

तस्मादोमित्युदाहृत्य यज्ञदानतपःक्रियाः ।
प्रवर्तन्ते विधानोक्ताः सततं ब्रह्मवादिनाम् ॥ २४ ॥

tasmādomityudāhṛtya yajñadānatapaḥkriyāḥ
pravartante vidhānoktāḥ satataṁ brahmavādinām

Therefore, starting with the word 'Om', initiating acts of sacrifice, gift and penance, as enjoined in the scriptures, is always undertaken by followers of the Vedas. 24

Comment:—

'Tasmādomityudāhṛtya yajñadānatapaḥkriyāḥ pravartante-vidhānoktāḥ satataṁ brahmavādinām'—The believers, who specially have faith in the Vedas, attach the greatest importance to the holy name, Om. They perform sacred acts, such as sacrifice, penance etc., which are sanctioned, by scriptures, by uttering this name Om. As a cow cannot become pregnant, without a bull, the recitation of Vedic chants cannot bear fruit, without uttering the holy name, Om.

Why is the holy name Om uttered first of all? The reason is that Om, the Praṇava was revealed first of all. From Praṇava Gāyatrī (the Vedic metre), was revealed. From Gāyatrī, the three Vedas Ṛk, Sāma and Yajur were revealed. So 'Om' is the root of Gāyatrī, and the Vedas. Therefore, all the Vedic rites are performed, by uttering the holy name Om first.



तदित्यनभिसन्धाय फलं यज्ञतपःक्रियाः ।
दानक्रियाश्च विविधाः क्रियन्ते मोक्षकाङ्क्षिभिः ॥ २५ ॥

tadityanabhisandhāya phalaṁ yajñatapaḥkriyāḥ
dānakriyāśca vividhāḥ kriyante mokṣakāṅkṣibhiḥ

With the initial use of the word 'Tat,' the acts of sacrifice, penance and the various acts of charity are performed by the seekers of salvation, without aiming at the rewards. 25