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*Tat Savitur Varenyam  
Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi  
Dhiyo Yo Nah prcodayat*

*"We meditate on that effulgence of the deity of the Sun.  
May that effulgent one illumine our intellects."*

*- Rg Veda*

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**RUDRA is:**

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| Kathir | Bass, Vocals |
| Shiva  | Drums        |
| Alvin  | Guitars      |
| Bala   | Guitars*     |

\* Guitars by Bala on all tracks except 3, 6, 8 & 9.  
Guitars on tracks 3, 6, 8 & 9 by Buihan

**Rudra 'The Past' line up:**

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| Kathir | Bass, Vocals |
| Shiva  | Drums        |
| Selvam | Guitars      |
| Bala   | Guitars      |

**Bonus Tracks from the 1995 Demo 'The Past':**

12. **Malediction**
13. **Dwelling In The Unknown**
14. **Fake Elimination**
15. **Necrophilia**

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## OBEISANCE

I prostrate myself before the *Parabrahman*,  
the Supreme One, and to all its manifestations  
I bow with reverence to the *Shrutis* and to the *Maharishis*  
I bow to the *Satgurus* and to the *avataras*  
I bow to the *gurus* who have captured my soul  
I bow to the many in the One

*Om Bhur Bhuvah Suvah*  
*Tat Savitur Varenyam*  
*Bhargo Devasya Dhimahi*  
*Dhiyo Yonah Pracodayat*

Destroy the *Ahamkara* in me  
Remove the *avidya* in me  
Stimulate my *buddhi* and let lofty thoughts arise  
Dissolve my individuality in the sea of *Brahmavidya*

*Atmajnana* is what I seek  
Unveil my pristine self  
Bestow your grace upon me  
And guide me to your royal chamber

Let me see you in both darkness and light  
Let the sword of bliss pierce through this *Kosha*  
Let this flesh turn to dust and  
let my mind still reverberate your *nama*

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## BLISS DIVINE

The Soul of the Universe,  
I bow to thee  
The one Existence,  
I bow to thee

It is never born  
It never dies  
One without a second  
It is Bliss Divine

(Solo: Bala)

Permeating the whole Universe but whom nothing can permeate  
Supreme and self-existent  
The changeless behind the changing

Beyond, there is nothing  
Yet it is everything  
That is the Absolute, That thou art  
It is Indivisible, Eternal, Immutable, *Sat-chit-ananda*

Nameless, Formless, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent,  
This Almighty *Brahman*

(Solo: Bala)

*Om Tat Sat*  
*Ekam Sat Vipra Bahudha Vadanti*

(Solo: Alvin)

The Pure Consciousness  
I bow to thee  
The ever-blissful  
Let me merge with you!

It is never born  
It never dies  
One without a second  
It is Bliss Divine

## BLACK

You are ignorant of the truth and you have come to preach?  
Insisting that your way is the way it should be seen  
It is an exposition of opinions and it's the blind leading the blind  
Faith and not blind faith  
Realise and don't speculate  
Save yourself before you save the rest  
Cause your dogmas are going to drown you

Read between the lines to see the real doctrines

Save yourself from the clutches of blind teachers,  
the charismatic Spiritual Architects  
Be a slave to the truth and not the man  
No one has power till you empower him (or her)  
You instil fear into the hearts of the meek to induce faith  
You choose what you want to hear and see to save your beliefs

You want your way, but I want both

In the absence of freedom, where is choice?  
Without choice, your mind is enslaved  
Don't you realise, the existence of one depends on another  
And parts make the whole

You promise peace and harmony  
But your dogmas make it an impossibility  
If you can't see the unity in existence,  
that doesn't mean it cannot be seen  
Truth refracted by unqualified minds  
Arousing emotions to enthrall  
And to entice into mental slavery;  
Immaculate deception!  
True wisdom is directly perceived

## MAHAMAYA

*Avyakta-namni paramesa-saktih  
anady avidya tri-gunatmika para  
kary'anumeya sudhiy'aiva maya  
yaya jagat sarvam idam prasuyate*

The Power of the Absolute contained  
It is not real and not unreal  
The material cause of the universe of names  
and forms I perceive

A profound mystery beyond intellectual  
comprehension  
And it will always be

This finite mind cannot comprehend your  
true nature. Its maker!  
World of contradictions  
That's the way it is

You are Time  
You are Space  
You are Causality

*Srishti sithi binashanam  
shakti bhute sanatani  
Gunashraye Gunamayee  
Narayani Namostute*

You are Time  
You are Space  
You are Causality

This inscrutable power hides the real nature of  
the Absolute  
It has the power of concealment and the power  
of projection

Beyond this phenomenal world there is eternity  
Transcending the phenomenal world I'll realise  
Infinity  
Acknowledging only that which is real achieve  
immortality  
Searching for it here and there only to find it  
within

Transcending Time  
Transcending Space  
Transcending Causality

It is the cause of bondage  
Sorrow and pain are its effects  
It is a Statement of Fact

You are enslaved by nature  
You try to free yourself  
But you are trapped  
This bondage strangles you and you scream  
"Freedom!" You want to be free!

Not till you're on your knees and you plead  
You yearn. Time to discern

Not to be bound, to be free  
On your knees you must plead  
The hands of grace will now embrace you  
Now, be free!



## THE ANCIENT ONE

*Om Triyambakam Yajamahe  
Sugandhim Pushtivardhanam  
Urvarukamiva Bandhanat  
Mrtyormuksheeya Mamrtat*

Terrifying and yet benevolent  
Where the opposites dwell in harmony  
O *Mahadeva*, Praise to thee  
He is the eye of the storm  
And the calm after the same storm  
The Primal Cause, the Effulgent One  
*Om Namah Shivaya Shivaya Namah*  
I bow to the Ancient One. O *Rudra*  
Bow to the Ancient One, O Consort of *Durga*

The King of the Holy Mountains  
Who dwells beyond the three *gunas*  
He is the three-eyed one  
With the ash-besmeared body  
The one with the matted locks  
Who slays the demons

I bow before this wielder of the trident  
Who bears the Holy River in his matted locks  
Can't you see the serpent slithering around his  
neck  
O *Mahayogi*  
O Conqueror of Death  
The one who walks the cremation grounds  
garlanded with human skulls  
O *Hara*, My obeisance to you

*Om Namah Shivaya Shivaya Namah*  
I bow to the Ancient One  
O Lord of the three worlds  
Bow to the Ancient One  
O Consort of *Shakti*

The King of the Holy Mountains  
Who dwells beyond the three *gunas*  
Who is the *Maha-Guru*  
Ruler of the Universe  
Most ancient of the ancients  
Bow to that primeval one

## ATMAN

The sole reason for your existence, It is  
Your Supreme Guide in both darkness and  
light.

The eternal witness,  
The one that is, and the one that will forever  
be

It knows no death or birth and exists through  
eternity

Thus it says,

"I am in you, you are in me  
I am you, you are me  
I'm hidden behind your individuality  
Step aside, I will reveal myself"

The source of all knowledge is within the Self  
That Immortal One, so far yet so close

It is free, So you'll be  
If you merge with That  
By knowing That everything else is known  
The self is ever free  
It holds the key to the transcendental world  
The source of infinity

That is all that exists  
The essence of the whole existence  
That Thou Art!  
It is bliss, pure consciousness

*Aham Brahmasmi  
Tat tvam asi ●  
Ayam Atma Brahma  
Prajnanam Brahma*

The search for immortality ends in the *Atman*  
By knowing That everything else is known

Know yourself to be that One and not the  
transient ego  
Discard the fetters of ignorance and for once be  
yourSelf

The search for immortality ends in the *Atman*  
By knowing That everything else is known

*Om Mani Padmeham  
Om Mani Padmeham*

## WARELIGION

Pathetic display of unjustified aggression  
Killing of mortals in the name of religion  
You kill your other self and you think it's God's will  
Not knowing that you've been victimised by your false ego

Instead of fighting on the battlefields  
Wage the war on the mental plane

Your mind is now misleading you  
Enslaved in a cell of dogmatism

(Solo: Alvin)

You call him Father, but are you a worthy child?  
If He is so merciful, why are you so merciless?

All apparent dissension and conflicts will fade  
into obscurity when you see the Unity behind this Diversity  
With whom can you fight, if there's only One  
Contemplate!

Wage the war on the mental plane  
Kill the ego, which breeds ignorance

Seek *Shanti*, Abide in *Shanti*  
*Om Shanti Shanti Shanti*

## FOR THE DYING

This fear of death grips you as you approach  
your last hour

Can't take your possessions with you beyond

The anxiety kills you beforehand  
The mystery of your destiny, the unseen  
land

Forget not, you mould your destiny  
And that you are a child of Divinity

There's no Eternal Damnation  
No flames can consume you  
You are an immortal

Are you tired of this *Samsara*  
The release is ever in front of you  
So forget it not  
Another birth, another life, another Death  
On and on it goes till you're back home  
Where you merge with that One

You won't burn in hell  
Cease this fear  
No flames can consume you  
You are the eternal

(Solo: Alvin)

Past memories you will not remember  
Could have died a thousand times before  
*Karma* is taking you round and round  
Destroy this impelling force

This life is full of pain  
And you'll be back again  
Attain freedom through faith  
You know it's never too late

Faith defeats fear  
Death is just the body's dissolution  
Hell is just an illusion  
Just seek your liberation

## SIN

Mind your conditioned mind, which you use to judge one.  
Conditioned by your own ideals, you denounce the ones who differ  
A sinner or a saint, to be judged not by you but by a perfect one  
You commit the great sin by calling one a sinner

Heartless and mindless, you judge, disparage and ridicule  
The duplicity of your unbounded love is now revealed  
A mindless heart and a heartless mind are of no use  
Let me ask you now, who is the sinner?

(Solo: Burhan)

Are you talking about God's plan or is it your plan for God  
Like you know it all, you say what's right and what's wrong  
Your arrogance and ignorance prove that you are an empty shell  
I can hear the echoes of the mutilated truths from within your mind

Quick to judge, slow to think, absence of the intellect  
You denigrate, patronise, desecrate and chastise  
Your own ideals should be your judge and you the judged  
Have you heard this line before: "Judge not, that ye be not judged"

Heartless and mindless! you judge, disparage and ridicule  
The duplicity of your unbounded love is now revealed  
A mindless heart and a heartless mind are of no use  
Let me ask you now, who is to repent

## NO WAR

An eye for an eye  
Till you lose your eyes  
Violence begets violence  
You start and it never ends  
The weak can't resist the urge to retaliate  
The strong shall endure the pain with repose

Peace! No War

You want to conquer the world  
But not yourself  
What have you gained when the one  
Closest to you is far away

Coward! Accept the fact  
Weakness is your god  
The reins are cut asunder  
And watch your senses flee  
Your mind has no control  
Over your worst enemy  
End up being a slave  
To your own inadequacy

Immense power without aggression  
Slowly consuming without engagement  
Conquering without bloodshed  
With the right mindset



## ANANDA

As you seek the pleasures in life  
It slowly turns into pain  
The titillating moments of joy  
Torment you till the end

Can't stand the test of time?  
The ways of the world are so sublime  
The cycle of rise and falls  
Makes you go out of line

Trying to satisfy this insatiable hunger  
But all your attempts turn futile  
The desire to know the beyond  
That makes your life so profound

The apparent needs lose its nobility  
The ecstasy you seek is your innate seed

If you want full control  
Dive deep into your soul  
Drown in the ocean of *Ananda*

No sense of time and space  
Knowledge is now bestowed  
Taste this divine nectar, *Ananda*

Feel the Bliss

*Brahmananda, Vidyanaanda*  
*Omkaranaanda, Paramanaanda*

Feel the vibrations of the sacred syllable  
Feel the transcendence of your inner nature

Beyond both pleasure and pain  
Beyond Time and space  
It is within and without  
Lust for That

*Brahmananda* Feel the Bliss!  
*Vidyanaanda* Feel the Bliss!  
*Omkaranaanda* Feel the Bliss!  
*Paramanaanda* Feel the Bliss!

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