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Dur-ga  (dûr gə)

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n.

A Hindu goddess of protection, vengeance, and victory, often described as the consort of Siva and as an avatar of Devi.

[Sanskrit *Durgā*, from *durgā*, feminine of *durga-*, difficult to approach, unattainable : *dur-*, variant (used before voiced consonants) of *dus-*, bad; see **dus-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *-ga-*, going, moving (either from *gam-*, root form of *gacchati*, he goes, approaches, or from *gā-*, root form of *gāti*, he goes, approaches; see **g^wā-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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