

*To whose temple the Arch is starlit,  
In whose temple the Sun is the image of gold,  
To whose temple the Moon goes every month  
And brings the message out every full-moon,  
And whose message the Moon sings as a word of sixteen letters,  
His religion I belong to, His temple I visit,  
His name I utter, His glory I live in.  
To Him I offer the lotus of my day,  
To Him I offer the lotus of my night.*

*These seed thoughts from the Spiritual Psychology meditations of Dr. Ekkirala Krishnamacharya set the tone for the Lunar Messenger of the Circle of Good Will. The moon is the reflective principle and symbol of the mind. When pure and calm, it reflects impressions from higher circles. Especially the time of the full moon is conducive for higher alignment, if we are poised enough. The alignment of the sun, moon and earth in the sky helps in experiencing the magic of the light of the soul and its manifestation down to the physical.*

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## COOPERATING WITH THE DEVAS

### Intelligences in Nature

When we talk to a friend, we feel and experience the entire person and don't just think of his skull, his eye balls, or his skin. This friend, we know in his entirety, which covers all his details like a mask. We see the shirt, but not the fibers of which it is made of. We drink a glass of water, but we don't see the intelligences which make up the characteristics of water. They are hidden and let the viewer see only the whole. The observing consciousness, too, is a result of many working forces and not only one thing.

When we study nature in its purest sense, for example when we look at how a magnet shows north and south, the question arises why it acts that way. The scientist says it is the nature of the magnet, but that doesn't explain why it is so. Is there an intelligence in the magnet that causes it to react that way? This question refuses any kind of orthodox, scientific reasoning, because, there, intelligence is an exclusive aspect of the biological kingdom.

We have two eyes, ears, and nostrils; two hands, feet, lungs; and a certain number of teeth and bones. There exists a consciousness of numbers, which already works in an embryo and helps with the formation of shapes. Historians say that some of the numbers were discovered in ancient Egypt, some in India or Crete - from the perspective of the wisdom teachings, this is absurd. The teachings say that numbers are a form of consciousness in nature, which is called *Kapila* in the East. It is said that *Kapila* gave the secret of numbers to the world: *Sankhya*. Now, historians are searching for a date where *Kapila*, the author of the *Sankhya*-

Philosophy may have lived. Some claim he lived around 500 B.C.E., other think he lived 1200 A.D.. The wisdom of numbers, however, has existed since the beginning of creation in form of consciousness, an intelligence in nature.

There are several groups of intelligences which generate the different stages and layers of creation. Modern science does not recognize them, but in the scriptures they are referred to as devas, angels, or archangels. Of them, it is said that they glorify the Lord before his altar. This means, that these beings confirm the existence of the one Creator. *Deva* means being of light. There are many of such lights: devas of cosmic, solar, and planetary order. The sum of all lights in the universe is called *Devi*, the Mother of the World. All devas emerge from *Devi*, because she is the light of the world. The Vedas call her *Aditi*, the primal light. She is worshipped as the feminine energy, because she is the radiation of eternal existence. Every light is a part of the One Light. Enlightened teachers are also called devas, Guru Devas, for they teach others to find the Light.

### Children of Day and Night

In Eastern scriptures, it is explained that the creator made children of day and night: the divine *devas* and the evil *asuras*. The forces of light have the quality of balance while the forces of darkness are aggressive and constantly attempt to get the upper hand. These apparent contrasts, however, are complement to each other; and, on the spiritual path, we strive for yogic poise. Thus, we must constantly be careful not to be

distracted by other thoughts, but to actually put our good intentions into action. Devas as well as asuras receive their power through our actions. We should not look for them in the external, but internally. When we know that potatoes do us no good, but we eat a big portion French fries with ketchup, the devas withdraw from the digestive tract, and we develop a stomach ache. The devas stay away until we change our behavior. When the system is disrupted even more, the devas do not return at all, and we must think of a transplant.

The devas of the senses, like the sense of smell, hearing, taste, and the visual sense, suffer when we behave irresponsibly. They are happy when we behave appropriately and care for them. The scriptures say that eating is a sacrifice to the devas. It is a fire ritual in which the mouth is the fire altar from where the food is transmitted to the digestion in order to be burned. The devas of the body are happy and support our health when we offer them nutrition which suits them energetically. We should remember that when we eat and only take the amount that is needed. A prayer goes like this: "I am thankful to the Lord for the food made available. I offer this food to the Lord of Fire, for his distribution to the devas within the body. May the Lord be pleased. May the devas be pleased with this act of mine."

### **Worshipping the Devas**

We should collaborate with the devas. This entails a good diet and a good balance between sleep, work, rest, and eating. To clean the body with water, internally and externally, also fosters good collaboration.

Humans have forgotten the actual purpose of deva worship. Yet, we receive so much from the devic realm. The devas do not need anything from us, but when we worship them, we give something back and pay our debts. When we acknowledge the devas and show our appreciation, it comes back to us in the form of inner balance and peace.

We should honor the devas by keeping air, water, and space free of pollution, and decorate them with beautiful things whenever possible. Fire is honored because the entire creation is a process of burning. Air is honored also, because it enables us to receive life from the atmosphere and ascend to higher stages of being.

Devas like rituals, which is why rituals and prayer became a part of people's daily lives. Through right preparation and the right attitude, the devas are called into the objects used during a ritual. When everything is done properly, the devas offer their presence. The splendor of devas cannot be experienced

through meditation, only through ritualistic work. They are not obliged to come, but they offer their presence as a gift when they are pleased. Blessedness and joviality are poured upon us with their coming. The Vedic tradition loves the worship of the devas which is expressed in the use of red, golden-yellow, and orange colored objects. Candles and incenses also invite devas to elevate the vibrations of a room.

The use of mantras and rituals calls on devas; they help especially with actions of good will. In different parts of the world, groups of good will work for the planetary cleaning or the rehabilitation of the social balance supported by devic energy fields created through fire and water rituals.

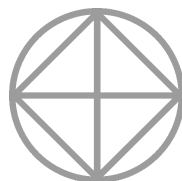
Because we are more used to the dense-physical than the subtle, we easily attribute characteristics to the devas that we can image with our static thinking. Hence, in some religions devas or angels are considered to be either female or male, and they are depicted to wear the same clothes and hairstyles we are wearing. The doors of understanding open only slowly once we bring transparency and purity to our thinking, speaking, and acting. Light and transparency mark the world of the devas. People with secretive actions, unhealthy speech, and evil actions are far from it.

### **Diversity in the World of Devas**

Sanskrit is the language of the devas, *Devanagari*. It is said that Sanskrit was given by the devas to humanity in ancient times and was later adopted by the people of the Himalaya region. Thus, these people stored the wisdom of the devas in a particular way. When something is said in Sanskrit, it tells us about the time, sound, and color aspects of the thing that is created. In their primal form, Sanskrit words thus explain the manifestations denominated by the devas.

The ancient wisdom knows many groups of devas. Yet, essentially there are three: *Adityas* (devas of radiance, which work through the Zodiac signs), *Rudras* (devas of vibration, which destroy obstacles for the sake of progress), and *Vasus* (devas of materialization, which enable the laws of physics). Then, there are also the *Gandharvas*, the lords of musical impulse, and the *Pitris*, the devas of germination and growth. All these devas are to be understood as a manifestation of the one Lord, who is the cause of everything.

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