



Excerpt from the Devi Mahatmyam

Salutations to the Great Feminine, who is the abode of
all blessings. Salutations to She who is the primordial
energy of the cosmos and its sustaining principle.
We offer adorations with deepest devotion.

Salutations to She who can be terrible when need be,
but who is gentle by nature and upholds the Universe.
She is the fountain of creativity.
To her we bow again and again.

I bow to the Great Feminine who abides in all beings
in the form of Intelligence.

I bow to the Great Feminine who abides in all beings
in the form of Reflection.

I bow to the Great Feminine who abides in all beings
in the form of Forgiveness.

I bow to the Great Feminine who abides in all beings
in the form of Peace.

I bow again and again to the rules of all the elements
and senses. Salutations to the Great Feminine.

The Great Feminine resides in all beings in the form of
consciousness and pervades all parts of the Universe,
adorations to her again and again.

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