

LE CACHEMIRIEN



Another meeting point

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A dictionary of Le Cachemirien's beloved words

Vayu, the wind

*Vayu is the cosmic breath and the wind,
the intermediary between earth and sky,*

*“of exceptional beauty
and moving noisily in his shining coach,
driven by two or forty-nine
or one-thousand white and purple horses.”*



Weave

Les Violettes

The violets, a shawl in pure hand spun and hand woven *pashmina* in its natural white colour. The traditional border has been interpreted with an unusual colourful motive of violets. Its embroidery is made by hand with silk thread. Made in Kashmir by Gulam Nabi.

Colour

Violet

Leonardo da Vinci once wrote that meditation and prayer are ten times more powerful, while sitting in the violet light shining through a stained glass window. The colour violet was named in the 14th century after the violet flower.



Mythology

Vishnu and Lakshmi

All the minor deities and demons, *Devas, Asuras*, as well as the Gods were waiting for Goddess Lakshmi to choose her own husband. In those days, it was customary for a woman of marriageable age to choose freely.

Every God wondered who would be the lucky one.

Goddess Lakshmi saw all the assembled and studied dark God Vishnu with his beautiful twinkling eyes and mischievous smile.

She smiled in return and garlanded him, choosing him above all the others.

The Gods cheered when they saw Goddess Lakshmi marry Lord Vishnu.

She was the Goddess of wealth and prosperity and he was the all-pervading God, the preserver.

A music:

The Valley Recalls

by Shivkumar Sharma and Hariprasad Chaurasia

A book:

Van Gogh, the Man "Suicided" by Society

by Antonin Artaud

A film:

Voyage to Italy

by Roberto Rossellini

Travel

Varanasi Ma Anandamayi Ashram 2005



Photography

Vision Santa Fe, New Mexico 2012



Lift the veil
That obscures
The heart

And there
You will find
What you are
Looking for.

Kabir

Drawing *Vasanti*



Dress

Veil

Wedding veil
in silk organza
and golden thread,
woven by hand
in Varanasi.
The veil is part of
a wedding dress
called *Hifazat*,
protection.
One of a kind.
Private collection.

