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ତପସା ଧର୍ମମାରାଧ୍ୟାୟା ପୁଷ୍ପରେ ଭାସ୍କରଃ ପୁରା ।

ଧର୍ମଂ ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟଃ ସୁତଂ ପ୍ରାପ ଧର୍ମରାଜଂ ନମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୧ ॥

ସମତା ସର୍ବଭୂତେଷୁ ଯସ୍ୟ ସର୍ବସ୍ୟ ସାକ୍ଷିଣଃ ।

ଅତୋ ଯନ୍ମାମ ଶମନଂ ଇତି ତଂ ପ୍ରଣମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୨ ॥

ଯେନାନ୍ତଃ କୃତୋ ବିଶ୍ୱେ ସର୍ବେଷାଂ ଜୀବିନାଂ ପରମ୍ ।

କର୍ମାନୁରୂପଂ କାଲେନ ତଂ କୃତାନ୍ତଂ ନମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୩ ॥

ଭିଭର୍ତ୍ତି ଦଣ୍ଡଂ ଦଣ୍ଡାୟ ପାପିନାଂ ଶୁଦ୍ଧିହେତବେ ।

ନମାମି ତଂ ଦଣ୍ଡଧରଂ ଯଶ୍ଶାସ୍ତ୍ରା ସର୍ବଜୀବିନାମ୍ ॥ ୪ ॥

ବିଶ୍ୱଂ ଚ କଲୟତ୍ୟେବ ଯସ୍ତ୍ୱସର୍ବେଷୁ ଚ ସନ୍ତତମ୍ ।

ଅତୀବ ଦୁର୍ନିବାର୍ଯ୍ୟଂ ଚ ତଂ କାଲଂ ପ୍ରଣମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୫ ॥

ତପସ୍ୱୀ ବ୍ରହ୍ମନିଷ୍ଠୋ ଯଃ ସମ୍ୟମ୍ ସନ୍ ଜିତେନ୍ଦ୍ରିୟଃ ।

ଜୀବାନାଂ କର୍ମଫଳଦଃ ତଂ ଯମଂ ପ୍ରଣମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୬ ॥

ସ୍ୱାମ୍ଭାରମଶ୍ଚ ସର୍ବଜ୍ଞୋ ମିତ୍ରଂ ପୁଣ୍ୟକୃତାଂ ଭବେତ୍ ।

ପାପିନାଂ କ୍ଲେଶଦୋ ନିତ୍ୟଂ ପୁଣ୍ୟମିତ୍ରଂ ନମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୭ ॥

ଯଜନ୍ତୁ ବ୍ରହ୍ମଣୋଂଶେନ ଜ୍ୱଲନ୍ତଂ ବ୍ରହ୍ମତେଜସା ।

ଯୋ ଧ୍ୟାୟତି ପରଂ ବ୍ରହ୍ମ ତମୀଶଂ ପ୍ରଣମାମ୍ୟହମ୍ ॥ ୮ ॥

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ଯମାତ୍ ତସ୍ୟ ଭୟଂ ନାସ୍ତି ସର୍ବପାପାତ୍ ବିମୁଚ୍ୟତେ ॥ ୯ ॥

The above verses in praise of Lord Yama

– the god of death – are from Devi Bhagavatam (9-31).

Savitri asked many questions about the paths taken by jivas (souls) after death and Yama answers them in detail. In the course of his reply Yama described the glory of Devi. Savitri was very much pleased with the answers given by the god of death and in these verses praised him in gratitude.

The last verse says that those who recite the verses daily in the morning will be free from sins and also from fear of death.

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