



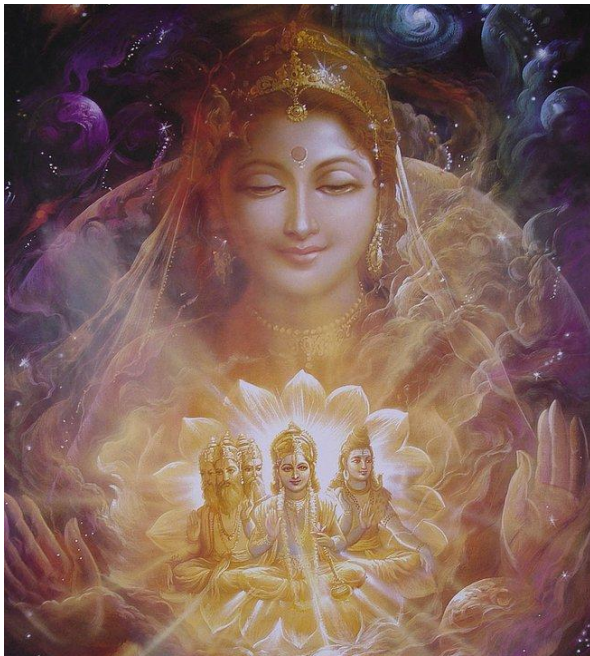
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24th Annual

Reading of the Sacred Texts

“The Technology of Transformation: Sacred Texts and the Divine Feminine”

The theology of the Hindu Great Goddess (better understood as God the Mother) is crystalized in the 5th century sacred text known as the *Devi Māhātmya* (the Glorification of the Great Goddess). It is through this renowned text that the Feminine Deity is conceptualized as both transcendent and immanent. Despite the compelling clarity of the theological vision of the text, it has rarely received theological commentary. *Why is the Devi Māhātmya rarely engaged as a theological text? Why are there so few commentaries on it?*



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Lecture 7:00 PM

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