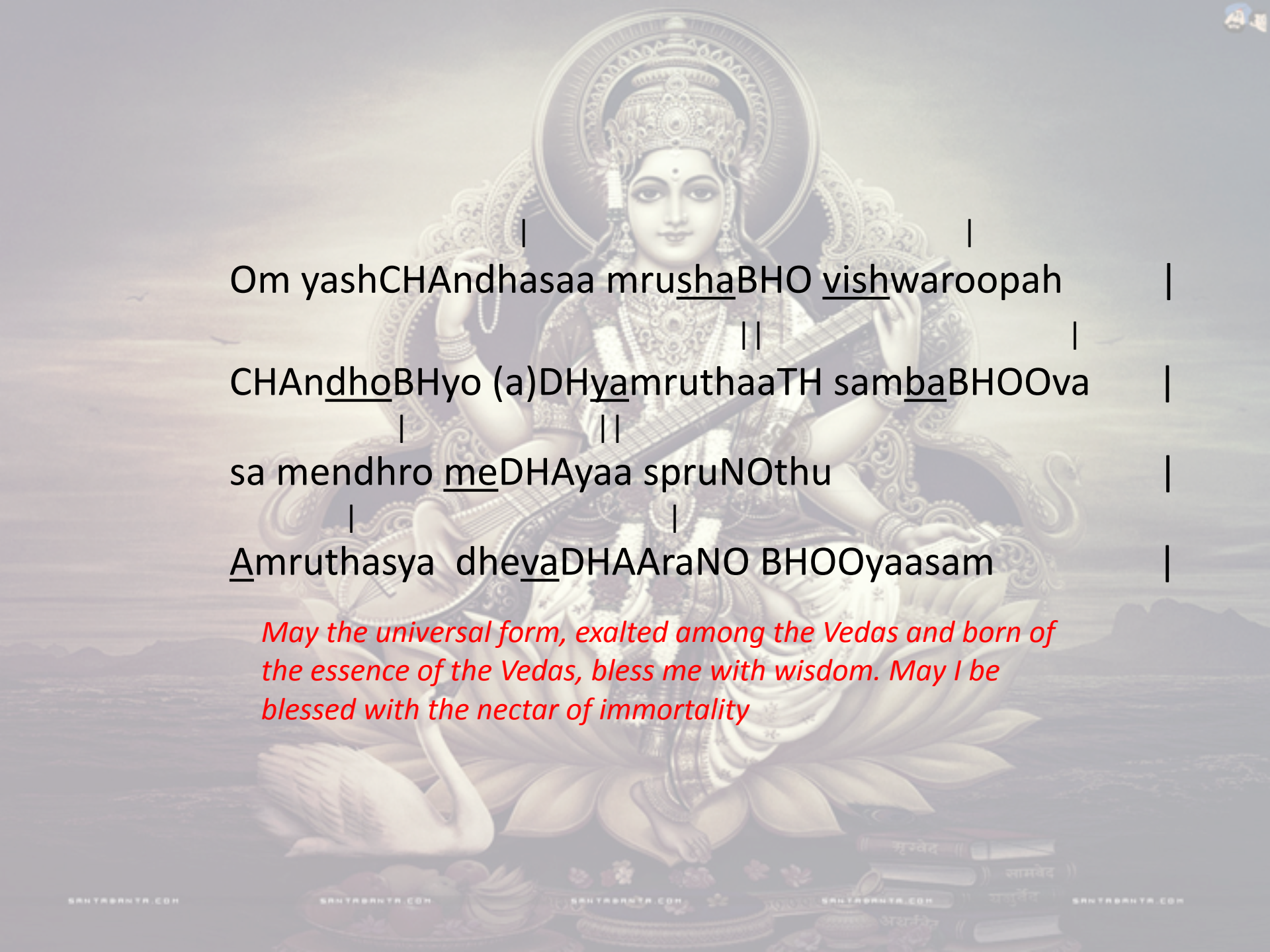




# Medha Sooktham



Om yashCHAndhasaa mrushaBHO vishwaroopah |  
CHAndhoBHyo (a)DHyamruthaaTH sambaBHOOva |  
sa mendhro meDHAyaa spruNOthu |  
Amruthasya dhevaDHAAraNO BHOOyaasam |

*May the universal form, exalted among the Vedas and born of the essence of the Vedas, bless me with wisdom. May I be blessed with the nectar of immortality*



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Shareeram mey vicharshaNAM |

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jhihva mey maDHUmaththamaa |

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karNAABHYAAM BHOOrivishruvam |

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brahmaNAH kosho(a)si meDHAYaa pihithah |

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shrutham mey gopaaya ||

*May my body become active. May my tongue speak sweetly. May my ears hear everything well. You are the repository of Brahman, and are hidden by the intellect. May my memory protect me. Om peace, peace, peace.*

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meDHAA devi jhushamaaNAA na aagaadh  
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vishwaachee BHAdhraa sumanasya maanaa |  
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thvayaa jhushtaa nudhamaanaa dhurukthaan  
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bruhadhvadhema vidhaTHEY suveeraah ||1||

*OUM! Oh medha (one who facilitates the power of 'grasping', intelligence, wisdom, prudence) dEvi (deity, Her majesty), one who is all pervading (universal), all auspicious, one who takes delight in all minds, may you not back away from us. We have [previously] taken pleasure in harsh words (spoken that which is not worthy of; wrongly pronounced), but by your grace we, endowed with virtues, will speak that which is valuable (significant). .*



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 thvayaa jhushta rishir BHAvathi devi  
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 thvayaa brahmaa-aagatha shrirutha thvayaa |  
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 thvayaa jhushtash-chithram vindhathey  
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 vasu saano jhushasya dhraviNO na meDHEY ||2||

*Blessed by you (by your grace) one becomes a seer (sage, a ray of light, knowledgeable of brahman), by your favor one becomes brahman, one becomes wealthy. Blessed by you one discovers (produces, accomplishes) clarity (distinction, excellence, curiosity, brilliance, variegatedness) and radiance (prosperity). Please bless us with that essence (wealth, strength, substance, power) Oh medha (power of intellect personified or the deity).*

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meDHAAM ma indhro dhadhaathu

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meDHAAM devi Saraswathi |

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meDHAAM mey ashwinaavuBHAA-vaaDHAththaam

|  
pushkarasrajaam ||

*May Lord Indra (my own purified senses) grant me the nourishment (mental vigor, stamina), may Goddess Saraswati (deity associated with eloquence, wisdom, power of speech, education / knowledge/ learning) grant me the intellect [academic excellence]. May the twin Ashvini (deities of nostrils, the divine physicians), garlanded with lotuses, infuse the power of intellect [the smart looks]*

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apsaraasu cha yaa meDHAA

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ganDHARveshu cha yanmanah |

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dhaiveem meDHAA saraswathi

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saa maam meDHAA suraBHIR jhushathaag swaahaa ||

*May she grant me the intellect that which is in the apsarAs (wives of the gandarvAs known for beauty and grace) and creative intelligence of the gandarvAs (celestial musicians). May Sarasvati, manifested as Surabhi (the fulfiller of all wishes, celebrated, divine cow, charming), endow me with divine intelligence [ability to see beyond the limitations of the ordinary senses]*



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aamaam meDHAA suraBHir vishwaroopa  
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hiraNyavarNAAm jagathee jagamyaa |

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Oorjaswathee payasaa pinvamaanaa  
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saa maam meDHAA supratheekaa jhushanthaam ||

*May She, the one with the golden complexion (the imperishable), who is universal, by who the entire manifestation - all variegatedness (all life forms) - attains excellence, by who the earth (heavens and lower planets, the mankind) becomes intelligible (suitable, accessible, passable), approach me (come near to me). The one who is powerful, swelled with milk (the free-flowing, pure / sAtvika knowledge), the one with the lovely form, may she – medhA (the intellect) – be pleased.*



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mayi meyDHAAm mayi prajaam

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mayyagnistheyjo dhaDHAAthu |

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mayi meyDHAAm mayi prajaam

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mayeendhra indhriyam dhaDHAAthu |

| |  
mayi meyDHAAm mayi prajaam

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mayi sooryo Bhraajo dhaDHAAthu ||

*May Agni, deity of speech, infuse me with strength and intelligence and bless me with good progeny.*

*May Indra, deity of the power of action, infuse me with virility and intelligence and bless me with good progeny.*

*May Súra, deity of seeing, who inspires our thoughts, infuse me with brilliance and intelligence and bless me with good progeny.*



Om hamsa hamsaaya vidhmahey

parama hamsaaya DHEEmahee

thanno hamsah prachodhayaath

*May we realise Hamsa that is our own Self as swan Let us meditate on that Paramahamsa, the Supreme Self. May Hamsa illumine us.*



OM Shanti Shanti Shanthih

