

The Hiranyagarbha Suktam

RigVeda 10:121



*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

In the beginning was God in all his splendour,
manifested as the sole Lord of land, skies, water, space
and all that is beneath
and he upheld the earth and the heavens.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

It is he who bestows the soul its force and vigour;
whose guidance all men invoke;
whose shadow, the gods invoke;
and who is immortal,
and who destroyed death.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

It is he who by his greatness
became the King of Kings
of all that has breath and the sight,
who is the Lord of man, birds and beasts.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

It is he through whose glory
the snow-clad mountains rose,
and the ocean fed with the river,
His arms are the quarters of the sky.

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with our offerings?*

It is he through whom the heaven and the earth are
established.
It is he who has created the stars and the firmament of the
heavens.
He measured the sphere of clouds in the mid air.

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with our offerings?*

It is he to whom heaven and earth look up, the heavens
with its myriads of radiant light and over them the bright
sun rises.

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with our offerings?*

When the mighty waters came,
carrying the universal germ,
producing the flame of life,
then dwelt there in harmony the One Spirit of the children
of God.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

It is he who in his might surveyed the waters, conferring
skill and creating worship-

He, the God of gods, the One and only One.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

The Father of the world,
who with Truth as his Law made the heavens and
produced waters, vast and beautiful,
may he not destroy us.

*Who is this Deity whom we shall worship
with our offerings?*

Lord of creation! no one other than thee pervades all these
that have come into being.

*May He be ours,
for Him our prayers rise,
may we be masters of many treasures!*