

## **An investigatory study on psychological basis of the celestial concept of Goddess Paththini**

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Among illustrious celestial concepts of Sri Lanka, veneration of Goddess Paththini abides at a foremost eminence. It appears that people affiliate offerings for this Goddess to fulfill their various objectives. It reveals from investigations that this celestial concept is especially of a psychological nature according to the creeds and reverence. The objective of this research is to investigate into the psychological basis of celestial cult of Goddess Paththini. Significance of this research is the potential of revealing the psychological attribution of the celestial concept of Goddess paththini among other divine faiths. The research problem of this study is to ascertain as to whether a psychological basis is present in celestial concept of Goddess paththini among other types of heavenly faiths. Methodology of this research is ascertaining facts by conducting interviews with devotees from various stages of the society of Goddess Paththini and associating preliminary and secondary texts composed on this celestial blessed faith in order to explore into the types of persuasions, practices and obligations offered to Goddess Paththini at Nawagamuwa Dewalaya. It can be concluded that Sinhalar, tamil devotees from all parts of Sri Lanka make offerings to Goddess Paththini at Nawagamuwa Dewalaya to fulfill their objectives. According to nature of their offerings, it was observed that the devotees depend on the reliance of positive results with confidence by anticipating redress, neutral reservation and consolation. The devotees are compelled to make offering to honor their obligations irrespective of caste, creed or nationality. Most devotees regard and respect the compassionate and gracious appearance of Goddess Paththini. Conclusion of this research is that more than in any other celestial concepts, the concept of Goddess Paththini is richly supplemented with a psychological basis in offerings and oblations.

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