

गायत्री मन्त्र

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Gāyatrī mantra word-by-word meaning

The writer is aware that entire pages have been written on each word of this great mantra. Here the attempt is to simplify in order to make it easily digestible. The advanced *sādhaka* may refer to the bigger commentaries for deeper understanding.

ॐ भूर्भुवस्वः । तत्सवितुर्वरेण्यम् । भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नः प्रचोदयात् ॥

। ॐ । भूः । भुवः । स्वः ॥ तत् । स-वितुः । वरेण्यम् ॥ । भर्गः । देवस्य । धीमहि ॥ धियः । यः । नः । प्र-चोदयात् ॥

om bhūr'bhūvas' svaḥa | tat'sa-vituru'varēṇ'yam |

bhar'gō dēvas'ya dhīmahi | dhiyō yō na[fp]' prachōdayāte ॥

| om | bhūḥu | bhūvaḥa | svaḥa ॥ tat | sa-vituru | varēṇyam ॥

| bhargaḥa | dēvasya | dhīmahi ॥ dhiyaḥa | yaḥa | naḥa | pra-chōdayāt ॥

Same written in Hindī construct:

। ॐ । भूः । भुवः । स्वः ।

। तत् । स-वितुः । वरेण्यम् ।

। ॐ । भूः । भुवः । स्वः ।

। वह । स-प्रकाशमान् । सर्व से वरिष्ठ ।

। भर्गः । देवस्य । धीमहि ।

। यः । धियः । नः । प्र-चोदयात् ।

। शुभ-कल्याणकारी-सर्व-श्रेष्ठ । देवका । ध्यान करें ।

। जो । बुद्धि । हमारी । प्र-ज्वलित करो ।

The first sentence is an expression of great and extraordinary inner revelation

ॐ om = OM is the primordial sound, the sound of the Creation-Big-Bang Explosion (still resonating after trillions of years) ॥ भूः bhūḥu = it represents the material plane of existence, the Earth, so to say, where we can literally put our foot upon ॥ भुवः bhūvaḥa = it represents the *prāṇa* or life-force vibration holding the body cells together and functioning alive as a single “body unit” ॥ स्वः svaḥa = it represents the radiation or the unseen Divine force that created the earlier two above, which is the fundament of everything. One can say, the “basis” behind the manifestation of all the smallest sub-atomic particles that populate all of the Universe.

तत् tat = that ॥ स-वितुः sa-vituru = with light-of-true-knowledge ॥ वरेण्यम् vareṇyam = supremest

भर्गः bhargaḥa = so auspicious that it converts even the most inauspicious into auspicious

॥ देवस्य dēvasya = of God ॥ धीमहि dhīmahi = we focus upon

धियः dhiyaḥa = intellect (*buddhi*) ॥ यः yaḥa = who ॥ नः naḥa = (in) us ॥ प्र-चोदयात् pra-chōdayāt = lights-up

OM bhūr-bhūvas-svaḥa!

That light-of-knowledge supremest;

(of) the most auspicious God— we bring into our thoughts.

(So that,) May He illumine our intellects.

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