

**yada srushtam jagat sarvam tada lokapitamahah
chaturveda samayuktam shashwatam dharmamadishat**

Purport: Along with creation, Almighty Father revealed the eternal principles of religion (Law) embodied in four Vedas. (All this is given in Sanskrit language. All languages have words coming from Sanskrit. There is no word in Sanskrit which has come from another language. Hence, Vedas do not belong to any particular region. Since all the universes are under the command of Almighty Father, Vedic knowledge pervades all universes and not only our Earth. Being the composition of the all-knowing Almighty Father, the message of Eternal Principles of religion given through Vedas is ever applicable. The word VEDA comes from the verb VID, meaning “to know”, and hence Veda means knowledge.

**kim satkarma kim adhyatmam yadi vijnyatum arhati
sarva shastreshu grantheshu pramanam paramum shrutih**

Purport: What is good Karma, what is the spiritual path? If you wish to know, of all the sciences and writings, SHRUTI (Vedas) is the standard reference. What is good Karma, what is the opposite of that, why man becomes bound by Karma, how one can free himself from the chain of Karma (chain of “reap as you sow”), what is individual life, what is the manifest and unmanifest world, what is Creator, all this can be known truly through Vedas. The word SHRUTI means, “that which was heard”, from the verb „shru” which means, “to hear”. It is not human composition.

**aspashtam cha kada spashtam tatwajnyana wiwechanam
anyatra labhyate kintu pramanam paramam shrutih**

Purport: Sometimes clearly, sometimes not so clearly, we find the knowledge of THAT (Almighty Power) discussed in various writings. However, Shruti (Vedas) is the standard reference. (Generally speaking, the writings which are not based on Rishis’ teachings are one-sided intellectual discourses and hence tend to create confusion for the common man. Vedas being the composition of Almighty Father which were “heard” and memorized by Rishis contain all sciences relating to manifest and unmanifested worlds and hence is the standard reference.)

**arsha grantheshu sarveshu shruti pramanya mewacha
Sarvatah saramadadyat Nijakalyan hetawe**

Purport: Of all the writings of Rishis, Vedas is the standard reference. Extract the essence for thy eternal benevolence.

**shushkawadaratah kechin nanyadasteeti wadinah
sarwe te wilayam yanti mithya kalaha karinah**

Purport: Some people (either due to ignorance or prejudice or selfishness) interpret things wrongly and proclaim that theirs is the only truth and others are wrong. People who indulge in such dry discussions will be powerless. (Irrespective, the Absolute Truth given by the Rishis or seers will prevail.)

**nastikah wedanindakah pakhandah wedadooshakah
ete sarwe winashyanti mithyachar prawartakah**

Purport: Those who malign the Vedas, those who follow life patterns whereby Vedas are maligned, those who find fault with Vedic knowledge, those who follow life patterns whereby blemish comes to Vedic knowledge will bring upon themselves their own destruction. (In the end the teachings of Vedas will prevail.)

**yajnyadanatapahkarma svadhyayanirato bhavet
esa eva hi srutyuktah satyadharmah sanatanah**

Purport: Be engrossed in the practice of Yajnya, Daan, Tapa, Karma, and Swadhaya, the Fivefold Path. This is the Eternal Religion given through Vedas: 1. YAJNYA (The whole world is polluted, be it acid rain, ozone holes, radiations of all sorts, water and soil contamination, acoustic pollution, etc., hence so much suffering, misery, violence, greed, psychiatry, disease, sorrow and scarcity of pure water and healthy soil. By purifying the atmosphere we can have minds full of love, peace, prosperity and bliss. This is YAJNYA. Agnihotra copper pyramid healing fire tuned to the biorhythm of sunrise/sunset, is the basic YAJNYA.) 2. DAAN Share your material assets in a spirit of humility without expectation of name, fame or other benefit. 3. TAPA Learn to become better managers of your body and mind energy. Train the mind to take the coloration of total love. “Be thou transformed by the renewal of the mind.” 4. KARMA Always do good Karma in the spirit of offering to the Lord without attachment to the fruit thereof. 5. SWADHYAYA (Self study) Who am I? The eternal principles of religion denoted by these five words, YAJNYA, DAAN, TAPA, KARMA and SWADHYAYA is the Fivefold Path. This is the basis of the teachings of all prophets, all Avatars, all saints, all Gurus. Either due to nonperformance or wrong performance of ordained duties, resultant Karma accumulates and society falls into wrong ways. Then Almighty Father sends messengers, prophets to stop the evil and practice the right thing for the times in which these messengers come. They reiterate various aspects of Fivefold Path in words suited to the times and the social conditions in which they appear on Earth. Thus came Krishna, Buddha, Zarathushtra, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammad and others. They do not come to start a new religion. People who come after them form sects and divisions due to ignorance or vested interest. The Messengers fulfill their allotted task and leave. “Mankind were one community and Allah sent (unto them) Prophets as bearers of good tidings and as warners and revealed therewith the Scripture with truth.”--Holy Koran “Think not that I have come to destroy the Law or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”--Matthew 5:17.

DHARMADESA

Yajnya dharmam carami Daan dharmam carami Tapo dharmam carami Karma dharmam carami Swadhyaya dharmam carami Punarapi yajnya dharmam carami Punarapi daan dharmam carami Punarapi tapo dharmam carami Punarapi karma dharmam carami Punarapi swadhyaya dharmam carami

Punah punarapi yajnya dharmam carami Punah punarapi daan dharmam carami Punah punarapi tapo dharmam carami Punah punarapi karma dharmam carami Punah punarapi swadhyaya dharmam carami

Purport: I practice Yajnya I practice Daan I practice Tapa I practice Karma I practice Swadhyaya Again I practice Yajnya Again I practice Daan Again I practice Tapa Again I practice Karma Again I practice Swadhyaya Again and again I practice Yajnya Again and again I practice Daan Again and again I practice Tapa Again and again I practice Karma Again and Again I practice Swadhyaya

TRISATYA

SHARANAGATI

Satyam saranam gachhami

satyadharmam saranam gachhami

satyadharmangham saranam gachhami (three times)

Purport: "Satya" means truth. Here the word refers to all messengers, prophets, paigambaras who appeared on various parts of the Earth, at various times to reiterate the Vedic message of Fivefold Path, e.g. Krishna, Buddha, Zarathushtra, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammad and others. I bow to and take refuge (surrender) in all these prophets. I bow to and take refuge in the eternal principles prescribed by all messengers and prophets. (They all come to reiterate the Eternal Religion and that is the way to self-realization leading to, "I and my Father are one.") I bow and take refuge among people where these eternal principles are practiced. DHARMA etymologically means "that which holds the Universe together." Love is that bond. Practice of AGNIHOTRA, the basic Yajnya, injects nutrients into the atmosphere and makes minds full of love. If, at a place where Agnihotra is regularly practiced and where some simple HOMAS (healing fires) are done we sing the above Mantra it has a beneficial effect on the front portion of the brain, according to the science of Vedas.