the wicked and the destroyers shall be eliminated of their own destiny.

आ वां सुम्ने वरिमन्तसूरिभिः ध्याम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Ā vām sumne varimant-sūribhiḥ śyām.*

Ashvins, pioneer lights of Divinity, let us ever abide in the peace and well being of the highest order under your protection along with the wise and the brave.

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उदु श्रिय उषसो रोचमाना अस्थुरपां नोर्मयो रुशन्तः ।
कृणोति विश्वा सुपथा सुगान्यभूदु वस्वी दक्षिणा
मघोनी ॥ १ ॥

1. *Udu śriya uṣaso rocamānā asthurapām normayo
ruśantaḥ. Kṛṇoti viśvā supathā sugānyabhūdu
vasvī dakṣiṇā maghonī.*

Bright and blazing, the lights of the dawn arise like waves of the sea for the beauty and glory of the earth. It brightens all noble paths of the world and makes them easy for us to follow. Bearing treasures of wealth

and energy, let it be generous for the people of the world, we pray.

भद्रा ददृक्ष उर्विया वि भास्युते शोचिर्भानवो द्यामपसन् ।
आविर्वक्षः कृणुषे शुम्भमानोषो देवि रोचमाना महोभिः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Bhadrā dadṛkṣa urviyā vi bhāsyut te śocirbhānavo dyāmapaptan. Avirvakṣaḥ kṛṇuṣe śumbhamānoṣo devi rocamānā mahobhiḥ.*

Excellent and blissful you look and shine along the wide earth, the pure bright rays of light rising to heaven. O refulgent lady of morning divinity, graceful with the beauty and dignity of holiness, you reveal the heart and love of your bosom by the light apparel you wear.

वहन्ति सीमरुणासो रुशन्तो गावः सुभर्गामुर्विया प्रथानाम् ।
अपेजते शूरो अस्तेव शत्रून्बाधते तमो अजिरो न वोळ्हा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vahanti sīmaruṇāso ruṣanto gāvaḥ subhagā-murviyā prathānām. Apejate śūro asteva śatrūn bādhathe tamo ajiro na voḷhā.*

Bright red and crimson rays of light conduct the glorious dawn expanding over the earth, the sun takes her over as a smart bride-groom leads away the bride, and, as a brave warrior shoots away the enemies like an archer, it dispels the darkness of the night.

सुगोत ते सुपथा पर्वतेष्ववाते अपस्तरसि स्वभानो ।
सा न आ वह पृथुयामन्नृष्वे रयिं दिवो दुहितरिष्यध्वै ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Sugota te supathā parvateṣvavāte apastarasi svabhāno. Sā na ā vaha pṛthuyāmannṛṣve rayim divo duhitariṣayadhyai.*

O self-refulgent dawn, holy and easy are your paths over the clouds and mountains over which you radiate across the calm oceans of space without a stir of the wind. O glorious child of the light of heaven, commanding wide expanses of the universe, bring us the wealth, honour and excellence of the world for complete fulfilment of our heart's desire.

सा वह् योक्षभिरवातोषो वरं वहसि जोषमनु ।

त्वं दिवो दुहितर्या ह देवी पूर्वहूतौ मंहना दर्शता भूः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sā vaha yokṣabhiravātoṣo varam vahami joṣa-manu. Tvam divo duhitaryā ha devī pūrva-hūtau mañhanā darśatā bhūḥ.*

O dawn, you who rise with the love and excellence of your heart's desire freely without the obstruction of even a whiff of air, come and bless us with the virilities and fertilities of the world. You, O child of heavenly light, brilliant and generous, be comely and gracious with all your glory at the first invocation of the day's opening yajna.

उत्ते वयश्चिद्वसतेरपसन्नरश्च ये पितुभाजो व्युष्टौ ।

अमा सते वहसि भूरि वाममुषो देवि दाशुषे मर्त्यीय ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ut te vayaścid vasaterapaptan naraśca ye pitubhājo vyuṣṭau. Amā sate vahami bhūri vāmamuṣo devi dāśuṣe martyāya.*

O brilliant dawn, at the rise of the day, birds and men leave their dwelling to work for the day and enjoy their family dinner in the evening. O generous and brilliant lady of the morning light, you bring ample gifts of a happy home and delicious dinner for the mortal

man of yajnic generosity abiding with you in love and faith.

Note: Swami Dayananda interprets the dawn as the bride and the sun as the groom coming together in marriage by choice and beginning a new day of their life.

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एषा स्या नो दुहिता दिवोजाः क्षितिरुच्छन्ती मानुषीरजीगः ।
या भानुना रुशता राम्यास्वज्ञायि तिरस्तमसश्चिदक्तून् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Eṣā syā no duhitā divojāḥ kṣitīrucchanṭī mānu-
ṣīrajīgaḥ. Yā bhānunā ruśatā rāmyāsvajñāyi
tiras-tamasaś-cidaktūn.*

Lo! there is the dawn, born daughter of heavenly light awakening and shining up our human habitations. Shining by the light of the sun, it is perceived shooting her rays of light across the darkness of the nights.

वि तद्ययुररुणयुग्भिरश्वैश्चित्रं भान्त्युषसश्चन्द्ररथाः । अग्रं
यज्ञस्य बृहतो नयन्तीर्वि ता बधन्ते तम ऊर्म्यायाः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Vi tad yayur-arunayugbhir-aśvaiścitram bhān-
tyuṣasaś-candrarathāḥ. Agraṁ yajñasya bṛhato
nayanfirvi tā bādhante tama ūrmyāyāḥ.*

The dawns proceed by the golden chariot of bright crimson rays of the sun and wonderfully illuminate the world of humanity. Leading the yajnic business of the wide world, they dispel and stem away the darkness of the night.

श्रवो वाजमिषमूर्जं वहन्तीर्नि दाशुष उषसो मर्त्यीय ।

मघोनीर्वीरवृत्पत्यमाना अवो धात विधृते रत्नमद्य ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Śravo vājam-iṣamūrjaṁ vahantīrni dāśuṣa uṣaso martyāya. Maghonīr-vīravat patyamānā avo dhāta vidhate ratnamadya.*

O glorious dawns, bearing food, energy, knowledge and the message of divinity for the generous mortals, your lights descending like brave powers of heaven, bear and bring protection, advancement and the jewel wealth of life for the celebrant devotee.

इदा हि वो विधृते रत्नमस्तीदा वीराय दाशुष उषासः । इदा
विप्राय जरते यदुक्था नि ष्म मावते वहथा पुरा चित् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Idā hi vo vidhate tatnamastīdā vīrāya dāśuṣa uṣāsaḥ. Idā viprāya jarate yadukthā ni śma māvate vahathā purā cit.*

O dawns, here and now is the jewel wealth for the servant, for the brave, and for the generous giver. Here it is for the wise sage and for the worshipper. Here is the word of worship as before, pray bring the wealth of life as before for the celebrant like me.

इदा हि त उषो अद्रिसानो गोत्रा गवामङ्गिरसो गृणन्ति ।

व्यर्केण बिभिदुर्ब्रह्मणा च सत्या नृणामभवहेवहूतिः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Idā hi ta uṣo adrisāno gotrā gavām-aṅgirasogṛṇanti. Vyarkenā bibhidur-brahmaṇā ca satyā nṛṇāmabhavad devahūtiḥ.*

Here and now itself, O dawn of the light of heaven riding the heights of clouds, the sages of science and wisdom sing and celebrate in praise of you with

chant of the Veda and offer of yajna and worship and break open the treasures of knowledge divine and secular. May the people's yajna and worship be true and fruitful at the call of the divinities.

उच्छा दिवो दुहितः प्रत्नवन्नो भरद्वाजवद्विधुते मघोनि ।

सुवीरं रयिं गृणते रिरिह्युरुगयमधि धेहि श्रवो नः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ucchā divo duhitaḥ pratnavanno bhara-dvājavat vidhate maghoni. Suvīraṁ rayiṁ grṇate rirīhyu-rugāyamadhi dhehi śravo naḥ.*

O dawn, child of the light of heaven, harbinger of light and glory, shine as ever before and let us shine too like the celebrated sage of knowledge and power and servant and celebrant of the dawn of divinity. Bestow love and care upon the worshipful admirer, bless the supplicant with wealth and noble progeny, and favour us with honour, fame and excellence of universal order.

Note: Swami Dayananda interprets this hymn as a metaphor of the virtues of women. He says that the birth of a girl child and the bride's coming to her new home is like the dawn of a new day which brings light, grace and prosperity to the family.

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वपुर्नु तच्चिकितुषे चिदस्तु समानं नाम धेनु पत्यमानम् ।

मर्तेष्वन्यदोहसे पीपाय सकृच्छुक्रं दुदुहे पृश्निरूधः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Vapurnu taccikituṣe cidastu samānaṁ nāma dhenu patyamānam. Marteṣvanyad dohase pīpāya sakṛcchukraṁ duduhe pṛśnirūdhaḥ.*

For the man of vision and wisdom, the motherly form of nature is equal and similar by one name, Dhenu, mother cow. One on earth abounds with milk among the mortals to nurse her children, the other is Prshni, the middle region, mother of Maruts, winds or pranic energies, which simultaneously feeds the cloud with the purest soma of life energy.

ये अग्रयो न शोशुचन्निधाना द्विर्यत्त्रिर्मरुतो वावृधन्त ।
अरेणवो हिरण्ययास एषां साकं नृमणैः पौंस्यैर्भिश्च
भूवन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Ye agnayo na śośucannidhānā dviryat trirmaruto vāvṛdhanta. Aṛeṇavo hirṇyayāsa eṣāṁ sākam nṛmanaiḥ pauṁsyebhiśca bhūvan.*

They, the Maruts, vital pranic energies, pure and shining like fires, grow double and triple. Non-particle and golden are their forms and conductors carrying simultaneously both bio-energy and intelligence for life on earth.

रुद्रस्य ये मीळहुषः सन्ति पुत्रा यांश्चो नु दार्ध्विर्भरं ध्यै ।
विदे हि माता महो मही चा सेत्पृश्निः सुभ्वेऽर्ग-
भमाधात् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Rudrasya ye mīḷhuṣaḥ santi putrā yāṁśco nu dādhr̥vir-bharadhyai. Vide hi mātā maho mahī s̄a set pṛśniḥ subhve garbhamādhāt.*

These Maruts are children of Rudra, virile spiritual energy, and the mother is there to receive, hold and nourish them in her womb. For the reason of conceiving and bearing 'the great ones, the mother is known as the great', the Mother, the mother cow, the

mother earth, the holy and the noble, the one who bears and gives birth to life.

न य ईषन्ते जनुषोऽ या न्व॑ऽन्तः सन्तोऽवद्यानि पुनानाः ।
निर्यदुहे शुचयोऽ नु जोषमनु श्रिया तन्वमुक्षमाणाः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Na ya īṣante januṣo'yā nva'ntaḥ santo'vadyāni
punānāḥ. Niryaḍ duhre śucayo'nu joṣamanu śriyā
tanvam-ukṣamāṇāḥ.*

The Maruts neither hurt nor forsake their nativity, nor do they neglect any creature by their ethics and policy, but being noble, pure and shining in the midst of life, purging away weaknesses and perfecting virtues, vitalising and refining their body and personality with beauty, virility and splendour according to their love and ambition, they absorb the essences of nature, distil the soma and give showers of joy.

मक्षू न येषु दोहसे चिदया आ नाम धृष्णु मारुतं दधानाः ।
न ये स्तौना अयासो म्हा नू चित्सुदानुरव यासदुग्रान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Makṣū na yeṣu dohase cidayā ā nāma dhṛṣṇu
mārutam dadhānāḥ. Na ye staunā ayāso mahnā
nū cit sudānurava yāsadugrān.*

There is none among them but instantly moves forward with showers of generosity. Bold and vibrant, they bear the name of children of the winds. They move not like thieves and sluggards by virtue of their might and grandeur, and only the generous man of holiness can approach and pacify these blazing heroes.

त इदुग्राः शर्वसा धृष्णुषेणा उभे युजन्त रोदसी सुमेके ।
अर्ध स्मैषु रोदसी स्वशोचिरामवत्सु तस्थौ न रोकः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ta idugrāḥ śavasā ghr̥ṣṇuṣeṇā ubhe yujanta rodasī sumeke. Adha smaiṣu rodasī svaśoci-rāmavatsu tasthau na rokaḥ.*

Shining and blazing by strength and superior power, commanding mighty forces of nature, they join the beautiful heaven and earth by their presence. And when these forceful presences pervade heaven and earth, therein abides the self-refulgent electric energy like light and splendour itself.

अनेनो वो मरुतो यामो अस्त्वनश्वश्चिद्यमजत्यरथीः ।
अनवसो अनभीशू रजस्तूर्वि रोदसी पथ्या याति सार्धन् ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Aneno vo maruto yāmo astvanaśvaścid yamajatyarathīḥ. Anavaso anabhīśū rajastūrvi rodasī pathyā yāti sādhan.*

O Maruts, vibrant powers of nature and humanity, let your course and chariot be free from sin and error. Let it be powered without horses and let it be driven without the driver. Let it be protected without external forces, moving without food and fuel, without reins, dispelling waves, clouds and the dust of earth and space, and let it go by paths of heaven and earth, fulfilling the ambitions of humanity.

नास्य वर्ता न तरुता न्वस्ति मरुतो यमवथ वाजसातौ ।
तोके वा गोषु तनये यमप्सु स व्रजं दर्ता पार्ये अध द्योः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Nāsyā vartā na tarutā nvasti-maruto yamavatha vājasātau. Toke vā goṣu tanaye yamapsu sa vrajaṁ dartā pārye adha dyoḥ.*

O Maruts, in the serious warlike business of life, whoever you protect and promote for the sake of

children, grand children, or lands and cows or waters, no one can overwhelm or circumvent, no one can cross, defeat and destroy. Indeed he will be the breaker of new paths and open new treasures and then cross through the skies to the bounds of the regions of light.

प्र चित्रमूर्कं गृणते तुराय मारुताय स्वतवसे भरध्वम् ।

ये सहांसि सहसा सहन्ते रेजते अग्ने पृथिवी मखेभ्यः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pra citramarkam grṇate turāya mārutāya svatavase bharadhvam. Ye sahāmsi sahasā sahante rejate agne prthivī makhebhyaḥ.*

O men of learning, bear and offer unique and wonderful songs and presentations of reverence for the adorable, vibrant, prompt and forceful band of heroes of their own essential power and excellence, those who meet the challenges of life and confrontations by their own strength and courage. O brilliant sage, Agni, the earth itself vibrates and shines by the holy and mighty exploits of the Maruts, heroes of the winds.

त्विषीमन्तो अध्वरस्येव दिद्युत्तृषुच्यवसो जुहो३ नाग्नेः ।

अर्चत्रयो धुनयो न वीरा भ्राजजन्मानो मरुतो अर्धृष्टाः ॥ १० ॥

10. *Tviṣīmanto adhvarasyeva didyut trṣucyavaso juhvo nāgneḥ. Arcatrayo dhunayo na vīrā bhrājajjanmāno maruto adhrṣṭāḥ.*

Bright and blazing, flames of a great yajna of love and non-violence, instantly moving to action and adorable, brave warriors born of light and fire, intrepidable heroes of the winds are shakers of the earth like the heroes of heaven. Such are the Maruts.

तं वृधन्तं मारुतं भ्राजदृष्टिं रुद्रस्य सूनुं हवसा विवासे ।
 दिवः शधीय शुचयो मनीषा गिरयो नाप उग्रा अस्पृ-
 धन् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Taṁ vṛdhantaṁ mārutaṁ bhrājadṛṣṭiṁ rudrasya sūnuṁ havasā vivāse. Divaḥ śardhāya śucayo manīṣā girayo nāpa ugrā aspr̥dhran.*

With homage and reverence I adore and serve that rising and exalting hero of the winds and the blazing lance of action who is a very child of Rudra awful divine power of force and justice, whom, for the sake of celestial power, the pure, immaculate heroes of fire and conscientious intelligence envy and emulate.

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Mita-Varunara Devate, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

विश्वेषां वः सतां ज्येष्ठतमा गीर्भिर्मित्रावरुणा वावृधध्यै ।
 सं या रश्मेव यमतुर्यतमिष्टा द्वा जनाँ असमा बाहुभिः
 स्वैः ॥ १ ॥

1. *Viśveṣāṁ vaḥ satāṁ jyeṣṭhatamā gīrbhirmi-trāvaruṇā vāvṛdhadhyai. Saṁ yā raśmeva yamaturyatamiṣṭhā dvā janāñ asamā bāhubhiḥ svaiḥ.*

Mitra and Varuna, complementary pranic energies, holy powers of love and justice, I adore and exalt you both, highest of the divinities of the world, with the best of my voice and words, you both, unique and incomparable, most self-controlled controllers of humanity who guide and lead the people on the right path with your own hands, holding them by the reins and the light rays of their own inner mind.

इयं मदं प्र स्तृणीते मनीषोप प्रिया नमसा बर्हिरच्छ ।

यन्तं नो मित्रावरुणावधृष्टं छुर्दिर्यद्वां वरूथ्यं सुदानू ॥ २ ॥

2. *Iyam mad vām pra strṇīte manīṣopa priyā namasā barhiraccha. Yantam no mitrāvaruṇāv-adhrṣtam chardiryad vām varūthyam sudānū.*

Mitra and Varuna, dear, loving and just teachers and preachers, the holy grass is well spread for you on the vedi, and this sincere address and invitation from the core of my heart reaches out to you with homage and humility. O generous masters of holiness and knowledge, come and bless us with your gifts of the peace and happiness of a comfortable home free from fear.

आ यातं मित्रावरुणा सुशस्त्युप प्रिया नमसा हूयमाना । सं
यावप्रःस्थो अपसेव जनाञ्छुधीयतश्चिद्यतथो महित्वा ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Ā yātam mitrāvaruṇā suśastyupa priyā namasā hūyamānā. Sam yāvapnaṣtho apaseva janā-ñchrudhīyataścid yatatho mahitvā.*

Mitra and Varuna, holiest loving and just powers of nature and humanity, dear as our own, invoked and invited with homage and humility, come and receive our prayer and adoration, you who, like parents of children, inspire obedient people keen for nourishment by your own action and greatness to rise together.

अश्वा न या वाजिना पूतबन्धू ऋता यद्गर्भमदितिर्भरध्वै ।
प्र या महि महान्ता जायमाना घोरा मतीय रिपवे नि
दीधः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Aśvā na yā vājinā pūtabandhū ṛtā yad garbham-aditirbharadhyai. Pra yā mahi mahāntā jāyamānā ghorā martāya ripave ni dīdhaḥ.*

Fast, strong and bright as heat and light all pervasive, akin to the purity of brotherly relationship, embodiments of truth and law of the universe, mother nature bears you for eternity, O Mitra and Varuna, who ever move forward as greater than the great ones, emerging, rising and blazing as terrible to the enemies of mankind from birth itself.

विश्वे यद्वां मंहना मन्दमानाः क्षत्रं देवासो अदधुः सजोषाः ।
परि यद्भूथो रोदसी चिदुर्वी सन्ति स्पशो अदब्धासो
अमूराः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Viśve yad vāṁ maṁhanā mandamānāḥ kṣatram devāso adadhuḥ sajoṣāḥ. Pari yad bhūtho rodasī cidurvī santi spaśo adabdhāso amūrāḥ.*

Since you pervade over and across the wide earth and heaven by your presence, the brilliant and generous great powers of the world, rejoicing by virtue of your grandeur and majesty, loving and cooperative together, hold sway over the social order of the earth and rule, intelligent and enlightened, undaunted and perceptive all over like watchful eyes and ears of the nation.

ता हि क्षत्रं धारयेथे अनु द्यून्द्हेथे सानुमुपमादिव द्योः ।
दृळ्हो नक्षत्र उत विश्वदेवो भूमिमाता न्द्यां धासिनायोः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Tā hi kṣatram dhārayethe anu dyūn dṛṇhethē sānumupamādiva dyoḥ. Dṛḥho nakṣatra uta viśvadevo bhūmimātān dyām dhāsināyoḥ.*

Indeed, you hold the wealth of the nation, and you sustain and expand the bounds of world order day by day like the sun, for example, expanding the bounds

of light over the world. It is through you that the refulgent lord of the universe expands and lights the world of heaven and earth in existence by the food and energy of life.

ता विग्रं धैथे जठरं पृणध्या आ यत्सन्ना सभृतयः पृणन्ति ।
न मृष्यन्ते युवतयोऽवाता वि यत्पयो विश्वजिन्वा
भरन्ते ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tā vigrāṁ dhaithe jaṭharaṁ pṛṇadhyā ā yat sadma sabhṛtayaḥ pṛṇanti. Na mṛsyante yuvalayo'vātā vi yat payo viśvajinvā bharante.*

They bring the heave of passion and they bring the food too to quench the fire of that passion, and thus they sustain the wise with the food they aspire for, they who also lead the bearers of holy materials to fill the house of yajna and to feed the fire. And just as the sparkling sacred streams bear the waters of life, and unmarried maidens bear life-giving vitality, but they are never neglected and never injured in any way, so the wise and the sustainers of the wise must never be neglected, never injured.

ता जिह्वया सदमेदं सुमेधा आ यद्वां सत्यो अर्तिर्ऋते भूत् ।
तद्वां महित्वं घृतान्नावस्तु युवं दाशुषे वि चयिष्टमंहः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Tā jihvayā sadamedam sumedhā ā yad vām satyo aratirṛte bhūt. Tad vām mahitvaṁ gṛtānnāvastu yuvaṁ dāśuṣe vi cayiṣṭamanhaḥ.*

Mitra and Varuna, givers of ghrta and food for the fire, whoever the disciple, intelligent, faithful and true, established in truth and the law of truth by virtue of your voice of truth in this house of yajna, let that be

your gracious gift of achievement. And we pray throw out all sin and crime for the sake of the giver in this holy programme of moral culture.

प्र यद्वां मित्रावरुणा स्पूर्धन्प्रिया धाम युवधिता मिनन्ति ।
न ये देवास ओहसा न मर्ता अयज्ञसाचो अप्यो न पुत्राः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pra yad vām mitrāvaruṇā spūrdhan priyā dhāma yuvadhītā minanti. Na ye devāsa ohasā na martā ayajñasāco apyo na putrāḥ.*

O Mitra and Varuna, divinities of love and justice, those holy persons, who emulate and follow the rules and injunctions loved and ordained by you, and never violate them by their power and potential, are like your children by their karmas. On the other hand, those, who envy and are jealous, who violate the principles and institutions dear to you, who are not good and generous people, and in spite of their power and potential are mortals of inferior calibre without the love and performance of noble acts, deserve to be neither you, friends nor your children.

वि यद्वाचं कीस्तासो भरन्ते शंसन्ति के चिन्निविदो मनाः ।
आद्वां ब्रवाम सत्यान्युक्था नकिर्देवेभिर्यतथो महि-
त्वा ॥ १० ॥

10. *Vi yad vācam kīstāso bharante śaṁsanti kecinnivido manānāḥ. Ād vām bravāma styānyukthā nakir-devebhir-yatatho mahitvā.*

The wise ones bear and offer words of praise in honour of you. Some others, thoughtful and faithful, offer songs of celebration. Then we too chant and address hymns of adoration to you. Joining with all holy

ones by your grace and grandeur, there is none you hurt or injure.

अवोरिस्था वां छुर्दिषो अभिष्टौ युवोर्मित्रावरुणावस्कृधोयु ।
अनु यद्गावः स्फुरानृजिष्यं धृष्णुं यद्रणे वृषणं युनजन् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Avoritthā vām chardīṣo abhiṣtau yuvormitrāva-
ruṇāvaskṛdhoyu. Anu yad gāvaḥ sphurān-ṛjipyam
dhr̥ṣaṇum yad raṇe vṛṣaṇam yunajan.*

Mitra and Varuna, thus under your care and protection and in matters of family peace and prosperity of the home gifted by you, the beneficiary feels great and grateful. And in the battle business of life which is exciting and delightful, you engage the brave, generous, simple and straight man of truth and honesty celebrated in words of praise and adoration all round.

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श्रुष्टी वां यज्ञ उद्यतः सृजोषा मनुष्वद् वृक्तबर्हिषो यजध्वै ।
आ य इन्द्रावरुणाविवे अद्य महे सुन्नाय मह आववर्तत् ॥ १ ॥

1. *Śruṣṭī vām yajña udyataḥ sajoṣā manuṣvad
vṛktabarhiṣo yajadhyai. Ā ya indrāvaruṇāviṣe
adya mahe sumnāya maha āvavartat.*

Indra, glorious lord of power, and Varuna, lord of justice, peace and excellence, this yajna of evolution and advancement, kindled, conducted and jointly sustained by people in your honour, is for the union and cooperation of men dedicated to yajnic development and progress of the world community. Let it go on today and for ever onward for the growth of abundant food,

energy and sustenance and for a high order of peace and excellent well being of life as a whole.

ता हि श्रेष्ठा देवताता तुजा शूराणां शर्विष्ठा ता हि भूतम् ।
मघोनां मंहिष्ठा तुविशुष्म ऋतेन वृत्रतुरा सर्वसेना ॥ २ ॥

2. *Tā hi śreṣṭhā devatātā tujā śūrāṇām śaviṣṭhā tā hi bhūtam. Maghonām manhiṣṭhā tuviśuṣma rtena vṛtraturā sarvasenā.*

You are the best and holiest, dedicated to the divine scheme of evolution, development and progress, being most vigorous, bravest of the brave, commanding highest power and excellence among the excellent and powerful, most high spirited by dedication to truth and the law of truth, breakers of the darkest clouds for showers of vitality. Indeed you are the leaders and commanders of the total forces of nature and humanity on the paths of universal progress.

ता गृणीहि नमस्येभिः शूषेः सुम्नेभिरिन्द्रावरुणा चक्राना ।
वज्रेणान्यः शवसा हन्ति वृत्रं सिषक्त्यन्यो वृजनेषु
विप्रः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Tā gṛṇīhi namasyebhiḥ śūṣaiḥ sumnebhirin-drāvarūṇā cakānā. Vajreṇānyaḥ śavasā hanti vṛtram siṣaktyanyo vṛjaneṣu viprah.*

Honour and celebrate the two, Indra and Varuna, lords of peace, power and justice, with reverence and homage. Brilliant with strength and power, over-flowing with vitality and generosity, they are loving and kind. One of them, Indra, like the sun, breaks the clouds and destroys the enemies with the force of thunder, and the other, Varuna, cool as water and vibrant as the winds,

follows to bless humanity with strength and energy on the paths of life.

ग्राश्च यन्नरश्च वावृधन्त विश्वे देवासो नरां स्वर्गूताः ।

प्रेभ्य इन्द्रावरुणा महित्वा द्यौश्च पृथिवि भूतमुर्वी ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Gnāśca yannaraśca vāvṛdhanta viśve devāso narāṃ svagūrtāḥ. Praibhya indrāvaruṇā mahitvā dyauśca prṥthivi bhūtamurvī.*

All the holy voices, men and women, leading lights of humanity and the holiest of the holy for the world, grow on by their own vision and performance in the course of nature. For all these who grow thus, O lords of power and peace, vision and wisdom, be good, kind and generous by your own grace and grandeur like the light of heaven and the wide expanse of mother earth.

स इत्सुदानुः स्ववौ ऋतावेन्द्रा यो वां वरुण दाशति त्मन् ।

इषा स द्विषस्तरेद्वास्वान्वंसद्रयिं रयिवतश्च जनान् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Sa it sudānuḥ svavāṇ ṛtāvendrā yo vāṃ varuṇa dāśati tman. Iṣā sa dviṣastared dāsvān vamsad rayim rayivataśca janān.*

He that is liberal, self confident and upright in matters of truth and divine law, and in his very soul does honour to you, shall, with his resources, conquer his opponents and enemies and, with his generosity, achieve wealth and power and win over men of wealth and power to his side for support and cooperation to give and share.

यं युवं दाश्वध्वराय देवा रयिं धत्थो वसुमन्तं पुरुक्षुम् ।

अस्मे स इन्द्रावरुणावपि प्यात्प्र यो भनक्ति वनुषाम-
शस्तीः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Yam yuvam dāśvadhvarāya devā rayim dhattho vasumantam purukṣam. Asme sa indrāvaruṇāv-
api śyāt pra yo bhanakti vanuṣāmaśasfih.*

Indra and Varuna, lords of brilliance, power and wisdom of justice, that wealth and power which you bear and bestow upon the liberal yajaka of love and non-violence may, we pray, be for us too so that we share the honour and excellence which silences and shatters the calumny and criticism advanced by the selfish opposition.

उत नः सुत्रात्रो देवगोपाः सूरिभ्य इन्द्रावरुणा रयिः ध्यात् ।
येषां शुष्मः पृतनासु साह्वान्प्र सद्यो द्युम्ना तिरते ततुरिः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Uta naḥ sutrātro devagopāḥ sūribhya indrā-
varuṇā rayiḥ śyāt. Yeṣāṁ śuṣmaḥ pṛtanāsu
sāhvān pra sadyo dyumnā tirate taturiḥ.*

And for us, O lords of power and justice, for the wise and brave whose force of arms and intelligence challenges the enemy and wins the victory in battles of life, let there be that common wealth of nations and that ruler who protects the protectors, defends and supports the wise and brilliant, and, as a superleader, wins wealth, honour and excellence for humanity always in the struggles for progress.

नूनं इन्द्रावरुणा गृणाना पृङ्गं रयिं सौश्रवसाय देवा ।
इत्था गृणन्तो महिन्स्य शर्धोऽपो न नवा दुरिता तरेम ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Nū na indrāvaruṇā gṛṇānā pṛṅktam rayim
sauśravasāya devā. Itthā gṛṇanto mahinasya
śardho 'po na nāvā duritā tarema.*

Indra and Varuna, brilliant and generous lords

of nature and humanity praised and adored by all, bless us with abundant wealth for honour and excellence of life so that grateful and worshipful, celebrating the power and glory of your grace and grandeur, we may cross over the difficult problems, evils and negativities of the world as we cross the seas by boat.

प्र सम्राजे बृहते मन्म नु प्रियमर्चं देवाय वरुणाय सप्रथः ।
अयं य उर्वी महिना महिव्रतः क्रत्वा विभात्यजरो न
शोचिषा ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Pra samrāje br̥hate manma nu priyamarca devāya varuṇāya saprathaḥ. Ayaṁ ya urvī mahinā mahivrataḥ kratvā vibhātyajaro na śociṣā.*

Offer the dearest homage and sincere adoration in full self-knowledge and awareness to the refulgent, generous and mighty benevolent ruler of the world, this lord Varuna who is vast as earth and shines by his glory and universal law, and illuminates the world by his holy action and light of glory blazing as refulgence beyond the rule and order of time and age.

इन्द्रावरुणा सुतपाविमं सुतं सोमं पिबतुं मद्यं धृतव्रता ।
युवो रथो अध्वरं देववीतये प्रति स्वसर्मुप याति
पीतये ॥ १० ॥

10. *Indrāvaruṇā sutapāvimam sutam somam pibatam madyam dhrtavratā. Yuvo ratho adhvaram devavītaye prati svasaramupa yāti pītaye.*

Indra and Varuna, rulers of power and justice, dedicated to your own law and discipline, protectors and sustainers of your own creation, come and drink of this exhilarating nectar of joyous celebration distilled

for you. Your chariot moves to the constant self-sustaining yajna of love and non-violence every day so that you may drink of the soma in the company of divines.

इन्द्रावरुणा मधुमत्तमस्य वृष्णः सोमस्य वृषणा वृषेथाम् ।
इदं वामन्धः परिषिक्तमस्मे आसद्यास्मिन्बर्हिषि मादये-
थाम् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Indrāvaruṇā madhumattamasya vṛṣṇaḥ somas-ya vṛṣaṇā vṛṣethām. Idam vāmandhaḥ pariṣikta-masme āsadyāsmiṇ barhiṣi mādayethām.*

Generous Indra and Varuna, give us abundant showers of the most exhilarating honey sweets of soma. This nectar of devotion is distilled and seasoned for you. Come, sit on the holy grass and rejoice with us and for us.

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सं वां कर्मणा समिषा हिनोमीन्द्राविष्णू अपसस्पारे अस्य ।
जुषेथां यज्ञं द्रविणं च धत्तमरिष्टैर्नः पथिभिः पारयन्ता ॥ १ ॥

1. *Sam vām karmaṇā samiṣā hinomīndrāviṣṇū apasaspāre asya. Juṣethām yajñam draviṇam ca dhattam-arīṣṭairnaḥ pathibhiḥ pārayantā.*

Indra, lord commander of energy and power, Vishnu, lord provider of sustenance, whole heartedly I call upon you with food and energy and with action to take us successfully to the end of this programme of work and development. Join and enjoy the yajnic programme, create and bring wealth and honour. Indeed,

you are pilots of the nation to lead us on by paths of freedom without fear and danger.

या विश्वासां जनितारा मतीनामिन्द्राविष्णू कलशा
सोमधाना । प्र वां गिरः शस्यमाना अवन्तु प्र स्तोमासो
गीयमानासो अर्कैः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Yā viśvāsāṃ janitārā maṭīnāmindrāviṣṇū kalaśā
somadhānā. Pra vāṃ girah śasyamānā avantu
pra stomāso gīyamānāso arkaiḥ.*

Indra and Vishnu, you are creators and producers of all things of the world. You are inspirers of the mind and intelligence of all people. You are the treasure caskets of wealth, honour and joyous excellence of the world. May our voices of invocation and invitation and our songs of adoration full of appreciation, praise and homage reach you with our reverence and holy presentations.

इन्द्राविष्णू मदपती मदानामा सोमं यातुं द्रविणो दधाना ।
सं वामञ्जन्वक्तुभिर्मतीनां सं स्तोमासः शस्यमानास
उक्थैः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Indrāviṣṇū madapatī madānāmā somam yātaṃ
draviṇo dadhānā. Saṃ vāmañjantvaktubhir-
maṭīnāṃ saṃ stomāsaḥ śasyamānāsa ukthaiḥ.*

Indra and Vishnu, ruler of power and sustainer of life, you are creators and protectors of the joy of life. Come and join the joyous celebrants over a drink of life's soma of excellence and ecstasy, and bring the wealth and honour of human values for us. And may the songs of our leading intelligent people full of homage and service exalt you by day and by night with

a chant of Vedic mantras.

आ वामश्वासो अभिमातिषाह इन्द्राविष्णू सधमादो वहन्तु ।
जुषेथां विश्वा हवना मतीनामुप ब्रह्माणि शृणुतं गिरो
मे ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ā vāmaśvāso abhimātiṣāha indrāviṣṇū sadha-
mādo vahantu. Juṣethām viśvā havanā matīnā-
mupa brahmāṇi śṛṇutaṁ giro me.*

Indra and Vishnu, leaders of the world vibrant as wind and brilliant as light of the sun, may the greatest and fastest challengers of want and enmity escort you to the joyous fellowship of the world. There share the offers, invitations and common wealths of the peoples of the world, and then listen to my voices of exhortation too.

इन्द्राविष्णू तत्पनयाय्यं वां सोमस्य मद उरु चक्रमाथे ।
अकृणुतमन्तरिक्षं वरीयोऽ प्रथतं जीवसे नो रजांसि ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrāviṣṇū tat panayāyyam vām somasya mada
uru cakramāthe. Akṛṇutam-antarikṣam varīyo-
'prathataṁ jīvase no rajāṁsi.*

Indra and Vishnu, lord omnipotent and lord omnipresent of generosity, admirable is that act of yours by which, in the ecstasy of creation, you conceive, create and expand the excellent middle region of the universe between heaven and earth, and then for the sustenance of our life you create and expand other regions of earth and space.

इन्द्राविष्णू हविषा वावृधानाऽग्राद्धाना नमसा रातहव्या ।
घृतासुती द्रविणं धत्तमस्मे समुद्रः स्थः कलशः सोम-
धानः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Indrāviṣṇū haviṣā vāvṛdhānā'grādvānā namasā rātahavyā. Ghṛtāsufī draviṇam dhattamasme samudraḥ sthaḥ kalaśaḥ somadhānaḥ.*

Indra and Vishnu, you are exalted by the oblations of sacrificial havi and thereby you exalt all others. First receivers and consumers of food and homage, you give back every thing finer in return for others. O lords, receiving oblations of ghṛta and blessing others with the best of things, bear and bring the wealth and honour of life for us. Be like the sea full of jewels, be like a cask of soma and the ecstasy of life.

इन्द्राविष्णू पिबतुं मध्वो अस्य सोमस्य दस्त्रा जुठरं पृणेशाम् ।
आ वामन्धांसि मदिराण्यग्मन्नुप ब्रह्माणि शृणुतुं हव
मे ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Indrāviṣṇū pibataṁ madhvo asya somasya dasrā jaṭharaṁ prṇethām. Ā vāmandhānsi madirānya-gmannupa brahmāṇi śṛṇutaṁ havaṁ me.*

Indra and Vishnu, destroyers of want and suffering, drink of the honey sweets of this soma and quench the hunger and thirst of body, mind and soul. Both of you together, receive the exhilarating food and drinks of life, acknowledge our offers of homage, and listen to my voice of invocation and celebration.

उभा जिग्यथुर्न परा जयेथे न परा जिग्ये कतरश्चनैनोः ।
इन्द्रश्च विष्णो यदपस्पृधेथां त्रेधा सहस्रं वि तदैरये-
थाम् ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Ubhā jigyathurna parā jayethe na parā jigye kataraścanainoḥ. Indraśca viṣṇo yadapas-prdhethām tredhā sahasraṁ vi tadairayethām.*

Both Indra and Vishnu are ever victorious. They are never defeated. Neither of them is ever vanquished or deprived. Indra and Vishnu, when you act together and contend with others, you stabilise your thousand forces, threefold raise their power and potency, and reduce the adversary to the lowest degree of efficiency.

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Dyava - prthivi Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

घृतवती भुवनानामभिश्रियोर्वी पृथ्वी मधुदुग्धे सुपेशसा ।
द्यावापृथिवी वरुणस्य धर्मेणा विष्कभिते अजरे भूरि-
रेतसा ॥ १ ॥

1. *Ghṛtavatī bhuvanānāmabhiśriyōrvī prthvī madhudughe supeśasā. Dyāvāprthivī varuṇasya dharmanā viṣkabhite ajare bhūriretasā.*

Radiant and fertile, beauties of the worlds, vast and abundant, extensive, replete with honey sweets, the sun and the earth are sustained by the laws of nature with the immanent will of Varuna, centre-hold of the universe. Undecaying they are, immensely creative and exuberant with the waters of life, beautiful, blissful.

असञ्चन्ती भूरिधारे पर्यस्वती घृतं दुहाते सुकृते शुचिव्रते ।
राजन्ती अस्य भुवनस्य रोदसी अस्मे रेतः सिञ्चतं
यन्मनुर्हितम् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Asaścantī bhūridhāre payasvatī ghṛtaṁ duhāte sukṛte śucivrate. Rājanī asya bhuvanasya rodasī asme retah siñcatam yanmanurhitam.*

Both separate yet releasing together abundant streams of liquid vitality, they are holy in action and

pure of purpose and discipline of the divine law, and they give us ceaseless showers of milk and water. Shining over and illuminating this world, O sun and earth, let streams of vitality, virility and fertility flow down to us for the good of humanity.

यो वामृजवे क्रमणाय रोदसी मर्तो ददाश धिषणे स साधति ।
प्र प्रजाभिर्जायते धर्मणस्पतिं युवोः सिक्ता विषुरूपाणि
सव्रता ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Yo vāmṛjave kramaṇāya rodasī marto dadāśa dhiṣaṇe sa sādhati. Pra prajābhirjāyate dharmaṇaspari yuvoh siktā viṣurūpāṇi savratā.*

O heaven and earth, sustainers of life and illuminators of mind and intelligence, whoever the mortal that dedicates himself to you and abides by the laws you manifest for the sake of simple, straight guidance in the natural course of his life, wins success and honour and advances in life with his progeny higher and higher in the observance of Dharma, since it is from you that the diverse forms of life proceed alongwith the laws and manners of their species.

घृतेन द्यावापृथिवी अभिवृते घृतश्रिया घृतपृचा घृतावृधा ।
उर्वी पृथ्वी होतृवूर्ये पुरोहिते ते इद्विप्रा ईळते सुम्नमिष्टये ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Ghr̥tena dyāvāpṛthivī abhīvṛte ghr̥taśriyā ghr̥tapṛcā ghr̥tāvṛdhā. Urvī pṛthvī hotṛvūrye purohite te id viprā īlate sumnamiṣṭaye.*

Heaven and earth are surrounded by cosmic waters, they are brilliant in beauty by waters, they are joined and grow in and by waters. O vast earth and heaven, wise sages serve and pray to you for the

fulfilment of their desire and attainment of happiness, you being foremost in their selection of the highpriest who would lead them to honour and success.

मधु नो द्यावापृथिवी मिमिक्षतां मधुश्चुता मधुदुघे मधुव्रते ।
दधाने यज्ञं द्रविणं च देवता महि श्रवो वाजमस्मे सुवी-
र्यम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Madhū no dyāvāpṛthivī mimikṣatām madhuś-cutā madhudughe madhuvrate. Dadhāne yajñam draviṇam ca devatā mahi śravo vājamasme suvīryam.*

May heaven and earth create and provide for us the honey sweets of life. They shower the sweets of honey and honeyed pleasures of life and they are dedicated to the holy laws and purposes of nature for us. Divine they are, great and generous, they conduct nature's yajnic cycle of life, they hold the treasures of the world for us, wealth and honour, knowledge and progress, and the virility and fertility of life's continuity for us.

ऊर्जं नो द्यौश्च पृथिवी च पिन्वतां पिता माता विश्वविदा
सुदंससा । संरराणे रोदसी विश्वशम्भुवा सनिं वाजं रुयि-
मस्मे समिन्वताम् ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Ūrjam no dyauśca pṛthivī ca pinvatām pitā mātā viśvavidā sudamsasā. Saṁrarāṇe rodasī viśvaśambhuvā sanim vājam rayimasme saminvatām.*

Let the light of heaven and fertility of the earth, divine source givers of all achievement and performance of good works like father and mother, create, radiate and increase food and energy, knowledge and science.

May they, abundant earth and heaven together, brilliant and joyous givers of comfort and happiness, both sources of bliss, bring us wealth and honour and fulfilment in togetherness.

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Savita Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

उदु ष्य देवः सविता हिरण्यया बाहू अयंस्तु सर्वनाय सुक्रतुः ।
घृतेन पाणी अभि प्रुष्णुते मुखो युवा सुदक्षो रजसो
विधर्मणि ॥ १ ॥

1. *Udu ſya devaḥ savitā hirṇyayā bāhū ayaṁsta savanāya sukratuḥ. Ghr̥tena pāṇī abhi pruṣṇute makho yuvā sudakṣo rajaso vidharmaṇi.*

That refulgent and generous Savita, creator, generator and inspirer, ruler of the world, lord of holy action may, we pray, raise his golden hands and bless us with will and wisdom to perform creative and productive actions for common good. With showers of waters and grace, the lord of generous and adorable hands blesses the world regions and their people, as he is holy, creative, youthful, generous and perfect in various specific fields of action.

देवस्य वयं सवितुः सवीमनि श्रेष्ठे स्याम वसुनश्च दावने ।
यो विश्वस्य द्विपदो यश्चतुष्पदो निवेशने प्रसवे चासि
भूमनः ॥ २ ॥

2. *Devasya vyaṁ savituḥ savīmani śreṣṭhe syāma vasunaśca dāvane. Yo viśvasya dvipado yaścatuṣpado niveśane prasave cāsi bhūmanaḥ.*

Let us be established with dedication in the

highest generosity, prosperity and abundance of the refulgent and gracious lord Savita's dynamic creation. You, O lord, are absolute and omnipresent in the creation, generation, evolution and sustained development of the multitude of humans and animals of the wide world of peace and settlement for all.

अदब्धेभिः सवितः पायुभिष्ट्वं शिवेभिर्द्य परि पाहि नो
गयम् । हिरण्यजिह्वः सुविताय नव्यसे रक्षा माकिर्नो अघशंस
ईशत ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Adabdhebhiḥ savitaḥ pāyubhiṣṭvaṁ śivebhi-
radya pari pāhi no gayam. Hiraṇyajihvaḥ
suvitāya navyase rakṣā mākirno aghaśamsa īśata.*

Savita, ruling lord of inspiration, protect and promote our home, our people and our wealth and honour by benevolent and inviolable modes of defence, peace and development. O lord of golden word and voice, bless us with the latest forms of protection, progress and well being. Let no thief or sinner dare rule or boss over us.

उदु ष्य देवः सविता दमूना हिरण्यपाणिः प्रतिदोषमस्थात् ।
अयोहनुर्यजतो मन्द्रजिह्व आ दाशुषे सुवति भूरि वामम् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Udu śya devaḥ savitā damūnā hiraṇyapāṇiḥ
pratidoṣamasthāt. Ayohanuryajato madrajihva
ā dāśuṣe suvati bhūri vāmam.*

That brilliant and generous lord Savita of yajnic action, inspiration and advancement, golden generous of hands and honeyed sweet of animating voice, wearing a steel helmet, rises like the sun every day after night and abides by us, and blesses the generous giver and

yajaka with abundant wealth, honour and graces of life. A friend and protector of the home and family, no one dare oppress, suppress or terrorize him.

उदू अयाँ उपवक्तेव बाहू हिरण्यया सविता सुप्रतीका ।

दिवो रोहांस्यरुहतृथिव्या अरीरमतपतयत्कच्चिदभ्वम् ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Udū ayāñ upavakteva bāhū hiraṇyayā savitā supratīkā. Divo rohāmsyaruhat prthivyā arīramat patayat kaccidabhvam.*

Savita, refulgent illuminator and ruler of the world, glorious in form, raises his golden gracious arms like a rousing orator, ascends the heights of heaven, and sets in motion, conducts, directs and enjoys the great systemic business of the earth over day and night.

वाममद्य सवितर्वाममु श्वो दिवेदिवे वाममस्मभ्यं सावीः ।

वामस्य हि क्षयस्य देव भूरैरया धिया वामभाजः स्याम ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Vāmamadya savitar-vāmamu śvo divedive vāmamasmabhyam sāvīḥ. Vāmasya hi kṣayasya deva bhūrerayā dhiyā vāmabhājaḥ syāma.*

O Savita, lord of illumination and inspiration, great creator and ruler of the world, create the best and most beautiful, the most satisfying and blissful, intentions, actions and results today and tomorrow in endless succession. O lord generous and refulgent, bless us with bright intelligence and spirit of holy action so that by virtue of that intelligence and action we may abide in and enjoy the peace and well-being of a home of great comfort, peace and grace divine.

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इन्द्रासोमा महि तद्वां महित्वं युवं महानि प्रथमानि चक्रथुः ।
युवं सूर्यं विविदथुर्युवं स्वर्विश्वा तमांस्यहतं निदश्च ॥ १ ॥

1. *Indrāsomā mahi tad vām mahitvaṁ yuvaṁ mahāni prathamāni cakrathuḥ. Yuvaṁ sūryaṁ vividathur-yuvaṁ svarviśvā tamāmsyahataṁ nidaśca.*

Indra, lord of cosmic energy, and Soma, spirit of cosmic vitality, the greatness of your lustrous grandeur is this that you have done the first elemental grand acts of creation: you fashion forth the sun, you create the regions of light and the peace and paradisaal bliss of existence, you dispel the darkness and ignorance of life, and you ward off the malice and negativities of the earthly community.

इन्द्रासोमा वासयथ उषासमुत्सूर्यं नयथो ज्योतिषा सह ।
उप द्यां स्कम्भथुः स्कम्भनेनाप्रथतं पृथिवीं मातरं वि ॥ २ ॥

2. *Indrāsomā vāsayatha uṣāsamut sūryaṁ nayatho jyotiṣā saha. Upa dyām skambhathuḥ skambha-nenāprathataṁ prthivīm mātaraṁ vi.*

Lords of cosmic energy and universal bliss of life, you light up the dawns and lead the sun on course with its light. By the balance of forces you hold up and sustain the regions of light, and you unfold and sustain the earth in her motherly expense and variety of life.

इन्द्रासोमावहिमपः परिष्ठां हथो वृत्रमनु वां द्यौरमन्यत ।
प्राणीस्यैरयतं नदीनामा समुद्राणि पप्रथुः पुरूणि ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Indrāsomāvahimapah pariṣthām hatho vṛtramanu vām dyauramanyata. Prārṇām-syairayataṁ nadīnāmā samudrāṇi paprathuḥ purūṇi.*

Lords of cosmic lightning energy and vibrating winds, you break the dark clouds of vapour up on the high skies and release the closed up waters, and as the skies are clear, the heavens acknowledge your grandeur with cheer and thankfulness. You set the floods of rivers aflow and fill the wide expanses of boundless seas in abundance.

इन्द्रासोमा पक्वमामास्वन्तर्नि गवामिदधथुर्वक्षणासु ।

जगृभथुरनपिनद्धमासु रुशच्चित्रासु जगतीष्वन्तः ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Indrāsomā pakvamā-māsvantarni gavāmid dadhathur-vakṣaṇāsu. Jaghṛbhathur-anapina-ddhamāsu ruṣaccitrāsu jagatīṣvantah.*

Lords of sun light and vital energy, you infuse the unripe forms of vegetation with ripe herbal juice, the udders of cows with delicious milk, the flowing streams with energising waters, and you concentrate the unbound energy of sun rays and put this shining vitality into these various and wonderful forms of existence.

इन्द्रासोमा युवमङ्ग तरुत्रमपत्यसाचं श्रुत्यं रराथे ।

युवं शुष्मं नर्यं चर्षणिभ्यः सं विव्यथुः पृतनाषाहमुग्रा ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Indrāsomā yuvamaṅga tarutramapatyasācam śrutyaṁ rarāthe. Yuvam śuṣmam naryaṁ carṣaṇibhyaḥ saṁ vivyathuḥ pṛtanāṣāhamugrā.*

Indra and Soma, lords of energy and life's vitality, both dear as breath of life and bright as sun and moon, give us the light of knowledge worthy of

remembrance that may save us from want and suffering across the present and future generations of our children. Interweave for all people strength and power worthy of leading heroes with which we may face and win all our battles of life against the adversaries of life and human society.

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Brhaspati Devata, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

यो अद्रिभित्प्रथमजा ऋतावा बृहस्पतिराङ्गिरसो हविष्मान् ।
द्विबर्हज्मा प्राघर्मसत्पिता न आ रोदसी वृषभो रोरवीति ॥ १ ॥

1. *Yo adribhit-prathamajā ṛtāvā bṛhaspatir-āṅgirasō haviṣmān. Dvibarhajmā prāghar-masat-pitā na ā rodasī vṛṣabho roravīti.*

Breaking the clouds and shattering mountains, first self-manifested among things born, the very embodiment of universal law and the truth of existence, Brhaspati, lord creator, ruler, protector and promoter of the expansive universe is the very essence of the life and breath of existence who wields and governs all matters and materials of the world. Lord and master of the earth by virtue of knowledge and power of action, illustrious with the light and fire of life, he is our father generator who, like the mighty thunder, proclaims his power and presence across heaven and earth.

जनाय चिद्य ईवत उ लोकं बृहस्पतिर्देवहूतौ चकार ।
घ्नन्वृत्राणि वि पुरे दर्दरीति जयञ्छत्रैर्मित्रान्पृत्सु साहन् ॥ २ ॥

2. *Janāya cidya īvata u lokam bṛhaspatir-devahūtau cakāra. Ghanan-vṛtrāṇi vi puro dardarīti jayañ-chatrūñramitrānpṛtsu sāhan.*

Brhaspati, lord ruler of all, is he who, for the people in need, creates and gives a world of beauty and plenty when they approach him in the mood and spirit of supplication and prayer. When people invoke the divine lord, he breaks the thickest clouds of darkness and suffering, shatters the strongholds of exploitation and slavery, and challenges and wins over enemies and adversaries standing up in arms against humanity.

बृहस्पतिः समजयद्वसूनि महो व्रजान् गोमतो देव एषः ।

अपः सिषासन्त्स्व रप्रतीतो बृहस्पतिर्हन्त्यमित्रमर्कैः ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Brhaspatiḥ samajayad-vasūni maho vrajān gomato deva eṣaḥ. Apaḥ siṣāsant-svar-apraṭīto brhaspatir-hantyaamitraṁ-arkaiḥ.*

This divine and illustrious lord of the universe, Brhaspati, overcomes the enemies, wins wealth and happiness, and reveals mighty treasures of lands and light of knowledge. Ruling over the dynamics of waters, energies and the karmic flow of nature's law and light of heaven and bliss of life, himself unseen and undefeated, Brhaspati destroys all unfriendly forces confronting humanity by the strikes of his thunderbolt of justice and punishment by law.

Mandala 6/Sukta 74

Soma - Rudra Devate, Bharadvaja Barhaspatya Rshi

सोमारुद्रा धारयेथामसुर्यं प्र वामिष्टयोऽ रमश्नुवन्तु ।

दमेदमे सप्त रत्ना दधाना शं नो भूतं द्विपदे शं चतुष्पदे ॥ १ ॥

1. *Somārudrā dhārayethām-asuryaṁ pra vāmi-ṣṭayo'ram-aśnuvantu. Damedame sapta ratnā dadhānā śaṁ no bhūtaṁ dvipade śaṁ catuspade.*

O Soma and Rudra, lords of health and well being and of the health and vitality of life, ruler of the land and powers of health services, you maintain the balance of nature and environment and the health and vitality of the community so that the desired results of social welfare be achieved to your satisfaction. Bearing seven-fold jewels of health and prosperity, bless the inmates of every home so that our people may be happy and healthy in peace and joy, and our bipeds and quadrupeds too may be healthy and happy.

सोमारुद्रा वि वृहतं विषूचीममीवा या नो गयमाविवेश ।
आरे बाधेथां निरृतिं पराचैरस्मे भद्रा सौश्रवसानि
सन्तु ॥ २ ॥

2. *Somārudrā vi vṛhataṁ viṣūcīm-amīvā yā no gayam-āviveśa. Āre bādhethāṁ nirṛtiṁ parācair-asme bhadra sauśravasāni santu.*

O Soma and Rudra, lords of peace and vitality, uproot sickness, ill health, disease and epidemics such as cholera and others which spread to our homes and affect our children and institutions. Ward off want and adversity and keep it far away so that they never recur and we enjoy good health, well being and abounding graces.

सोमारुद्रा युवमेतान्यस्मे विश्वा तनूषु भेषजानि धत्तम् ।
अव स्यतं मुञ्चतं यन्नो अस्ति तनूषु बद्धं कृतमेनो
अस्मत् ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Somārudrā yuvametānyasme viśvā tanūṣu bheṣajāni dhattam. Ava syataṁ muñcataṁ yanno asti tanūṣu baddhaṁ kṛtamenno asmat.*

Soma and Rudra, lord of health and vitality, ruler and physician, bear and bring all those herbs and medicaments for our body's health and mental and spiritual strength by which you may throw off and eliminate from us whatever pollutes our body system and whatever sin or trespass or indiscretion has been committed by us.

तिग्मायुधौ तिग्महेती सुशेवौ सोमरुद्राविह सु मृळतं नः ।

प्र नो मुञ्चतं वरुणस्य पाशाद्गोपायतं नः सुमनस्यमाना ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Tigmāyudhau tigmahefī suṣevau somārudrāv-īha su mṛṣatam naḥ. Pra no muñcatam varuṇa-sya pāśād gopāyatam naḥ sumanasyamānā.*

Soma and Rudra, lords of health and total well being, bearing weapons of blazing efficacy and shattering blows of thundering strength, givers of peace and joy, bless us with health of body, mind and soul and lasting well being. Release us from the snares of Varuna, bondage of sin and disease by the laws of nature. Happy, kind and gracious, protect and promote us in life against sin, disease and indiscretion.

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जीमूतस्येव भवति प्रतीकं यद्वर्मी याति समदामुपस्थे ।

अनाविद्धया तन्वा जय त्वं स त्वा वर्मणो महिमा
र्षिपतु ॥ १ ॥

1. *Jimūtasyeva bhavati pratīkaṃ yad varmī yāti samadām-upasthe. Anāviddhayā tanvā jaya tvam sa tvā varmaṇo mahimā pipartu.*

When a warrior in armour advances to the battle front of war he looks like a mighty rain cloud. Go forward with your body unhurt, win the battle, and may the grandeur of your armour protect and defend you in war and peace.

धन्वना गा धन्वनाजिं जयेम धन्वना तीव्राः सुमदो जयेम ।
धनुः शत्रोरपकामं कृणोति धन्वना सर्वाः प्रदिशो
जयेम ॥ २ ॥

2. *Dhanvanā gā dhanvanājim jayema dhanvanā tīvrāḥ samado jayema. Dhanuḥ śatrorapakāmaṃ kṛṇoti dhanvanā sarvāḥ pradiśo jayema.*

Let us preserve and win lands and cows by the bow and reach our targets by the bow. Let us fight out the fiery passions by the bow and arrow of concentrated meditation. The bow and arrow thwarts the evil designs of enemy forces within and without both. Let us advance in all directions by the bow.

वक्ष्यन्तीवेदा गनीगन्ति कर्णं प्रियं सखायं परिष्वजाना ।
योषेव शिङ्गे वितताधि धन्वज्या इयं समने पारयन्ती ॥ ३ ॥

3. *Vakṣyantīvedā ganīganti karṇaṃ priyaṃ sakḥāyaṃ pariśasvajānā. Yoṣeva śiṅkte vitatādhi dhanvañ-jyā iyaṃ samane pārayantī.*

Like a maiden embracing her dear lover and whispering into his ear as if saying something sweet, this string of the bow, its ends like loving hands clasping the ends of the bow, is stretched to the archer's ear, rings

and seems to say: Shoot, advance and make way through the opposite ranks.

ते आचरन्ती समनेव योषा मातेव पुत्रं बिभृतामुपस्थे । अप
शत्रून्विध्यतां संविदाने आर्त्नी इमे विष्फुरन्ती अमि-
त्रान् ॥ ४ ॥

4. *Te ācarantī samaneva yoṣā māteva putraṁ bibhṛ-
tāmupasthe. Apa śatrūn vidhyatām samvidāne
ārtñī ime viṣphurantī amitrān.*

Just as a young mother holds the baby in her lap with both hands, so may the two ends of the bow operative together in balance hold the string at both ends and shoot the arrow upon the enemies and thus scatter the unfriendly forces out of gear.

बह्वीनां पिता बहुरस्य पुत्रश्चिश्चा कृणोति समनावगत्य ।
इषुधिः सङ्काः पृतनाश्च सर्वाः पृष्ठे निनद्धो जयति
प्रसूतः ॥ ५ ॥

5. *Bahvīnām pitā bahurasya putraściścā kṛṇoti
samanāvagatya. Iṣudhiḥ saṅkāḥ pṛtanaśca sarvāḥ
prṣṭhe ninaddho jayati prasūtaḥ.*

Like a guardian having many children under his care, the quiver borne on the warrior's back holds many arrows and rattles as the warrior enters upon the battle. The warrior with the bow and arrows in the quiver emerging on the battle field scatters all the enemy forces and wins all the battles of life.

रथे तिष्ठन्नयति वाजिनः पुरो यत्रयत्र कामयते सुषार्थिः ।
अभीशूनां महिमानं पनायत् मनः पश्चादनु यच्छन्ति
रश्मयः ॥ ६ ॥

6. *Rathe tiṣṭhan nayati vājinaḥ puro yatrayatraya
kāmayate suṣārathiḥ. Abhīśūnām mahimānam
panāyata manaḥ paścādanu yacchanti rāsmayaḥ.*

An expert driver on the steer of the chariot directs and leads the horses forward wherever he wants. Know this and admire the great importance of the bridle strings. As the driver controls the horses so does the mind control the senses. Control the strings of the mind and the senses would follow in your conduct of the chariot of life.

तीव्रान्घोषान्कृण्वते वृषपाणयोऽश्वा रथेभिः सह वाज-
यन्तः । अवक्रामन्तः प्रपदैर्मित्रान् क्षिणन्ति शत्रून्रनपव्य-
यन्तः ॥ ७ ॥

7. *Tivrān ghoṣān kṛṇvate vṛṣapāṇayo'śvā rathebhiḥ
saha vājayantah. Avakrāmantah prapadair-
amitrān kṣiṇanti śatrūñr-anapav-yayantah.*

Rushing on with the chariots, the warriors of mighty arm and war horses roar with awful war cries and, crushing the unfriendly forces with their advances without ever retreating, they eliminate the enemies.

रथवाहनं हविरस्य नाम यत्रायुधं निहितमस्य वर्म ।
तत्रा रथमुप शग्मं संदेम विश्वाहा वयं सुमनस्यमानाः ॥ ८ ॥

8. *Rathavāhanam havirasya nāma yatrāyudham
nihitamasya varma. Tatrā rathamupa śagmaṁ
sadema viśvāhā vayaṁ sumanasyamānāḥ.*

Where the chariot war materials of this warrior are collected and deposited, and where his arms and armour which routed the enemy are secured and guarded, there let us find our chariot of peace and well

being for all time, planning and designing as we are always for the peace and joy of the mind.

स्वा॒दु॒ष॒ंस॒दः पि॒तरो॑ वयो॒धाः कृ॑च्छ्रे॒श्रितः॑ शक्ती॒वन्तो॑
ग॒भी॒राः । चि॒त्रसे॑ना॒ इषु॑बला॒ अमृ॑धाः स॒तोवी॑रा उ॒रवो॑
व्रा॒तसा॑हाः ॥ ९ ॥

9. *Svaduṣaṁsadaḥ pitaro vayodhāḥ kṛcchreṣṛitaḥ śaktīvanto gabhīrāḥ. Citrasenā iṣubalā amṛdhrāḥ satovīrā uravo vṛatasāhāḥ.*

Those who abide in the home or sit in the assembly with peace and joy at heart, who are senior parental people, advanced and experienced in age, observing Dharma without fluctuating from peace and rectitude even in crises, commanding strength and depth of wisdom, leading wonderful armies, having full forces of arms and armaments but never violent and destructive, brave heroes of truth and honesty, many, mighty and magnanimous, observers of self-chosen discipline and law of conduct, let such be our friends, ideals and leader guardians for a life of peace and happiness.

ब्राह्म॑णासः पि॒तरः॑ सोम्या॑सः शि॒वे नो॒ द्यावा॑पृथि॒वी
अ॒ने॒हसा॑ । पू॒षा नः॑ पा॒तु दु॒रिता॑दृ॒तावृ॑धो रक्षा॒ माकि॑र्नो
अ॒घशंस॑ ई॒शत॑ ॥ १० ॥

10. *Brāhmaṇāsaḥ pitarāḥ somyāsaḥ śive no dyāvā-prthivī aneḥasā. Pūṣā naḥ pātu duriṭād-ṛtāvṛdho rakṣā mākirno aghaśaṁsa īśata.*

Sagely scholars, parental seniors, men of peace and good will, holy and blissful sun and earth which hurt no one, protective and promotive powers of nature

and humanity, all observers and protectors of truth and law, may, we pray, protect us from sin and evil and defend us against violence. May no evil and violent power, no thief, rule over us.

सुपर्णं वस्ते मृगो अस्या दन्तो गोभिः संनद्धा पतति प्रसूता ।
यत्रा नरः सं च वि च द्रवन्ति तत्रास्मभ्यमिषवः शर्म
यंसन् ॥ ११ ॥

11. *Suparṇam vaste mṛgo asyā danto gobhiḥ sannaddhā patati prasūtā. Yatrā naraḥ saṁ ca vi ca dravanti tatrāsmabhyam-iṣavaḥ śarma yamsan.*

The sun wears the beauty of a divine bird and flies. The earth, its mountain tops illuminated by sun rays, moves on, urged and energised by the sun. On this earth where men run around together yet scattered, may the arrows of defence and protection and the light of the sun provide us a home of peace and stability.

ऋजीते परि वृद्धि नोऽश्मा भवतु नस्तनूः ।
सोमो अधि ब्रवीतु नोऽदितिः शर्म यच्छतु ॥ १२ ॥

12. *Rjīte pari vṛddhi no'śmā bhavatu nastanūḥ. Somo adhi bravītu no'ditiḥ śarma yacchatu.*

O ruler, let natural honesty and rectitude protect and promote us. Let our bodies be adamant strong. Let soma, nectar juice of herbs, inspire us with its message of good health and rejuvenation. Let mother earth bless us with peace and comfort in a happy home.

आ जङ्घन्ति सान्वेषां जघनाँ उप जिघ्रते ।
अश्वाजनि प्रचेतसोऽश्वान्तस्मत्सु चोदय ॥ १३ ॥

13. *Ā jaṅghanti sānveṣām jaghanāñ upa jighnate.
Aśvājani pracetaso'śvānt-samatsu codaya.*

O inspirer of the brave like a goad, inspire the wise and brave warriors of the earth who break down the forces of these enemies of humanity and strike down the saboteurs and terrorists in the battles of life.

अहिरिव भोगैः पर्येति बाहुं ज्याया हेति परिबाधमानः ।
हस्तघ्नो विश्वा वयुनानि विद्वान्पुमान्पुमांसं परि पातु
विश्वतः ॥ १४ ॥

14. *Ahiriva bhogaiḥ paryeti bāhum jyāyā hetim
paribādhamānaḥ. Hastaghno viśvā vayunāni
vidvān pumān pumānsaṁ pari pātu viśvataḥ.*

Wrapped round the arm of a warring man of action like the coils of a snake, like an arm guard protecting the shooting arm against the strike back of the bow string after the shot of an arrow, or against the recoil of a gun, the man of knowledge well versed in all the ways of life and the world should protect the man of bold action all round.

आलाक्ता या रुरुशीर्ष्यथो यस्या अयो मुखम् ।
इदं पर्जन्यरेतस इष्वै देव्यै बृहन्नमः ॥ १५ ॥

15. *Ālāktā yā ruruśīrṣnyatho yasyā ayo mukham.
Idaṁ parjanyaaretasa iṣvai devyai bṛhannamaḥ.*

Poison-tempered with head like a doe's and a mouth of steel, generous and abundant like a rain cloud is the brave ruling queen of arrows. For the lady of divine velocity, unbounded praise and homage of a thousand salutations!

अवसृष्टा परा पतु शरव्ये ब्रह्मसंशिते । गच्छामित्रान्प्र पद्यस्व
मामीषां कं चनोच्छिषः ॥ १६ ॥

16. *Avasṛṣṭā parā pata śaravye brahmasamśite.
Gacchāmitrān pra padyasva māmīṣām kaṁ
canocchiṣaḥ.*

O sharpest and fastest of missiles, tempered and tested by the best of defence scientists, shot and released, fly far, reach the target and fall upon the enemies. Spare none of them whatsoever even at the farthest distance.

यत्र बाणाः संपतन्ति कुमारा विशिखाइव । तत्रा नो ब्रह्मण-
स्पतिरदितिः शर्म यच्छतु विश्वाहा शर्म यच्छतु ॥ १७ ॥

17. *Yatra bāṇāḥ saṁpatanti kumārā viśikhā iva.
Tatrā no brahmaṇaspatir-aditiḥ śarma yacchatu
viśvāhā śarma yacchatu.*

O ruler, where the young soldiers with shorn hair fall upon the enemy and showers of missiles rain down upon the targets, there let the controller of nation's wealth provide us total security and let the mother earth provide us a safe and comfortable shelter, a shelter of all round security.

मर्माणि ते वर्माणा छदयामि सोमस्त्वा राजामृतेनानु वस्ताम् ।
उरोर्वरीयो वरुणस्ते कृणोतु जयन्तं त्वानु देवा मदन्तु ॥ १८ ॥

18. *Marmāṇi te varmaṇā chādayāmi somastvā
rājāmṛtenānu vastām. Urorvarīyo varuṇaste
kṛṇotu jayantam tvānu devā madantu.*

O warrior of the bow, I cover the vital limbs of your body with armour for protection. Let the ruler Soma, immortal spirit of life's vitality, give you close

cover against death and mortality. Let the wise and judicious commander of the forces provide you the best and most abundant food and maintenance, and let the excellencies of the nation rejoice with you when you win the battle.

यो नः स्वो अरणो यश्च निष्ट्यो जिघांसति ।

देवास्तं सर्वे धूर्वन्तु ब्रह्म वर्म ममान्तरम् ॥ १९ ॥

19. *Yo naḥ svo araṇo yaśca niṣṭyo jighāmsati. Devā-staṁ sarve dhūrvantu brahma varma mamāntaram.*

Any one, whether our own or a stranger far away non-fighting, or far off and low, that hurts and violates us deserves that the best and enlightened of the nation punish him to nullity. For me, the Lord Almighty and the divine knowledge and awareness within me is my best armour for protection.

॥ इति षष्ठं मण्डलम् ॥