

The Power and Potential of Realisation in Women Atma Sukta (The Sukta of Universal Woman) (R.V.X.125) September-October 2005

Whereas Purusha Sukta is the Sukta of Man-consciousness, Atma sukta (Sukta of self) is the sukta of Woman-power. This is also known as Devi Sukta. This is pre-inspirer for all Shaktis like Parvati, Kali, Durga, Lalitha, Vaishnodevi, and all other Shaktis. When we read and realise the inherent power and potential of realisation in women, we can understand that Woman is already liberated and may be Woman=Man plus.

*Aham Rudrebhir Vasubhir Charaami
Aham Adityairuta Vishwa Devaih
Aham Mitraa Varunobhaa Bibharmya
Aham Indragnee Aham Ashwinobhaa - (R.V.X.125.1)*

The Woman declares boldly and powerfully that she is root, schute, shoot and fruit of everything in creation and that she is the source and resource of power of even gods themselves.

Let us now see the womanpower in full below:

1. I move with Rudras, Vasus, Adityas and all the Gods. I support both Mitra and Varuna, Indra and Agni and two Ashwinis.
2. I support Soma the energetic, I uphold Tvasta, Pooshan, Bhaga. I pour wealth on the devotee who offers me anything.
3. I am the sovereign queen, the collectress of treasures, full of wisdom. The divine powers have set me in various places. I enter many homes and take numerous forms.
4. The man who sees, who breathes, who has spoken words, obtains his nourishment from me alone. Not knowing, he yet dwells in me. Listen! Who you know! What I say is worthy of belief.
5. I verily of myself announce this which is rejoiced by men and gods. Whomever I love, I make him strong (Ugram). I make him knower, a sage (Rishi) or a learned seer.
6. It is I who draw mighty bow of Rudra, so that an arrow may pierce the enemy of goodness. I wage war with destructive people. I touch heaven and earth.
7. Above the earth, I keep elders ahead. My origin is in waters, ocean. From there I spread through all beings and worlds and I touch heaven with my forehead.
8. I breath forth strongly giving form to all created worlds. I stand above the earth and heaven, so exalted I am in my greatness and splendour.

Jai Shakti! Hail to woman power. Come on! Men of world to accept woman as a wonderful and at least equal partner in the progress of Humanity.

Vedas are not just saying for the sake of saying. There are many female divine forms to which many hymns are addressed. Saraswati, Savitri, Usha, Vaagambhruni (Atma Suktam), Surama, Yami and others.

Actually, there are many female seers (Rishikas). Some of them are :-

Apala (R.V.VIII.61), Kanshivati Ghosha (R.V.X.39), Romsha (R.V.X-126), Lopamudra (R.V.X.129), Vaagambhruni (R.V.X.125), Vishwavaara Atreyi (R.V.V.28), Shachi Poulomi (R.V.X.150), Shaswatee Angirasa (R.V.VIII.I), Saarpagni (R.V.X.189), Siktani Vavri (R.V.IX.86), Suryaa Saavitri (R.V.X.15), Shraddha Kaamayani (R.V.X.151), Indrani (R.V.X.145), Urvashi (R.V.X.95), Yami Vaivasvati (R.V.X.10) and Aditi Daakshayani (R.V.X.72)

Thus Vedas give an important place of honoured visionary to women. Great!

There is a misconception that women cannot read vedas. This is not what Vedas themselves demonstrate. When there are so many women Devatas (Gods) and when there are more than forty women seers (Rishikas), who can stop any woman to read, learn, understand, practise and write about Spirit of Vedas? Even if anyone tries to prevent women, women are going to rush ahead in the spirit of “Atma Suktam”.

Let we men and women honour, acknowledge, accept, appreciate, admire each other to create new levels of relationship management in the Spirit of Vedas.