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**WATER IN KANNADA FOLK TRADITION**



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**ABSTRACT**

*We recognize earth, sky, fire, air and water as five elements since long. We believe that man is created from these elements. "The element earth in him mingles with earth, fluids mingle with water, heat joins fire, air joins wind and his spirit joins the sky".<sup>1</sup> Thus these elements are identified in him and named so. But these five elements have never been perceived together among the folks. They grasped all these elements separately. They have created Gods, myths, songs, beliefs and practices in connection with these elements.*

*Water is essential for every living organism. Without water it is not possible to imagine the human life and the basic business of the folks. Therefore, there is a sacred place for water, in folk tradition.*

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