

### **Guide material of the “Durga Ma Oracles” deck created by Cardzz Solution**

Translation of an excerpt from ‘Durga Stotra (1909)’ by Rishi Aurobindo:

*“Maa Durga! Enter our bodies through yog. We will become your instrument, (we will become) your sword that destroys evil, (we will become) your lamp that removes ignorance- fulfil this wish of the Bharatiya youth. Drive the instrument (which is us) as a mechanic, strike the sword (which is us) as the destroyer of evil, hold up the lamp (which is us) as the expressor of the light of knowledge.*

*Maa Durga! If we attain you (just once), then will never immerse you; will tie you (to us) with thread of respect, devotion and love. Come mother, express yourself in our heart, life and body.”*

Sree Sree Durga is a *bhav* (feeling), that’s why she is hard to be described in words. Those who have felt her in heart will know that this is true. Every person has Durga inside, be it a man or woman. As Durga is the divine feminine, she is the creator and hence she lives within every creation be it a living being or a still object. But still, it is hard to wake her up inside us- because of evils like *Shatripu* (Kaam, Krodh, Lobh, Moha, Mad, Matsarya). If we can do the hard (durgam) task of removing Shatripu from within us, we can attain Durga’s blessings. As a human, it is hard to learn the true nature of the Ma Durga within a lifetime. Therefore, I have decided to not create any traditional handbook for this oracle deck. Knowing each of the deities in the cards fully, may take lifetimes. Each of them have different personalities and methods of worship- which sadhaks know better than me- and such information is to be attained through sadhana instead of learning through a mere guidebook. Anything easily attainable becomes lack of value. A lot of factors regarding the divine feminine are to be kept secret as well. Therefore, trying to entrap them within a few pages seems foolish and audacious. The web-links mentioned below are mere guidelines to make the readers get more interested to know more. As I am not the right person to teach you about the true nature of the divine feminine, you are requested to seek more knowledge on your own through research or from a sadhak/guru- which may take time, just like any sadhana. But, it is also true that anyone can worship Durga, be it a Brahmin or a Chandala- that’s why Durga Puja is considered a ‘sarbojanin’ (for all) puja. She can be worshipped in vedic ways and tantric ways as well. And the best thing is, for Durga worship, a guru/beej mantra initiation is NOT a must (if you choose the simple ways of worshipping).

When it comes to using the oracle deck, you may use it intuitively using the keywords mentioned on the cards. The keywords reflect glimpses of the personalities and blessings of the deities and those have been derived from my personal understanding and brief research about the deities.

### **Sati**

[https://www.rudraksha-ratna.com/articles/goddess-sati?srsltid=AfmBOor1iOhPvH1e35SqOgH\\_v1RMcl7wIBBTizDjEoLT4whtVBwmE8BM](https://www.rudraksha-ratna.com/articles/goddess-sati?srsltid=AfmBOor1iOhPvH1e35SqOgH_v1RMcl7wIBBTizDjEoLT4whtVBwmE8BM)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakta\\_pithas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shakta_pithas)

### **Shailaputri**

<https://www.rudraksha-ratna.com/articles/shailputri-devi?srsltid=AfmBOoqHzYjXd88rUWXcWNsPB8CixmDNoNUbe5ukWAeqGdsxy1guTqzg>

### **Brahmacharini**

<https://www.rudraksha-ratna.com/articles/brahmacharini-devi?srsltid=AfmBOoqGRTIZjoEgNJrgRWF2nk1FlwoOBQDJkLx7auNEu0NEiqL9S9i->

<https://hamsapakshi.wordpress.com/2021/10/12/3517/>

### **Chandraghanta**

<https://www.drikpanchang.com/hindu-goddesses/parvati/durga/navdurga-chandraghanta.html>

<https://isha.sadhguru.org/mahashivratri/shiva/shiva-parvati-strange-wedding/>

### **Kushmanda**

<https://www.drikpanchang.com/hindu-goddesses/parvati/durga/navdurga-kushmanda.html>

### **Skandamata / Shasthi**

<https://www.artofliving.org/in-en/navratri/skandamata>

<https://www.britannica.com/topic/Kumarasambhava#:~:text=The%20work%20describes%20the%20cou,rting,and%20the%20subsequent%20birth%20of>

### **Katyayani / Chandi**

<https://medium.com/@sapnadubey/a-brief-about-goddess-katyayani-e74306f42c00>

[https://www.facebook.com/notes/panthak-masle/goddess-chandi-the-mythical-story-in-the-markandaya-puran-its-significance-godde/628633837179726/?\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/notes/panthak-masle/goddess-chandi-the-mythical-story-in-the-markandaya-puran-its-significance-godde/628633837179726/?_rdr)

### **Kaalratri**

<https://jkyog.in/en/wisdom/blog/navaratri-day-7-worshiping-maa-kaalratri-rituals-and-the-tale-of-brave-ry>

### **Mahagouri**

[https://hindi.webdunia.com/navratri-special/mahagouri-story-120102300054\\_1.html](https://hindi.webdunia.com/navratri-special/mahagouri-story-120102300054_1.html)

### **Siddhidatri**

<https://seniority.in/blog/navratri-day-9-the-story-of-maa-siddhidatri>

### **Shankar**

<https://www.sudhanshujimaharaj.net/when-shiva-the-loner-became-shankar-the-householder/#:~:text=The%20Shiva-Parvati%20Wedding&text=He%20was%20unaware%20of%20the,His%20Sati%2C%20and%20married%20her.>

<https://youtu.be/yJonTh6mzkk?si=BnMsx56Hlisfl00o>

<https://youtu.be/tQfHANou5qk?si=fUJPCrAAePCK2QKw>

<https://youtu.be/0XPTj2rrK3M?si=7vadhpOobO12HCC>

### **Parvati**

<https://www.hdasianart.com/blogs/news/parvati-the-divine-mother-and-consort-of-shiva?srsId=AfmBOop8u0JilpCD6HIZMjCVLFf7dC9ebgMNR3LjQsoekJSS8bRkIAc->

<https://www.lotussculpture.com/parvati-hindu-god-shiva-husband-meaning.html>

### **Bharat Mata**

Note: As per some sources, Bharat Mata is considered a manifestation of Ma Durga as she is the guardian of this holy land.

<https://spiritualhavens.com/bharat-mata-mandir-ujain/>

<https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/lucknow-city-navratri-2021-when-and-how-did-the-nation-of-india-get-this-durga-form-of-mother-india-jagran-special-22099967.html>

## **Kali**

<https://indiantarots.com/the-indian-tarots-3-the-empress-kali/>

## **Ganesh**

<https://indiantarots.com/the-indian-tarots-7-the-chariot-ganesh/>

[https://youtu.be/wsH\\_Pgmagpg?si=46Gw33pgBn7uyfUy](https://youtu.be/wsH_Pgmagpg?si=46Gw33pgBn7uyfUy)

## **Kartik / Skanda / Murugan**

<https://www.cottage9.com/blog/lord-kartikeya-the-warrior-god-of-hinduism/>

## **Jagaddhatri**

<https://www.thestatesman.com/religion/legends-jagadhatri-puja-1502818059.html>

<https://krishnabhumi.in/blog/jagadhatri-puja-origin-and-significance/>

<https://www.askganesha.com/deities/jagaddhatri>

## **Aparajita Durga**

<https://indiantarots.com/the-indian-tarots-5-the-hierophant-durga/>

<https://m.punjabkesari.in/dharm/news/aparajita-goddess-525777>

[https://youtu.be/o\\_BJgP0zm5s?si=JQ\\_Ku8cMknL9PkTo](https://youtu.be/o_BJgP0zm5s?si=JQ_Ku8cMknL9PkTo)

<https://youtu.be/uCkd5HULOTY?si=HsQ9BL0fKy5H4ooG>

<https://youtu.be/uQ2TVbsNGB0?si=8LtZGM8MVrrGkkms>

<https://youtu.be/mbYldMLySXQ?si=vZKn9Uc1QoohEZbP>

<https://youtu.be/e4Br4bN3PZQ?si=ISJJAXyGFW9O2dOo>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3e1KPquFw4U>

<https://www.ebanglalibrary.com/books/কালিকা-পুরাণ-কালিকাপুরা/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQyo8QeoYhc>

[https://www.sriaurobindoinsitute.org/saioc/Sri\\_Aurobindo/karmayogin\\_newspaper/hymn\\_to\\_durga](https://www.sriaurobindoinsitute.org/saioc/Sri_Aurobindo/karmayogin_newspaper/hymn_to_durga)

[https://www.drikpanchang.com/deities-namavali/goddesses/durga/32-durga-names.html#google\\_vignette](https://www.drikpanchang.com/deities-namavali/goddesses/durga/32-durga-names.html#google_vignette)

### **Lakshmi**

<https://bangla.hindustantimes.com/astrology/laxmi-puja-2021-lakshmi-pujo-y-lakshmi-panchali-paath-e-r-niyom-o-lakshmi-panchali-31634621826121.html>

<https://www.hinduamerican.org/blog/lakshmi>

<https://yogaacademyinternational.com/lakshmi/>

### **Saraswati**

<https://indiantarots.com/the-indian-tarots-20-judgement-saraswati/>

### **Sheetala / Mariamman**

<https://siddhalalitha.org/web/online/writeups/shitala.php>

<https://storytrails.in/culture/mariamman-the-village-goddess-who-travelled/>

<https://brah.ma/swaroop/sheetala-mata>

### **Bonbibi / Bon Durga**

Note: Bonbibi is not a manifestation of Ma Durga. As per folktales of Bengal, Bon Bibi has Muslim origins. She is worshipped by both Hindus and Muslims in the Sundarban area of Bengal. Hindus refer to her as 'Bon Durga', hence I have included her in this deck. Know more about her from the links below.

<https://www.tigersafariindia.com/blog/bonbibi-the-protector/>

<https://www.telegraphindia.com/culture/bonbibi-the-beloved-goddess-of-hindus-and-muslims-of-sunderbans/cid/1995185>

<https://www.daily-sun.com/printversion/details/518833>

<https://storiesfromindiaswilds.wordpress.com/2023/01/12/how-keeping-faith-in-bonbibi-aids-wildlife-conservation-in-the-sundarbans/>

<https://www.environmentandsociety.org/arcadia/bonbibireligionforestsundarbans>

<https://ipsita141576.blogspot.com>

<https://www.youthkiawaaz.com/2020/01/meet-bonbibitheforestgoddessworshippedbyhindusandmuslims-alike/>

Note: More materials may be included in the list in future.

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