Vajasaneyi-Madhyandina-Śukla YAJURVEDA SAṂHITĀ

CHAPTER ONE

1. We invoke you O Lord, for food.(1)
We invoke you for vigour.(2)
You are the vital breaths.(3)
May the creator Lord depute you, O sacrificers, to the noblest accomplishments.
O cows, may you flourish with the blessings of the resplendent Lord.
May you be free from disease and consumption and bear good progeny.
May no thief nor a slaughterer be in possession of you.
May you permanently multiply in large numbers in the house of the master of cattle.(4)
O Lord, preserve the cattle of the sacrificer.(5)

2. You are the purifier of riches.(1) You are heaven; earth you are as well.(2) You are the warmth of the wind. You are the sustainer of the world. Remain firm in your supreme abode. Don't you forsake, nor may the sacrificer forsake you.(3)

3. You are the purifier of riches passing down in a hundred streams. You are the purifier of riches in a thousand streams.(1) Let the Creator God purify you with a hundred streamed strainer of riches by purifying means.(2) Which of the cows would you like to milk?(3)

4. That cow is the longevity of all.(1) She is the activity of all.(2) She is the nourisher of all as well.(3) The share of the resplendent Lord, I hereby curdle with the herbal juice for you.(4) O omnipresent Lord, protect the materials of sacrifice.(5)

5. O adorable Lord, upholder of vows, I have determined to observe a vow. May I be able to accomplish it with success.(1) Renouncing falsehood, I hereby embrace truth.(2)

6. Who appoints you? He appoints you. For what does he appoint you? For that he appoints you.(1) Both of you, for work as well as dressing up and finish.(2)

7. Demons have been burnt and so are burnt the enemies. Demons have come to grief and so have the enemies come to grief.(1) Now I move freely in the vast mid-space.(2)

8. O Lord, you are the destroyer. Destroy the destroyer. Destroy him who wants to destroy us. Destroy him, whom we try to destroy.(1) Of all gods, you are the greatest bestower of blisses, best purifier, ablest preceptor, most welcome and, therefore, most worthy of worship by the learned.(2)

9. O Lord, you are the receiver of oblations free from crookedness. Be steady. Do not totter; nor may this sacrificer forsake you.(1) Let the all pervading Lord approach you.(2) For abundant wind.(3) May the demons be driven away.(4) Let it be grasped by the five.(5)

10. O sacrificial material, at the impulsion of the Creator God, with the arms of the healers and with the hands of the nourisher;(1) I take you, that are pleasing to the adorable Lord.(2) I take you, that are pleasing to the Lord adorable and blissful both.(3)

11. O sacrificial fire, I invoke you for the happiness of all and not for miseries.(1) May I see the celestial light on all sides.(2) May our houses be firm on the earth.(3) Whereas I travel in the vast mid-space.(4) I place you in the navel of the earth and in the lap of the Eternity. Guard the sacrificial material.(5)

12. O waters divine (O physical and mental activities), both of you (those on the earth and those in the clouds) belong to all-pervading God.(1) At the impulsion of the impeller Lord, I purify you with sun's rays as if a strainer without pores.(2) Flowing forward and purifying forward, now lead this sacrifice forward as well as the sacrificer, who is of good character and devoted to gods.(3)

13. At the time of struggle against ignorance, the resplendent Lord selected you and at the same time you selected the resplendent Lord.(1) You have been consecrated.(2) I sprinkle you to be favoured by the adorable Lord.(3) I sprinkle you to be favoured by the Lord adorable and blissful.(4) For this divine function, for pleasing gods, get purified. Whatever part of yours has become impure by pollution, that I hereby purify.(5)

14. You are the bestower of happiness.(1) The evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.(2) You are the skin of the eternity. May the eternity receive you.(3) You are the cloud, nourisher of vegetation. You are the broad-based cloud. May the skin of eternity receive you.(4)

15. You are the fire embodied and the source of speech. I take you up for satisfaction of Nature's bounties.(1) You are a big cloud nourisher of vegetation.(2) Now prepare oblation for Nature's bounties.(3) Prepare it carefully. O offerer of oblations, come; O offerer of oblations, come here. (4)

16. O God, you are a cock with a sweet tongue. Crow aloud for bringing food and vigour to us. With your assistance may we win each and every battle.(1) You are old in years.(2) May the old in years receive you.(3) Evil powers have been thrown back and thrown back are the inimical tendencies.(4) Evil powers have been defeated.(5) May the wind disperse you.(6) May the golden-handed sun receive you with hands without a leak.(7)

17. O fire, you are superb.(1) Discard the fire that cooks food; discard the fire that consumes corpses.(2) Bring the one that carries oblations to Nature's bounties.(3) You are steady. Make this earth steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect, pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us.-I place you here for destruction of our enemy.(4)

18. O fire divine, protect men of intellect.(1) You are the sustainer. Make the mid-space firm. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and to other persons like us. I place you here for the destruction of our enemy.(2) You are the support. Make the heaven steady. You are pleasing to men of intellect; pleasing to men of defence and other persons like us. I place you here for destruction of the enemy.(3) I place you here for protection of all the regions.(4) O fires, you have been piled up, piled up high.(5) Blaze with the force of the cosmic elements and of all cosmic breath.(6)

19. O Lord, you are the source of happiness.(1) Evil powers have been driven away and so are the inimical tendencies.(2) You are the skin of the eternity. May eternity receive you.(3) You are the speech full of knowledge. May the skin of Eternity receive you.(4) You are the support of the celestial worlds.(5) You are the speech full of knowledge. May the speech full of knowledge receive you.(6)

20. You are foodgrain. Feed the sense organs.(1) We cherish you for in-breath.(2) You for out-breath;(3) and for diffused breath.(4) We take you for getting a long and energetic life span. May the golden-handed sun receive you with his hands without a leak.(5) We cherish you for good eye-sight.(6) You are the essence of sublime faculties.(7)

21. At the impulsion of the Creator God, with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher,(1) I sow you.(2) May the waters mix with herbs and the herbs with saps. May the waters mix with medicines and the sweet tasting waters with sweet tasting medicines.(3)

22. I mix you for an easy delivery.(1) This of the adorable Lord.(2) This of the Lord adorable and blissful.(3) I invoke you for food.(4) You are heat and warmth and bestower of longevity on all.(5) Expanding far and wide, may you expand farther and wider. May you make the sacrificer prosper far and wide.(6) May fire not injure your skin.(7) May the Creator God cause you to ripen in the highest heaven.(8)

23. Don't be frightened; don't waver.(1) May the sacrificer be not depressing and the offspring of the sacrificer also be not languid.(2) I dedicate you for trinity.(3) You for duality.(4) You for unity.(5)

24. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I take you with arms of the healers and hands of the nourisher to perform sacrifice for Nature's bounties.(1) You are the right hand of the resplendent Lord, capable of killing thousands of enemies, glittering with hundreds of lustres. You are the wind of fierce power, killer of malicious.(2)

25. O earth, the place of divine worship, may I not destroy the root of your herbs.(1) Go to pen, the cow-shed.(2) May heaven send rain for you.(3) O Creator God, here on this earth, bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.(4)

26. May I drive away the devilish enemy from this earth, the place of divine worship.(1) Go to the pen, the cow-shed.(2) May heaven send rain for you.(3) O creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.(4) O devilish enemy, may you not attain light and bliss.(5) May your progeny also be deprived of light and bliss.(6) Go to the pen, the cow-shed.(7) May heaven send rain for you.(8) O Creator God, here on this earth bind with a hundred fetters the enemy, who is hostile to us and whom we hate. Don't you release him from the same.(9)

27. O earth, I surround you with the *gāyatrī* metre.(1) I encompass you with the *triṣṭubh* metre.(2) I enclose you with the *jagatī* metre.(3) You are the earth, beautiful, propitious.(4) You are pleasing and a good seat to rest upon.(5) You are full of invigorating foods and milk.(6)

28. O mighty God, in anticipation of the struggle for existence on this life-bestowing earth, this is, as if, raised to the pleasure-giving moon by accumulating food and comforts. The sages perform sacrifice with the same aim in view.(1) Bring here the sprinkling water.(2) You are the death of the hateful enemy.(3)

29. Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.(1) Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.(2) You (the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of the vigour.(3) Evil powers have been burnt and so are burnt the inimical tendencies.(4) Evil powers have come to grief and so have the inimical tendencies come to grief.(5) You (the wife of the sacrificer) are not of violent temper, still you destroy the enemies. Full of vigour you are. I purify you for the glory of vigour.(6)

30. You are the girdle of the earth.(1) You are the waist-belt of the sun.(2) I wear you for vigour.(3) I look at you with pleased eyes. You are the tongue of fire. For me become a good invoker of Nature's bounties at every place in every sacrifice.(4)

31. At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with the sun's rays, the strainer without pores.(1) At the impulsion of the Creator God, I purify you with sun's rays, the strainer without pores.(2) You are the brilliance; you are the splendour; you are the nectar.(3) You are the beloved and unconquered home of the Nature's bounties and you are the means of their worship.(4)