

WORSHIP OF THE MOTHER GODDESSES: AN ETERNAL JOURNEY OF RITUALS IN GODDESS WORSHIP AND HUMAN QUEST FOR SERVING FERTILITY

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ABSTRACT

From ancient times, various forms of nature worship demonolatry and polytheistic beliefs have existed amongst the world communities. In this belief, the belief in different types of gods and are generally pervading and manifesting till today as continuous journey as a part of one's religious belief. The people used to worship objects of the nature as rivers, springs, trees, rocks, hills, planets and dead souls. However, Hindus are the worshippers of different cults in which *Saiva*, *Visanava* and *Sakta* are the most important. However, multitudes of Hindus, especially inhabiting remote regions of the country, such as in the Himalayas, still worship host of local *devis* and *deotas*, with dubious history, on whose benignity alone depends their freedom from pestilence and welfare and prosperity in general.¹ Early civilizations of the world have exhibited that fertility was one of the early phenomenon, which got veneration from the human beings. This beginning led to the origin of the worship of female being symbolic of and synonyms with fertility as also the multiplication of the race finally being associated with the concept of Mother Goddess.

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¹ H. A. Rose, Hindu Gods and Goddesses, Amar Prakashan, Delhi, 1986, p. vii