

# MIGHT, MATTER AND MIND: THE ROLES OF MAHAKALI, MAHALAXMI AND MAHASARASWATI IN THE MAKING OF EXISTENCE

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## Abstract

"या देवी सर्व भूतेशु शक्ति रूपेण संस्थितः..." Thus reads one of the most original and ancient Mantras that appears in Durga Saptashati. The Mantra simply invokes the Aadi Shakti or Mother Bhagwati or Mahakali or the Other half of Lord Shiva. It translates... O Goddess who dwells in every single living being in the form of Might or Energy...! The present paper is an attempt to reinterpret this Female Form of the original Energy (Jiva) that meets Shiva, making the complete whole of the life force in the living beings on the planet. From this divine union of Shiva and Shakti we receive the most complete form of the existence called Ardh-Nari-Nateshvar. The same principle applies to the union of Mahasaraswati and Bramha and that of Mahalaxmi and Vishnu. It's interesting to see how it concerns the females or women, in general.

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## MIGHT AND MAHAKALI

II या देवी सर्व भूतेशु चेतनेत्याभिधीयते II  
(Durga Saptashati)

(Trans: The Mother who dwells in all living beings in the form of Chetana-Life...). This line also, like the earlier quoted one, refers to the same cosmic energy that keeps everything going in the universe. The energy that keeps the universe running is the Cosmic Energy which is ubiquitous. This energy dwells everywhere, always, already. The celestial bodies that revolve around, since time immortal, also are controlled by this energy. Their exitance, their birth and death, their metamorphosis, their connections to one another, and their distance amongst one another-everything belongs to that Cosmic Energy. The celestial dance is no different from the dance of Natraj. It's an example of Leela, or the event or an existence that has its own Might, its own Mind and its own Matter. The three main terms in the title of this article are the representatives of the three female powers which complete the circle of existence.

Scientists have agreed on one thing that the beginning of everything is the big bang. Of late, when they started attributing the origin of the universe to the God, they, instead of believing it straight, came with an experiment called Higgs-Boson in which they discovered the God particle. This is interesting that no one of them even thought of the Demon Particle (this is on a light mode please), because, to me, the God and the demon cannot exist without each other. When there was nothing even before the big bang, there was the existence in the purest form of energy.

To this I have addressed as the Might in this article. This might or the energy was a dual power made of two opposites. It was represented by Lord Shiva and Aadi Shakti. This union is also known as the union of Shiva and Shakti. This only led to the union as Ardh-Nari-Nateshvar. This is the purest form of energy which is the basic power of the creation of everything.

The positive and negative portions of this primordial energy are represented by Shiva (Purusha) and Shakti (Prakriti), which is very much mentioned in the opening quote of this article-

'या देवी सर्व भूतेशु शक्ति रूपेण संस्थितः...'. Science has named this original energy as Dark Energy, which is present in everything and everyone, controls the universe. As this energy is primordial or original, it dwells in physical things as well as in everything which exists but is unseen.

## THE MATTER AND MAHALAXMI

"या देवी सर्व भुतेशु लक्ष्मी रूपेण संस्थितः..."

(दुर्गा सप्तशती)

(Trans: The Mother who dwells in all living beings in the form of Lakshmi or Material Pleasures...).

In the order the names are mentioned in the title, the second number is of Mahalaxmi, who represents Matter, or material world, or material pleasures. Maha Laxmi is worshipped also for the blessings to gain these pleasures. The Matter too has its two sides-male and female. In other words, the male has a female part in him, and a female has her masculine side as well. Lord Vishnu and Goddess Mahalaxmi make this material world complete. Material can change its forms. Liquid to solid, solid to gas, gas to liquid, so on and so forth. Vishnu also changes His Avatars. He changes his forms. We too, as Lord Krishna says in the Gita says, change our bodies like garments, when they are worn out. He assures Arjun that He remembers everything from every life, and Arjun doesn't remember anything from his former lives. They have been the Sakhaas or the acquaintances of each other for hundreds of lives. The female side of the Matter is represented by Mahalaxmi. When Might or energy and Matter or the Physical World unite, life is sprouted out and a birth takes place. This leads us to another interpretation that the matter can exist without the flow of energy, and the energy too can exist without contacting the Matter, but when both come together, a life is born. But life or the living world is incomplete without intelligence in it. The intelligence in the living organism plays an important role as it leads to the progress of the living being, through the generations, and ages.

## MIND AND MAHA SARASWATI

"या देवी सर्व भुतेशु बुद्धी रूपेण संस्थितः..."

(दुर्गा सप्तशती)

(Trans: The Mother who dwells in all living beings in the form of Wisdom or Mind...).

Mind is represented by Mahasaraswati, who is the other half of Bramha. Mahasaraswati and Bramha complete the union of Matter and Energy by adding mind to life. Whenever the mind becomes weak, or completely disappears from this union, the existing body derails from the track. This happens mostly with humans. We have words like mad, crazy or mentally derailed or disturbed personalities for such ones.

This union of Might, Matter and Mind doesn't only make a living organism possible, but it has led to the invention of machines that have been a great help to humans. For example, a car is a machine that has a very fine equilibrium of these three. The car has a body made of matter, then it has energy, which is generated by fuel, or in the stored lithium battery, and it has an intelligent system according to which the body works, so much easily that a single person can drive it with a single hand. And now, we have driverless cars too that run so intelligently. We have smart phones which are smarter than humans. We can say that the use of the mind in them is more than matter and energy. But if we exclude any one of them from the human body, or the machines or the living organism, can the combined creation or the structure still exist? I have a doubt. For example, without software, which is the mind in the smart phone, without the body which is the matter in the phone and without the battery and energy which is the might in the phone, a handset will be a dead machine, useless for a smart purpose. Moreover, only a battery, or only structure of body or only software cannot make a phone.

This interpretation may sound very simple and easy to ponder over, but when we consider this with the main subject of this research paper, we can understand that the basic principle remains the same. The whole cosmos on a macro cosmic level follows the same principle, and on the microcosmic level too everything ends up in the atom which has the same properties, i.e. a nucleus, and two electrons that revolve around the nucleus. The nucleus is composed of protons with a positive charge and neutrons without charge, and the number of protons determines the chemical nature and properties of the atom. Only this number combination of the protons is the base of the whole of the creation. At this microcosmic level too, this unique principle of the combination of negative charge and positive charge of the energy or the electrons, are reminiscent of Shiva and Shakti, the Prakriti and the Purusha. Even at that atomic micro level the same structural combination of Might, Mind and Matter applies.

In other words, the human body is a living cosmos, with every single detail. It's a permanent challenge for the scientists to resolve this simple math of cosmic equilibrium. And the challenge is for the next millennia to come, because one just cannot understand the complexity of this labyrinth with the help of science. It can be understood only through meditation and spiritual way.

Mahakali or the Adi Shakti, Mahalaxmi and Maha Saraswati are representatives of female energy, who complete their circle when they meet their other halves, the Male energy-Shiva, Vishnu and Bramha. When these three elements-Might, Matter and Mind- are united by nature or by natural selection, a new life is born; and when they are united by man, a machine is born. The only difference between a machine and a living being is the initiative taken for their unifiers. When nature unites them, a life is born, and when man does it, a machine is created.

The Indian Knowledge System is a systematic and most scientific storehouse of information and wisdom. It has been an outcome of the research of Rishies and Moonies of several ages. The research they did was the meditations and Tapaa or rigorous penance throughout their lives. The cultures, languages, scriptures, puranas, Vedas and Upanishads are the result of this systematic penance, performed by thousands of religious and spiritual scholars for several millennia.

There is nothing serendipitous about the attribution among the three Maha Shakties-Maha Kali, Maha Laxmi and Maha Saraswati and their natures, i.e. Might, Matter and Mind. This is an outcome of systematic research by so many for so many ages.

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