

TANTROKTAM RĀTRISŪKTAM  
Praise of the Goddess Night Revealed in the Tantra  
From the Devī Mahātmyam [Mārķendeya Purana]

<sup>1</sup> Om Viśveśvarīṃ jagadhātrīṃ sthitisamhārakārinīṃ  
Nidrāṃ Bhagavatīṃ Viṣṇoratulāṃ tejasah prabhuḥ

I worship the Goddess controlling this universe, the support of this world, maintainer and destroyer. The beneficial sleep, the incomparable splendor and authority of Vishnu.

<sup>2</sup> Tvaṃ Svāhā tvaṃ Svadhā tvaṃ hi vaṣaṭkārah  
svarātmikā  
Sudhā tvamakṣare nitye tridhā mātrātmikā sthitā

O Devi, you are Svaha, Svadha, Vashatkar. The Svara are a form of yours only. You are the nectar giving life. You are present in the form of the three matras A, U and M of the indestructible syllable AUM.

<sup>3</sup> Ardhamātrāsthitā nityā yānuccāryā viśeṣataḥ  
Tvameva sandhyā sāvitri tvaṃ devī jananī parā

You are the unpronounceable half matra at the end of AUM. You are Sandhya, Savitri, O Devi, you are the original Mother.

<sup>4</sup> Tvayai tadhāryate viśvaṃ tvayai tat sṛjyate jagat  
Tvayaitat pālyate devi tvamatsyante ca sarvadā

You are supporting this Universe, you create this World, you sustain this World. At the end of the Universe, you absorb everything in yourself.

<sup>5</sup> Viśṛṣṭau sṛṣṭi rūpā tvam sthiti rūpā ca pālāne  
Tathā samhṛti rūpānte jagato'sya jaganmaye

At the time of generation of this World you are Srushti – the Creation, while the world continues to exist you are Sthiti – its stability, and at the time of Dissolution you are Samhriti – the Destroyer.

<sup>6</sup> Mahāvidyā mahāmāyā mahāmedhā mahāsmṛtiḥ  
Mahāmohā ca bhavatī Mahādevī Mahāsurī.

You are the ultimate knowledge, illusion, intelligence, memory, ignorance, goddess and controller.

<sup>7</sup> Prakṛtis tvaṃ ca sarvasya guṇa traya vibhāvinī  
Kālarātrir Mahārātrir Moharātriśca dāruṇā

You are the Prakriti – the Fundamental material – which creates the three Gunas – the properties. You are three kinds of Night – Time, the Fundamental and Ignorance.

<sup>8</sup> Tvaṃ Śrīs tvaṃ Īśvarī tvaṃ Hrīstvaṃ buddhir bodha  
lakṣaṇā  
Lajjā puṣṭistathā tuṣṭis tvaṃ śāntiḥ kṣāntireva ca

You are Shri – the Wealth, Ishvari – the controller, Hri – modesty, and intelligence in the form of perceptions. You are bashfulness, enrichment, satisfaction, peace and forgiveness.

<sup>9</sup> Khaṅginī śūlinī ghorā gadinī cakriṇī tathā  
Śaṅkhinī cāpinī bāṇa bhuśuṇḍī paridhāyudhā

You have these different forms of representations.

<sup>10</sup> Saumyā saumya tarā śeṣa saumyebhyastvati sundarī  
Parāparāṇām paramā tvameva Parameśvarī

You are beauty and more beauty. You are most beautiful amongst all the Saumya things. You are Parameshvari, the Supreme Goddess, beyond the things near and far.