

अथ देव्याः कवचम्
atha devyāḥ kavacam
 The Armor of the Goddess

ॐ अस्य श्रीचण्डीकवचस्य ब्रह्मा ऋषिः अनुष्टुप् छन्दः
 चामुण्डा देवता अङ्गन्यासोक्तमातरो बीजम्
 दिग्बन्धदेवतास्तत्त्वम् श्रीजगदम्बाप्रीत्यर्थे सप्तशती
 पाठाङ्गत्वेन जपे विनियोगः ।

**om asya śrī caṇḍīkavacasya brahmā ṛṣiḥ anuṣṭup
 chandaḥ cāmuṇḍā devatā aṅganyāsokta mātarō
 bījam digbandha devatās tattvam śrī jagad ambā
 prītyarthe saptaśatī pāṭhāṅga tvena jape viniyogaḥ ।**

Om Presenting the Armor of the Respected She Who Tears Apart Thought, the Creative Capacity is the Seer, Anuṣṭup (32 syllables to the verse) is the meter, the Slayer of Passion and Anger is the deity, the establishment of the Mother of Unity in the body is the seed, that which binds the Gods of all the directions is the principle, for the satisfaction of the Respected Mother of the Universe this appendage of the Seven Hundred Verses is applied in recitation.

ॐ नमश्चण्डिकायै

om namaścaṇḍikāyai

Om We bow to the Goddess Who Tears Apart Thought.

मार्कण्डेय उवाच
mārkaṇḍeya uvāca
 Mārkaṇḍeya said:

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ॐ यद्गुह्यं परमं लोके सर्वरक्षाकरं नृणाम् ।
 यन्न कस्यचिदाख्यातं तन्मे ब्रूहि पितामह ॥

om yadguhyam paramam loke

sarva rakṣā karam nṛṇām |

yanna kasya cidākhyātam tanme brūhi pitāmaha ||

Om. Grandfather, tell me the Supreme Mystical Secret, the one that is not well known, which affords all protection to all men.

ब्रह्मोवाच

brahmovāca

The Creative Capacity said:

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अस्ति गुह्यतमं विप्र सर्वभूतोपकारकम् ।

देव्यास्तु कवचं पुण्यं तच्छृणुष्व महामुने ॥

asti guhyatamam vipra sarva bhūtopakāarakam |

devyāstu kavacam puṇyam tacchṛṇuṣva mahāmune ||

There is a mystical secret, Oh Learned One, that is beneficial to all existence, the meritorious Armor of the Goddess. Listen to that, Oh Man of Great Wisdom.

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प्रथमं शैलपुत्री च द्वितीयं ब्रह्मचारिणी ।

तृतीयं चन्द्रघण्टेति कूष्माण्डेति चतुर्थकम् ॥

prathamam śailaputrī ca dvitīyam brahmacārīṇī |

ṭṛtīyam candra ghaṇṭeti kūṣmāṇḍeti caturthakam ||

First is the Goddess of Inspiration, and second the Goddess of Sacred Study; third is the Goddess of the Delight of Practice, the Goddess of Purifying Austerity is fourth.

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पञ्चमं स्कन्दमातेति षष्ठं कात्यायनीति च ।

सप्तमं कालरात्रीति महागौरीति चाष्टमम् ॥

pañcamam skandamātetī ṣaṣṭham kātyāyanīti ca |

saptamam kālarātrīti mahāgaurīti cāṣṭamam ||

Fifth is the Goddess who Nurtures Divinity, sixth is the One Who is Ever Pure; seventh is the Goddess of the Dark Night of Overcoming Egotism, the Goddess of the Great Radiant Light is eighth.

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नवमं सिद्धिदात्री च नवदुर्गाः प्रकीर्तिताः ।

उक्तान्येतानि नामानि ब्रह्मणैव महात्मना ॥

**navamaṃ siddhidātrī ca navadurgāḥ prakīrtitāḥ ।
uktānyetāni nāmāni brahmaṇaiva mahātmanā ॥**

Ninth is the Goddess who Grants Perfection, the nine Durgās, Relievers of Difficulties, have been enumerated, and these names have been revealed by the great soul of the Supreme himself.

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अग्निना दह्यमानस्तु शत्रुमध्ये गतो रणे ।

विषमे दुर्गमे चैव भयार्त्ताः शरणं गताः ॥

**agninā dahyamānastu śatrumadhye gato raṇe ।
viṣame durgame caiva bhayārttāḥ śaraṇaṃ gatāḥ ॥**

If one is being burned by fire, or in the midst of enemies on the field of battle, whenever thoughts are occupied with difficulties or any kind of fear, by taking refuge in the Mother,

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न तेषां जायते किञ्चिद्दुःखं रणसंकटे ।

नापदं तस्य पश्यामि शोकदुःखभयं न हि ॥

**na teṣāṃ jāyate kiṃcidduḥkhaṃ raṇasaṅkate ।
nāpadaṃ tasya paśyāmi śoka duḥkha bhayaṃ na hi ॥**

no energetic opposition will conquer that individual, nor injury in the dangers of battle. I cannot foresee any sorrow, pain or fear to envelope such a person.

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यैस्तु भक्त्या स्मृता नूनं तेषां वृद्धिः प्रजायते ।

ये त्वां स्मरन्ति देवेशि रक्षसे तान्न संशयः ॥

**yaistu bhaktyā smṛtā nūnaṃ
teṣāṃ vṛddhiḥ prajāyate ।**

ye tvāṃ smaranti deveśi rakṣase tānna saṃśayaḥ ॥

When She is remembered with devotion, all opposition ends

and immediately prosperity begins. For those who remember Her, the Supreme Goddess protects them without a doubt.

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प्रेतसंस्था तु चामुण्डा वाराही महिषासना ।

ऐन्द्री गजसमारूढा वैष्णवी गरुडासना ॥

**pretasaṁsthā tu cāmuṇḍā vārāhī mahiṣāsanā ।
aindrī gaja samārūḍhā vaiṣṇavī garuḍāsanā ॥**

Standing upon the corpse of Inert Consciousness is the Slayer of Passion and Anger; She who is the Most Excellent Desire of Union sits upon the buffalo of perseverance. The Energy of the Rule of the Pure rides upon the elephant of Universal Love, while the Energy that Pervades All sits upon the bird of brilliant luster.

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माहेश्वरी वृषारूढा कौमारी शिखिवाहना ।

लक्ष्मीः पद्मासना देवी पद्महस्ता हरिप्रिया ॥

māheśvarī vṛṣārūḍhā kaumārī śikhivāhanā ।

lakṣmīḥ padmāsanā devī padmahastā haripriyā ॥

The Energy of the Great Seer of All rides upon the bull of discipline; the Ever Pure One is carried by the peacock of beauty. The Goddess of Wealth sits upon the lotus of peace; the Goddess beloved of Consciousness has a lotus in Her hand.

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श्वेतरूपधरा देवी ईश्वरी वृषवाहना ।

ब्राह्मी हंससमारूढा सर्वाभरणभूषिता ॥

śvetarūpa dharā devī īśvarī vṛṣa vāhanā ।

brāhmī haṁsa samārūḍhā sarvābharāṇa bhūṣitā ॥

Pure white is the form of the Goddess, Supreme Energy, carried by the bull of discipline. The Creative Energy rides upon the swans of controlled breath displaying all ornaments.

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इत्येता मातरः सर्वाः सर्वयोगसमन्विताः ।

नानाभरणशोभाढ्या नानारत्नोपशोभिताः ॥

**ityetā mātaraḥ sarvāḥ sarvayoga samanvitāḥ |
nānābharāṇaśobhāḍhyā nānāratno paśobhitāḥ ||**

These are all the Mothers, all connected in succession in the path of union, displaying various ornaments and various jewels.

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दृश्यन्ते रथमारूढा देव्यः क्रोधसमाकुलाः ।

शङ्खं चक्रं गदां शक्तिं हलं च मुसलायुधम् ॥

**ḍṛśyante rathamārūḍhā devyaḥ krodhasamākulāḥ |
śaṅkhaṃ cakraṃ gadāṃ śaktiṃ**

halaṃ ca musalāyudham ||

The Goddesses are seen angry and agitated, mounted upon chariots. The conch of vibrations, the discus of revolving time, the club of articulation, various forms of energy, the plow sowing the seeds of the Way of Truth to Wisdom, the pestle of refinement,

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खेटकं तोमरं चैव परशुं पाशमेव च ।

कुन्तायुधं त्रिशूलं च शार्ङ्गमायुधमुत्तमम् ॥

**kheṭakaṃ tomaraṃ caiva paraśuṃ pāśameva ca |
kuntāyudhaṃ triśūlaṃ ca**

śārngamāyudham uttamam ||

the shield of method, the javelin of effort, the battle axe of good actions, the net of unity, the spear of concentration, the trident of harmony, and the excellent bow of determination;

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दैत्यानां देहनाशाय भक्तानामभयाय च ।

धारयन्त्यायुधानीत्थं देवानां च हिताय वै ॥

**daityānāṃ dehanāśāya bhaktānāmbhayāya ca |
dhārayantyāyu dhānīttamaṃ devānāṃ ca hitāya vai ||**

they display these weapons for the purpose of destroying the bodies of thoughts, to instill fearlessness in devotees, and for the welfare of the Gods.

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नमस्तेऽस्तु महारौद्रे महाघोरपराक्रमे ।

महाबले महोत्साहे महाभयविनाशिनि ॥

**namaste-stu mahāraudre mahāghoraparākrame ।
mahābale mahotsāhe mahābhaya vināśini ॥**

We bow to you, Oh Great Fierce One, Oh Great One of dreadful prowess, Oh you of Great Strength, of Great Joy, the Great Destroyer of Fear.

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त्राहि मां देवि दुष्प्रेक्ष्ये शत्रूणां भयवर्द्धिनि ।

प्राच्यां रक्षतु मामैन्द्री आग्नेय्यामग्निदेवता ॥

**trāhi mām devi duṣprekṣye
śatrūṇāṃ bhayavarddhini ।**

prācyāṃ rakṣatu māmairī āgneyyām agni devatā ॥
Protect me, Oh Goddess, difficult to perceive, you who increase the fear in our enemies. May the Energy of the Rule of the Pure protect me in the East; in the Southeast, the God who is the Light of Meditation.

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दक्षिणेऽवतु वाराही नैर्ऋत्यां खड्गधारिणी ।

प्रतीच्यां वारुणी रक्षेद् वायव्यां मृगवाहिनी ॥

**dakṣiṇe-vatu vārāhī nairṛtyāṃ khaḍgadhāriṇī ।
pratīcyāṃ vāruṇī rakṣed vāyavyāṃ mṛgavāhinī ॥**

In the South, the Most Excellent Desire of Union. In the Southwest, She who wields the sword of worship. In the West, may the Energy of the Lord of Equilibrium give protection. In the Northwest, She who is carried by the deer of enthusiasm.

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उदीच्यां पातु कौमारी ऐशान्यां शूलधारिणी ।

ऊर्ध्वं ब्रह्माणि मे रक्षेदधस्ताद् वैष्णवी तथा ॥

**udīcyāṃ pātu kaumārī aiśānyāṃ śūladhāriṇī ।
ūrdhvaṃ brahmāṇi me rakṣed
adhastād vaiṣṇavī tathā ॥**

In the North may the Ever Pure One protect. In the Northeast, the Wielder of the pike of concentration. Above may the Creative Energy protect me. And then below, the Energy that Pervades All.

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एवं दश दिशो रक्षेच्चामुण्डा शववाहना ।

जया मे चाग्रतः पातु विजया पातु पृष्ठतः ॥

evaṃ daśa diśo rakṣeccāmuṇḍā śavavāhanā ।

jayā me cāgrataḥ pātu vijayā pātu pṛṣṭhataḥ ॥

And all ten directions may be protected by the Slayer of Passion and Anger, mounted upon the corpse of inert consciousness. In the front may Victory protect me, and may Conquest protect me in the rear.

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अजिता वामपार्श्वे तु दक्षिणे चापराजिता ।

शिखामुद्योतिनी रक्षेदुमा मूर्ध्नि व्यवस्थिता ॥

ajitā vāmapārśve tu dakṣiṇe cāparājitā ।

śikhāmudyotinī rakṣed umā mūrdhni vyavasthitā ॥

On the left side may stand the Undefeated One, and on the right the Unconquerable. May the Luminous One guard the crown of the head, and may the Mother of Protective Energy safeguard residing on the head.

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मालाधरी ललाटे च भ्रुवौ रक्षेद् यशस्विनी ।

त्रिनेत्रा च भ्रुवोर्मध्ये यमघण्टा च नासिके ॥

mālādhārī lalāṭe ca bhruvau rakṣed yaśasvinī ।

trinetrā ca bhruvor madhye yamaghaṅṭā ca nāsike ॥

May the One who wears the garland protect in the forehead, and in the eyebrows the Bearer of Welfare; the Three-eyed One between the eyebrows, and Restrained Sound in the nose.

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शङ्खिनी चक्षुषोर्मध्ये श्रोत्रयोद्गुरवासिनी ।

कपोलौ कालिका रक्षेत्कर्णमूले तु शाङ्करी ॥

**śāṅkhinī cakṣuṣor madhye śrotrayordvāravāsinī |
kapolau kālikā rakṣet kaṇamūle tu śāṅkarī ||**

The Bearer of the Constant Vibration between the eyes, in the ears the Dweller at the Doors; in the cheeks may the Goddess of Time protect, and behind the ears, the Energy that Causes Peace.

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नासिकायां सुगन्धा च उत्तरोष्ठे च चर्चिका ।

अधरे चामृतकला जिह्वायां च सरस्वती ॥

**nāsikāyāṃ sugandhā ca uttaroṣṭhe ca carcikā |
adhare cāmṛtakalā jihvāyāṃ ca sarasvatī ||**

In the nostrils, Excellent Scent, and on the upper lip, the Sweet Taste; on the lower lip, a Drop of Nectar, and in the tongue, the Spirit of All Knowledge.

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दन्तान् रक्षतु कौमारी कण्ठदेशे तु चण्डिका ।

घण्टिकां चित्रघण्टा च महामाया च तालुके ॥

**dantān rakṣatu kaumārī kaṇṭhadeśe tu caṇḍikā |
ghaṇṭikāṃ citraghaṇṭā ca mahāmāyā ca tāluke ||**

May the Ever Pure One protect the teeth, and in the throat, She Who Tears Apart Thought; in the uvula the One of Varied Sound, and the Great Measurement of Consciousness in the palate.

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कामाक्षी चिबुकं रक्षेद् वाच मे सर्वमङ्गला ।

ग्रीवायां भद्रकाली च पृष्ठवंशे धनुर्धरी ॥

**kāmākṣī cibukaṃ rakṣed vāca me sarvamaṅgalā |
grīvāyāṃ bhadrakālī ca pṛṣṭhavaṃśe dhanurdharī ||**

May the Goddess who Causes Love protect the chin; All Welfare protect my speech; the Excellent Remover of Darkness, the neck; the wielder of the bow of determination, the backbone.

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नीलग्रीवा बहिःकण्ठे नलिकां नलकूबरी ।

स्कन्धयोः खङ्गिनी रक्षेद् बाहू मे वज्रधारिणी ॥

nīlagrīvā bahiḥkaṅṭhe nalikāṃ nalakūbarī ।

skandayoḥ khaṅginī rakṣed bāhū me vajradhāriṇī ॥

In the outer neck, the Blue Necked One, in the throat-pipe, the Goddess of Inspired Songs; in the shoulders, may the Wielder of the Sword of Worship protect; in my arms, She who Bears the Thunderbolt of Illumination.

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हस्तयोर्दण्डिनी रक्षेदम्बिका चाङ्गुलीषु च ।

नखाञ्छूलेश्वरी रक्षेत्कुक्षौ रक्षेत्कुलेश्वरी ॥

hastayor daṇḍinī rakṣed ambikā cāṅgulīṣu ca ।

nakhāñchūleśvarī rakṣet kuṅṣau rakṣet kuleśvarī ॥

May the Energy that Bears the Staff of Discipline protect my hands, and the Mother of the Universe the fingers; may the Ruler of the Trident of Harmony protect the nails; and in the abdomen, the Ruler of the Family.

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स्तनौ रक्षेन्महादेवी मनःशोकविनाशिनी ।

हृदये ललिता देवी उदरे शूलधारिणी ॥

stanau rakṣen mahādevī manaḥ śokavināśinī ।

hṛdaye lalitā devī udare śūladhāriṇī ॥

May the Great Goddess protect my breasts, She Who Destroys All Sorrow in the Mind; in the heart, the Desired Goddess; and in the stomach, the Bearer of the Pike of Concentration.

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नाभौ च कामिनी रक्षेद् गुह्यं गुह्येश्वरी तथा ।

पूतना कामिका मेढ्रं गुदे महिषवाहिनी ॥

nābhau ca kāmīnī rakṣed guhyaṃ guhyeśvarī tathā ।

pūtanā kāmikā meḍhram gude mahiṣavāhinī ॥

May the Goddess of Love protect the navel; the private part, the Ruler of Mystical Secrets; may Purity of Desire protect the genital; and She who rides the Buffalo of Perseverance, the anus.

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कट्यां भगवती रक्षेज्जानुनी विन्ध्यवासिनी ।

जङ्घे महाबला रक्षेत्सर्वकामप्रदायिनी ॥

kaṭyāṃ bhagavatī rakṣej jānūnī vindhyavāsīnī ।
jaṅghe mahābalā rakṣet sarvakāmapradāyīnī ॥

May the Supreme Goddess protect the hips; in the knees, She Who Resides in Knowledge; in the shanks may the Great Strength protect, the Grantor of All Desires.

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गुल्फयोर्नारसिंही च पादपृष्ठे तु तैजसी ।

पादाङ्गुलीषु श्री रक्षेत्यादाधस्तलवासिनी ॥

gulphayor nārasīṃhī ca pādaprṣṭhe tu taijasī ।
pādāṅgulīṣu śrī rakṣet pādādḥastalavāsīnī ॥

In the ankles, the Goddess of Courageous Fortitude; on the top of the feet, She who is Heat and Light; in the toes, may Prosperity protect; and in the soles, She who Dwells in Support.

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नखान् दंष्ट्राकराली च केशांश्चैवोर्ध्वकिशिनी ।

रोमकूपेषु कौबेरी त्वचं वागीश्वरी तथा ॥

nakhān daṁṣṭrākarālī ca keśāṅśchēvōrdhvakiśīnī ।
romakūpeṣu kauberī tvacaṃ vāgīśvarī tathā ॥

On the nails, She with Great Tusks; and She with Great Hairs, the hair; in the pores of the skin, the Energy of Wealth, and the skin, the Energy that Rules Vibrations.

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रक्तमज्जावसामांसान्यस्थिमेदांसि पार्वती ।

अन्त्राणि कालरात्रिश्च पित्तं च मुकुटेश्वरी ॥

raktamajjāvasāmāṁsān yasthi medāṁsi pārvatī ।
antrāṇi kālarātriśca pittaṃ ca mukuteśvarī ॥

May the Daughter of Spiritual Discipline protect my blood, marrow, fat, flesh, bones, and lymph; the entrails, the Dark Night of Overcoming Egotism; and the bile, the Crowned Sovereign.

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पद्मावती पद्मकोशे कफे चूडामणिस्तथा ।

ज्वालामुखी नखज्वालामभेद्या सर्वसन्धिषु ॥

padmāvati padmakoṣe kaphe cūḍāmaṇis tathā ।

jvālāmukhī nakha jvālām abhedyā sarva sandhiṣu ॥

May the Goddess of the Lotus of Peace protect the lungs, and She with the Crest Jewel, the phlegm; She with the Radiant face, the luster of the nails, and the Unbreakable One, all the joints.

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शुक्रं ब्रह्माणि मे रक्षेच्छायां छत्रेश्वरी तथा ।

अहंकारं मनो बुद्धिं रक्षेन्मे धर्मधारिणी ॥

śukraṃ brahmāṇi me rakṣec

chāyām chatreśvarī tathā ।

ahaṅkāraṃ mano buddhiṃ

rakṣenme dharmadhāriṇī ॥

May the Creative Energy protect my semen; and the Goddess with the Supreme Umbrella, my shadow; may my ego, mind, and intellect be protected by She who Supports the Way of Truth to Wisdom.

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प्राणापानौ तथा व्यानमुदानं च समानकम् ।

वज्रहस्ता च मे रक्षेत्प्राणं कल्याणशोभना ॥

prāṇā pānau tathā vyānam udānaṃ ca samānakam ।

vajra hastā ca me rakṣet prāṇaṃ kalyāṇaśobhanā ॥

May She who Holds the Thunderbolt of Illumination in Her hands protect my life, welfare, and five vital breaths: inhaling, exhaling, diffusing, rising, and equalizing.

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रसे रूपे च गन्धे च शब्दे स्पर्शे च योगिनी ।

सत्त्वं रजस्तमश्चैव रक्षेन्नारायणी सदा ॥

rase rūpe ca gandhe ca śabde sparśe ca yoginī ।

sattvaṃ rajas tamaścaiva rakṣen nārāyaṇī sadā ॥

Taste, form, smell, sound, and feeling may the Goddess of Union protect, and may knowledge, action, and desire always be protected by the Exposer of Consciousness.

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आयू रक्षतु वाराही धर्म रक्षतु वैष्णवी ।

यशः कीर्तिं च लक्ष्मीं च धनं विद्यां च चक्रिणी ॥

āyū rakṣatu vārāhī dharmam rakṣatu vaiṣṇavī ।

yaśaḥ kīrtiṃ ca lakṣmīm ca

dhanam vidyām ca cakriṇī ॥

May the Most Excellent Desire of Union protect life, and the Energy of That which Pervades All protect the Way of Truth to Wisdom; may welfare, repute, prosperity, wealth, knowledge be protected by She who Holds the Discus of Revolving Time.

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गोत्रमिन्द्राणि मे रक्षेत्यशून्मे रक्ष चण्डिके ।

पुत्रान् रक्षेन्महालक्ष्मीर्भार्या रक्षतु भैरवी ॥

gotramindrāṇi me rakṣet paśūnme rakṣa caṇḍike ।

putrān rakṣen mahālakṣmīr

bhāryām rakṣatu bhairavī ॥

May the Energy of the Rule of the Pure protect my lineage, and may She Who Tears Apart Thought protect my animals; may the Great Goddess of True Wealth protect my children, and the Formidable Goddess protect my mate.

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पन्थानं सुपथा रक्षेन्मार्गं क्षेमकरी तथा ।

राजद्वारे महालक्ष्मीर्विजया सर्वतः स्थिता ॥

panthānam supathā rakṣen mārgam kṣemakarī tathā ।

rājadvāre mahālakṣmīr vijayā sarvataḥ sthitā ॥

May the Goddess of Excellent Paths protect my path, and the Giver of Salvation, my way; may the Great Goddess of True Wealth protect me at the gate to the royal palace where victory always dwells.

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रक्षाहीनं तु यत्स्थानं वर्जितं कवचेन तु ।

तत्सर्वं रक्ष मे देवि जयन्ती पापनाशिनी ॥

**raṅśāhīnaṃ tu yatsthānaṃ varjitaṃ kavacena tu ।
tat sarvaṃ rakṣa me devi jayantī pāpanāśinī ॥**

Oh Goddess, protect all those places not mentioned in this my armor, Oh You Who Conquer and Destroy all Sin.

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पदमेकं न गच्छेत्तु यदीच्छेच्छुभमात्मनः ।

कवचेनावृतो नित्यं यत्र यत्रैव गच्छति ॥

**padamekaṃ na gacchettu
yadīcchecchubham ātmanaḥ ।**

kavacenā vṛto nityaṃ yatra yatraiva gacchati ॥

For the welfare of his or her own soul, a person should not take one step without this armor. But if he or she always proceeds with the armor, wherever that person goes,

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तत्र तत्रार्थलाभश्च विजयः सार्वकामिकः ।

यं यं चिन्तयते कामं तं तं प्राप्नोति निश्चितम् ।

परमैश्वर्यमतुलं प्राप्स्यते भूतले पुमान् ॥

tatra tatrārtha lābhaśca vijayaḥ sārva kāmikaḥ ।

yaṃ yaṃ cintayate kāmaṃ

taṃ taṃ prāpnoti niścitaṃ ।

paramaiśvaryamatulaṃ prāpsyate bhūtale pumān ॥

there the objectives are accomplished, conquering all desires. Whatever desires one contemplates, he or she attains them without a doubt. A human being becomes equivalent to the Supreme Sovereign of All.

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निर्भयो जायते मर्त्यः संग्रामेष्वपराजितः ।

त्रैलोक्ये तु भवेत्पूज्यः कवचेनावृतः पुमान् ॥

nirbhayo jāyate martyaḥ saṅgrāmeṣvaparājitaḥ ।

trailokye tu bhavet pūjyaḥ kavacenāvṛtaḥ pumān ॥

Unafraid, a mortal conquers and is undefeated in any encounter. The human who proceeds with this armor becomes worthy of worship in the three worlds.

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इदं तु देव्याः कवचं देवानामपि दुर्लभम् ।

यः पठेत्प्रयतो नित्यं त्रिसन्ध्यं श्रद्धयान्वितः ॥

idaṃ tu devyāḥ kavacaṃ devānāmapi durlabham ।

yaḥ paṭhet prayato nityaṃ

trisanthyam śraddhayānvitaḥ ॥

This is the armor of the Goddess, which is difficult for even the Gods. Whoever will constantly make its recitation at the three times of prayer with faith and self-control,

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दैवी कला भवेत्तस्य त्रैलोक्येष्वपराजितः ।

जीवेद् वर्षशतं साग्रमपमृत्युविवर्जितः ॥

daivī kalā bhavettasya trailokyeṣvaparājitaḥ ।

jīved varṣaśataṃ sāgram apamṛtyu vivarjitaḥ ॥

will assume the brilliance of the Goddess and become unconquerable in the three worlds. His or her life will last a hundred years, and death will be from natural causes.

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नश्यन्ति व्याधयः सर्वे लूताविस्फोटकादयः ।

स्थावरं जङ्गमं चैव कृत्रिमं चापि यद्विषम् ॥

naśyanti vyādhayaḥ sarve lūtāvisphoṭakādayaḥ ।

sthāvaram jaṅgamaṃ caiva

kṛtrimaṃ cāpi yadvīṣam ॥

All maladies will be destroyed, even those arising from infectious cuts and eruptions; all types of poisons will be rendered ineffective.

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अभिचाराणि सर्वाणि मन्त्रयन्त्राणि भूतले ।

भूचराः खेचराश्चैव जलजाश्लोपदेशिकाः ॥

abhicārāṇi sarvāṇi mantra yantrāṇi bhūtale ।

bhūcarāḥ khecarāś caiva jalajāślopadēśikāḥ ॥

All spells, mantras, amulets in existence, or those who move on the earth, or those who move in the air, or those born in water, or those counselled by others,

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सहजा कुलजा माला डाकिनी शाकिनी तथा ।

अन्तरिक्षचरा घोरा डाकिन्यश्च महाबलाः ॥

sahajā kulajā mālā ḍākinī śākinī tathā ।

antarikṣa carā ghorā ḍākinyaśca mahābalāḥ ॥

or those born by themselves, or born in a family, those wearing a garland, those who feed on flesh, those who feed on vegetables, or those terrible beings of great strength who move in the atmosphere,

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ग्रहभूतपिशाचाश्च यक्षगन्धर्वराक्षसाः ।

ब्रह्मराक्षसवेतालाः कूष्माण्डा भैरवादयः ॥

graha bhūta piśācāśca yakṣa gandharva rākṣasāḥ ।

brahma rākṣasa vetālāḥ kūṣmāṇḍā bhairavādayaḥ ॥

or spirits of the planets, heavenly nymphs, celestial minstrels, demons, those proud of learning, goblins, demons causing disease, terrifying ones,

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नश्यन्ति दर्शनात्तस्य कवचे हृदि संस्थिते ।

मानोन्नतिर्भवेद् राज्ञस्तेजोवृद्धिकरं परम् ॥

naśyanti darśanāttasya kavace ḥṛdi saṁsthite ।

mānonnatir bhaved rājñas tejo vṛddhi karaṁ paraṁ ॥

all perish at the sight of one in whose heart resides this armor. His or her respect with superiors will rise, and the aura of light will have excellent increase.

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यशसा वृद्धते सोऽपि कीर्तिमण्डितभूतले ।

जपेत्सप्तशतीं चण्डीं कृत्वा तु कवचं पुरा ॥

yaśasā varddhate so-pi kīrti maṇḍita bhūtale ।

japet saptaśatīm caṇḍīm kṛtvā tu kavacaṁ purā ॥

Welfare will grow, and the fame of that person will spread throughout the world. First one should perform this armor, and then recite the seven hundred verses of the Chañḍī Pāṭhaḥ.

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यावद्भूमण्डलं धत्ते सशैलवनकाननम् ।

तावत्तिष्ठति मेदिन्यां सन्ततिः पुत्रपौत्रिकी ॥

yāvad bhūmaṇḍalaṃ dhatte saśaila vana kānaṇam ।

tāvat tiṣṭhati medinyāṃ santatiḥ putra pautrikī ॥

So long as the hills and forests of trees last upon this earth, the descendants of sons and grandsons of that individual will remain.

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देहान्ते परमं स्थानं यत्सुरैरपि दुर्लभम् ।

प्राप्नोति पुरुषो नित्यं महामायाप्रसादतः ॥

dehānte paramaṃ sthānaṃ yat surairapi durlabham ।

prāpnoti puruṣo nityaṃ mahāmāyā prasādataḥ ॥

At the end of the earthly body, with the blessing of the Great Measurement, that individual will attain the supreme station which is difficult even for Gods to attain.

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लभते परमं रूपं शिवेन सह मोदते ॥

labhate paramaṃ rūpaṃ śivena saha modate ॥

That person will attain the Ultimate form of Goodness and enjoy perfect bliss.

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