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#### **YAJURVEDA**



(With Original Sanskrit Text, Transliteration & Lucid English Translation in the Aarsh Tradition of Maharshi Yaska and Swami Dayananda)

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### Dedication

The Mother's Gift

For all her children



Your path is up and onwards, Never downwards

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#### Homage, Thanks and Acknowledgements

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Bharat Main Angrezi: Kya Khoya Kya Paya (Delhi, 1997)

Swami Dayananda's Vision of Truth (Delhi, 2002)

Translation of Nine Upanishads (Delhi, 1992)

Translation of Swami Dayananda's Sanskar Vidhi (Delhi, 1995)

Translation of Swami Dayananda's short writings in *Dayananda Granth Mala* (paropakarini Sabha, Ajmer, Rajasthan, 1999)

Translation of Swami Satya Pati's *God Realisation through Simple Yoga* (Delhi, 2000)

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And now: English translation of all the four Vedas, in the Arsha tradition of Maharshi Yaska and Swami Dayananda.

Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma has spent the last ten years on this translation of the four Vedas, all the time saying: "I came for this". While English has been the language of his professional communication, Sanskrit is the voice of his life and living.

#### **Foreword**

Veda Bhashya by Prof. Tulsiram - A step to make Vedas available to the English World

I have had the privilege of going through some of the chapters of Yajurveda Bhashya written by Prof. Tulsiram, a well known Vedic scholar and author of English language and literature. I congratulate him because he has done this translation for an average English reader who is keen to know the Vedas. Knowledge of the Vedas is like the knowledge of science. Vedic language is a scientific language and nobody can understand that without the profound knowledge of Vedangas, especially Nirukta of Maharshi Yaska and the grammar of Panini and Patanjali. Nobody can interpret the Veda mantras without these two. This translation proves that Prof. Tulsiram has done this insightful translation after doing hard work in both Vedangas.

In translating the Vedas, only literal meaning is just not sufficient, sometimes it may create confusion and contradiction. Prof. Tulsiram deeply merges himself into Vedic Mantras, thinking deeply about words, derivatives and analyzes the hidden nuances of meaning in their context. For example, 'Sumitriya na aapa oshadhayah santu.....Yajur. 36, 23': If we take literal meaning in the ordinary sense, "may the waters, vital forces of life, and herbs be friendly to us and may they be enemies to those who hate us and whom we hate", it will not make acceptable sense. After raising some questions, he says, "How can we accept this?" So, after going deeply into the words and context he gives this meaning of the said mantra: May waters, tonics, pranic energies and medicinal herbs be good friends of our health system and immunity and let the same waters, tonics, pranic energies herbal medicines act against those ailments, diseases and negativities which injure us, which we hate to suffer and which we love to destroy, moreover let them have no side effects because side effects too help the negativities and injure us.

After giving the actual sense of the Mantra he writes that this Mantra is a reasonable prayer for the health programme of an advanced society, and then, logically in the next Mantra, follows the prayer for a full hundred years and more of life and healthy living (Tacchakshurdevahitam purastat-Yajur.36, 24).

The translation by Prof. Tulsiram is without any extraneous motive and without any extra-academic intention. The translation has been done purely as communication of the Vedic message for the welfare of mankind.

While giving his opinion on the Vedas Prof. Tulsiram writes in his Introduction....Veda is the Voice of God revealed in scientific Vedic Sanskrit free from local color and historical facts, therefore Vedic language is to be interpreted and understood according to its own laws and structure, and the only key available for such interpretation is the Nirukta of Maharshi Yaska and the grammar of Panini & Patanjali. According to Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati, 'without reference to these bases of Vedic interpretation certain words have been given a distorted meaning in the translations of Max Muller, Griffith, Whitney and even Sayana.' Actually the torch light for proper translation today, as Aurobindo says, is the Arsha tradition followed by Maharshi Dayananda Saraswati.

At the end I will say that this translation of Yajurveda, based on Nirukta and Grammar, follows the known ancient Indian tradition. It is factual, without prejudice or hidden motive. Prof. Tulsiram thinks deeply on every word of the mantra, looks into the context and etymology according to Nirukta and then does the translation. I congratulate him on this one more pioneering step to make the knowledge of Vedas available to the western world and the average English knowing reader. May God give him long and healthy life so that he continues to do this kind of stupendous work.

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## About Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma's English translation of the Yajurveda

I feel myself fortunate and blest with the Grace of God that I received a few pages of the English translation by Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma with introduction of the Yajurveda. The comparative views expressed by him about the Vedas are essential for every student of the Veda since it is a further pointer to scientific research in the field of Vedic interpretation.

Its conclusion is true: "In short Veda is an eternal articulation of omniscience, the voice of God". Each work of Prasthana Trayi i.e. Vedanta, Upanishads and Gita is not a take off from the Vedas but a continuation of Vedic studies in its own context of meditation, meditative teaching and a rousing call to action in a situation of karmic crisis. This English translation is a welcome addition to Vedic studies opening truly a new path establishing with ease the Vedas in the service of humanity.

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#### **English Translation of Vedic Hymns: An Opinion**

Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma has taken an uphill task of translating all the four Vedas in lucid and thought provoking English. Most of the translations of Vedas by European scholars depend on the ritualistic meaning given by the medieval commentators like Sayana and others. But Dr. Sharma has taken a new course of translation. He agrees with the idea that the Yajurveda basically propounds the theory of Karma which it explains as Yajna, which neither denotes sacrifice nor mere ritual (Agnihotra etc.). The term Yajna carries a threefold meaning: the worship of God, unification of diverse factors of human society, selfless charity and replenishment of nature and the environment.

The hymns of the Yajurveda carry lofty ideas of spiritual and ethical significance. Most of these mantras are, however, complicated and tough. It is difficult to make out useful meaning and draw important conclusion out of the text. But Dr. Sharma has fully succeeded in drawing out the natural and meaningful content of these mantras. In brief I can say that the present translation of the Vedas will be appreciated by the scholars of this Vedic lore as well as by the lay man who wants to understand the deep meaning of the Vedic texts or at least the basic knowledge hidden in these ancient works. It is all the more satisfying that Dr. Sharma has followed the dicta laid down by Maharshi Yaska and Swami Dayananda Saraswati in translating and explaining the inner wisdom of the sacred mantras.

#### -Bhawani Lal Bhartiya

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It has been gratifying to go through the English translation of the Vedas rendered by Dr Tulsi Ram Sharma in as much as it conveys to the English-knowing world effectively the profound meaning and transcendental secrets enshrined in the Vedas. The most salient feature of this translation is its simple and lucid English. The Vedic words have been expounded here following the yaugik method of the Arsh tradition set up by Yaska, Panini and Patanjali (as opposed to the rudhi method which takes only the historically fixed meanings of words caring little for the context and the subject). As per the Arsh tradition name words like Agni, Vayu, Indra, Marut, etc., are synonyms indicating the various attributive names of the One that is the greatest and the most comprehensive 'Tattva' of existence, the Cosmic Spirit. It was Maharshi Dayananda who for the first time after Yaska and Patanjali advocated and followed this principle of interpretation on the basis of ancient supporting material. Dr. Sharma has religiously stuck to this theory while unfolding the truths enshrined in the Vedas. Obviously Dr Sharma's interpretation of Vedic hymns enjoys the authenticity of the Arsh tradition and challenges the western Vedic perspective and the medieval Indian interpretations of the Vedas which now need to be seriously reviewed in our present day context of science and inter-cultural communication

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#### Message

Above the narrow boundaries of country, time, caste and creed, the Vedas have been a treasure house of eternal universal knowledge and spiritual wisdom. There have been numerous attempts by Indians and foreigners to make the knowledge of these Vedas available to the people at large. Among them the Vedic commentaries of the great social and spiritual leader, Maharshi Dayananda are the best works in this field. Inspired by Swami Dayananda, the translation of the Yajurveda into English by Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma is a commendable work in this line. Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma has been a great devotee of sacred literature, especially Vedas, Upanishads, and various philosophies. His life long study of the Vedas has given him deep insight into Vedic philosophy. His translation of the Yajurveda reveals it fully. Here he has translated the Yajurveda, the Veda of Karma, in such a way that even a common reader can grasp its essence. He has very effectively brought out how this Veda teaches us to apply spiritual knowledge in practical life. Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma deserves our congratulations and best wishes for having done translation of all the four Vedas in simple and clear English for the international community.

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#### **APPRECIATION**

I have gone through some chapters of the English translation of Yajurveda by Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma. As he has stated at the very beginning of the Introduction, this translation of Yajurveda is meant for an average English-knowing reader who is keen to know: What is Veda? What is it about? Is it old or new? To achieve this object, he has followed the Arsh method of interpretation. Accordingly, for example, he has mostly followed the etymological method of literal translation. But whenever he finds that the literal is not helpful in achieving his intended objective, he adds the implied explanation so that the essence of the Vedic hymn is quite clear. For example, his translation of, 'Yathemam Vacham Kalyanimavadani janebhyah' is rendered as follows-'Just as I speak (reveal) this auspicious holy Word of the Veda for all people (without discrimination of high or low), so should you too communicate it to all people of the world, whosoever, whatsoever, where so ever they be'. That is the technique of Swami Dayananda also.

I regard Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma as one in the commendable line of Pundit Damodar Satavalekara who studied Sanskrit at a mature age and did unique work in that language. Dr. Sharma has also mastered the Sanskrit language after his retirement and done full justice to the translation of the Veda. He richly deserves our gratefulness, our expression of gratification and our appreciation for succeeding in his sacred mission of presenting an understandable, logical and above all sensible English translation of Vedas which hitherto was unavailable. Thus a long felt need has been fulfilled. I am sure Dr Sharma's method of translation will not only be widely approved but will also be followed by others while translating the Vedas in other languages.

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#### Sadbhavana (Good wishes)

Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma, is a profound scholar of English, Hindi, Sanskrit and Urdu. But his heart felt devotion goes to sacred literature, especially Vedas, Upanishads, Darshan Philosophy, Puranas, Ramayana, and Mahabharata with concentration on the Bhagwad Gita, Greek, Roman, Sumerian and English Epics, Gathas of Zarathustra, Bible, Quran and the writings of Swami Dayananda and Swami Vivekananda, in search of the essential values of Veda and Sanatan Vedic Dharma. It seems his real spirit and scholarly interest lies in the interpretation of the Vedas. I have gone through some portions of his English translation of Yajurveda and on perusal of this translation, I have marked two characterizing features:

- 1. His language is perfectly lucid and
- 2. His translation is faithful to the word and spirit of the Mantras.

Dr. Tulsi Ram Sharma has very correctly observed, "Veda is knowledge of existence, pure and simple, as Science is knowledge. Science is the knowledge of nature as nature is and as it works according to its own laws. In Science, there is no story, no history. Similarly, in the Vedas, there is no story, no history. And just as Science is knowledge in Scientific language, free from local colour and historical variations of form and meaning, so Veda too is knowledge in scientific language, free from local colour and historical variations."

Veda is 'Knowledge' and knowledge is eternal. The interpretation of the Vedas requires the knowledge of the Arsh technique as explained by the Rshis like Yaska, Panini, Patanjali, Dayananda and Aurobindo.

As Veda is pure knowledge, so is this translation in the Arsh tradition, free from myth and history with no local colour, no attitude, no motive, except pure communication of the Original for all.

With best wishes to the author and specially to the readers,

-Umakant Upadhyaya

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#### To the Reader

This translation of the 'Hymns of Yajurveda' is an English Version of the Yajurveda for the common reader who wants to acquaint himself or herself with the content of this divine message of the dynamics of Karma, both human and divine, in the context of the nature, structure and purpose of the universe and the condition and position of the human being in it. While the opening mantra launches the human being on life with the exhortation: "Be vibrant as the winds", the closing mantra seals the success of vibrant humanity in action with the final achievement of "Om Kham Brahma" with Grace Divine.

Life according to the Yajurveda is a journey from the beginning-less beginning to the endless end with the message:

Immortal child of Divinity, Your roots go deep to Eternity, Your reach is unto Infinity. And your path is up and onwards, Never never downwards.

This version is a scientific translation of the text within the parameters of Yaska and Dayananda with rational understanding of Sayana at the one end and the western scholars at the other. Sayana's translation is ritualistic especially with reference to yajna. It came at a time when the "Renaissance, Re-awakening of Learning" was far off, not yet just at the next door. Even communication between the East and the West was not as hectic as it became after the advent of the East India Company into India. Thus mutual criticism and appreciation too was silent rather than vocal. Hence Ritualism was just the thing acceptable to a society settled on the side of stagnation more than of fermentation.

Ritual, of course, is sacred. It is the most meticulous programme of action in pursuit of a holistic plan of life and living

which arises from a spiritual vision of Divinity. It is conducted with unreserved commitment of will in faultless action, and completed with total surrender in absolute faith. For this reason yajna in Veda and Upanishad, is described as the highest human action, "Shreshthatamam karma". This view is accepted in this translation too. But in addition, an extended interpretation of the same view of yaina is incorporated and followed in the light of Swami Dayananda, and also as warranted by the exhortation in the opening mantra: "Apply yourself to the highest form of action, yajna, in the service of Indra, lord of the universe, for the glory of the human nation". The highest actions in the world of existence, the creative evolution of the universe under the immanent presiding presence of Divinity, and the total corporate action of humanity for progress, peace and freedom, all this is yajna. And this idea leads us to discover for ourselves and understand the science, art and technology of participative living for progress, from the individual level, through the social, to the cosmic, as universal Yajna, human, natural and divine.

There may or may not be an escape from Sayana, but there is no possible escape from Dayananda, and even from westerners especially for the sake of caution and self correction.

I respect the western translators for their clarity and their art of communication. In addition, I find that they did recognise that the ideal way to interpret and explain the Sanskrit words of Indian scriptures such as Vedas was to trace back every word to its root, deconstruct and reconstruct it with the addition of the affixes, and then structurally explain its meaning. That precisely was the approach of Yaska, Panini, Patanjali and Swami Dayananda. Monier Williams, author of the well known *Sanskrit English Dictionary*, himself admired the Indians for their scientific approach to language, specially Sanskrit:

"I draw attention at the very threshold to the fact that the Hindus are perhaps the only nation, except for the Greeks, who have investigated, independently and in a truly scientific manner, the general laws which govern the evolution of

#### language." (Introduction, p. xii)

He continues in relation to Sanskrit: "The synthetical process which comes into operation in the working of those laws may be well called <u>Samskarana</u>, 'putting together', by which I mean that every single word in the highest type of language (called Sanskrita) is first evolved out of a primary 'Dhatu'—a Sanskrit term usually translated as 'Root', but applicable to any primordial constituent substance, whether of words, or rocks, or living organisms, and then, being so evolved, goes through a process of 'putting together' by the combination of other elementary constituents." [Sanskrit, thus, becomes a language correspondence of the evolution, structure and dynamics of the world of reality, and Veda as articulation of the reality of existence.]

"Furthermore, the process of 'putting together' implies, of course, the possibility of a converse process of <u>vyakarana</u>. by which I mean 'undoing' or decomposition (deconstruction), that is to say, the resolution of every root-evolved word into its component elements. So that in endeavouring to exhibit these processes of synthesis and analysis, we appear to be engaged, like a chemist, in combining elementary substances into solid forms, and again in resolving these forms into their constituent ingredients." (p. xii). And in respect of this special character, Sanskrit, he says, is a different language from the Semitic languages (of which the Bible and the Quran are expressions).

And yet, in spite of this clear understanding of Sanskrit, an Arsha dictionary remained with him only "a beautiful philological dream, a dream, however, which could not receive practical shape without raising the Lexicon to a level of scientific perfection unsuited to the needs of ordinary students." (p. xiii)

Why unsuited? The answer lies in his mission and the main object of his mission. The scientific way of interpretation and explanation was counter to the purpose for which Monier Williams was appointed Professor of Sanskrit at Oxford where he occupied the Boden Chair after H.H.Wilson who had been a

member of the Committee of Public Instruction in India under Lord Macaulay as Chairman and Lord William Bentinck as Governor General of India. And then English had been accepted and introduced as the medium as well as the content of Education.

Monier Williams says: "One consideration which led my predecessor (Professor H.H.Wilson) to pass on to me his project of a root-arranged Lexicon was that, on being elected to the Boden Chair, he felt that the elaboration of such a work would be incompatible with the practical objects for which the Boden Professorship was founded... The main object was really a missionary one, as I have shown in the Preface of this volume." (p. xi)

The object, Professor Williams explains in the Preface to his Dictionary (p. ix): "I must draw attention to the fact that I am only the second occupant of the Boden Chair, and that its founder, Colonel Boden, stated most explicitly in his will (dated August 15, 1811) that the special object of his munificent bequest was to promote the translation of the Scriptures (that is, the Bible) into Sanskrit, so as 'to enable his countrymen to proceed in the conversion of the natives of India to the Christian Religion'.

"Surely then it need not be thought surprising, if following in the footsteps of my venerated master, I have made it the chief aim of my professional life to provide facilities for the translation of our sacred Scriptures into Sanskrit, and for the promotion of a better knowledge of the religions and customs of India as the best way to a knowledge of the religious needs of our great Eastern Dependency (India). My very first public lecture delivered after my election (to the Boden Chair) in 1860 was on 'The Study of Sanskrit in Relation to Missionary Work in India' (published in 1861)". (pp. xxi)

For any student of Veda, specially in India, in fact anywhere, it is difficult to overlook the words of Monier Williams in the Preface and Introduction to his Dictionary of Sanskrit, for the reason that **from translation of Christian Scriptures into** 

Sanskrit with a missionary motive, the translation of Sanskrit Scriptures into English was but the next and 'logical' step with that same missionary motive of conversion, one to extol, the other to denigrate:

One example, of extolment, is the following translation of the Bible, 'The Gospel according to John':

Yohana-likhitah Susamvādah;

Īshvarasya vākyam Yishor mahatvam avatāra kathā ca.

Jesus here is presented as an <u>Avatara</u>, someone a very God for the traditional Hindu, although the Gospel does not mention the incarnation at all. (The translation of The Bible in Sanskrit by J.Wenger is available on the internet.)

The other example, of denigration, is given here below from W.D. Whitney's translation of the Atharvaveda (7, 107, 1) edited and revised by K.L. Joshi, published by Parimal Publications, Delhi, 2004:

Namaskṛtya dyāvāpṛthivībhyāmantarikṣāya mṛtyave. Mekṣāmyūrdhvastiṣṭhan mā mā hinsiṣhurīśvarāḥ.

"Having paid homage to heaven and earth, to the atmosphere, to Death, I will urinate standing erect; let not the Lords (Ishvara) harm me."

I give below an English rendering of the same mantra translated by Pundit Satavalekara in Hindi:

"Having done homage to heaven and earth and to the middle regions and Death (Yama), I stand high and watch (the world of life). Let not my masters hurt me."

An English rendering of the same mantra translated by Pundit Jai Dev Sharma in Hindi is the following:

"Having done homage to heaven and earth (i.e. father and mother) and to the immanent God and Yama (all Dissolver), standing high and alert, I move forward in life. These masters of mine, pray, may not hurt me."

I would like to quote my own translation of the mantra now under print:

"Having done homage to heaven and earth, and to the middle regions, and having acknowledged the fact of death as inevitable counterpart of life under God's dispensation, now standing high, I watch the world and go forward with showers of the cloud. Let no powers of earthly nature hurt and violate me."

'Showers of the cloud' is a metaphor, as in Shelley's poem 'the Cloud': "I bring fresh showers for the thirsting flowers", which suggests a lovely rendering.

The problem here arises from the verb 'mekshami' from the root 'mih' which means 'to shower' (*sechane*). It depends on the translator's sense and attitude to sacred writing how the message is received and communicated in an interfaith context with no strings attached (or unattached).

This extolment and denigration was happening around the time when the English language, English education and missionary work had been introduced into India and was raging on top. Swami Dayananda faced this challenge with boldness and caution, still with an open mind, all prepared even for correction. He based his interpretation of the Vedas on *Nirukta* and the etymological principles of word interpretation, and interpretation of the word in the context, both local and total, because the local is an integral part of the total whole.

We are living in an age of science and reason, democracy and freedom, globalism and global communication, and we feel the need for a free and frank interfaith dialogue. In such an age, ritualism and mythology is not enough. If we want to understand and present Veda as a body of universal knowledge and articulation of divine awareness of existence, there is no escape from Yaska, Panini, Patanjali, Dayananda and Aurobindo, because they provide the key principles and practice of scientific interpretation of an ancient scientific language such as Vedic Sanskrit which has no historical parallel for comparison. The

language of science tells no stories, no myths. It states the truth pure and simple. Hence the resort to Swami Dayananda, either before or after Sayana and the western scholars, is indispensable.

There is one observation I must make on Swami Dayananda. Swami Dayananda has given a socio-economic orientation to the Vedic mantras because he underscores the relevance of the Vedas to the social, economic and political situation of humanity, especially in India, which was necessary and highly meaningful. For example, the Ashwins, in general, are the complementary powers of nature and humanity working as twin forces like the positive and negative currents of electricity, or like the theoretician and the laboratory man, or the curative and recuperative powers of medicine and nature's powers of rejuvenation. Swami Dayananda often explains such powers in the interest of practical understanding: he defines them as teacher and preacher, or father and mother, sun and moon, fire and water, prana and Apana energy, ruler and council, scientist and engineer, and so on, depending on the mantra context. Sometimes it appears as if he is delimiting the open-ended general meaning of the Veda. But we should be careful before we say so, and realise that the definiteness of his meaning is illustrative and in no way exhaustive. In this translation such situations have been appreciated and the meaning has been kept open ended, inclusive of the meanings given by Swami Dayananda, as suggested by Yaska and the etymology of the terms. In short, this translation has been done with cautious reference to Sayana, under the guidance of Swami Dayananda, with respect for Pundit Satavalekara and with very careful observance of the western anglers.

Pundit Satavalekara comes in between Sayana and swami Dayananda for his excellent syntactic structures of mantra meanings in continuous Hindi. But he explains words such as Indra, Agni, Ashwins, Vrtra, Trita, Bhujyu, Kashyapa, Jamadagni, etc. as proper names so that the mantra appears to be a mythical or historical statement of either fact or fiction. But Swami

Dayananda interprets these terms in the yaugic manner and explains them as scientific terms of the forms, functions, orders and attributes of the powers of existence representing the manifestive diversity of one Divinity and one Prakrti in the state of objective existence. These words are not historical names, because the time context of the creation of the Vedas remains unknown beyond history and imagination as even Max Muller confessed in his Gifford lectures in 1890.

This translation respects the entire tradition of Vedic interpretation, and under the guidance of this tradition takes Vedic interpretation to the original level of scientific rationality in the context of modern consciousness, modern language and global culture, a message both sanatan and, at the same time, modern (ref. Atharva, 10,8,23).

Take just one example of the problem I have faced, with the solution I have suggested: Yajurveda (36, 23) says, if we take the literal meaning in the ordinary sense: "May the waters, pranic energies and herbs be friendly to us and may they be enemies to those who hate us and whom we hate." How can we accept this? How can the same waters, tonics and herbs be good friends to us and enemies to those we hate or those who hate us? Medicine is medicine after all. This is excellent stuff for a translator who believes that Vedic poetry is nothing but the voice of a tribal society in the barbaric, not civilized, state of social evolution. But let us think deeply. What is the context? Who are our enemies in that context? Who or what are those that injure us? What are those we hate or want to injure and destroy? The context is health. In the context of health, they are the ailments, diseases, germs and bacteria, viruses, negativities and side effects of medicines in our system. So the correct and scientific interpretation in the context of health would be: "May waters, tonics, pranic energies and medicinal herbs be good friends of our health and immunity system and let the waters, tonics, pranic energies and herbal medicines act against those ailments, diseases and negativities which injure us, which we hate to suffer and which we love to destroy. Moreover let them have no side effects because side effects too aggravate the negativities and injure us." This is the reasonable prayer and health programme of an advanced society. And then, logically in the next mantra, follows the prayer for a full hundred years and more of life and healthy living (Yajurveda, 36, 24). Veda thus is food for thought.

In human terms: If a legendary celebrity can admire another human figure as "inscrutable, apocalyptic, a mysterious poem written in flesh and blood", how much more – infinitely more—mysterious, inscrutable, apocalyptic would be the Cosmic Poem (Devasya Kavyah) created in the language of the Ultimate Vision?

Veda is a Cosmic Poem: the more we know, the more we know the Veda, and the more we know the Veda, the more we know.

Indeed, every reader should stand before the Veda, every verse of It in fact, as Arjuna stood before the Cosmic Krishna, waiting and watching intently, for the burst of a thousand suns, for the Dawn on top of the Earth, for the Revelation.

May the light burst forth, I pray.

—Tulsi Ram

#### Introduction

This translation of Yajurveda is meant for an average English knowing reader who is keen to know:

What is Veda? What is it all about? Is it old or new? If it's old, what is its relevance today? And if it is relevant, is it relevant to me also? Or is it relevant only to some particular community in some particular country at some particular time.

These are relevant questions especially in an age of science, democracy and globalism.

Veda is Knowledge. The very word 'Veda' means knowledge. It is derived from the root 'vid', which means: 'to be, to know, to think, and to benefit from'.

So whatever is, is Veda, the very world of existence is Veda. The knowledge of the world of existence is Veda. The extension of knowledge through thought and research further is Veda. And to use that knowledge for the benefit of mankind with the protection and preservation of nature and environment, without hurting any form of life, that is Veda.

Veda is knowledge pure and simple as science is knowledge. Science is knowledge of nature as nature is and as it works according to its own laws. In science, there is no story, no history. Similarly in the Veda, there is no story, no history. And just as science is knowledge in scientific language free from local colour and historical variations of meaning, so Veda too is knowledge in scientific language free from local colour and historical variations. Therefore Vedic language has to be interpreted and understood according to the laws and technique of its own structure as stated by seers such as Yaska, Panini and Patanjali and as explained by Swami Dayananda in his grammatical works and his notes on Vedic words in his commentary on the Vedas.

But there is a difference between scientific knowledge and Vedic knowledge: While science is knowledge of nature to the extent that man has been able to discover it, Veda is the quintessential knowledge of all that is, including Nature, all that happens, all that we are, all that we do, and all that we reap in consequence of our action. It is the Original and Universal knowledge of the Reality of Existence and the Ideality of our aspirations, covering the facts and processes of existence, their interaction and the laws that operate in the interaction. In short, Veda is an eternal articulation of Omniscience, The Voice of God.

Vedic knowledge is classified thematically into three: Stuti, Prarthana and Upasana. Stuti is, praise, solemn reverential remembrance and description and celebration of the attributes, the nature, character and function of divine powers. Prarthana, prayer, is an autosuggestive resolution to realise our limitations and rise above those limitations by calling on Divinity for aid and blessings when we have exhausted our effort and potential. Upasana is meditation, the surrender of our limited identity to participate in the Divine Presence. Stuti implies knowledge (Janana), Prarthana implies humility and action (Karma), and Upasana implies total love and surrender (Bhakti). So formally Vedic knowledge is divided into four:

Rgveda is the Veda of Knowledge, Yajurveda is the Veda of Karma, Samaveda is the Veda of Bhakti, and Atharva-veda is Brahma Veda, an umbrella, celebrating the Divine Presence as in Book 10, hymns 7 and 8.

Yajurveda is Karma Veda, knowledge of the application of knowledge in practical living in a positive, creative and constructive manner at both the individual and the collective level. This way of living and working is "Yajna" which, in simple words, means a selfless and participative way of life and thereby creating the maximum out of the minimum for all, including nature, humanity, the environment and the whole universe, with complete faith in the living, breathing, self-organising, self-conscious, Sovereign System. Living the yajnic way, we realise that Nature

is a tree, Ashwattha, and the entire cosmos including ourselves is a Purusha, and we as human beings are but cells in this Divine Purusha. Without living this way in a state of full awareness, we cannot realise that you and I, Mother Nature and the Supreme Brahma are all together, one in union and communion.

Vedic knowledge then is the Divine knowledge of existence from the dimensionless point and particle unto Infinity. And prayerful living and communion in meditation and yoga means: Self-integration of the particle, Re-integration of the part with the whole, and Re-Union of the finite with the Infinite.

This is the climactic close of Yajurveda: The light and life that shines in and beyond the sun is that Supreme Purusha. That is there, and that is here in me.

Om is the saviour. Om is Brahma. Brahma is Infinite, Sublime!

The message of Yajurveda begins with the rousing divine call to live: "Be vibrant as the winds!" But we must be gratefully vibrant: "O Lord we pray for and thank thee for the gift of food and energy for life, for the health and efficiency of body, mind and soul." All of us must dedicate ourselves to Savita, giver of life and light, with devotion to the highest, yajnic action, we must not hurt the cosmic 'Cow', and we must not allow a thief to boss over us and deprive us of our freedom of thought, word and deed.

As you open the text of Yajurveda, you find the words: Savita Devata, Prajapati Parameshthi Rshi. 'Devata' here means the subject which is dealt with in the mantra. 'Devata' as a Vedic term means a presence, a power, a force, which is brilliant, illuminative, and generous. The 'Devata' of a mantra may be God, the One Sacchidananda Brahma as in the closing mantra quoted above, or Savita, the same One self-refulgent God as in the opening mantra; or it can be a generous divine power of Nature such as the sun, moon, earth; or it can be a noble person of brilliant quality of nature, character and performance as a ruler, leader, commander, teacher, etc. What the 'Devata' means in any

particular mantra depends on the total context that emerges from the mantra.

Prajapati Parameshthi is the Rshi of the opening mantra. The Rshi in the Arsh tradition is not the author of the mantra, Rshi is the exponent of the meaning of the mantra. As Maharshi Yaska says in the *Nirukta*, Rishis are the 'seers of the mantras': they are the sages who went into deep meditation unto the universal frequency of the Cosmic Mind and experienced the voice of Divinity speaking in the mantra; the mantra, a Semantic correspondence of the Divine Voice; the Divine Voice, a sound correspondence of Divine Awareness of the Reality of Existence in the modes of Being and Becoming.

Who then is the poet of the Vedas? The answer is in Yajurveda 40, 8: That Cosmic Spirit which pervades and rules every moving particle in the moving universe is "the poet, thinker, all-comprehending, and self-existent". That is the Lord who creates the world of existence, ordains the Laws of its dynamics, and reveals the poetry of its beauty and majesty, the Vedas. "From that Lord of universal yajna were born the Rks and Samans. From Him were born the chhandas of Atharva-veda and from Him were born the Yajus" (Yajurveda 31, 7). The Vedic lore comes in Purakalpa, the beginning of the world of humanity (Shvetashvataropanishad, 6, 22) and when its function is over at the end of the kalpa, one cycle of existence, it retires into Brahmaloka (Atharva-veda 19, 71, 1).

The Vedas were revealed by the Lord Omniscient to four primeval Rshis: Rgveda to Agni, Yajurveda to Vayu, Samaveda to Aditya, and Atharva-veda to Angira, directly in their spiritual consciousness. The Sage Brahma received and collected the four from them and passed them on to other sages.

When were the Vedas revealed? What is their age? How old are they? As old as the age of humanity on earth. The Lord who creates humanity leaves them not to nature like animals. He enlightens them with the knowledge of existence and their place in the world, with the vision of their journey, and its culmination.

Swami Dayananda works out the age of the Vedas on the basis of Surva Siddhanta which in the year 2010 A.D. comes to 1,96,08,53,110 years. If someone does not accept it and insists on historical proof, we learn the problem but no possibility of solution on scientific and historical grounds from Max Muller, a world renowned Vedic scholar and exegesist of the West: Max Muller once ventured to pronounce a purely arbitrary date based on unproven assumptions that around 1200 B.C. was the date of the Rgveda. Later, he himself warned his students that "Whether the Vedic Hymns were composed in 1000 or 1500 or 2000 B.C., no power on earth could ever fix .... Whatever may be the date of the Vedic hymns... they have their own unique place and stand by themselves". The daring presumptions of western scholars about the date of the Vedas are exposed by Graham Hancock in his latest researches, in his book: Underworld: The Mysterious Origins of Civilization (2002). If no history, no Science, no human imagination can help, better follow the sages, tradition, Surya Siddhanta, and the daily sankalpa of the dedicated Brahmanas, and lastly follow the internal evidence of the Vedas themselves: Vedas are the Original, Universal, Eternal articulation of Divinity, by Divinity, for humanity at the beginning of human creation.

Since Vedas are the oldest recorded knowledge of the world, no one can guess how much time, even ages, might have passed between the Vedas and the next work in Sanskrit. If so, there is no other work in Sanskrit comparable to the Vedas. Consequently the language of any other work would not provide any clue for the interpretation of Veda mantras. Vedic language then has to be interpreted on its own, and the only key available for such independent interpretation is the *Nirukta* and *Nighantu* of Maharshi Yaska, the grammatical works of Pinini and Patanjali, and Swami Dayananda's notes in his commentary on Vedic verses explaining the structure and meaning of words. Without reference to these bases of Vedic interpretation, certain words have been given a very twisted meaning in other translations, by Max Muller, Griffith, Whitney, and even Sayana. The torch light for proper

translation today is the Arsh tradition followed by Swami Dayananda.

The Arsh way is the only right way, the key, to discover the truth of the Vedas. According to Shri Aurobindo, Swami Dayananda alone, in modern times, possessed this key to the secret of the Vedas. Interpreted this way the Vedas shine in their essential scientific refulgence. As science is pure knowledge, no story, no history, no mythology, so are the Vedas, pure knowledge: knowledge of nature, mind, spirit, human society, Dharma, the dynamics of existence and the right way of living as individuals and as members of organised society upto the international level. Even Max Muller, though he was once committed to uprooting the religion of India by his arbitrary translation of Rigveda, had to admit in his Biographical Essays that: "To Swami Dayanand, everything contained in the Vedas was not only perfect truth, but he went one step further and, by their interpretation, succeeded in persuading others that everything worth knowing, even the most recent inventions of modern science, were alluded to in the Vedas. Steam Engines, Electricity, Telegraphy and Wireless Marconogram were shown to have been at least in the germ known to the poets of the Vedas". In fact Shri Aurobindo in his essay on "Dayananda and the Veda" goes even further: "There is nothing fantastic in Dayananda's idea that Veda contains truth of science as well as truth of religion (i.e., Dharma). I will even add my own conviction that Veda contains other truths of a Science the modern world does not at all possess, and in that case, Dayananda has rather understated than overstated the depth and range of the Vedic wisdom". (see Bankim, Tilak, Dayananda, p. 57).

The basic requirement of scriptural interpretation for us is faith and intellingential solemnity, not doubt and cynicism. This way, if we want to confirm our faith in the scientific vision of the Veda, refer to Rgveda 1, 34, 7 and 9 for three-stage rocket chariot of the Ashwins, to 1, 36, 18 for Agni missile, to 1, 37, 3 for winds and communication, to 1, 46, 10 for concentration of light, to 1,

52, 1 and 1, 36, 1 for the science of missile defence and space-craft, to 6, 46, 11 for missiles and war heads, and so on. Position of the solar system with planets and satellites, earth's and sun's gravitation, solar healing, parliamentary democracy, organisational structure of the nation and the international world, water and electric energy, and so many other subjects are hinted at in Vedic verses. We need serious research to work out the details. Had even Einstein read the Purusha Sukta of the Vedas and Brahma Sutras and Sankhya Vaisheshika philosophy, probably he would have found clues to his Unified Field theory of the universe.

Beyond faith and intelligential solemnity we need vision, potential Darshan of the Vedic Rshis. Once you have had the vision of truth, doubts disappear and questions recede into silence because then, nothing shines but the Truth, and Divinity Itself reveals It's Reality with showers of Grace. In this mood and in this spirit, I suggest, you start your search for Vedic Truth and the Mystery of Existence.

Lastly, if the Vedic lore is as old as humanity itself, what is its relevance today in the modern world? Ask yourself other questions: What is the relevance of Galileo or Newton or the Theory of Relativity, two plus two makes four, Swaraj, the Vedic word for freedom and self-discipline? Truth is truth, when the statement was made is irrelevant. Vedic truth, if you find it convincing and acceptable, is relevant not only for today but also for all time, to every person, everywhere.

Yajurveda itself says (26, 2):

"Yathemam vacham kalyanim avadani janebhyah":

Just as I speak (reveal) this auspicious holy Word of the Veda for all people (without any discrimination of high or low), so should you too communicate it to all people of the world whoever, whatever, wherever they be.

-Tulsi Ram

#### DIACRITICAL MARKS FOR TRANSLITERATION

#### Vowels

अ a आ ā इ i ई ī उ u ऊ ū ऋ ṛ ॠ Ṭ लृ lṛ लॄ lṬ ए e ऐ ai ओ o औ au अनुस्वार (ਂ) ṁ विसर्ग (:) ḥ (ँ) ň

#### **Consonants**

Guttural							
क् k	ख् kh	ग् g	घ् gh	ङ্ n			
Palatal							
च् с	छ् ch	ज् ј	भ् jh	স্ ñ			
Lingual							
ट् ț	ਰ੍ ṭh	ड् d	ढ् ḍh	र्ण ņ			
Dental							
त् t	थ् th	द् d	ધ્ dh	न् n			
Labial							
<b>प</b> p	फ् ph	ৰ্ b	भ् bh	म् m			
others							
य् у	₹ r	ल् 1	ৰ্ v				
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#### **AUM**

# **YAJURVEDA**

# यजुर्वेद:

#### CHAPTER-I

1. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

इषे त्वोज्जें त्वां वायवं स्थ देवो वः सिव्ता प्रापंयतु श्रेष्ठंतमाय कर्मंणुऽआप्यायध्वमघ्याऽइन्द्राय भागं प्रजावती-रनमीवाऽअयक्ष्मा मा वं स्तेनऽईंशत् माघशेश्सो ध्रुवाऽ-अस्मिन् गोपतौ स्यात बुह्वीर्यजमानस्य पुशून् पाहि ॥१॥

Iṣe tvorje tvā vāyava stha devo vaḥ savitā prārpayatu śreṣṭhatamāya karmaṇa' āpyāyadhvamaghnyā'indrāya bhāgam prajāvatīranamīvā' ayakṣmā mā va stena'īśata māghaśamso dhruvā' asmin gopatau syāta bahvīryajamānasya paśūn pāhi.

Be vibrant as the winds and thank the Lord Creator, Savita, for the gifts of food and energy, light and life, for the body, mind and soul. Pray that you dedicate yourself to the noblest action, yajna, and play your part in the service of the Lord. Be blest with the best of health and wealth in plenty, cows, healthy, strong and fertile, sacred, not to be killed. No thief to rule over you, no sinner to boss over you! Growing in power and prosperity, be firm and loyal to this Lord of the Nation and protect the wealth and honour of the yajamana.

# 2. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

वसोः प्वित्रेमिस द्यौरेसि पृ<u>थि</u>व्यसि मात् रिश्वेनो घुर्मोऽसि <u>वि</u>श्वधोऽअसि । पुरमेण धाम्ना दृःहस्व मा ह्यामा ते युज्ञपेतिर्ह्वार्षीत् ॥२॥

Vasoḥ pavitramasi dyaurasi pṛthivyasi mātariśvano gharmo'si viśvadhā'asi. Parameṇa dhāmnā dṛmhasva mā hvārmā te yajñapatirhvārṣīt.

Yajna is sacred. It is the light of the sun, the life of the earth, the breath of air, the holy warmth of life that sustains and sanctifies existence. Go on, expand and raise the joy of life to the heights of heaven. Neglect not yajna. May the Lord of yajna never forsake you.

# 3. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

वसोः प्वित्रेमिस शृतधोरं वसोः प्वित्रेमिस सहस्त्रेधारम् । देवस्त्वो स<u>वि</u>ता पुनातु वसोः प्वित्रेण शृतधरिण सुप्वा कामेधुक्षः ॥३॥

Vasoḥ pavitramasi śatadhāram vasoḥ pavitramasi sahasradhāram. Devastvā savitā punātu vasoḥ pavitreṇa śatadhāreṇa supvā kāmadhukṣaḥ.

Yajna is the sustainer and purifier of countless worlds. It is the sustainer and purifier of the universe in countless ways. May the lord creator Savita sanctify yajna. May the Lord purify and sanctify us with yajna and the knowledge of the Veda. What message do you hope to receive?

# 4. (Vishnu Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

सा <u>वि</u>श्वायुः सा <u>वि</u>श्वकंर्मा सा <u>वि</u>श्वधायाः । इन्द्रस्य त्वा भागःसोमेनातन<u>िम</u> विष्णौ हुव्यःरक्ष ॥४॥

Sā viśvāyuḥ sā viśvakarmā sā viśvadhāyāḥ. Indrasya tvā bhāgamsomenātanacmi viṣṇo havyam rakṣa.

Yajna: it is the life of the world. It is the science and structure of the universe. It is the law and sustenance of the system. It is the very act of the Lord of Creation. I stand by it fast and firm with the light of knowledge and the joy of life.

# 5. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अग्ने व्रतपते व्रतं चेरिष्या<u>मि</u> तच्छेकेयं तन्मे राध्यताम्। इदमहमनृतात् सृत्यमुपैमि ॥५॥

Agne vratapate vratam cariṣyāmi tacchakeyam tanme rādhyatām. Idamahamanṛtātsatyamupaimi.

Lord of the fire of yajna, Lord of Law and vows of faith, I take to the vow of commitment to truth and I give up the untruth. Bless me that I may be able to keep the vow. Bless me that I may realize it.

# 6. (Prajapati Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi) कस्त्वी युनिक्त स त्वी युनिक्त कस्मै त्वा युनिक्त तस्मै त्वा युनिक्त । कर्मणे वां वेषीय वाम् ॥६॥

Kastvā yunakti sa tvā yunakti kasmai tvā yunakti tasmai tvā yunakti. Karmaņe vām veṣāya vām.

Who enjoins you? He enjoins you. Unto what does he enjoin you? Unto That/Himself (yajna) does

He enjoin you. He enjoins you for karma (action) knowledge and virtue (through yajna).

# 7. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रत्युष्ट्रःरक्षः प्रत्युष्टाऽअरोतयो निष्टेप्तुःरक्षो निष्टेप्ताऽ-अरोतयः। उर्वुन्तरिक्षमन्वेमि ॥७॥

Pratyuṣṭam rakṣaḥ pratyuṣṭā' arātayo niṣṭaptam rakṣo niṣṭaptā' arātayaḥ. Urvantarikṣamanvemi.

Evil is uprooted, the selfish are eliminated. The lawless are punished and corrected. The selfish and antisocials have suffered and converted. Let us be generous, as vast as space.

# 8. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

धूरी<u>स</u> धूर्व धूर्वेन्तं धूर्व तं योऽस्मान् धूर्व<u>ीति</u> तं धूर्व यं वयं धूर्वीमः । देवानीम<u>सि</u> वह्नितम्स्सस्नितम् पप्रितम् जुष्टतमं देवहूर्तमम् ॥८॥

Dhūrasi dhūrva dhūrvantam dhūrva tam yo'smān dhūrvati tam dhūrva yam vayam dhūrvāmaḥ. Devānāmasi vahnitamam sasnitamam papritamam juṣṭatamam devahūtamam.

Fire of yajna, you are destroyer and preserver both. You save by burning up the evil and the dross. Destroy that which destroys. Destroy him who desecrates the yajna. Destroy what our yajna burns to destroy. To the good you are the quickest and the fieriest, greatest purifier, giver of highest fulfilment, most reverenced and worshipped by the good and noble people.

9. (Vishnu Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अह्रंतमिस ह<u>वि</u>र्धानुं दृश्हंस्व मा ह्यामां ते युज्ञपंतिर्ह्वार्षीत्। विष्णुंस्त्वा क्रमतामुरु वातायापहतुश्रक्षो यच्छन्तां पञ्च॥९॥

Ahrutamasi havirdhānam dṛmhasva mā hvārmā te yajñapatirhvārṣīt. Viṣṇustvā kramatāmuru vātāyāpahatam rakṣo yacchantām pañca.

Lord of yajna, Vishnu, yajna is simple, straight and natural. Bless and increase the materials of yajna. Neglect not yajna, O man. May the master of yajna never forsake it. Lord Vishnu, the sun, expands yajna to space to purify the air, to cleanse the environment of evil and pollution. Apply your mind and senses to purify the yajna (and augment its power).

# 10. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। अग्नये जुष्टं गृह्णाम्यग्नीषोमाभ्यां जुष्टं गृह्णामि ॥१०॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Agnaye juṣṭam gṛhṇāmyagnīṣomābhyām juṣṭam gṛhṇāmi.

In this yajna of the creator, Lord Savita, I perform the yajna with the heat of the sun and the cool energy of the moon, and with the two-way motion of the pranic energy of the air for the sake of the knowledge of fire and of fire and water in the service of the Lord and his children.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

भूतायं त्वा नारातये स्वर<u>ि</u>भविख्येषं दृःहंन्तां दुर्याः पृ<u>षि</u>व्या-मुर्वुन्तरिक्षमन्वेमि पृ<u>षि</u>व्यास्त्वा नाभौ सादयाम्यदित्याऽ-उपस्थेऽग्ने हृव्यःरक्ष ॥११॥ Bhūtāya tvā nārātaye svarabhivikhyeṣam dṛmhantām duryāḥ pṛthivyāmurvantarikṣa-manvemi. Pṛthivyāstvā nābhau sādayāmyadityā' upasthe'gne havyam rakṣa.

I set the vedi of yajna on the navel of the earth and in the centre of the sky for the prosperity of living beings and eradication of poverty and selfishness. Open the doors of the homes on earth and let us rise to the sky for visions of heavenly bliss. Lord of yajna, Agni, protect our yajna and the holy materials for oblations.

# 12. (Ap-Savita Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

प्वित्रे स्थो वैष्ण्व्यौ सि<u>व</u>तुर्वः प्रस्व उत्प<u>ुन</u>ाम्यिच्छिद्रेण प्वित्रेण् सूर्यंस्य रुश्मिभेः । देवीरापोऽअग्रेगुवोऽअग्रेपुवोऽ-ग्रेऽड्डमम्द्य युज्ञं नेयताग्रे युज्ञपेतिः सुधातुं युज्ञपेतिं देव-युवेम् ॥१२॥

Pavitre stho vaiṣṇavyau saviturvaḥ prasava utpunāmyacchidreṇa pavitreṇa sūryasya raśmibhiḥ. Devīrāpo' agreguvo' agrepuvo' gra' imamadya yajñam nayatāgre yajñapatim sudhātum yajñapatim devayuvam.

In this cosmic yajna of Lord Savita, holy fire and wind are two carriers of yajna, sanctified by the ceaseless showers of the purest rays of the sun. The holy waters electrified by the sun, raised by the fire and carried by the wind travel through space and sky and shower on the earth to feed the growth of life. May the same divine rays of the sun, fire and wind, and the holy water carry the yajna ever forward, and may these and the yajna bless the yajnapati to move ever onward with health, wealth and noble virtue.

# 13. (Indra Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

युष्माऽइन्द्रौऽवृणीत वृत्रतूर्यै यूयिमन्द्रमवृणीध्वं वृत्रतूर्ये प्रोक्षिता स्थ । अग्नये त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षीम्यग्नीषोमीभ्यां त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षीम्यग्नीषोमीभ्यां त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षीमि। दैव्यीय कमीणे शुन्धध्वं देवयुज्यायै यद्वोऽशुद्धाः पराजुष्नुरिदं वस्तच्छुन्धामि ॥१३॥

Yuṣmā' indro'vṛṇīta vṛtratūrye yūyamindramavṛṇīdhvam vṛtratūrye prokṣitā stha. Agnaye tvā juṣṭam prokṣāmyagnīṣomābhyām tvā juṣṭam prokṣāmi. Daivyāya karmaṇe śundhadhvam devayajyāyai yadvo'śuddhāḥ parājaghnuridam vastacchundhāmi.

In the cloud-break-up, Indra, the sun, raises the waters. On the break-up, the waters act under Indra, Sun and wind. The waters are holy and you are sanctified by the showers. I consecrate yajna for the sake of agni, fire. I sanctify yajna for the sake of agni and soma, fire and water. Be pure and seasoned for noble action, for godly yajna. If there be things gone impure and polluted, I purify the same with yajna for you.

# 14. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

शर्मास्यवंधृतःरक्षोऽवंधृताऽअरोत्योऽदित्यास्त्वरोसि प्रति त्वा-दितिर्वेत्तु । अद्रिरसि वानस्पत्यो ग्रावसि पृथुबुध्नः प्रति त्वादित्यास्त्वरवेत्तु ॥१४॥

Śarmāsyavadhūtam rakṣo'vadhutā'arātayodityāstvagasi prati tvāditirvettu. Adrirasi vānaspatyo grāvāsi pṛthubudhnaḥ prati tvādityāstvagvettu.

The home of yajna is blessed. Evil is washed off. Selfishness and want is eliminated. Yajna is the shield of the earth, this home is the shield of the earth. Know this and the earth knows this and responds in covenant.

Yajna is the cloud in the vast sky, replete with water for the earth. It feeds and is fed by the greenery. It is the preserver of the earth and the sky. Know this and the yajna responds in covenant.

# 15. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अग्नेस्तुनूरेसि वाचो <u>वि</u>सर्जनं देववीतये त्वा गृह्णामि बृहद् ग्रीवासि वानस्पत्यः सऽइदं देवेभ्यो हृविः श्रीमीष्व सुशमि शमीष्व । हविष्कृदे<u>हि</u> हविष्कृदेहि ॥१५॥

Agnestanūrasi vāco visarjanam devavītaye tvā gṛhṇāmi bṛhadgrāvāsi vānaspatyaḥ sa'idam devebhyo haviḥ śamīṣva suśami śamīṣva. Haviṣkṛdehi haviṣkṛdehi.

Yajna is the metaphor of Agni in fire, wood and soma stone, speaking in the divine voice. I do it for the gods to receive the gift of divine bliss. Prepare, prepare the holy food for the fire. Offer it to the gods and receive the divine bliss. Come, come fragrance of life, from the flames of yajna-fire.

# 16. (Vayu Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

कुक्कुट्गेऽसि मधुजिह्वऽइष्मूर्जमावेद त्वयो वयःसङ्घातः-सङ्घातं जेष्म वर्षवृद्धमि प्रति त्वा वर्षवृद्धं वेत्तु पर्रापूतःरश्चः पर्रापूता अरातयोऽपहतःरश्चो वायुर्वो विविनक्तु देवो वेः सिवता हिर्राण्यपाणिः प्रतिगृभ्णात्वि छिद्रेण पाणिना ॥१६॥

Kukkuṭo'si madhujihva'iṣamūrjamāvada tvayā vayam samghātam samghātam jeṣma varṣa-vṛddhamasi prati tvā varṣavṛddhan vettu parāpūtam rakṣaḥ parāpūtā arātayo'pahatam rakṣo vāyurvo vivinaktu devo vaḥ savitā hiraṇya-pāṇiḥ pratigṛbhṇātvacchidreṇa pāṇinā.

You are the voice of the dawn soaked in honeydew. Bring us the taste of life, strength of energy and the light of wisdom and, with you, we'll win the battles of the world. Lord of rain as you are, open for us the flood-gates of showers. Sin is washed off, miseries are gone, evil is eliminated. May the wind refine and carry your gifts around. May the Lord of life and light hold you fast and bless you with his hand of gold.

# 17. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

धृष्टिर्स्यपोऽग्नेऽअग्निमामादं जिह निष्क्रव्यादेश्सेधा देवयर्ने वह । ध्रुवमिस पृथिवीं दृश्ह ब्रह्मविन त्वा क्षत्रविन सजात्वन्युपेदधामि भ्रातृव्यस्य वधार्य ॥१७॥

Dhṛṣṭirasyapā'gne' agnimāmādam jahi niṣkravyādam sedhā devayajam vaha. Dhruvamasi pṛthivīm dṛmha brahmavani tvā kṣatravani sajātavanyupadadhāmi bhrātṛvyasya vadhāya.

Agni, Lord of yajna, bold and fearless you are, come and blow out the fire that consumes flesh cooked or raw; light the fire that brings holy men together for common good. Firm as you are, hold the earth steady and advancing. Protect the Brahmana for knowledge, protect the Kshatriya for justice and peace, protect all mankind and living beings. I call upon you for the protection of life, for the destruction of the enemies of life.

# 18. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अग्ने ब्रह्मं गृभ्णीष्व ध्रुणंमस्यन्तरिक्षं दृःह ब्रह्मविन त्वा क्षत्र्विन सजात्वन्युपंदधा<u>मि</u> भ्रातृंव्यस्य वृधायं । ध्रत्रमं<u>सि</u> दिवं दृःह ब्रह्मविन त्वा क्षत्र्विन सजात्वन्युपंदधा<u>मि</u> भ्रातृंव्यस्य वृधायं । विश्वाभ्यस्त्वाशांभ्यऽउपंदधा<u>मि</u> चितं स्थोर्ध्वचित्तो भृगूणामिङ्गिरसां तपंसा तप्यध्वम् ॥१८॥ Agne brahma gṛbhṇīṣva dharuṇamasyantarikṣam dṛmha bṛahmavani tvā kṣatravani sajātavanyupadadhāmi bhrātṛvyasya vadhāya. Dhartramasi divam dṛmha brahmavani tvā kṣatravani sajātavanyupadadhāmi bhrātṛvyasya vadhāya. Viśvābhyastvāśābhya'upadadhāmi cita sthordhvacito bhṛgūṇā-maṅgirasām tapasā tapyadhvam.

Lord of yajna, Agni, you are the centre-hold of the universe. Accept our hymns of praise and worship. Expand the light and love in our heart. I hold on to you for the protection of knowledge, justice and love for all like myself and for the elimination of the enemies of the joy of life. Lord of the cosmic dance of existence, protect and extend our vision of higher knowledge, justice and love of life as ourselves, and eliminate the enemies of the joy of life. We hold on to you for freedom and fearlessness from all directions in time and space. Children of the earth, be sanctified in freedom and fearlessness in your heart and soul, be consecrated in the bright and blazing discipline of the energy of life and the law of existence.

# 19. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

शर्मास्यवंधृतः रक्षोऽवंधृताऽअरोत्योऽदित्यास्त्वगंसि प्रति त्वादितिर्वेत्तु । धिषणांसि पर्वती प्रति त्वादित्यास्त्वग्वेत्तु दिव स्केम्भनीरंसि धिषणांसि पार्वतेयी प्रति त्वा पर्वती वेत्तु ॥१९॥

Śarmāsyavadhūtam rakṣo'vadhūtā'arātayo'-dityāstvagasi prati tvāditirvettu. Dhiṣaṇāsi parvatī prati tvādityāstvagvettu divaskambhanīrasi dhiṣaṇāsi pārvateyī prati tvā parvatī vettu.

Yajna is the source of joy, it is joy itself. Evil is eliminated, selfishness is eliminated. It is the protective cover of the earth. Let the children of the earth know this. The chant is the voice of omniscience. It is the light of heaven and main-stay of the stars. The chant is the music of the showers and the thunder of the clouds. Let the children of the earth know, let the beneficiaries of heaven know and realize.

# 20. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

धान्यमिस धिनुहि देवान् प्राणायं त्वोदानायं त्वा व्यानायं त्वा । दीर्घामनु प्रसितिमायुषे धां देवो वः सिवता हिर्गणयपाणिः प्रतिगृभ्णात्विच्छिद्रेण पाणिना चक्षुषे त्वा महीनां पयोऽसि॥२०॥

Dhānyamasi dhinuhi devān prāṇāya tvodānāya tvā vyānāya tvā. Dīrghāmanu prasitimāyuṣe dhām devo vaḥ savitā hiraṇyapāṇiḥ pratigṛbhṇātvacchidreṇa pāṇinā cakṣuṣe tvā mahīnām payo'si.

It is food consecrated by yajna, water purified by yajna. It is food for the gods, our body, senses, mind and soul. Take it for strength and energy, for smartness and vitality, for virtue and action toward a long and full life. May the Lord Savita, with His unstinted and generous hand, bless us with the gifts of light and life on the earth in abundance.

# 21. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्वेतुऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। सं वेपा<u>मि</u> समापुऽओषधी<u>भिः</u> समोषधयो रसेन । सःरेवती-र्जगतीभिः पृच्यन्तार्थं सं मधुमतीर्मधुमतीभिः पृच्यन्ताम् ॥२१॥ Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Sam vapāmi samāpa''oṣadhībhīḥ samoṣadhayo rasena. Sam revatīrjagatībhiḥ pṛcyantām sam madhumatīr-madhumatībhiḥ pṛcyantām.

With the joint action of the light of the sun and the vital warmth of the earth, and with the up and down movement of the breath of air, I carry on a triple yajna in this creation of Lord Savita. The waters join and nourish the herbs, and the herbs join to produce the juices. The juices are mixed with the soothing herbs, and the soothing herbs with the honey-sweet juices. The yajna goes on. Keep it up and on for the sake of life and good health.

22. (Yajna Devata, Antyasya Aagni Sautram Devate Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

जनेयत्यै त्वा संयौमीदम्ग्नेरिदम्ग्नीषोमयोरिषे त्वा घुर्मीऽसि विश्वायुरुरुप्रथाऽ उरु प्रथस्वोरु। ते यज्ञपितः प्रथतामग्निष्टे त्वचं मा हिंश्सीद्देवस्त्वा सिवता श्रीपयतु विष्ठेऽधि नाके॥२२॥

Janayatyai tvā samyaumīdamagneridamagnīṣomayoriṣe tvā gharmo'si viśvāyururuprathā' uru prathasvoru. Te yajñapatiḥ prathatāmagniṣṭe tvacam mā himsīddevastvā savitā śrapayatu varṣiṣṭhe'dhi nāke.

The yajna I perform is for the well-being and prosperity of all on earth. The materials I offer is for Agni, to atomize in the fire. It is for Agni and Soma, generative powers of nature, for the production of food. The fire of yajna is the life of the earth, it is universal. Expand it, O man, and join the generative powers of

nature. May the Lord of Yajna, Agni, expand it for universal happiness. May the fire never injure your protection of body and wealth. May Lord Savita mature and perfect your yajna and bring about a very heaven of bliss on the earth.

# 23. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

मा भेमा संविक्थाऽअतमेरुर्यज्ञोऽतमेरुर्यजमानस्य प्रजा भूयात् त्रितायं त्वा द्वितायं त्वैकृतायं त्वा ॥२३॥

Mā bhermā samvikthā' atameruryajño'tameruryajamānasya prajā bhūyāt. Tritāya tvā dvitāya tvaikatāya tvā.

Fear not, be firm in faith. Yajna is an act of faith. May the yajaman's children and other people be faithful. Keep it up for three: fire, action and the materials; for the purification of air and rain; and for the sole aim of happiness and well-being.

# 24. (Dyauvidyutau Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सि<u>वतुः</u> प्रेस्वेतुऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तीभ्याम्। आदेदेऽध्वर्कृतं देवेभ्यऽइन्द्रस्य बाहुर<u>िस</u> दक्षिणः सहस्रं-भृष्टिः शृततेजा वायुरसि <u>ति</u>ग्मतेजा द्विष्तो वृधः ॥२४॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ādade'dhvarakṛtam devebhya' indrasya bāhurasi dakṣiṇaḥ sahasrabhṛṣṭiḥ śatatejā vāyurasi tigmatejā dviṣato vadhaḥ.

In this world of Lord Savita's creation, I perform the sacred act of yajna for the well-being of the holy ones, for benefit from the light of the sun, soothing peace of the moon and the vital breath of air. It is the mighty arm of the sun working with a hundred thousand rays maturing the vegetation on earth. It is the caressing power of the wind and the generative shower of the clouds on all forms of life for growth and energy. It is the death of mutual opposition, the elimination of hate and resolution of contradictions.

# 25. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

पृथिवि देवयज्न्योषेध्यास्ते मूलं मा हिंश्सिषं व्रजं गेच्छ गोष्ठानं वर्षतु ते द्यौर्बिधान देव सवितः पर्मस्यां पृ<u>थि</u>व्याशं शतेन पाशैर्यों,ऽस्मान्द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे व्ययं द्विष्मस्तमतो मा मौक्॥२५॥

Pṛthivi devayajanyoṣadhyāste mūlam mā himsiṣam vrajam gaccha goṣṭhānam varṣatu te dyaurbadhāna deva savitaḥ paramasyām pṛthivyām śatena pāśairyo'smāndveṣṭi yam cha vayam dviṣmastamato mā mauk.

Lord Savita of light and glory, I shall never do violence to the fertility of the earth, mother of vegetation. The earth is sacred, seat of yajna for the holiest of the holy. May the fragrance of yajna rise to the clouds and reach the sun and shower rain and light on the earth from heaven. On this holy seat of yajna, whoever oppresses us, and whom we oppose, bind him down with a hundred bonds and leave him not.

# 26. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

अपार एं पृथि व्ये देव्यर्जनाद्वध्यासं व्रृजं गेच्छ गोष्ठानं वर्षतु ते द्यौर्बंधान देव सिवतः पर्मस्यं पृथिव्याछं शृतेन् पाशेर्यों ऽस्मान्द्वेष्टि यं चे व्यं द्विष्मस्तमतो मा मौक् । अरेरो दिव् मा पेतो द्रप्सस्ते द्यां मा स्केन् व्रृजं गेच्छ गोष्ठानं वर्षतु ते द्यौर्बंधान देव सिवतः पर्मस्यं पृथिव्याछं शृतेन् पाशेर्यों ऽस्मान्द्वेष्टि यं चे व्यं द्विष्मस्तमतो मा मौक् ॥२६॥

Apārarum pṛthivyai devayajanādvadhyāsam vrajam gaccha goṣṭhānam varṣatu te dyaurbadhāna deva savitaḥ paramasyām pṛthivyām śatena pāśairyo'smāndveṣṭi yam cha vayam dviṣmastamato mā mauk. Araro divam mā papto drapsaste dyām mā skan vrajam gaccha goṣṭhānam varṣatu te dyau-rbadhāna deva savitaḥ paramasyām pṛthivyām śatena pāśairyo'smāndveṣṭi yam cha vayam dviṣmastamato mā mauk.

I destroy the evil from the earth which is the holy seat of yajna. Go to the congregation for knowledge, and shower the rain of knowledge and light of heaven on the earth. Lord Savita of light and glory, who ever opposes our yajna and whoever we oppose, bind him with a hundred bonds and leave him not. The wicked must not stop the light of heaven. The bubbles of his drink must not vitiate the nectar. Keep going to the congregation, bring the light of heaven on earth.

# 27. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

गायत्रेणे त्वा छन्देसा परिगृह्णा<u>मि</u> त्रैष्टुंभेन त्वा छन्देसा परिगृह्णा<u>मि</u> जागेतेन त्वा छन्देसा परिगृह्णामि। सुक्ष्मा चासि <u>शि</u>वा चोसि स्योना चासि सुषदी चास्यूर्जस्वती चा<u>सि</u> पर्यस्वती च ॥२७॥

Gāyatreṇa tvā chandasā parigṛhṇāmi traiṣṭubhena tvā chandasā parigṛhṇāmi jāgatena tvā chandasā parigṛhṇāmi. Sukṣmā cāsi śivā cāsi syonā cāsi suṣadā cāsyūrjasvatī cāsi payasvatī ca.

The earth is beautiful, kind and gracious, rich in comfort and security, food and energy, overflowing with the honey-sweet juices of fruits. It is so by virtue of yajna. I dedicate myself to yajna with the inspiring music of gayatri, ecstatic freedom of trishtubh, and illuminating expansiveness of jagati.

# 28. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

पुरा ऋूरस्यं विसृपों विरिष्णान्तुदादायं पृ<u>थि</u>वीं जीवदोनुम्। यामैरयँश्चन्द्रमंसि स्वधा<u>भि</u>स्तामु धीरांसोऽअनुदिश्यं यजन्ते। प्रोक्षंणीरासांदय द्विषतो वधोऽसि ॥२८॥

Purā krūrasya visṛpo virapśinnudādāya pṛthivīm jīvadānum. Yāmairayaṁścandramasi svadhābhistāmu dhīrāso' anudiśya yajante. Prokṣaṇīrāsādaya dviṣato vadho'si.

Lord of virtue and power, having taken up the earth with its generative power, you placed it in the region of the moon in life-friendly space. Brave men of honour and virtue take up mighty arms and eliminate the destructive, and restore its powers and dignity. Pious men in advance perform yajna with oblations of rejuvenating materials and restore the generative powers of the earth. Men of virtue perform yajna, fight negativities and keep the balance of nature. Yajna is the death of the enemies of life.

# 29. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रत्युष्ट्ररक्षः प्रत्युष्टाऽअरातयो निष्टंप्तुररक्षो निष्टंप्ताऽ-अरातयः। अनिशितोऽसि सपत्नक्षिद्वाजिनं त्वा वाजेध्यायै सम्मार्ज्मि । प्रत्युष्ट्ररक्षः प्रत्युष्टाऽअरातयो निष्टंप्तुररक्षो निष्टंप्ताऽअरातयः । अनिशिताऽसि सपत्नक्षिद्वाजिनीं त्वा वाजेध्यायै सम्मार्ज्मि ॥२९॥ Pratyuṣṭam rakṣaḥ pratyuṣṭā'arātayo niṣṭaptam rakṣo niṣṭaptā'arātayaḥ. Aniśito'si sapatnakṣi-dvājinam tvā vājedhyāyai sammārjmi. Pratyuṣṭam rakṣaḥ pratyuṣṭā' arātayo niṣṭaptam rakṣo niṣṭaptā' arātayaḥ. Aniśitā'si sapatnakṣidvājinīm tvā vājedhyāyai sammārjmi.

Yajna is not a sharp-edged weapon of destruction but a peaceful mode of regeneration. The lawless are uprooted, the selfish are driven out. I take up the yajna materials for the recuperative purpose and consecrate these for the offering. The force of yajna is positive, of love and non-violence, but it is most effective in operation. It corrects the lawless, converts the selfish and eliminates the destructive. I honor this power for the sustenance of nature, life and humanity.

# 30. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

अदित्यै रास्न<u>िसि</u> विष्णोर्वेष्पोऽस्यूर्ज्जे त्वाऽदेब्धेन त्वा चक्षुषावेपश्यामि । अग्ने<u>र्जि</u>ह्वासि सुहूर्देवेभ्यो धाम्ने धाम्ने मे भव यर्जुषेयजुषे ॥३०॥

Adityai rāsnāsi viṣṇorveṣpo'syūrje tvā'-dabdhena tvā cakṣuṣāvapaśyami. Agnerjihvāsi suhūrdevebhyo dhāmne dhāmne me bhava yajuṣe yajuṣe.

Yajna, you are the nectar of life for the earth. You are the presence of Vishnu, the creative power of yajna. You are life on the earth and light in the sky. You are the tongue of Agni, tasting the sweets of life. I see this presence in truth with steady and blessed eye for the sake of food, energy, and the light of life, in every place and in every chant of mantra. You are so close, invoked so freely, so be gracious for me too.

# 31. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

स्<u>वितु</u>स्त्वी प्रस्वऽउत्पुनाम्यच्छिद्रेण प्वित्रेण सूर्यस्य रृष्टिमभिः। स्<u>वितु</u>र्वीः प्रस्वऽउत्पुनाम्यच्छिद्रेण प्वित्रेण सूर्यस्य रृष्टिमभिः। तेजोऽसि शुक्रमस्यमृतम<u>िस</u> धाम् नामसि प्रियं देवानामनी-धृष्टं देव्यजनमसि ॥३१॥

Savitustvā prasava' utpunāmyacchidreņa pavitreņa sūryasya raśmibhiḥ. Saviturvaḥ prasava' utpunāmyacchidreņa pavitreņa sūryasya raśmibhiḥ. Tejo'si śukramasyamṛtamasi dhāma nāmāsi priyam devānāmanādhṛṣṭam devayajanamasi.

Yajna, I consecrate you in the creation of Savita with a ceaseless shower of the purest rays of the sun. I consecrate you all in this cosmic yajna of Savita with a ceaseless shower of the purest rays of the light of Divinity. You are the light and fire. You are the life and immortality. You are the heaven, you are the Word, you are the darling of the gods, fearless and inviolable, you are the lord of worship for the pious, you are the light and life for humanity.

इति प्रथमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-II

1. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)
कृष्णौऽस्याखरेष्ट्योऽग्नये त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षां<u>मि</u> वेदिरसि बहिंषे
त्वा जुष्टां प्रोक्षांमि बहिंरसि स्त्रग्भ्यस्त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षांमि॥१॥

Kṛṣṇo'syākhareṣṭho'gnaye tvā juṣṭaṁ prokṣāmi vedirasi barhiṣe tvā juṣṭām prokṣāmi barhirasi srugbhyastvā juṣṭaṁ prokṣāmi.

Yajna is seated in the vedi carved out on the ground, and it is carried to the sky by the window. I refine and consecrate the holy offerings for the fire in the vedi. The fragrance rises to the sky for the higher vedi there for the formation of waters. I refine and enrich the holy materials/offerings consecrated by the fire for the yajna in the sky. The yajna is holy waters floating in the sky for showers on the earth. I refine, enrich and consecrate the holy materials of oblations, offered with ladles into the fire, for yajna from the sky.

2. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)
अदित्यै व्युन्देनमि विष्णो स्तुप्गेऽस्यूणीप्रदसं त्वा स्तृणामि
स्वास्थां देवेभ्यो भुवेपतये स्वाहा भुवेनपतये स्वाहा
भूतानां पतेये स्वाहा ॥२॥

Adityai vyundanamasi viṣṇoḥ stupo'syūrṇamradasam tvā stṛṇāmi svāsasthām devebhyo' bhuvapataye svāhā bhuvanapataye svāhā bhūtānām pataye svāhā.

Yajna is shower of life for the earth. It is the fiery flag-pole of Vishnu. I refine the offerings with the stony grinder and cover the snug and beautiful vedi with food for the gods. The yajna is for the Lord of the earth, it is for the Lord of the world, it is for the Lord of all the creatures, it is for the best creative souls among humanity.

# 3. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

गुन्धर्वस्त्वी विश्वावसुः परिदधातु विश्वस्यारिष्ट्यै यर्जमानस्य परिधर्रस्यग्नि इऽई<u>डितः। इन्द्र</u>स्य बाहुर<u>सि</u> दक्षिणो विश्वस्यारिष्ट्यै यर्जमानस्य परिधर्रस्यग्निरिडऽई<u>डितः। मित्रावर्रुणो त्वोत्तर</u>तः परिधत्तां ध्रुवेण् धर्मणा विश्वस्यारिष्ट्यै यर्जमानस्य परिधत्तां ध्रुवेण् धर्मणा विश्वस्यारिष्ट्यै यर्जमानस्य परिधर्रस्यग्निरिडऽई<u>डितः।।३।।</u>

Gandharvastvā viśvāvasuḥ paridadhātu viśvasyāriṣṭyai yajamānasya paridhirasyagniriḍa'īḍitaḥ. Indrasya bāhurasi dakṣiṇo viśvasyāriṣṭyai yajamānasya paridhirasyagniriḍa'īḍitaḥ. Mitrāvaruṇau tvottarataḥ paridhattām dhruveṇa dharmaṇā viśvasyāriṣṭyai yajamānasya paridhirasyagniriḍa'īḍitaḥ.

Agni, Lord Supreme of the light and life of the universe, worthy of worship and worshipped through yajna, is Gandharva, the rest and haven of the world that holds the earth and the Divine Word. It is Agni, the fire and the sun, and Indra, the wind and rain of the cosmic energy that feeds and sustains the dynamics of existence. It is Mitra and Varuna, complementary motions of the cosmic circuit which feed and maintain the vitality of life. May Gandharva uphold the yajna and be all-round protector of the yajaman for the welfare of the world. May yajna, the right hand of Indra, provide for all-round protection of the yajaman toward the welfare and advancement of humanity. May Mitra and Varuna by their natural and inviolable dharma, provide

for the yajaman's protection from above for the peace and progress of the world. Agni, worthy of worship, study and meditation, and worshipped, studied and researched through yajna, is the ultimate haven of the world, and yajna is the highest creative and productive action of humanity performed individually and collectively.

# 4. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

वीतिहोत्रं त्वा कवे द्युमन्तुःसिमधीमिह । अग्ने बृहन्तमध्वरे ॥४॥

Vītihotram tvā kave dyumantam samidhīmahi. Agne bṛhantamadhvare.

Agni, Lord Omniscient, may we, in this act of love and non-violence, light the fire of yajna, great and blazing giver of the gift of joy and prosperity, and may we, through this yajna, worship, study and meditate on you, Lord Almighty, greater than the greatest, most glorious and most generous giver of the light of happiness.

# 5. (Yajna Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

समिद<u>िस</u> सूर्य्यं स्त्वा पुरस्तात् पातु कस्याश्चिद्धिशस्यै । सि<u>वतुर्बाह</u> स्थऽकणीप्रदसं त्वा स्तृणामि स्वासस्थं देवेभ्यऽआ त्वा वसेवो <u>रु</u>द्राऽअ<u>दि</u>त्याः सेदन्तु ॥५॥

Samidasi sūryastvā purastāt pātu kasyāścidabhiśastyai. Saviturbāhū stha'ūrṇamradasaṁ tvā stṛṇāmi svāsastham devebhya' ā tvā vasavo rudrā'ādityāḥ sadantu.

Yajna: you are samidha, food of Agni, for the illumination of rare qualities. May the sun, with its two-

fold power of illumination and rejuvenation, protect and prepare you in advance for the sacrifice and higher life. May all the eight Vasus (abodes of life), eleven Rudras (sustainers of life) and twelve Adityas (lights and durations of life in time) come and participate in the rejuvenation as in the spring session of yajna. For this refinement and advancement of life I cover the yajnavedi, snug, beautiful and pleasing, with holy offerings.

# 6. (Vishnu Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

घृताच्येसि जुहूर्नाम्ना सेदं प्रियेण धाम्नो प्रियः सद्ऽआसीद घृताच्येस्युपभृन्नाम्ना सेदं प्रियेण धाम्नो प्रियः सद्ऽआसीद घृताच्येसि ध्रुवा नाम्ना सेदं प्रियेण धाम्नो प्रियः सद्ऽआसीद। प्रियेण धाम्नो प्रियः सद्ऽआसीद । ध्रुवाऽअसदन्तृतस्य योनौ ता विषणो पाहि पाहि युज्ञं पाहि युज्ञपेतिं पाहि मां यज्ञन्यम्॥६॥

Ghṛtācyasi juhūrnāmnā sedam priyeṇa dhāmnā priyam sada' āsīda ghṛtācyasyupabhṛnnāmnā sedam priyeṇa dhāmnā priyam sada' āsīda ghṛtācyasi dhruvā nāmnā sedam priyeṇa dhāmnā priyam sada'āsīda priyeṇa dhāmnā priyam sada' āsīda. Dhruvā' asadannṛtasya yonau tā viṣṇo pāhi pāhi yajňam pāhi yajňapatim pāhi mām yajñanyam.

You are an instrument of yajna, Juhu by name, the ladle to offer oblations into the fire. With your own dear place and position in the yajna, enrich this home with all the gifts of plenty. You are Upabhrta by name, close by to carry offerings for the fire. With your own dear position and power, bless this happy home with all the gifts of joy. You are Dhruva by name, firm and inviolable in yajna. With your own dear power and

potential grace this blessed home with all the gifts of peace, freedom and progress. Be with this happy place, dwell here with all power, potential and grace, firm, secure, inviolable, in this blessed home of yajna, the seat of truth and righteousness. Vishnu, Lord Omnipresent and Universal yajna, protect all these, preserve and advance the yajna, protect and bless the yajnapati, save me and protect and advance the organization and system of yajna.

# 7. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi) अग्ने वाज<u>जि</u>द् वाजं त्वा सि<u>र</u>ष्यन्तं वाजुजितः सम्मर्जिम। नमो देवेभ्यः स्वधा <u>पितृ</u>भ्यः सुयमे मे भूयास्तम् ॥७॥

Agne vājajid vājam tvā sariṣyantaṁ vājajitaṁ sammārjm. Namo devebhyaḥ svadhā pitṛbhyaḥ suyame me bhūyāstam.

Agni is the Lord of light and life, it is fire both physical and vital. It is the giver and purifier of food and the secret of victory and glory. It is fast in motion and action, burning up the libations and sending them up into the sky. I worship Agni and refine agni through yajna for food and energy, light and victory. Salutations to the Devas, celestial powers of light; food for the Pitris, powers of nourishment. May they both help us with food and energy to win honour and glory for us.

# 8. (Vishnu Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

अस्केन्नम्द्य देवेभ्यऽआज्यः संभ्रियासमङ्घ्रणा विष्णो मा त्वावेक्रमिष् वस्नमतीमग्ने ते च्छायामुपस्थेषु विष्णो स्थानेमसीतऽइन्द्रौ वीर्यमकृणोदृर्ध्वोऽध्वरऽआस्थात् ॥८॥ Askannamadya devebhya' ājyam sambhriyāsamanghrinā viṣṇo mā tvāvakramiṣam vasumatīmagne te cchāyāmupastheṣam viṣṇo sthānamasīta' indro vīryamakṛṇodūrdhvo'dhvara' āsthāt.

Vishnu, Lord Omnipresent, universal yajna, I bring libations of ghee, pure and secure, for the devas through the fire of the vedi. Agni, Lord of Yajna, may I never neglect or violate yajna, and I pray I may always live in your protective shade. The fire in the vedi is the seat of Vishnu. It rises from the vedi to the vast sky and from there the sun and wind carry it all round and convert it into the noblest acts of the devotees.

# 9. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्ने वेर्होत्रं वेर्दूत्युमर्वतां त्वां द्यावीपृ<u>धि</u>वीऽअव त्वं द्यावीपृ<u>धि</u>वी स्विष्ट्कृद्देवेभ्यऽइन्द्रऽआज्येन ह्विषी भूत्स्वाहा सं ज्योतिषा ज्योतिः ॥९॥

Agne verhotram verdūtyamavatām tvām dyāvāpṛthivī' ava tvam dyāvāpṛthivī sviṣṭakṛd-devebhya' indra'ājyena haviṣā bhūtsvāhā sam jyotiṣā jyotiḥ.

Agni, Lord of light and life, protect the act of yajna into the fire, protect the fiery rise of fragrance into the sky, protect the heaven and the earth, and may the heaven and the earth carry on your blessed purpose of yajna. May the sun, light of the world, with its radiance convert the libation of holy materials into the richest food for nature and for holy men. This is the voice of Divinity.

# 10. (Indra Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

मयीदिमन्द्रेऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं देधात्वस्मान् रायौ मघवीनः सचन्ताम्। अस्माकेः सन्त्वाशिषेः सत्या नेः सन्त्वाशिषऽउपेहृता पृ<u>ष</u>िवी मातोप मां पृ<u>षि</u>वी माता ह्वयतामग्निराग्नीधात् स्वाहो॥१०॥

Mayīdamindra'indriyam dadhātvasmān rāyo maghavānaḥ sacantām. Asmākam santvāśiṣaḥ satyā naḥ santvāśiṣa'upahūtā pṛthivī mātopa mām pṛthivī mātā hvayatāmagnirāgnī-dhrāt svāhā.

May Indra, Lord Supreme of power and glory, in-vest me with the powers of sense and mind. May He enrich us all with the knowledge wealth and prosperity of the world. May all our hopes and aspirations come true and turn into blessings for all of us. May the mother earth invoked and served by us be kind and bless us. May Agni bless us from the vedi, the seat of yajna, with the gifts of fire. This is the voice of Divinity.

# 11. (Dyavaprithivi Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

उपहृतो द्यौ<u>ष्</u>यतोप् मां द्यौ<u>ष्य</u>ता ह्वयताम्गिनराग्नीधात् स्वाही। देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्वव्धेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। प्रतिगृह्णाम्यग्नेष्ट्रास्येन् प्राश्नीमि ॥११॥

Upahūto dyauspitopa mām dyauspitā hvayatāmagnirāgnīdhrāt svāhā. Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Pratigṛhṇāmyagneṣṭvāsyena prāśnāmi.

Heavenly Father, invoked and worshipped! May the Heavenly Father receive me into His care and bless me with the gifts of fire from the vedi, the seat of yajna. In this blessed world of Savita's creation, you receive a free flow of good health and nourishment from the arms of Ashwinis and the hands of Pusha, nature's currents of energy and the motions of vital air. Yes, with my own mouth, I take in the food and inhale the breath of life from the vital fire of the Lord's yajna. This is the voice of Divinity.

# 12. (Savita Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

एतं ते देव सवितर्युज्ञं प्राहुर्बृहस्पतेये ब्रह्मणे । तेने युज्ञमेव तेने युज्ञपे<u>तिं</u> तेनु मामेव ॥१२॥

Etam te deva savitaryajñam prāhurbṛhaspataye brahmaṇe. Tena yajñamava tena yajñapatim tena māmava.

Lord Savita, this is the yajna of creation, the dynamics of existence and the paths of living in Dharma with knowledge, action and worship together in yajna. This yajna is for thee, they say. It is for Brihaspati, man of knowledge, and Brahma, man of faith and vision, to know and receive the highest gifts of yajna. Lord of existence, save yajna by yajna, save yajnapati by yajna, save me by yajna.

# 13. (Brihaspati Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

मनौ ज़ूतिर्जुषतामाज्यस्य बृह्स्पतिर्युज्ञमिमं तेनोत्वरिष्टं यज्ञः समिमं देधातु । विश्वे देवासऽङ्क्ह मोदयन्तामो३म्प्रतिष्ठ॥१३॥

Mano jūtirjuṣatāmājyasya bṛhaspatiryajñamimam tanotvariṣṭam yajñam samimam dadhātu. Viśve devāsa'iha mādayantāmom pratiṣṭha.

The mind is fast, instant in motion. May my mind benefit from the offerings of yajna. May Brihaspati, Lord of the wide world, expand the yajna of existence. May the Lord sustain this yajna of ours in love and peace without violence. May the powers of nature be ever fresh,

may all good people ever rejoice by yajna. Be firm by Om, the voice of existence, the Eternal Word, the very name of the Divine. Om and yajna is our haven. Let it be so in our heart.

# 14. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

एषा तेऽअग्ने समित्तया वधीस्व चा चे प्यायस्व । <u>वर्धि</u>षीमिहे च व्यमा चे प्यासिषीमिह । अग्ने वाज<u>जि</u>द्वाजं त्वा ससृवार्थसं वाजुजितुःसम्मोर्जिम ॥१४॥

Eṣā te'agne samittayā vardhasva cā ca pyāyasva. Vardhiṣīmahi ca vayamā ca pyāsiṣīmahi. Agne vājajidvājam tvā Sasṛvāmsam vājajitam sammārjmi.

Agni, Lord of the fire of Yajna, this samidha (fuel wood) is food for you. Burn with it, grow, expand and illuminate. With the growth of yajna, expand us too in body, mind and soul. We shall grow, and we shall expand in body, mind and soul. Agni, you are food. You are knowledge, speed and motion. You are the lord of knowledge, speed and progress and the winner of victories. For the growth of food and knowledge, for the acceleration of speed and motion, and for the sake of victory over want and evil in life, we study, refine and multiply the power of fire through yajna for the common good.

# 15. (Agni-Shomau Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अग्नीषोर्मयो्रुरुजि<u>ति</u>मनूञ्जेषं वार्जस्य मा प्रस्वेन प्रोहिम। अग्नीषोमौ तमपेनुदतां योुऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे व्यं <u>द्विष्मों</u> वार्जस्यैनं प्रस्वेनापोहामि । <u>इ</u>न्द्राग्न्योरुञ्जि<u>ति</u>मनूञ्जेषं वार्जस्य मा प्रस्वेन प्रोहिमि । <u>इ</u>न्द्राग्नी तमपेनुदतां योुऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे व्यं द्विष्मो वार्जस्यैनं प्रस्वेनापोहामि ॥१५॥ Agnīṣomayorujjitimanūjjeṣam vājasya mā prasavena prohāmi. Agnīṣomau tamapanudatām yo'smān dveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmo vājasyainam prasavenāpohāmi. Indrāgnyorujjitimanūjjeṣam vājasya mā prasavena prohāmi. Indrāgnī tamapanudatām yo'smāndveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmo vājasyainam prasavenāpohāmi.

Let us follow Agni and Soma, lords of fire and water and win whatever this duo has won. With inspiration for growth and development, we dedicate ourselves to study and work. May Agni and Soma ward off whoever hates us. For the sake of growth and development, we reject whatever we don't approve. Let us follow Indra and Agni, lords of power and fire, and win what this duo can win. With inspiration for growth and development, we dedicate ourselves to study and research. May Indra and Agni ward off whatever/ whoever hates us. For the sake of growth and development, we reject whatever we all hate.

16. (Dyavaprthivi and Mitravarunau Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi vyantu iti Uttrardhasy Agni Devata)

वर्सुभ्यस्त्वा <u>रुद्रेभ्यंस्त्वादि</u>त्येभ्यंस्त्वा संजीनाथां द्यावापृथिवी <u>मि</u>त्रावर्रुणौ त्वा वृष्ट्यावताम् । व्यन्तु वयोक्तःश्रहीणा मुरुतां पृषेतीर्गच्छ वृशा पृश्निर्भृत्वा दिवं गच्छ ततौ नो वृ<u>ष्टि</u>मार्वह । चुक्षुष्पाऽअंग्नेऽसि चक्षुर्मे पाहि ॥१६॥

Vasubhyastvā rudrebhayastvādityebhyastvā samjānāthām dyāvāpṛthivī mitrāvaruṇau tvā vṛṣṭyāvatām. Vyantu vayoktam rihānā marutām pṛṣatīrgaccha vaśā pṛśnirbhūtvā divam gaccha tato no vṛṣṭimāvaha. Cakṣuṣpā'agne'si cakṣurme pāhi.

Yajna is dedicated to the study of eight Vasus, supports of life, eleven Rudras, catalytic agents of the justice of existence, and twelve Adityas, centres of gravity and balance of nature. May we, with science and reason, know with reference to the sun and the earth what we can achieve with the yajna extended in space. May Mitra and Varuna, currents of vital energy, protect and enrich the world with rain. May the oblations in yajna rise to the sky with the wind, and from the sky to the sun with the cosmic currents, and bring down from there showers of rain to feed the rivers of earth. Just as birds go to rest in their nests, so do we, devotees of the Lord, meditate on the secrets of vaidic hymns to discover the mysteries of vaina. Agni, Lord of light and life, you are the giver of vision. Protect my eye and bless me with vision.

# 17. (Agni Devata, Devala Ŗshi)

यं परिधिं पर्यर्धस्थाऽअग्नै देवपणिभिर्गुह्यमीनः । तं तेऽएतमनु जोषं भराम्येष नेत्त्वदंपचेतयाताऽअग्नेः प्रियं पाथोऽ-पीतम् ॥१७॥

Yam paridhim paryadhatthā'agne devapaṇibhirguhyamānaḥ, Tam ta'etamanu joṣam bharāmyeṣa nettvadapacetayātā'agneḥ priyam pātho'pītam.

Agni, Lord of light and life, you hold and sustain the law of Dharma observed by the powers of nature and celebrated in the songs of the seers. I accept and act within the bounds of that law and feed upon the foods provided by nature and yajna. May I never neglect or violate that law. May I never be ungrateful to the Lord. May I never lose the vision of Divinity.

# 18. (Vishvedeva Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

स्थंस्रवभागा स्थेषा बृहन्तः प्रस्तरेष्ठाः परिधेयाश्च देवाः। इमां वाचेम्भि विश्वे गृणन्तऽआसद्यास्मिन् बर्हिषि मादयध्वथंस्वाहा वाट् ॥१८॥

Samsravabhāgā stheṣā bṛhantaḥ prastareṣṭhāḥ paridheyāśca devāḥ. Imām vācamabhi viśve gṛṇanta'āsadyāsmin barhiṣi mādayadhvam svāhā vāṭ.

Stay firm, dedicated children of the earth, on the rock-bed foundations of knowledge and justice, and, great and expansive within the bounds of Divine law, sit around this yajna fire on seats of grass, chanting the holy songs of praise, offering the honey-sweets of your produce to the fire and receiving from agni, in return, the nectar of life. Thus you celebrate the Lord's gift of life. Thus you enjoy in unison. Surrender and play your part, this is the voice of Divinity.

# 19. (Agni-Vayu Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

घृताची स्थो धुयौं पातः सुम्ने स्थः सुम्ने मो धत्तम् । यज्ञ नर्मश्च तऽउपे च यज्ञस्ये शिवे सन्तिष्ठस्व स्विष्टे मे सन्तिष्ठस्व ॥१९॥

Ghṛtacī stho dhuryau pātam sumne sthaḥ sumne mā dhattam. Yajña namaśca ta'upa ca yajñasya śive santiṣṭhasva sviṣṭe me santiṣṭhasva.

Fire and wind are foremost movers of the wheels of yajna. Replete in nutriments such as ghee and water, they are nature's agents of the growth and sustenance of humanity in comfort and joy. Yajna and humility are auspicious for you. Be firm in your devotion and performance and you will live happy in the protective shade of the Divine.

# 20. (Agni-Sarasvati Devate, Parameshthi Prajapati Rshi)

अग्नेऽदब्धायोऽशीतम पाहि मां <u>दि</u>द्योः पाहि प्रसित्ये पाहि दुरिष्ट्ये पाहि दुर्रयाऽअ<u>विषं नः पितुं</u> कृणु । सुषदा योनौ स्वाहा वाड्गनये संवेशपंतये स्वाहा सरस्वत्ये यशोभगिन्ये स्वाहां ॥२०॥

Agne'dabdhāyo'śītama pāhi mā didyoḥ pāhi prasityai pāhi duriṣṭyai pāhi duradmanyā' aviṣaṁ naḥ pitum kṛṇu. Suṣadā yonau svāhā vāḍ-agnaye saṁveśapataye svāhā sarasvatyai yaśobhaginyai svāhā.

Agni, Lord of universal yajna, giver of life, free and without fear, save yajna from evil and violence, save me from suffering, save me from bondage, make our food free from poison and inedibles, may our home be a blessed place of peace and happiness. This oblation is for Agni, protector of the home and the earth, this is for Sarasvati, voice of the Divine, sister of honour.

# 21. (Prajapati Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

वेद्ोऽसि येन त्वं देव वेद देवेभ्यो वेदोऽभवस्तेन महीं वेदो भूयाः। देवो गातुविदो गातुं वित्त्वा गातुमित । मनसस्पतऽइमं देव यज्ञ छंस्वाहा वाते धाः ॥२१॥

Vedo'si yena tvam deva veda devebhyo vedo'bhavastena mahyam vedo bhūyaḥ. Devā gātuvido gātum vittvā gātumita. Manasaspata' imam deva yajñam svāhā vāte dhāḥ.

Prajapati, Lord of the universe, omniscient, you are Veda, Divine Word Itself. The knowledge by virtue of which you are omniscient for the seers and sages, who know the Veda and the ways of the world, is the knowledge for me too. Enlighten me with that. The seers,

having realized that knowledge of existence, sing the hymns and follow the paths of virtue. Lord of mind and knowledge, take this yajna with the winds to the heights of heaven and place it there. Our oblations for that yajna.

# 22. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

सं बर्हिरेङ्क्ताछंह्विषां घृतेन् सम<u>िदित्यैर्वसृभिः</u> सम्मरुद्धिः। समिन्द्रौ <u>वि</u>श्वदेवेभिरङ्क्तां <u>दि</u>व्यं नभौ गच्छतु यत् स्वाहां।।२२॥

Sambarhiranktām haviṣā ghṛtena samādityairvasubhiḥ sammarudbhiḥ. Samindro viśvadevebhiranktām divyam nabho gacchatu yat svāhā.

Let the yajna-vedi be covered with havan materials seasoned with ghee and offered by the best of devotees and let the fragrance, carried by fire, wind and currents of energy, rise to the heights of the sky with Adityas, Vasus and Maruts and, there in the regions of light, the sun would mix the fragrance with its rays and convert it into vital vapour to shower on earth as water.

# 23. (Prajapati Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कस्त्वा विर्मुञ्चिति स त्वा विर्मुञ्चिति कस्मै त्वा विर्मुञ्चिति तस्मै त्वा विर्मुञ्चिति । पोषीय रक्षसां भागोऽसि ॥२३॥

Kastvā vimuñcati sa tvā vimuñcati kasmai tvā vimuñcati tasmai tvā vimuñcati. Poṣāya rakṣasāṁ bhāgo'si.

(i) Who leaves (offers) the oblations into the fire? Who releases nature-materials into the cosmic yajna of creation? The yajnapati. Prajapati, Lord Creator and father of His creatures. For what purpose? For self realization. For His purpose of creation. For

nourishment, for preservation and protection, for destruction of the destroyers.

(ii) Who gives you away/up? He gives you away/up. For what purpose/to what end? For self-realization/self-negation. For nourishment: you are the share of the good and the protectors; even of the wicked and the destroyers, but, for their punishment and destruction.

# 24. (Tvashta Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

सं वर्च'सा पर्यसा सन्तन<u>्भि</u>रगेन्मिह मनेसा सः<u>शि</u>वेने । त्वष्टो सुदत्रो विदेधातु रायोऽनुंमार्ष्टु तुन्वो यद्विलिष्टम्॥२४॥

Sam varcasā payasā santanūbhiraganmahi manasā sam śivena. Tvaṣṭā śudatro vidadhātu rāyo'numārṣṭu tanvo yadviliṣṭam.

May Lord Tvashta, eternal maker and generous giver, bless us with lustre of character and light of knowledge, food for body, mind and senses, peace and nobility of mind, good and glowing health of body. May the Lord grant us all kinds of wealth and stability. May He complete and perfect whatever is wanted in our body and mind and refine us with culture and virtue.

Let us advance with holy light and lustre, honeysweets of food and blooming health, and a mind at peace with noble aspirations, and attain all round prosperity. And may Tvashta, Eternal Maker and generous giver, complete what is lacking in our life and refine us to a state of perfection.

# 25. (Vishnu Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

दिवि विष्णुर्व्यक्रथंस्त जागतेन च्छन्दंसा ततो निर्भक्तो यो उस्मान्द्रेष्टि यं च व्यं द्विष्मो उन्तरिक्षे विष्णुर्व्यक्रथंस्त त्रैष्टुंभेन च्छन्दंसा ततो निर्भक्तो यो उस्मान्द्रेष्टि यं च व्यं द्विष्मः पृथिव्यां विष्णुर्व्यक्रथंस्त गायत्रेण च्छन्दंसा ततो निर्भक्तो यो उस्मान्द्रेष्टि यं च व्यं दिष्मो उस्मादन्नदिस्यै प्रितिष्ठायाऽअगनम स्वः सं ज्योतिषाभूम ॥२५॥

Divi viṣṇurvyakram̃sta jāgatena chandasā tato nirbhakto yo'smāndveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmo' ntarikṣe viṣṇurvyakram̃sta traiṣṭubhena chandasā tato nirbhakto yo'smāndveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmaḥ pṛthivyām viṣṇurvyakram̃sta gāyatreṇa chandasā tato nirbhakto yo'smāndveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmo'smādannād asyai pratiṣṭhāyā' aganma svaḥ sam jyotiṣābhūma.

Vishnu, yajna, performed with the ecstatic chant of jagati verses, reached the regions of the sun, and from there eliminated all that opposes us and all that we oppose for the sake of life. Vishnu, yajna, performed with the spontaneous chant of trishtubh verses, rose up to the middle regions of the sky, and from there eliminated all that opposes us and all that we oppose for the sake of life. Vishnu, yajna, performed with the joyous chant of gayatri verses, went over the earth, and from there eliminated all that opposes us and all that we oppose for the sake of life. Feeding on the gifts of nature purified by yajna, let us rejoice, and in the service of the balance and harmony of life and existence, let us rise to the heights of heaven and we'll be one with the light of knowledge and Dharma.

# 26. (Ishvara Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

स्वयंभूरि<u>स</u> श्रेष्ठौ रृश्मिवचाँदाऽअसि वर्चों मे देहि । सूर्यस्यावृतुमन्वावेर्ते ॥२६॥

Svayambhūrasi śreṣṭho raśmirvarcodā' asi varco me dehi. Sūryasyāvṛtamanvāvarte.

Lord of the universe, self-existent, self-refulgent, greatest of all, giver of light and honour, give me light and honour. I follow the path of the sun in orbit, the path of Dharma revealed by you.

# 27. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अग्नै गृहपते सुगृहप्तिस्त्वयोऽग्नेऽहं गृहपेतिना भूयासः-सुगृहप्तिस्त्वं मयोऽग्ने गृहपेतिना भूयाः । अस्थूरि णौ गार्हपत्यानि सन्तु शृतःहिमाः सूर्यस्यावृतुमन्वावेर्ते ॥२७॥

Agne gṛhapate sugṛhapatistvayā'gne'ham gṛhapatinā bhūyāsam sugṛhapatistvam mayā'gne gṛhapatinā bhūyaḥ. Asthūri ṇau gārhapatyāni santu śatam himāḥ sūryasyāvṛtamanvāvarte.

Agni, Lord of the House of Existence, Master of knowledge and the fire of yajna, great as you are as the keeper and sustainer of the world, so may I too, with you as the ideal, be a good and efficient house holder. And you too, over me, head of this family, be the protector and sustainer of this household. May we two, husband and wife, together perform the duties of the home for a good hundred years. May I follow the path of life like the sun in orbit, the path of Dharma revealed by you.

#### 28. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अग्ने व्रतपते व्रतमेचारिष् तदशकं तन्मेऽराधीदमहं य एवाऽ<u>स्मि</u> स्<u>ो</u>ऽस्मि ॥२८॥

Agne vratapate vratamacāriṣaṁ tadaśakaṁ tanme' rādhī'damaham ya' evā'smi so'smi.

Agni, Lord of vows in the discipline of Dharma and Truth, whatever vows at your behest I have followed or would follow, I have followed and would follow because you made it possible and would make it possible. This me here, whatever I am, I am. Whatever I sow, so shall I reap.

# 29. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

अग्नये कव्यवाहेनाय स्वाहा सोमीय पितृमते स्वाही । अपेहताऽअसुंग रक्षीछंसि वे<u>दि</u>षदेः ॥२९॥

Agnaye kavyavāhanāya svāhā somāya pitṛmate svāhā. Apahatā' asurā rakṣāmsi vediṣadaḥ.

This oblation is for Agni, Lord of knowledge and giver of the gifts of knowledge and yajna through the science of yajna-fire. This is for Soma, lord of peace and prosperity and the beauty of the seasons and powers of nourishment. In truth and according to the voice of the Veda, the ignorant, the wicked, the cruel and unjust, robbers and grabbers of the vedi, seat of yajna, asuras of the earth are eliminated by righteous action for humanity.

# 30. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

ये रूपाणि प्रतिमुञ्चमीनाऽअसुराः सन्तेः स्वधया चरन्ति। पुरापुरी निपुरो ये भर्रन्यग्निष्टाँल्लोकात् प्रणुदात्यस्मात्॥३०॥ Ye rupāṇi pratimuñcamānā'asurāḥ santaḥ svadhayā caranti. Parāpuro nipuro ye bharantyagniṣṭāmllokāt praṇudātyasmāt.

And who are the asuras? They are masters of hypocrisy and the art of changing faces. Friends and allies of the wicked, they encroach upon the rights of others and fill their coffers with ill-gotten wealth. Enemies of humanity, they roam around the world like giants. Agni, Lord of light, justice and social yajna, let them be thrown out and eliminated from the face of the earth.

### 31. (Pitaras Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अत्रे पितरो मादयध्वं यथाभागमावृषायध्वम्। अमीमदन्त <u>पि</u>तरौ यथाभागमावृषायिषत ॥३१॥

Atra pitaro mādayadhvam yathābhāgamāvṛṣāyadhvam. Amīmadanta pitaro yathābhāgamāvṛṣāyiṣata.

Trustees and guardians of society, men of knowledge and wisdom, justice and merit, take your share as you deserve and, in your own right and proper place here, rejoice and celebrate the victory of yajna. Make all others happy and, as they deserve on merit, let them too rejoice and celebrate.

#### 32. (Pitaras Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

नमों वः पितरो रसाय नमों वः पितरः शोषाय नमों वः पितरो जीवाय नमों वः पितरः स्वधायै नमों वः पितरो घोराय नमों वः पितरो मन्यवे नमों वः पितरः पितरो नमों वो गृहान्नेः पितरो दत्त सतो वेः पितरो देष्मैतद्वेः पितरो वासेः ॥३२॥ Namo vaḥ pitaro rasāya namo vaḥ pitaraḥ śoṣāya namo vaḥ pitaro jīvāya namo vaḥ pitaraḥ svadhāyai namo vaḥ pitaro ghorāya namo vaḥ pitaro manyave namo vaḥ pitaraḥ pitaro namo vo gṛhānnaḥ pitaro datta sato vaḥ pitaro deṣmaitadvaḥ pitaro vāsaḥ.

Salutations to the seniors of knowledge for the joy of learning. Salutations to those seniors who fight out exploitation. Salutations to the guardians of society for the joy of life and the means of the good life. Salutations for economic, social and political justice. Salutations for the fight against suffering for the advent of happiness. Salutations for righteous anger against the wicked. Salutations to the seniors, leaders and the guardians of knowledge, justice and well-being, life of good health, prosperity and happiness. Come to our homes and institutions and bless us with your gifts. Come that we may offer you the best we have. Come and accept our hospitality and gifts of clothes as mark of gratitude.

# 33. (Pitaras Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

आर्थत्त पितरो गर्भं कुमारं पुष्केरस्त्रजम् । यथेह पुरुषोऽसत् ॥३३॥

Ādhatta pitaro garbham kumāram puṣkarasrajam. Yatheha puruṣo'sat.

Teachers of knowledge, masters of wisdom, admit into your house of learning this boy wearing a lotus garland as a mark of desire for education. Accept him and hold him here as a mother bears the foetus in her womb so that he grows and is shaped into a brave and cultured young man.

### 34. (Apo Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

ऊर्जं वहन्तीरुमृतं घृतं पर्यः की॒लालं परि्स्नुतम् । स्वधा स्थं तुर्पर्यंत मे पिृतृन् ॥३४॥

Ūrjam vahantīramṛtam ghṛtam payaḥ kīlālam parisrutam. Svadhā stha tarpayata me pitṛn.

Be masters of your own wealth and power and manage it well with justice and in virtue. Offer liberal hospitality with love and reverence to the senior benefactors of society, men of knowledge, experience and wisdom. Offer them delicious drinks of water and nourishing juices, health giving milk and ghee, sumptuous foods and honey-sweet fruits to their satisfaction.

इति द्वितीयोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-III

1. (Agni Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

स्मिधागिंन दुवस्यत घृतैबों धयतातिथिम् । आस्मिन् हृव्या जुहोतन ॥१॥

Samidhāgniṁ duvasyata ghṛtairbodhayatāthim. Āsmin havyā juhotana.

Light up the fire and raise it with fuel, serve it like an honourable guest with pure ghee, and offer rich oblations of samagri into it, with love and faith.

2. (Agni Devata, Sushruta Ŗshi)

सुसमिद्धाय शोचिषे घृतं तीव्रं जुहोतन । अग्नये जातवेदसे ॥२॥

Susamiddhāya śociṣe ghṛtaṁ tīvraṁ juhotana. Agnaye jātavedase.

To the fire, omnipresent, lit up, rising bright and blazing, sanctifying everything around, offer libations of ghee, pure, inflammable and purifying.

3. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

तं त्वा सुमिद्भिरङ्गिरो घृतेने वर्द्धयामिस । बृहच्छोचा यविष्ठ्य ॥३॥

Tam tvā samidbhirangiro ghṛtena vardhayāmasi. Bṛhacchocā yaviṣṭhya.

O agni, bright and beautiful, young and powerful, generous giver of things, we offer samidhas and ghee and raise you to the heights.

#### 4. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

उपे त्वाग्ने ह्विष्मेतीर्घृताचीर्यन्तु हर्यत । जुषस्वे सुमिधो मर्म ॥४॥

Upa tvāgne haviṣmatīrghṛtācīryantu haryata. Juṣasva samidho mama.

O fire, bright and beautiful, generous giver, here come to you my samidhas soaked in ghee and fragrant things. Accept them, accept them.

#### 5. (Agni Vayu Surya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

भूर्भुवः स्वार् द्यौरिव भूम्ना पृ<u>थि</u>वीवं व<u>रि</u>म्णा । तस्यस्ति पृथिवि देवयजनि पृष्ठ्येऽग्निमन्नादमुन्नाद्यायादंधे ॥५॥

Bhūr bhuvaḥ svar dyauriva bhūmnā pṛthivīva varimṇā. Tasyāste pṛthivi devayajani pṛṣṭhe' gnimannādamannādyāyādadhe.

In expanse as vast as the bright heaven, in virtue as firm and generous as the earth, agni is ever present on the earth, in the sky and in heaven. Earth Mother, seat of yajna by the devas (noble people and the powers of nature) for the devas (good people and the powers of nature), here on the ground in the vedi on your surface, I place the sacred fire, consumer of the oblations of food, for the sake of food and energy.

# 6. (Agni Devata, Sarparajni Kadru Ŗshi)

आयं गौः पृश्निरक्रमी॒दसेदन् मा॒तरं पुरः । पि॒तरं च प्रयन्तस्वः॥६॥

Āyam gauḥ pṛsnirakramīdasadan mātaram puraḥ. Pitaram ca prayantsvaḥ.

This earth, child of the sun and waters in space

- solid concentration of agni (fire) and apah (waters) revolves in its orbit round the sun, its father and sustainer in heaven, through the presence of its mother, the waters in space.
- 7. (Agni Devata, Sarparajni Kadru Ŗshi) अन्तश्चेरति रोच्चनास्य प्राणादेपानती । व्यंख्यन् महिषो दिवेम् ॥७॥

Antaścarati rocanāsya prāṇādapānatī. Vyakhyan mahiṣo divam.

The power of Agni is light and energy/electricity which creates and produces the circuitous currentsgoing up as prana in the universe as well as in the body, and the complementary current going down as apana in the body as well as in the universe. This universal energy of Agni is a mighty power which is the light of heaven and burns in the sun.

8. (Agni Devata, Sarparajni Kadru Ŗshi)

त्रिःशब्द्राम् विरोजित् वाक् पेतुङ्गाये धीयते । प्रति वस्तोरह द्युभिः ॥८॥

Trimśaddhāma virājati vāk pataṅgāya dhīyate. Prati vastoraha dyubhiḥ.

Vak, the speech mode of Agni, dominates thirty abodes of life (out of thirty-three) and is used in the service of its lord, Agni, for the expression of the light of knowledge with which the omniscient and omnipresent power illuminates the world.

9. (Agni-Surya Devate, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्निज्योंतिज्योंतिर्गिनः स्वाहा सूर्यो ज्योतिज्योंतिः सूर्यः स्वाहा । अग्निर्वर्चो ज्योतिर्वर्चः स्वाहा सूर्यो वर्च्यो ज्योतिर्वर्चः स्वाहा । ज्योतिः सूर्यः सूर्यो ज्योतिः स्वाहा॥९॥ Agnirjyotirjyotiragnih svāhā -sūryo jyotirjyotih sūryah svāhā. Agnirvarco jyotirvarcah svāhā sūryo varco jyotirvarcah svāhā. Jyotih sūryah sūryo jyotih svāhā.

Agni, Supreme Spirit, is the light (jyoti) of existence, and Light (jyoti), Eternal Consciousness, is the identity of the Spirit. Vak, the virtual speech of Eternity is the common attribute of both spirit and consciousness.

Sun, the Lord of Life, is the light (jyoti) of the world, and Light (jyoti), Omniscience, is the identity of the Sun, the Divine teacher of teachers. Veda, the universal voice of Divinity is the common attribute of both the knower (sun) and knowledge (Omniscience).

Fire is the power and prosperity of the world, and power and prosperity from the heat energy of fire is converted to power by science and technology. Tecknowledge with its language is for the common benefit of both, the fire and the user.

The sun is the power and prosperity of the world, and power and prosperity flows from the vital energy of the sun converted to power by science and technology. Tecknowledge with its language is for the common benefit of both, solar energy and the user.

Light is the Lord and the Lord is Light. Light and the Lord are one. Veda, knowledge, is coexistent with both in unison. We offer the oblations to the Lord for the Light in faith with reverence.

# 10. (Agni-Surya Devate, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सजूर्देवेने स<u>वि</u>त्रा सजू रात्र्येन्द्रेवत्या । जुषाणोऽअग्निवेंतु स्वाहो । सजूर्देवेने स<u>वि</u>त्रा सजूरुषसेन्द्रेवत्या । जुषाणः सूर्यों वेतु स्वाहो ॥१०॥ Sajūrdevena savitrā sajū rātryendravatyā. Juṣāṇo' agnirvetu svāhā. Sajūrdevena savitrā sajūruṣasendravatyā. Juṣaṇaḥ sūryo vetu svāhā.

May Agni, along with Savita in His creation and the dark night of energy, receive this oblation.

May the Sun, along with Savita in His creation and the dawn of morning energy, receive this oblation.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

उपप्रयन्तौऽअध्वरं मन्त्रं वोचेमाग्नये । आरेऽअस्मे चे शृण्वते ॥११॥

Upaprayanto' adhvaram mantram vocemāgnaye. Āre' asme ca śṛṇvate.

Close to the vedi, while we are performing this sacred yajna, we chant the mantras for Agni who hears the chant near at hand as well as far away.

## 12. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

अग्निर्मूर्द्धा <u>दि</u>वः कुकुत्पतिः पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याऽअयम् । अपार्थरेतीथंसि जिन्वति ॥१२॥

Agnirmūrdhā divaḥ kakutpatiḥ pṛthivyā' ayam. Apām retāmsi jinvati

This Lord of the earth, Agni, who rules on high on top of heaven, constantly refreshes the generative powers of the waters for the earth.

#### 13. (Indragni Devate, Bharadvaja Rshi)

उभा विमिन्द्राग्नीऽआहुवध्योऽउभा राधसः सह मदियध्यै। उभा दातार<u>ीवि</u>षाछंरेयीणामुभा वार्जस्य सातये हुवे वाम् ॥१३॥ Ubhā vāmindrāgnī'āhuvadhyā' ubhā rādhasaḥ saha mādayadhyai. Ubhā dātārāviṣām rayīṇāmubhā vājasya sātaye huve vām.

Indra (wind and electric energy) and Agni (heat and fire), givers of energy, food, power and wealth, I call upon you both and invoke you for the gift of knowledge, energy, and food for joy and well-being.

### 14. (Agni Devata, Devavata and Bharata Rshis)

अयं ते योनिर्ऋित्वयो यतौ जातोऽअरौचथाः । तं जानन्नेग्नऽआरोहाथा नो वर्द्धया रुयिम् ॥१४॥

Ayam te yonirṛtviyo yato jāto' arocathāḥ. Tam jānannagna' ārohāthā no vardhayā rayim.

Agni, Lord of the Universe, the fire is born of vayu, wind and electric energy, and, according to the seasons, rises and shines and, like the suns, brightens the world. Knowing that, and with the knowledge of that, raise us and develop our power and wealth.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अय<u>ि</u>मह प्रेथमो धीयि धातृ<u>भि</u>हीता यजिष्ठोऽअध्वरेष्वीड्यः। यमप्रवानो भृगेवो विरुरुचुर्वनेषु <u>चित्रं वि</u>भ्वं <u>वि</u>शेविशे॥१५॥

Ayamiha prathamo dhāyi dhātṛbhirhotā yajiṣṭho' adhvareṣvīḍyaḥ. Yamapnavāno bhṛgavo virurucurvaneṣu citraṁ vibhvaṁ viśeviśe.

Here in the world of Lord Agni, the fire, placed and lighted in the vedi by the devotees, is the first and foremost agent of yajna for production and development. Adorable and worthiest of pursuit in study and research through collective action of the most cherished kind as it is, scholars of the science of heat and energy should maintain and continue through their disciples the tradition of research and development of this wonderful and versatile power in laboratories and institutions in every country for every community.

## 16. (Agni Devata, Avatsara Ŗshi)

अस्य प्रत्नामनु द्युतेश्शुक्रं दुंदुह्रेऽअह्रयः । पर्यः सहस्त्रसामृषिम् ॥१६॥

Asya pratnāmanu dyutam śukram duduhre' ahrayaḥ. Payaḥ sahasrasāmṛṣim.

The Rishis and scholars dedicated to the study of the heat and light of agni in yajna have discovered and received the purest showers of the waters of life from this timeless source-power of a thousand gifts of achievement (just as you tend and milk the mother cow and receive the gift of the purest nourishment for life).

### 17. (Agni Devata, Avatsara Ŗshi)

तुनूपाऽअंग्नेऽसि तुन्वं मे पाह्यायुर्वाऽअंग्नेऽस्यायुर्मे देहि वर्चोदाऽअंग्नेऽस्मि वर्चो मे देहि । अग्ने यन्मे तुन्वाऽऊनं तन्मऽआपृण ॥१७॥

Tanūpā' agne'si tanvaṁ me pāhyāyurdā'agne'syāyurme dehi varcodā' agne'si varco me dehi. Agne yanme tanvā' ūnaṁ tanma' āpṛṇa.

Agni, you are protector of the body with health and nourishment. Protect my body. You are the giver of life. Give me full life. You are the giver of lustre and glory. Give me lustre and glory. Whatever is short and wanting in me, that, I pray, fulfil and complete and perfect.

## 18. (Agni Devata, Avatsara Rshi)

इन्धीनास्त्वा शृतःहिमी द्युमन्तुःसिमधीमिहि । वर्यस्वन्तो वयस्कृतः सहस्वन्तः सहस्कृतम् । अग्ने सपत्नुदम्धनम-देब्धासोऽअदोभ्यम् । चित्रवसो स्वस्ति ते पा्रमेशीय॥१८॥

Indhānāstvā śatam himā dyumantam samidhīmahi. Vayasvanto vayaskṛtam sahasvantaḥ sahaskṛtam. Agne sapatnadambhanamadabdhāso' adābhyam. Citrāvaso svasti te pāramasīya.

Agni, wonderful lord and treasure-home of the wealth of the world, we, men of full life and vigour, strong yet forbearing, fearless and irresistible, having lighted the fire of yajna in worship of you — you, bright and blazing, giver of life and health, strength and forbearance, irresistible destroyer of enemies —we pray that we keep the fire of yajna burning and bright in honour and service of you. May we, by your grace and blessing, overcome the want and hurdles of life and attain prosperity and happiness. May we thus live on for a hundred years and more.

#### 19. (Agni Devata, Avatsara Rshi)

सं त्वमंग्ने सूर्यस्य वर्च्यसागथाः समृषीणाश्रंस्तुतेने । सं प्रियेण धाम्ना समहमायुषा सं वर्चसा सं प्रजया सः रायस्योषेण ग्मिषीय ॥१९॥

Sam tvamagne sūryasya varcasāgathāḥ samṛṣīṇām stutena. Sam priyeṇa dhāmnā samahamāyuṣā sam varcasā sam prajayā sam rāyaspoṣena gmiṣīya.

Agni, celebrated by the Rishis' songs of praise, come full well with the light and glory and energy of

the sun to your own home of celebrity. Come that I may also, with the same songs of praise and the pranic energy of the sun, come to attain a happy home, full age, honour and lustre, a good family and liberal means of life.

## 20. (Apo Devata, Yajnavalkya Ŗshi)

अन्धु स्थान्धौ वो भक्षीयु महै स्थु महौ वो भक्षीयोर्ज् स्थोर्जं वो भक्षीय रायस्पोषे स्थ रायस्पोषे वो भक्षीय॥२०॥

Andha sthāndho vo bhakṣīya maha stha maho vo bhakṣīyorja sthorjam vo bhakṣīya rāyaspoṣa stha rāyaspoṣam vo bhakṣīya.

There are foods for health — herbs, vegetables, grains, etc. — I would feed upon these to be strong. There are foods for greatness — agni, vayu, electricity, knowledge, etc. —I would feed upon these and be great. There are foods for energy — water, milk, ghee, honey, etc. — I would take these and be smart and energetic. There are rich tonics — invigorating, rejuvenating — I would take these to increase my competence and efficiency.

(Know the quality of foods and drinks and take what is good to maintain your health and efficiency).

## 21. (Vishvedeva Devata, Yajnavalkya Ŗshi)

रेवेती रर्मध्वमुस्मिन्योनविस्मिन् गोष्ठ्वेऽस्मिंल्लोक्केऽस्मिन् क्षये। इहैव स्त मार्पगात ॥२१॥

Revatī ramadhvamasminyonāvasmin goṣṭhe'-sminlloke' smin kṣaye. Ihaiva sta māpagāta.

Revati — all the variety of wealth, good health, sense and mind, knowledge, ethics, good conduct, cows, etc. — may abound in this life, this body, this home,

this farm-house, everywhere in this world. Rejoice, never forsake these. May these too never forsake you.

# 22. (Agni Devata, Vaishvamitra Madhuchhanda Rshi)

स<u>्रहितासि विश्वरूप्यूर्जा</u> माविश गौपृत्येन । उप त्वाग्ने <u>दिवेदिवे दोषीवस्तर्धिया वयम् । नमो</u> भरेन्तुऽएमेसि॥२२॥

Samhitāsi viśvarūpyūrjā māviśa gaupatyena. Upa tvāgne divedive doṣāvastardhiyā vayam. Namobharanta' emasi.

Immanent in all the forms of existence, universal energy, come, inspire and bless me, as a protector and sustainer. Agni, dispeller of darkness of the night, we come to you for light day in and day out. With all our wealth of food and energy, mind and intelligence, in all humility and faith, we come to you.

# 23. (Agni devata, Vaishvamitra Madhuchhanda Ŗshi)

राजेन्तमध्वराणां गोपामृतस्य दीदिविम् । वर्द्धमानुछंस्वे दमे ॥२३॥

Rājantamadhvarāṇām gopāmṛtasya dīdivim. Vardhamānam sve dame.

With all our wealth and power, in all faith and humility, we come to Agni, bright and blazing, protector and sustainer of yajnas, illuminater of Truth, Right and the Law of existence, thriving in His own state of bliss.

#### 24. (Agni Devata, Vaishvamitra Madhuchhanda Rshi)

स नेः <u>पि</u>तेवे सूनवेऽग्ने सूपाय<u>नो भेव ।</u> सर्चस्वा नः स्वस्तये ॥२४॥

Sa naḥ piteva sūnave'gne sūpāyano bhava. Sacasvā naḥ svastaye. Agni, as father to the child, be the father, guardian and protector for all of us. Be with us always, for happiness and well-being.

# 25. (Agni Devata, Subandhu Ŗshi)

अग्ने त्वं नोऽअन्तेमऽउत त्राता शिवो भेवा वरूथ्यः । वसुरिग्नर्वसुश्रवाऽअच्छो नक्षि द्युमत्तेमःरियं दोः ॥२५॥

Agne tvam no' antama' uta trātā śivo bhavā varūthyaḥ. Vasuragnirvasuśravā' acchā nakṣi dyumattamam rayim dāḥ.

Agni, life of our life, saviour, kind and gracious, be an intimate friend and giver of goodness. Vast abode of all, brilliant and all-percipient, bless us richly with the brightest wealth and knowledge of the world.

## 26. (Agni Devata, Subandhu Rshi)

तं त्वोशोचिष्ठ दीदिवः सुम्नायं नूनमीमहे सर्खिभ्यः । स नो बोधि श्रुधी हर्वमुरुष्या णौऽअघायृतः संमस्मात् ॥२६॥

Tam tvā śociṣṭha dīdivaḥ sumnāya nūnamīmahe sakhibhyaḥ. Sa no bodhi śrudhī havamuruṣyā ṇo' aghāyataḥ. samasmāt.

Lord of the universe, Light of life, purest of the pure and self-luminous, we pray sincerely for happiness for us and our friends. May the Lord enlighten us and hear our chant of yajna, may He save us from sin and evil.

#### 27. (Agni Devata, Shrutabandhu Rshi)

इड्ऽएह्यदितुऽएहि काम्याऽएते ।

मियं वः कामुधरंणं भूयात् ॥२७॥

Ida'ehyadita' ehi kāmyā' eta. Mayi vaḥ kāmaḍharaṇaṁ bhūyāt. Come earth, come freedom, justice and abundance. May all desires come true wholly. May the Lord in-vest me with the stability of ambition and fulfilment thereof.

# 28. (Brihaspati Devata, Prabandhu Rshi)

सोमान्छंस्वरंणं कृणुहि ब्रह्मणस्पते । कृक्षीवन्तुं यऽऔ<u>शि</u>जः ॥२८॥

Somānam svaraņam kṛṇuhi brahmaṇaspate. Kakṣīvantam ya'auśijaḥ.

Lord of Eternal knowledge, keen as I am for knowledge and learning like a very child of Wisdom, shape me into a scholar with a sense of ethical values, a persuasive speaker and a teacher and maker of rejuvenating tonics.

# 29. (Brihaspati Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

यो रेवान् योऽअमीवृहा वसुवित्यु<u>ष्टि</u>वर्द्ध'नः । स नेः सिषक्तु यस्तुरः ॥२९॥

Yo revān yo'amīvahā vasuvitpuṣṭivarddhanaḥ. Sa naḥ siṣaktu yasturaḥ.

May He who is Lord of wealth and knowledge, who destroys pain, grief and disease, who is the knower of all the good things of the world, who gives all physical and spiritual strength, who is keen and instant in doing and having things done, may He bless us with all virtues and good actions.

# 30. (Brahmanaspati Devata, Varuni Saptadhriti Ŗshi)

मा नः शश्सोऽअरंकषो धूर्तिः प्रणुङ् मर्त्यंस्य । रक्षां णो ब्रह्मणस्पते ॥३०॥ Mā naḥ śamso' araruṣo dhūrtiḥ praṇaṅ martyasya. Rakṣā ṇo brahmaṇaspate.

May our songs of praise never be lost. Lord of the universe and of the Divine Word, save us against the selfishness and violence of the mrtals.

# 31. (Aditya Devata, Varuni Saptadhriti Ŗshi)

मिं त्रीणामवीऽस्तु द्युक्षं <u>मि</u>त्रस्योर्यम्णः । दुराधर्षं वर्रुणस्य ॥३१॥

Mahi trīṇāmavo'stu dyukṣaṁ mitrasyāryamṇaḥ Durādharṣam varuṇasya.

Lord of the universe, may the generous and inviolable protection of the three, Mitra (pranic energy both internal and external), Varuna (air and water), and Aryama (sun and stability) be ours for the divine knowledge of the Veda, illuminating, irresistible, and great.

### 32. (Aditya Devata, Varuni Saptadhriti Ŗshi)

निह तेषीममा चन नाध्वेसु वारणेषु । ईशे रिपुर्घशेश्सः ॥३२॥

Nahi teṣāmamā cana nādhvasu vāraņeṣu. Īśe ripuraghaśamsaḥ.

Never in their homes, nor in their paths of life, nor ever in their defences, shall there be any enemy or a supporter of evil. The Lord is in command of the life of the pious devotees.

# 33. (Aditya Devata, Varuni Saptadhriti Ŗshi)

ते हि पुत्रासोऽअदितेः प्र जीवसे मर्त्यीय । ज्योतिर्यच्छन्त्यजैस्त्रम् ॥३३॥ Te hi putrāso' aditeḥ pra jīvase martyāya. Jyotiryacchantyajasram.

Mitra, pranic energy, Varuna, air and water, and Aryama, the sun, they are the children of Imperishable Nature. They provide inexhaustible light and energy for the life and sustenance of the mortals on earth.

#### 34. (Indra Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

कदा चन स्तरीरं<u>सि</u> नेन्द्रं सश्चिस दाशुषे। उपोपेन्नु मेघवन् भूयऽइन्नु ते दानं देवस्यं पृच्यते ॥३४॥

Kadā cana starīrasi nendra saścasi dāśuṣe. Upopennu maghavan bhūya' innu te dānam devasya pṛcyate.

Indra, lord of generosity and well-being, when is it that you don't wholly favour the man of charity, overwhelming him with gifts of knowledge and joy? Lord giver of power and prosperity, your gifts of reward for karma (action), again and again, constantly, follow upon the philanthropists' acts of charity.

#### 35. (Savita Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

तत् सं<u>वितु</u>र्वरेण्यं भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नेः प्रचोदयात् ॥३५॥

Tatsaviturvarenyam bhargo devasya dhīmahi. Dhiyo yo nah pracodayāt.

Let us meditate on the blazing glory of Savita, Lord Creator, pure and generous giver of light and happiness — glory which is magnificent, most worthy of our choice. And may the Lord with His grace inspire our mind and will to dedicate ourselves to noble actions.

### 36. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

परि ते दूडभो रथोऽस्माँ२॥ऽअश्नोतु विश्वतः । येन् रक्षसि दाशुषेः ॥३६॥

Pari te dūḍabho ratho'smām' aśnotu viśvataḥ. Yena rakṣasi dāśuṣaḥ.

That formidable chariot of knowledge by which you protect and redeem the man of charity in all ways from all sides, by that very chariot protect us too, Lord of the Universe, and let us cross the panorama of existence.

## 37. (Prajapati Devata, Vamedeva Ŗshi)

भूर्भुवः स्वः सुप्रजाः प्रजाभिः स्याथंसुवीरौ वी॒रैः सुपोषः पोषैः । नर्यं प्रजां में पाहि शथंस्यं पृशून् में पाह्यर्थर्य पितुं में पाहि ॥३७॥

Bhūrbhuvaḥ svaḥ suprajāḥ prajābhiḥ syām suvīro vīraiḥ supoṣaḥ poṣaiḥ. Narya prajām me pāhi śamsya paśūn me pāhya-tharya pitum me pāhi.

Lord Existent, Intelligent and Blissful, merciful to the noble people, protect my people, Lord worthy of praise, protect my wealth and cattle, Lord firm and irresistible, protect my food, I pray, may I be a happy family man with noble people and children, nobly brave with heroic friends around generously supportive, blest with rich means of health and support.

#### 38. (Agni Devata, Asuri Rshi)

आर्गन्म <u>वि</u>श्ववेदसम्स्मभ्यं वसुवित्तमम् । अग्ने सम्राडुभि द्युम्नमुभि सहुऽआर्यच्छस्व ॥३८॥ Āganma viśvavedasamasmabhyam vasuvittamam. Agne samrāḍabhi dyumnamabhi saha'āyacchasva.

Agni, Lord of the Universe, blesses with all round honour and glory, all round enduring strength. Light of the world, may we realize and attain to the spirit omniscient of the universe, to the power omnipresent in the abodes of life in the world.

### 39. (Agni Devata, Asuri Rshi)

अयम्ग्निगृंहपेतिगांहीपत्यः प्रजायो वसुवित्तेमः। अग्नै गृहपतेऽभि द्युम्नम्भि सहुऽआयेच्छस्व ॥३९॥

Aymagnirgṛhapatirgārhapatyaḥ prajāyā vasuvittamaḥ. Agne gṛhapate'bhi dyumnamabhi saha'āyacchasva.

This agni that resides in the home with the inmates is the sustainer of the home and brings all kinds of wealth to the family. Agni, Lord of Light and Energy, bless us with honour and glory all round and bless us with enduring strength all round.

#### 40. (Agni Devata, Asuri Rshi)

अयम्गिः पुरीष्यो रियमान् पुष्टिवधीनः । अग्नै पुरीष्याभि द्युम्नम्भि सहुऽआयेच्छस्व ॥४०॥

Ayamagnih purīsyo rayimān pustivardhanah. Agne purīsyābhi dyumnamabhi saha'āyacchasva.

This agni is the source of wealth, with it we grow and develop in health and prosperity, it helps to complete our plans and projects, to make up all our wants and to grow further. Agni, Lord of Light and Energy, bless us with all round honour and prosperity, bless us with strength and endurance all round.

# 41. (Vastu Agni Devata, Asuri Ŗshi)

गृहा मा बिभीत मा वेपध्वमूर्जं बिभ्रेतऽएमेसि । ऊर्जं बिभ्रेद्वः सुमनोः सुमेधा गृहानै<u>मि</u> मनेसा मोर्दमानः॥४१॥

Gṛhā mā bibhīta mā vepadhvamūrjam bibhrata' emasi. Ūrjam bibhradvaḥ sumanāḥ sumedhā gṛhānaimi manasā modamānaḥ.

Masters of the house, inmates of the home, fear not, tremble not. Bubbling with energy and power, go forward. With energy, power and enthusiasm, with a happy heart and high intelligence, I come home rejoicing at heart, for you.

## 42. (Vastupati Agni Devata, Shamyu Rshi)

येषाम्द्भियति प्रवसन् येषु सौमन्सो बहुः । गृहानुपह्वियामहे ते नौ जानन्तु जानृतः ॥४२॥

Yeṣāmadhyeti pravasan yeṣu saumanaso bahuḥ. Gṛhānupahvayāmahe te no jānantu jānataḥ.

The man far away, the visiting guest, remembers the homes abundant with happiness of the mind and open doors of welcome. We, the guests and chance visitors call at such homes. They know us, may they continue to know.

#### 43. (Vastupati Devata, Barhaspatya Shamyu Rshi)

उपेहूताऽड्रह गावऽउपेहूताऽअजावर्यः । अथोऽअन्नस्य कीलालऽउपेहूतो गृहेषु नः । क्षेमीय वः शान्त्यै प्रपेद्ये शिवःशुग्मःशंयोः शंयोः ॥४३॥ Upahūtā' iha gāva' upahūtā'ajāvayaḥ. Atho' annasya kīlala' upahūto gṛheṣu naḥ, Kṣemāya vaḥ śāntyai prapadye śivam śagmam śamyoḥ śamyoḥ.

The cows are brought and called in, sheep and goats are brought and called in, and then, plenty of food is brought in and stored in our homes for your comfort and safety and for our comfort and protection. With all the means of comfort in safety, I am at peace with the joy of well-being. Peace! peace! and joy!

# 44. (Maruts Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रघासिनौ हवामहे मुरुतंश्च <u>रि</u>शादंसः । कर्म्भेण सुजोषंसः ॥४४॥

Praghāsino havāmahe marutaśca riśādasah. Karambheṇa sajoṣasaḥ.

We home-keepers invite and treat guests and learned men dedicated to yajna who, free from ignorance, are men of universal love, who fight evil and remove human weakness, and who welcome our hospitality and love and enjoy good food.

# 45. (Maruts Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद् ग्रामे यदर्गण्ये यत् सभायां यदि<u>न्द्रि</u>ये । यदेनेश्चकृमा वय<u>िम</u>दं तदवयजामहे स्वाहां ॥४५॥

Yadgrāme yadaraņye yatsabhāyām yadindriye. yadenaścakṛmā vayamidam tadavayajāmahe svāhā.

Whatever wrong we have done or might do in our village community, in the forest among the foresters (Vanaprasthis), in the assembly or in the mind with our senses, that we abjure and give up, and whatever is true and good, to that we commit ourselves and dedicate.

# 46. (Indra and Maruts Devate, Agastya Ŗshi)

मो षू णेऽङ्ग्द्रात्रे पृत्सु देवैरिक्त हि ष्मो ते शुष्मिन्नवयाः। मह<u>श्चि</u>द्यस्ये मीुढुषौ युव्या हुविष्मेतो मुरुतो वन्देते गीः॥४६॥

Mo ṣū ṇa' indrātra pṛtsu devairasti hi ṣmā te śuṣminnavayāḥ. Mahaścidyasya mīḍhuṣo yavyā haviṣmato maruto vandate gīḥ.

Mighty Indra, in the battles of this life, protect us well along with the learned and the wise, hurt us not. Lord of infinite power, surely the high and divine voice of yours reveals the nature and virtue of those who, in every season, with appropriate samagri, perform the yajnas. The yajamana, host-performer of yajna, with his offerings sings the songs of praise in honour of the lord of rain and the carriers of the yajna, the winds.

#### 47. (Agni Devata, Agastya Rshi)

अक्रुन् कर्मं कर्मकृतेः सुह वाचा मेयोभुवा । देवेभ्यः कर्मं कृत्वास्तुं प्रेतं सचाभुवः ॥४७॥

Akran karma karmakṛtaḥ saha vācā mayobhuvā. Devebhyaḥ karma kṛtvāstaṁ preta sacābhuvaḥ.

Men of noble action, yajna, who act together in the company of the pious and dedicated people, using the delightful language of love in communication in accordance with the sacred Word of the Divine, Veda, having played their part, go home and retire from life in peace and tranquillity.

#### 48. (Yajna Devata, Aurnavabha Rshi)

अविभृथ निचुम्पुण निचे्रुरुरिस निचुम्पुणः । अवं देवैदेंव-कृतमेनौऽयासिष्मव मर्त्यैर्मर्त्यीकृतं पुरुराव्यो देव रिष-स्पोहि ॥४८॥

Avabhṛtha nicumpuṇa nicerurasi nicumpuṇaḥ. Ava devairdevakṛtameno'yāsiṣamava martyairmartyakṛtaṁ pururāvṇo deva riśaspāhi.

Cleansed and purified by knowledge and Dharma, I am calm and constant. You are calm and constant too. I collect and arrange the Samidhas (fuel wood for yajna) and through yajna, give up the sins committed with the mind and senses as well as the evil done with the body. You too save yourself from sin and evil. Lord Supreme, save us from violence, sin and evil, the cause of long suffering.

#### 49. (Yajna Devata, Aurnavabha Rshi)

पूर्णा द<u>र्वि</u> पर्रा पत् सुपूर्णा पुन्रापेत । वस्नेव विक्रीणावहाऽइषुमूर्जं शतक्रतो ॥४९॥

Pūrņā darvi parā pata supūrņā punarāpata. Vasneva vikrīņāvahā' iṣamūrjam śatakrato.

The ladle, full with ghee and samagri, goes up (to the sky from the vedi). It comes down to the earth, full again (with water). Lord of infinite vision and a thousand yajnas, may we too, yajamana and the priest, give and take, as in exchange, yajna, food, energy and other things.

### 50. (Indra Devata, Aurnavabha Rshi)

देहि में दर्दामि ते नि में धेहि नि ते दधे। निहारं च हरासि में निहारं निहराणि ते स्वाहां ॥५०॥ Dehi me dadāmi te ni me dhehi ni te dadhe. Nihāram ca harāsi me nihāram niharāņi te svāhā.

In truth of word: you give me, I give you. You use what I give you, I use what you give me. Give me for a price, I pay the price to you.

# 51. (Indra Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अक्ष्-नमीमदन्त ह्यवं <u>प्रि</u>याऽअंधूषत । अस्तोषत् स्वभानवो विप्रा नविष्ठया मृती योजा न्विन्द्र ते हरी ॥५१॥

Akṣannamīmadanta hyava priyā'adhūṣata. Astoṣata svabhānavo viprā naviṣṭhayā matī yojā nvindra te harī.

Lord of the world/assembly, Indra, your people, learned and wise, brilliant in their own right, with latest application of their mind and discovery/invention, sing in praise of the Lord, celebrate their success, feast and enjoy themselves and, dear even to others who are opposed, shake the enemies of humanity. Saddle your horses fast, Indra. Rise up, nation, with all your might and mind.

# 52. (Indra Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

सुसुन्दृशं त्वा व्ययं मर्घवन् वन्दिषी॒मिहः। प्र नूनं पूर्णबेन्धुर स्तुतो यां<u>सि</u> वशाँ२॥ऽअनु योजा न्विन्द्र ते हरी ॥५२॥

Susandṛśam tvā vayam maghavan vandiṣīmahi. Pra nūnam pūrṇabandhura stuto yāsi vaśām' anu yojā nvindra te harī.

Lord of the world/President of the assembly. Indra, lord of all the wealth and power, brilliant and blissful to the eye, we sing songs of praise for you. Sung and celebrated, full of love and kindness, everything in

bond with you, you proceed to us with all the gifts and blessings for us. Saddle your horses fast, Indra. Rise up, nation, with all your might and mind.

### 53. (Mana Devata, Bandhu Rshi)

मनो न्वाह्वांमहे नाराशु श्सेन स्तोमेन । पितृणां च मन्मंभिः ॥५३॥

Mano nvāhvāmahe nārāśamsena stomena. Pitrṇām ca manmabhiḥ.

With the contribution of our predecessors, continuous sacrifice and dedication of our colleagues, and the generous resources of our seniors, we concentrate on the mind to develop its power and potential all round.

#### 54. (Mana Devata, Bandhu Rshi)

आ नेऽएतु मनुः पुनुः क्रत्वे दक्षीय जीवसे । ज्योक् च सूर्यं दृशे ॥५४॥

Ā na' etu manaḥ punaḥ kratve dakṣāya jīvase. Jyok ca sūryam dṛśe.

May the mind, seat of memory, come to us whole and entire, again and again, from birth to birth across time, for continuous and cumulative retention of knowledge, karma and sanskaras — seeds and impressions of thoughts, actions and ideas — for growing strength and competence, for increasing health and longevity of life and for a constant vision of the Sun, the Supreme Spirit of life and the universe.

#### 55. (Mana Devata, Bandhu Rshi)

पुर्नर्नः पितरो मनो ददातु दैव्यो जर्नः । जीवं व्रातंश्सचेमहि ॥५५॥ Punarnaḥ pitaro mano dadātu daivyo janaḥ. Jīvam vrātam sacemahi.

May this wonderful sagely man, with the blessings of our forefathers who protected, prepared and shaped him, help us regain, here and hereafter, a noble mind and intelligence, so that with him we live a virtuous life of discipline and holy vows.

# 56. (Soma Devata, Bandhu Ŗshi)

वयःसोम व्रते तव मनेस्तुनूषु बिभ्रेतः । प्रजावन्तः सचेमहि ॥५६॥

Vayam soma vrate tava manastanūșu bibhrataḥ. Prajāvantaḥ sacemahi.

Soma, Lord of peace and creator of the universe, giver of health and vitality, may we, biding within the holy bonds of your discipline and our vows, with alert minds and healthy bodies, live on in peace and joy with our children and the community.

#### 57. (Rudra Devata, Bandhu Rshi)

एष ते रुद्र भागः सह स्वस्नाम्बिकया तं जुषस्व । स्वाहैष ते रुद्र भागऽआखुस्ते पुशुः ॥५७॥

Eṣate rudra bhāgaḥ saha svasrāmbikayā taṁ juṣasva svāhaiṣa te rudra bhāga' ākhuste paśuḥ.

Man of justice, Rudra, this is your share of knowledge. Take it with its sister, companion, the vision of the Veda. Serve it with reverence. Extend it in creative action through yajna. Man of justice and power, this is your share of wealth. Take it with its sister, companion, the voice of the Veda. Serve it with reverence. Use and enjoy it with restraint. Take up the tool, the spade, and

dig your garden. Work is wealth and worship. Use the tool and the wealth with the voice of the Veda.

#### 58. (Rudra Devata, Bandhu Rshi)

अवं रुद्रमंदीमुह्यवं देवं त्र्यम्बकम् । यथां नो वस्यंसुस्कर्द्यथां नः श्रेयंसुस्कर्द्यथां नो व्यवसाययात् ॥५८॥

Ava rudramadīmahyava devam tryambakam. Yathā no vasyasaskaradyathā naḥ śreyasaskaradyathā no vyavasāyayāt.

We worship Rudra, Lord of justice, destroyer of evil, brilliant and generous, constant in vision and awareness in the three phases of time, past, present and future. We worship him so that we eliminate want and suffering, so that he may bless us with comfortable homes, greatness and honour, and firm resolution in hard work and industry.

# 59. (Rudra Devata, Bandhu Ŗshi)

भेषुजमिस भेषुजं गवेऽश्वीय पुरुषाय भेषुजम् । सुखं मेषाय मेष्ये ॥५९॥

Bheṣajamasi bheṣajam gave'śvāya puruṣāya bheṣajam. Sukham meṣāya meṣyai.

You are the panacea, universal cure for the ailments of the body, mind and soul, saviour against the evils of ignorance, injustice and poverty. You are the healer for the cows, horses, humans, rams and their females. You are health and happiness for all.

#### 60. (Rudra Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

त्र्यम्बकं यजामहे सुगुन्धि पु<u>ष्टि</u>वधीनम् । <u>उर्वा</u>रुकमिव बन्धनान्मृत्योमीक्षीय माऽमृतीत् । त्र्यम्बकं यजामहे सुगुन्धि प<u>ति</u>वेदेनम् । <u>उर्वारुकमिव</u> बन्धना<u>दि</u>तो मुक्षीय मामुतः॥६०॥ Tryambakam yajāmahe sugandhim puṣṭivardhanam. Urvārukamiva bandhanānmrtyormukṣīya mā'mṛtāt. Tryambkam yajāmahe sugandhim pativedanam. Urvārukamiva bandhanādito mukṣīya māmutaḥ.

We worship Rudra, Lord of the Universe, constant and invariable in all the three phases of time, and the first cause of health, growth, prosperity and happiness. May we, with His grace, be released from the bonds of death into freedom, immortality and eternal joy (ananda), just as the ripe fruit of melon falls off from the stalk on the branch to fullness and freedom. And may we never fall off from the state of freedom, immortality and eternal joy in the company of the Lord. We worship the Lord, Rudra, constant and invariable through time, purest and purifying, sustainer and protector who reveals Himself to His devotees. May He with His grace release us from the bonds of mortality here just as the melon fruit is released from the stalk, but we may never fall off from freedom, immortality, ananda and the presence of the Lord.

# 61. (Rudra Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

एतत्ते रुद्रावसं तेने पुरो मूर्जवतोऽतीहि । अवंततधन्वा पिनोकावसः कृत्तिवासाऽअहिश्सन्नः शिवोऽतीहि ॥६१॥

Etatte rudrāvasam tena paro mūjavato'tīhi. Avatatadhanvā pinākāvasaḥ kṛttivāsā' ahimsannaḥ śivo'tīhi.

Rudra, warrior of the bow in readiness, strong in position with shield and armour, this is the way you defend and protect. Come down from the mountain heights and be with us wholly. Hurt us not, be good and kind and gracious.

### 62. (Rudra Devata, Narayana Rshi)

त्र्यायुषं जमदेग्नेः कृश्यपेस्य त्र्यायुषम् । यद्देवेषु त्र्यायुषं तन्नोऽअस्तु त्र्यायुषम् ॥६२॥

Tryāyuṣaṁ jamadagneḥ kaśyapasya tryāyuṣam. Yaddeveṣu tryāyuṣaṁ tanno' astu tryāyuṣam.

Bless us with the threefold life — of the body, mind and spirit, for the three stages of life - childhood, youth, and age, upto 300-400 years, for all the ashrams (functional periods), and all the varnas (professional communities). Give us the threefold life of the eye, internal and external, of knowledge of the body, mind and soul, and of the world. Give us the threefold life of creativity for service, growth and spirituality. Give us the threefold life of the devas, the learned, wise, generous people, for excellence, contribution and removal of ignorance, injustice and poverty.

### 63. (Rudra Devata, Narayana Rshi)

शिवो नामासि स्वधितिस्ते पिता नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु मा मो हिश्सी:। निवर्त्तयाम्यायेषेऽन्नाद्याय प्रजनेनाय रायस्पोषीय सुप्रजास्त्वायं सुवीयीय ॥६३॥

Śivo nāmāsi svadhitiste pitā namaste'astu mā mā himsīḥ. Nivarttayāmyāyuṣe'nnādyāya prajananāya rāyaspoṣāya suprajāstvāya suvīryāya.

Rudra, Lord and father, Shiva you are by name, saviour, giver of knowledge, peace and prosperity. Salutations to you in reverence and worship. Hurt me not, father. I abide and pray for life and health, food and sustenance, virility, children, family, strength and prowess, prosperity, and freedom from suffering.

इति तृतीयोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-IV

# 1. (Apah and Oshadhis Devate, Prajapati Rshi)

एदमेगन्म देव्यजेनं पृ<u>थि</u>व्या यत्रे देवासोऽअजेषन्त विश्वे। ऋक्सामाभ्योथंसन्तरेन्तो यजेुर्भी रायस्पोषेण स<u>िम</u>षा मेदेम। इमाऽआपः शम्री मे सन्तु देवीरोषेधे त्रायेस्व स्वधिते मैनेश्हिश्सीः ॥१॥

Edamaganma devayajanam pṛthivyā yatra devāso' ajuṣanta viśve. Ŗksāmābhyām santaranto yajurbhī rāyaspoṣeṇa samiṣā madema. Imā' āpaḥ śamu me santu devīroṣadhe trāyasva svadhite mainam himsīḥ.

Lo! here we come to this holy place of yajna for the gods, powers of health, where the noblest of the world collected and delighted in their sacred enterprise. With joyous recitation of Riks, Yajus and Samans (with knowledge and action in the hope of joyous benefits) we offer food for the fire with libations of rich materials energetically and enthusiastically and cross the hurdles and suffering. May the holy waters bring health and peace. Noble herb, cure and save; unfailing power, do not hurt or kill this person.

# 2. (Apah Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आपौऽअस्मान् मातरेः शुन्धयन्तु घृतेने नो घृतप्वः पुनन्तु । विश्वःहि रिप्रं प्रवहेन्ति देवीरुदिदोभ्यः शु<u>चि</u>रा पूतऽएमि। दीक्षातपसौस्तनूरे<u>सि</u> तां त्वो <u>शि</u>वाछंशग्मां परिदधे भुद्रं वुर्णं पुष्येन् ॥२॥ Āpo' asmān mātaraḥ śundhayantu ghṛtena no ghṛtapvaḥ punantu. Viśvam hi ripram pravahanti devīrudidābhyaḥ śucirā pūta' emi Dīkṣātapasostanūrasi tām tvā śivām śagmām pari dadhe bhadram varṇam puṣyan.

Mother waters purify us: with their essence and efficacy, they sanctify us. The waters are sacred powers of nature: they wash off the entire dirt and let all the wanted health and knowledge flow in. Pure and sanctified by the waters, I come up. This body is a gift of Diksha and Tapas, commitment to health and laws of nature, and hard discipline of body, mind and soul. That body I bear as a blessing, lovely, strong and graceful, shining with the golden glow of good health.

# 3. (Megha Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

महीनां पयौऽसि वर्चोदाऽअसि वर्चों मे देहि । वृत्रस्यासि कुनीनेकश्चक्षुर्दाऽअसि चक्षुर्मे देहि ॥३॥

Mahīnām payo'si varcodā'asi varco me dehi. Vṛtrasyāsi kanīnakaścakṣurdā'asi cakṣurme dehi.

The waters of life flow to the earths from the sun. The life of the cloud radiates from the sun. The sun is the giver of light and lustre. Give me the light and lustre of life. The sun is the giver of the light of the eye. Give me the light of the eye internal as well as external.

# 4. (Paramatma Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

चित्पतिर्मा पुनातु वाक्पतिर्मा पुनातु देवो मो सि<u>व</u>ता पुनात्विच्छेद्रेण प्वित्रेण सूर्यस्य रुश्मिभीः । तस्ये ते पवित्रपते प्वित्रेपूतस्य यत्कोमः पुने तच्छेकेयम् ॥४॥ Citpatirmā punātu vākpatirmā punātu devo mā savitā punātvacchidreņa pavitreņa sūryasya raśmibhiḥ. Tasya te pavitrapate pavitrapūtasya yatkāmaḥ pune tacchakeyam.

Lord of intelligence and awareness, I pray, enlighten me. Lord of the Divine Vak, I pray, sanctify me with the voice of the Veda. Savita, Lord Creator of the universe, I pray, consecrate me with a ceaseless shower of the purest rays of the sun. Lord of purity, purest of the pure, whatever the desire for which I pray for purity, that desire may be fulfilled. Bless me that I may make it possible.

# 5. (Yajna Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आ वौ देवासऽईमहे वामं प्रेयत्यध्वरे । आ वौ देवासऽआृशिषौ युज्ञियासो हवामहे ॥५॥

 $ar{A}$  vo devāsa' īmahe vāmam prayatyadhvare.  $ar{A}$  vo devāsa' āśiso yajñiyāso havāmahe.

Devas of Yajna, mother powers of nature, learned and wise men, experts of the science of yajna, through the performance of this yajna, we pray for virtues of character, competence and of noble action. We, devotees of yajna, ask for your blessings that our desires and projects may be fulfilled and completed with success.

# 6. (Yajna Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

स्वाहां युज्ञं मनेसः स्वाहोरोर्न्तरिक्षात् । स्वाहा द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीभ्याुथंस्वाहा वाताुदारेभे स्वाहां ॥६॥

Svāhā yajñam manasaḥ svāhororantarikṣāt. svāhā dyāvāpṛthivībhyām svāhā vātādārabhe svāhā. With the voice of the Veda, in the language of expertise through education and training for the illumination of knowledge, with the sentiments of truth and love in togetherness for the sanctity of dealings in the business of living, I begin the yajna from the purity and sincerity of the mind, from the wind, and then from the vastness of the sky and space, in the service of the earth and heaven.

# 7. (Agni-Ap-Brihaspati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आकूत्यै प्रयुजेऽग्नये स्वाहां मेधायै मनेसेऽग्नये स्वाहां दीक्षायै तपंसेऽग्नये स्वाहा सरंस्वत्यै पृष्णे,ऽग्नये स्वाहां । आपों देवीर्बृहतीर्विश्वशम्भवो द्यावापृथिवीऽउरोऽअन्तरिक्ष। बृहुस्पतेये हुविषां विधेम् स्वाहां ॥७॥

Ākūtyai prayuje'gnaye svāhā medhāyai manase'gnaye svāhā dīkṣāyai tapase'gnaye svāhā sarasvatyai puṣṇe'gnaye svāhā. Āpo devīrbṛhatīrviśva-śambhuvo dyāvāpṛthivī' uro'antarikṣa. Bṛhaspataye haviṣā vidhema svāhā.

This oblation is for lighting of the fire for the resolution and dedication of the mind to virtue and the voice of the Veda. This is for the development of intelligence and the study of science and electricity for the general good in the language of common understanding. This is for commitment to Dharma and the teaching and learning of solar energy and the original universal heat in the language of universal understanding. This is for knowledge and education and the study of nourishment and vital heat of the body with scientific language for all. We study the heavenly waters of great and universal good and peace, earth and heaven and the vast middle regions of the sky. And we study

all these with oblations of appropriate samagri materials with the chants of the divine revelations of the Vedas.

# 8. (Ishvara Devata, Atreya Ŗshi)

विश्वो देवस्य नेतुर्मतों वुरीत सुख्यम् । विश्वो रायऽईषुध्यति द्युम्नं वृणीत पुष्यसे स्वाहां ॥८॥

Viśvo devasya neturmarto vurīta sakhyam. Viśvo rāya' iṣudhyati dyumnaṁ vṛṇīta puṣyase svāhā.

May all mankind choose and pray for the love and friendship of the Lord and Ruler of the world, and may all, with prayers to Him, try for the attainment of wealth and prosperity for health and growth.

# 9. (Vidvan Devata, Angiras Ŗshi)

ऋक्सामयोः शिल्पे स्थास्ते वामारंभे ते मा पातमास्य यज्ञस्योदृचेः। शर्मी<u>सि</u> शर्मं मे यच्छ नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु मा मा हि॰सीः ॥९॥

Ŗksāmayoḥ śilpe sthaste vāmārabhe te mā pātamāsya yajñasyodṛcaḥ. Śarmāsi śarma me yaccha namaste' astu mā mā himsīḥ.

After the study of Rigveda and Samaveda, both treasures of science and technology, in which study the content of the verses is actually realized, I begin this practical yajna of science and technology (in the laboratory and the workshop). May the two protect me and bless me. Reverence and salutations to you, to the teacher, to the Lord. Accept my salutations. Hurt me not, put me not off. You are peace and comfort. Give me peace and comfort of mind.

#### 10. (Yajna Devata, Angiras Rshi)

कर्गंस्याङ्गिर्स्यूणंम्रदाऽकर्जं मियं धेहि । सोमेस्य नीविरंसि विष्णोः शर्मासि शर्म यजमान्स्येन्द्रस्य योनिरसि सुसस्याः कृषीस्कृधि । उच्छ्रंयस्व वनस्पतऽकृष्वों मा पाह्यःहंसऽआस्य युज्ञस्योदृचेः॥१०॥

Ūrgasyāngirasyūrņamṛadā' ūrjam mayi dhehi. Somasya nīvirasi viṣṇoḥ śarmāsi śarma yajamānasyendrasya yonirasi susasyāḥ kṛṣīskṛdhi. Ucchrayasva vanaspata' ūrdhvo mā pāhyamhasa'āsya yajñasyodṛcaḥ.

You are tecknowledge, giver of wealth and power, realized with the energy of fire (heat), revealer of the secrets of energy and cover of safety for the creations of power. Give me energy and power.

You are the source of comfort and prosperity, gifted by yajna created by the man of knowledge, meant for the people devoted and dedicated to yajna by the grace of Indra. Increase and multiply the products of agriculture. Herbs and trees, grow and increase. Nourish, protect and help me to grow and rise high. Nourish and protect the man of yajna who has realized the mysteries of the power of the divine knowledge of nature. Save us from sin and evil.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Angiras Ŗshi)

व्रतं कृणुताग्निर्ब्रह्माग्निर्युज्ञो वनस्पतिर्युज्ञियेः । दैवीं धिये मनामहे सुमृडीकाम्भिष्टये वर्चोधां यज्ञवीहसःसुतीर्था नौऽअसद्वर्शे । ये देवा मनौजाता मनोयुजो दक्षेक्रतवस्ते नौऽवन्तु ते नैः पान्तु तेभ्यः स्वाही ॥११॥

Vratam kṛṇutāgnirbrahmāgniryajño vanaspatiryajñiyaḥ. Daivīm dhiyam manāmahe sumṛḍīkāmabhiṣṭaye varcodhām yajñavāhasam sutīrthā no'asadvaśe. Ye devā manojātā manoyujo dakṣakratavaste no'vantu te naḥ pāntu tebhyaḥ svāhā.

Keep the vow of yajnagni, the fire of yajna. Agni is Brahma, the ultimate existent, omniscient, blissful Reality. Agni is yajna, individual, collective and ultimate act of creation. Agni is the nourishing and sustaining power of the forests, and must be served through yajna. We work and pray for sacred intelligence — excellent instrument of the knowledge and pursuit of science and spirituality, source of brilliance and power and the means of the extension and development of vaina — for the sake of happiness and well-being. May this intelligence, bright and gracious, saviour as a 'tirtha' for pilgrimage, ever shine in our mind and faith. May the masters of the science of vaina, men of genius, dedication and application of mind protect us, nourish us, advance us. Theirs is the language of enlightenment. They have it for us, for yaina, for Agni, for Brahma. Keep up the vow.

# 12. (Apah Devata, Angiras Ŗshi)

श्वात्राः पीता भवत यूयमीपोऽअस्माकेमन्तरुदरे सुशेवाः। ताऽअस्मभ्यमयक्ष्माऽअनमीवाऽअनीगसः स्वदन्तु देवीरुमृतीऽ-ऋतावृधः ॥१२॥

Śvātrāḥ pītā bhavata yūyamāpo' asmākamantarudare suśevāḥ. Tā' asmabhyamayakṣmā' anamīvā' anāgasaḥ svadantu devīramṛtā' ṛtāvṛdhaḥ. Taste and drink deep of the celestial waters of immortality, so sweet and agreeable to assimilate and internalize. Free from sickness, disease and sin, peacegiving and replete with knowledge and wisdom for all of us, they extend the frontiers of our knowledge of truth and divine law. They protect you against diseases like fever, dysentery and tuberculosis.

# 13. (Apah Devata, Angiras Ŗshi)

इयं ते यज्ञियां तनूर्पो मुञ्चा<u>मि</u> न प्रजाम् । अःहोमुचः स्वाहांकृताः पृथिवीमाविंशत पृथिव्या सम्भव ॥१३॥

Iyam te yajñiyā tanūrapo muñcāmi na prajām. A mhomucah svāhākṛtāh pṛthivīmāviśata pṛthivyā sambhava.

This body of yours is for yajna by yajna. I release the waters but not my creation and my people — I save my people. Mix the waters — sterilized, purified, reinforced, invigorated — wholly and fully with the earth, and you too be one with the earth (to regain health and vigour).

#### 14. (Agni Devata, Angiras Rshi)

अग्ने त्वः सु जांगृहि व्यः सु मेन्दिषीमहि । रक्षां णो॒ऽअप्रयुच्छन् प्रबुधे नः पुनेस्कृधि ॥१४॥

Agne tvam su jāgṛhi vayam sumandiṣīmahi. Rakṣā ṇo' aprayucchan prabudhe naḥ punaskṛdhi.

Agni is universal, ever awake. It is awake while we are awake. It is awake while we are asleep. Never relenting, it protects and preserves us. And after our sleep it wakes us up again.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Angiras Rshi)

पुनुर्मनः पुनुरायुर्मऽआगृन्पुनेः प्राणः पुनेरात्मा मुऽआगृन्-पुनुश्चक्षुः पुनः श्रोत्रं मुऽआगेन् । वैश्वानुरोऽअदेब्ध-स्तनूपाऽअग्निनेः पातु दुरितादेवद्यात् ॥१५॥

Punarmanaḥ punarāyurma' āgan punaḥ prāṇaḥ punarātmā ma' āgan punaścakṣuḥ puṇaḥ śrotraṁ ma' āgan. Vaiśvanaro' adabdhastanūpā' agnirnaḥ pātu duritādavadyāt.

After sleep, after death, after Pralaya, annihilation, we get back the mind, we get back the life, we get back the vital pranic energy, we get back the spirit, we get back the eye, the ear, and all other senses. May Agni, immanent life and lord of the earth, irresistible and indomitable, save and protect us from despicable evil and sin.

# 16. (Agni Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

त्वमंग्ने व्रतपाऽअसि देवऽआ मर्त्येष्वा । त्वं युज्ञेष्वीड्यः । रास्वेयत्सोमा भूयौ भर देवो नः सि<u>व</u>ता वसौ<u>र्दा</u>ता वस्वेदात्॥१६॥

Tvamagne vratapā'asi deva' ā martyeṣvā. Tvam yajñeṣvīḍyaḥ. Rāsveyatsomā bhūyo bhara devo naḥ savitā vasordāta vasvadāt.

Agni, Lord of the universe, immanent vitality and energy of the world, you are the guardian and preserver of our spiritual vows, moral commitments and projects and resolutions in the mortal human world. You are worthy of adoration, of study, service and development, through yajna and collective enterprises. Soma, lord giver of honour and glory through art and industry, give us the wealth of success and honour again and again.

Savita, Lord Creator of the world, giver of stability and security of home, give us inspiration, security and stability of the good life.

# 17. (Agni Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

एषा ते शुक्र तन्रेतद्वर्चस्तया सम्भव भ्राजेङ्गच्छ । जूर्रसि धृता मनेसा जुष्टा विष्णवि ॥१७॥

Eṣā te śukra tanūretadvarcastayā sambhava bhrājamgaccha. Jūrasi dhṛtā manasā juṣṭā viṣṇave.

O man, virile and brave, this body is yours, borne with love and service and maintained for Vishnu, sustainer of the world, and for yajna, noble action. It is your honour and glory. Be with it, act with mind and soul and achieve the glory of life. You are fast in action and vibrant in spirit. Act fast with your mind and soul and achieve the brilliance of knowledge and wonder of succes in enterprise.

# 18. (Vak & Vidyut Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

तस्यस्ति स्त्यसंवसः प्रस्वे तुन्वो यन्त्रमंशीय स्वाहा । शुक्रमंसि चुन्द्रमंस्युमृतेमसि वैश्वदेवमंसि ॥१८॥

Tasyāste satyasavasaḥ prasave tanvo yantramasīya svāhā. Śukramasi candramasyamṛtamasi vaiśvadevamasi.

Lord Creator, true and glorious, in the yajna of creation of yours, with electric energy and the divine knowledge of the Veda in unison, I pray, I may design an instrument and apparatus of the form and structure which would be faultless and a source of comfort, peace and happiness for all in general, and a matter of pride and satisfaction for the scholars.

# 19. (Vak & Vidyut Devate, Vatsa Ŗshi)

चिदिसि मुना<u>सि</u> धीर<u>िस</u> दक्षिणासि क्षृत्रियासि युज्ञियास्य-दितिरस्युभयतः शीष्णीं । सा नः सुप्रचिी सुप्रतीच्येधि <u>मित्रस्त्वी पु</u>दि बिध्नीतां पूषाऽध्वेनस्पात्विन्द्रायाध्येक्षाय ॥१९॥

Cidasi manāsi dhīrasi dakṣiṇāsi kṣatriyāsi yajñiyāsyaditirasyubhayataḥ śīrṣṇī. Sā naḥ suprācī supratīcyedhi mitrastvā padi badhnītām pūṣā'dhvanaspātvindrāyāḍhyakṣāya.

Lord of truth and glory, in this creation of yours, great is the use of the vision and power of the language of Divinity, Veda, in the development of human society. So is the use of the power of universal electric energy. It gives us an awareness of knowledge, which makes thought and communication possible. It is a tool and instrument of intelligence and will. It facilitates expertise and the business of governance. It augments yajna and production, which is efficacious and powerful both internally and externally. It is permanent and indestructible, and a source and means of comfort and well-being before and after. We pray that Pusha, the powers of nourishment and development friendly to mankind, may hold and control the use of these powers in the way of their application in the service of the Lord Supreme, observer and controller of the wealth of the world, and may the Lord protect humanity in the course of their progress.

# 20. (Vak & Vidyut Devate, Vatsa Ŗshi)

अनुं त्वा माता मेन्यतामनुं पिताऽनु भ्राता सग्भ्योऽनु सखा सर्यूथ्यः । सा देवि देवमच्छेहीन्द्रीय सोमेश्रुद्रस्त्वीवर्त्तयतु स्वस्ति सोमेसखा पुन्रेहि ॥२०॥ Anu tvā mātā manyatāmanu pitā'nu bhrātā sagarbhyo'nu sakhā sayūthyaḥ. Sā devi devamacchehīndrāya somam rudrastvā varttayatu svasti somasakhā punarehi.

May your mother approve and bless your pursuit of energy and the literature of knowledge. May your father permit and bless and help, may your brother agree and support, may your friend in the community consent and cooperate in your project. May that goddess of light and energy come and bless you with sweet success in your programme for the glory of Indra and the happiness of humanity with beneficent means of comfort and wellbeing. May the Lord of justice and love inspire you. May the scholar of Rudra discipline and knowledge guide you. May success and honour come to you again and again, friend of humanity and devotee of the Lord Supreme, for the sake of life and the environment.

#### 21. (Vak & Vidyut Devate, Vatsa Rshi)

वस्व्यस्यदितिरस्या<u>दि</u>त्यासि <u>रुद्रासि चन्द्रासि ।</u> बृह्स्पतिष्ट्वा सुम्ने रम्णातु <u>रु</u>द्रो वसु<u>भि</u>राचेके॥२१॥

Vasvyasyaditirasyādityāsi rudrāsi candrāsi. Bṛhaspatiṣṭvā sumne ramṇātu rudro vasubhirācake.

This energy and the language (which you pursue) pertains to the heat of agni that supports life on earth, pursued by scholars of twenty four years discipline. It relates to the pranic energy of life, pursued by scholars of forty-four years discipline. It pertains to the solar radiation, pursued by scholars of forty-eight years discipline. It is blissful as the light of the moon. It is correct and beneficent like the justice and love of Rudra,

it is brilliant like the glory of the sun. And this energy is indestructible, eternal. May the great lord of knowledge, Brihaspati, inspire you; may Rudra, lord of love and correctness, dedicate you; may they bless you to enjoy this noble pursuit of yours and shine with the scholars dedicated to life-energies of nature.

# 22. (Vak & Vidyut Devate, Vatsa Ŗshi)

अदित्यास्त्वा मूर्द्धन्नाजिघर्मि देवयजेने पृ<u>श्</u>विव्याऽ-इडोयास्पृदमेसि घृतवृत् स्वाहो । अस्मे रमस्वास्मे ते बन्धुस्त्वे रायो मे रायो मा वयः रायस्पोषेण वियौष्म तोतो राये: ॥२२॥

Adistyāstvā mūrddhannājigharmi devayajane pṛthivyā' iḍāyāspadamasi ghṛtavat svāhā. Asme ramasvāsme te bandhustve rāyo me rāyo mā vayam rāyaspoṣeṇa viyauṣma toto rāyaḥ.

Energy and Word of the Divine, you are on top of the sky, in the middle of the earth, and in the chant of the divine verses in celebration of the devas in yajna. I light up and activate the energy and the Divine voice with rich libations of ghee and chant of the vaidic hymns. You too light up and activate this energy and the Divine voice. Come with us and rejoice. It is our brother, our love, yours too. Wealth is yours. Mine too. The wealth of knowledge, power and materials you gain. We too. Knowing, resolving and doing, we may never be void of this wealth of life for health and happiness.

# 23. (Vak & Vidyut Devate, Vatsa Ŗshi)

समेख्ये देव्या धिया सं दक्षिणयो्रु चक्षसा । मा मुऽआयुः प्रमोषीुर्मोऽअहं तर्व वीरं विदेय तर्व देवि सुन्दृशि ॥२३॥

Samakhye devyā dhiyā saṁ dakṣiṇayorucakṣasā. Mā ma'āyuḥ pramoṣirmo' ahaṁ tava vīraṁ videya tava devi sandṛśi.

With a vision and intelligence, inspired, enlightened and versatile, precise, scientific and practical, I clearly see the divine gifts of natural energy and the voice of the Veda, and describe and show them applied and enacted in actual life. May this energy and this voice never hurt my life. May I never neglect or lose it. May I never be unfair to your heroes. You too never be unjust to my heroes.

#### 24. (Yajna Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

एष ते गायत्रो भागऽइति में सोमीय ब्रूतादेष ते त्रैष्ट्रंभो भागऽइति में सोमीय ब्रूतादेष ते जागतो भागऽइति में सोमीय ब्रूताच्छन्दोनामानाः धंसाम्रीज्यङ्गच्छेति में सोमीय ब्रूतादा-स्माकोऽसि शुक्रस्ते ग्रह्यों विचित्तस्त्वा विचिन्वन्तु ॥२४॥

Eṣa te gāyatro bhāga'iti me somāya brūtādeṣa te traiṣṭubho bhāga'iti me somāya brūtādeṣa te jāgato bhāga' iti me somāya brūtācchandonāmānām sāmrājyamgaccheti me somāya brūtādāsmāko'si śukraste grahyo vicitastvā vicinvantu.

"This is that part of Soma-Yajna which you can realize for yourself with the Gayatri verses", say this for me, to the seeker of the chemistry of Soma. "This is that part of Soma-Yajna which you can realize for yourself with the Trishtubh verses", say this for me, to the seeker of the manufacture of Soma. "This is that part of Soma-Yajna which you can realize for yourself with the Jagati Verses", say this for me, to the seeker of the value of Soma. "Perform the Soma-Yajna with the

specific verses for social management and governance and be on top of success", say this for me, to the seeker of the power of Soma. You are pure, specialist of Soma-Yajna, you are purifier, you are ours, so wise, knowledgeable, so adorable. We, the seekers of knowledge and discrimination, accept you, support you and advance the yajna.

# 25. (Savita Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

अभि त्यं देवःसंवितारमोण्योः कविक्रतुमचीमि सत्यसंवः रत्नधामभि प्रियं मतिं कविम् । <u>क</u>ध्वां यस्यामितभाऽ अदिद्युतत्सवीमिन् हिर्रण्यपाणिरमिमीत सुक्रतुः कृपा स्वः। प्रजाभ्यस्त्वा प्रजास्त्वाऽनुप्राणन्तु प्रजास्त्वमेनु-प्राणिहि ॥२५॥

Abhi tyam devam savitāramoņyoḥ kavikratumarcāmi satyasavam ratnadhāmabhi priyam matim kavim. Urdhvā yasyāmatirbhā' adidyutatsavīmani hiraņyapāṇiramimīta sukratuḥ kṛpā svaḥ. Prajābhyastvā prajāstvā'nuprāṇantu prajāstvamanuprāṇihi.

For the love of the people I adore the lord of light, creator of earth and heaven and the middle regions of the skies, the eternal poet who composed this wonderful world of paradisal beauty and truth adorned with the jewels of life from His inexhaustible treasure of nature, lord so dear to the learned and the wise, the brilliant manifestation of whose existential form blazes in the heaven above and the earth below which He made. With His infinite mercy He created the regions of bliss for the people, the creatures He created and loved. The people adore you, lord, with their breath of life. Lord of the golden bough in both hands, bless the people with the breath and energy of life existential as well as eternal.

#### 26. (Yajna Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

शुक्रं त्वां शुक्रेणं क्रीणांमि चन्द्रं चन्द्रेणामृतेममृतेन । सम्मे ते गोर्स्मे ते चन्द्राणा तपसस्तनूरिस प्रजापतेर्वणीः पर्मेणं पृश्नां क्रीयसे सहस्रपोषं पृषेयम् ॥२६॥

Śukram tvā śukreņa krīņāmi candram candreņām;tamam;tena. Sagme te gorasme te candrāņi tapasastanūrasi prajāpatervarņaņ parameņa paśunā krīyase sahasrapoṣam puseyam.

Yajna, you are a symbol of the discipline of fire. You are the golden choice of Prajapati, father of the creatures. Your gifts are begot for the price of the highest wealth. You are pure and immaculate, begot in return for the purest offering of mine. Golden and blissful you are, I offer the richest gold of my life for the celestial bliss. You are the nectar of life. I get you with the offering of the immortal knowledge I have. Your wealth is in the womb of the moving earth and the environment. May that wealth be ours too with yajna. You nourish life in a thousand ways. May I, by the grace of Prajapati, participate in the nourishment.

#### 27. (Vidvan Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

मित्रो नुऽएिह सुमित्रधुऽइन्द्रेस्योरुमाविश दक्षिणमुशत्रुशन्तेथं-स्योनः स्योनम् । स्वान् भ्राजाङ्घीरे बम्भीरे हस्त सुहैस्त कृशीनवेते वेः सोमुक्रयणास्तान्रेक्षध्वं मा वौ दभन् ॥२७॥

Mitro na'ehi sumitradha' indrasyorumāviśa dakṣiṇamuśannuśantam syonaḥ syonam. Svāna bhrājāṅghāre bambhāre hasta suhasta kṛśānavete vaḥ somakrayaṇāstānrakṣadhvam mā vo dabhan.

Friend of friends, man of knowledge and wisdom, come, be friends with us. Pleasant and aspiring, come along, sit on the right side of Indra, lord of power and wealth and knowledge. Gentle and decent, come to the gentle and the decent. Persuasive teacher, guardian of Soma, brilliant, fearsome to the wicked and the nonserious wasters, smiling, versatile, dominant master, defend and protect those who value the gifts of Soma and knowledge. Let no one bully you.

#### 28. (Agni Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

# परि माग्ने दुश्चेरिताद् बाध्स्वा मा सुचेरिते भज । उदायुषा स्वायुषोदस्थाममृताँ२ऽअनु ॥२८॥

Pari māgne duścaritād bādhasvā mā sucarite bhaja. Udāyuṣā svāyuṣodasthāmamṛtām' anu.

Agni, Lord of light and life, save me all round from evil, drive off from me all that is bad in character and conduct. Establish me firmly in good character and conduct. Help me stay up there for a long age of goodness and high immortal virtue.

# 29. (Agni Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

प्र<u>ति</u> पन्थामपद्महि स्व<u>स्ति</u>गाम<u>ने</u>हसम् । येन् विश्वाः प<u>रि</u> द्विषौ वृणिक्ति <u>वि</u>न्दते वसु ॥२९॥

Prati panthāmapadmahi svastigāmanehasam. Yena viśvāḥ pari dviṣo vṛṇakti vindate vasu.

Agni, lord of light and life, may we all follow the path of goodness, love and non-violence by which the good man keeps off all hate and fear and attains to the safe haven of happiness and freedom.

#### 30. (Varuna Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

अदित्यास्त्वगस्यदित्ये सद्ऽआसीद । अस्तेभ्नाद् द्यां वृष्भोऽअन्तरिक्षमिमीत विरमाणम्पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याः। आसीद्विद्वश्वा भुवनानि सुम्राड् विश्वेत्ता<u>नि</u> वर्रुणस्य वृतानि ॥३०॥

Adityāstvagasya-dityai sada'āsīda. Asta-bhnād dyām vṛṣabho' antarikṣamamimīta varimāṇam pṛthivyāḥ. Āsīdadviśvā bhuvanāni samrāḍ viśvettāni varuṇasya vratāni.

Varuna, Lord of the universe and power of the sun and wind, you are the protective cover of the earth and the presiding presence of its order. Omnipotent Lord, you keep the heaven and the sky in position and maintain the excellence of life on earth. Glorious ruler of the world, you are the absolute centre and circumference of all the spheres of the universe, and all of them move in observance of the inexorable law of the divine power.

# 31. (Varuna Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

वनेषु व्यान्तरिक्षं ततान् वाज्मवीत्सु पर्यऽङ्क्तियासु । हृत्सु क्रतुं वर्रुणो <u>वि</u>क्ष्वुग्निं <u>दि</u>वि सूर्यमदधात् सोममद्रौ ॥३१॥

Vaneşu vyantarikşam tatāna vājamarvatsu paya' usriyāsu. Hṛtsu kratum varuṇo vikṣvagnim divi suryamadadhāt somamadrau.

Varuna, Lord Supreme, put expanse into waves and forests, velocity in the motion (of waves and winds), speed in the horses, milk in the cows, vision and will in the hearts, heat and desire in the living creatures, sun in heaven, nectar of life in the cloud, juice in the soma plant, and the soma plant on the mountain.

#### 32. (Agni Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

सूर्यंस्य चक्षुरारोहाग्नेरक्ष्णः क्ननीनेकम् । यत्रैतेशेभिरीयसे भ्राजमानो विपृश्चिता ॥३२॥

Sūryasya cakṣurārohāgnerakṣṇaḥ kanīnakam. Yatraitaśebhirīyase bhrājamāno vipaścitā.

Ascend to the eye (light) of the sun, and enter into the pupil of the eye of agni (light of fire) where, selfilluminating with the rays of your light, you would be approached and pursued by the discriminative scholar of science.

#### 33. (Surya & Vidvan Devata, Vatsa Ŗshi)

उस्त्रावेतं धूर्षाहौ युज्येथामन्श्रूऽअवीरहणौ ब्रह्मचोदेनौ । स्वस्ति यजमानस्य गृहान् गेच्छतम् ॥३३॥

Usrāvetam dhūrṣāhau yujyethāmanaśrū' avīrahaṇau brahmacodanau. Svasti yajamānasya gṛhān gacchatam.

Scholars dedicated to science and spirit in search of the good life should commit themselves to the study and application of the energy of the sun and vayu (wind and electricity), both treasures of scientific power and means of comfort, to be specifically investigated and used just like two bullocks bearing the burdens for life's comfort to the house of the master without tears or hurt to anybody but supporting the young and the brave. The scholars also, for guidance, should reach the senior man of knowledge who, too, silently bears the burdens of life for the knowledge and comfort of others. Let the joy and comfort of this scientific yajna, in consequence, reach the home of the yajamana.

#### 34. (Yajamana Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

भुद्रो मैऽसि प्रच्येवस्व भुवस्पते विश्वान्यभि धार्मानि । मा त्वा परिपुरिणो विद्नमा त्वा परिपुन्थिनो विद्नमा त्वा वृकाऽअघायवो विदन् । श्येनो भूत्वा परापत् यर्जमानस्य गृहान् गच्छ तन्नौ सँस्कृतम् ॥३४॥

Bhadro me'si pracyavasva bhuvaspate viśvānyabhi dhāmāni. Mā tvā paripariņo vidan mā tvā paripanthino vidan mā tvā vṛkā' aghāyavo vidan. Śyeno bhūtvā parāpata yajamānasya gṛhān gaccha tannau samskṛtam.

Lord of the earth, master of knowledge, you are a blessing for me. With the product of your study and my effort and support, reach any part of all the regions of the world shooting to your destination as an eagle. May no robber, no thief, no wolfish highway man, no man of evil pursuit, meet you on the way. May no one rob or deceive you or steal anything. Let the product of your yajna and mine reach the house of the yajamana fast.

#### 35. (Surya Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

नमों <u>मि</u>त्रस्य वर्रुणस्य चक्षेसे महो देवाय तदृतःसंपर्यत । दृरेदृशें देवजाताय केतवें <u>दि</u>वस्पुत्राय सूर्यीय शःसत ॥३५॥

Namo mitrasya varuņasya cakṣase maho devāya tadṛtam saparyata. Dūredṛśe devajātāya ketave divasputrāya sūryāya śamsata.

Salutations in reverence, recognition and gratitude to the Sun, best friend, highest, all-seeing, great, brilliant, far-seeing light of the world, self-luminant, child of heaven. Sing in praise of him, serve his law of right and truth in life.

#### 36. (Surya Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

वर्रणस्योत्तम्भेनम<u>सि</u> वर्रणस्य स्कम्भ्रसर्जंनी स्थो वर्रणस्यऽ ऋत्सर्दन्य<u>सि</u> वर्रणस्यऽऋत्सर्दनम<u>सि</u> वर्रणस्यऽऋत्-सर्दनुमासीर्द ॥३६॥

Varuņasyottambhanamasi varuņasya skambhasarjanī stho varuņasya' rtasadanyasi varuņasya' rtasadanamasi varuņasya' rtasadanamāsīda.

You are the bond and ultimate pillar of the universe. You are the centre and sustenance of vayu's hold on things and the sun's two-fold power to move the waters in space. You are the mainstay of the world's phenomenal reality of Satyam and the seat and working of Rtam, the universal law of Right and Truth. By your grace only, we realize the meaning of existence and follow the divine law of Dharma.

### 37. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

या ते धार्मानि हृविषा यज<u>ित्त</u> ता ते विश्वां परिभूरस्तु यज्ञम् । गृयस्फानेः प्रतर्रणः सुवीरोऽवीरहा प्रचेरा सोम् दुर्यीन् ॥३७॥

Yā te dhāmāni haviṣā yajanti ta te viśvā paribhūrastu yajñam. Gayasphānaḥ prataraṇaḥ suvīro'vīrahā pracarā soma duryān.

Lord of the universe, whatever places are sanctified by the performance of yajna with oblations in your honour, all such places, O Soma, yajna may grace and sanctify for us too — yajna, promoter of the home, family and wealth, saviour from suffering, maker of the brave, redeemer of the weak, all-round generous and universal, may sanctify us too. Soma, scholar wise and dedicated, go round, speak for, propagate and perform yajna in every home.

इति चतुर्थोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-V

#### 1. (Vishnu Devata, Gotama Rshi)

अग्नेस्तुनूरं<u>सि</u> विष्णवि त्वा सोमस्य तुनूरं<u>सि</u> विष्णवे त्वाऽतिथेरा<u>ति</u>थ्यमं<u>सि</u> विष्णवि त्वा श्येनायं त्वा सोम्भृते विष्णवि त्वाऽग्नये त्वा रायस्योषुदे विष्णवि त्वा ॥१॥

Agnestanūrasi viṣṇave tvā somasya tanūrasi viṣṇave tvā'titherātithyamasi viṣṇave tvā śyenāya tvā somabhṛte viṣṇave tvā'gnaye tvā rāyaspoṣade viṣṇave tvā.

Yajna (Yajna materials), you are the body of fire (heat and electricity) dedicated to Vishnu for the completion of the noble act of service. You are the body of Soma (life-juice of the created phenomena) dedicated to Vishnu, for the purification of the air and the environment. You are the hospitality for the chance-visitor, dedicated to Vishnu for the attainment of knowledge. I do the yajna and offer the libations for Vishnu, for the 'eagle', fastest carrier of Soma to the Yajamana, for rapid advancement of the science and power of yajna. I offer the libations to the fire for the development of wealth and energy, for Vishnu, the powerful giver of virtue, for knowledge and the ability for action.

# 2. (Vishnu, Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अग्नेर्जुनित्रेमिस वृषेणौ स्थऽउर्वश्यस्यायुरेसि पुरूरवोऽअसि। गायुत्रेणे त्वा छन्देसा मन्थािम त्रैष्टुंभेन त्वा छन्देसा मन्थािम जागेतेन त्वा छन्देसा मन्थािम ॥२॥ Agnerjanitramasi vṛṣaṇau stha' urvaśyasyāyurasi purūravā' asi. Gayatreṇa tvā chandasā manthāmi traiṣṭubhena tvā chandasā manthāmi jāgatena tvā chandasā manthāmi.

Yajna (yajna materials), you are the birth-place of fire, source power of fire-arms. You are the food of the cosmic agents of rain, air and the sun. You are the producer and provider of various comforts of life. You are the secret of the knowledge of the Shastras through learned gatherings. I refine and kindle the fire with the inspiring chant of the Gayatri verses. I invigorate you and raise the fire with the exhilarating chant of the Trishtubh verses. I boost you and rouse the fire with the ecstatic chant of the jagati verses.

# 3. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

भवंतं नः समेनसौ सचेतसावरेपसौ । मा युज्ञश्हिशसिष्टं मा युज्ञपतिं जातवेदसौ <u>शि</u>वौ भवतमुद्य नेः ॥३॥

Bhavatam naḥ samanasau sacetasāvarepasau. Mā yajñam him siṣṭam mā yajñapatim jātavedasau śivau bhavatamadya naḥ.

May the teacher and the disciple of the science of yajna be of equal mind in teaching and learning, harmonious in knowledge and instructions, gentle and free from coarseness in manners and communication. May these two devotees of the fire of yajna be auspicious harbingers of peace and happiness for us. May they not disturb or ruin the yajna. May they not hurt the yajnapati.

#### 4. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अग्नाविग्न्श्चिरित प्रविष्टऽऋषीणां पुत्रोऽअभिशस्तिपावी। स नेः स्योनः सुयजो यजे्ह देवेभ्यो हृव्यःसद्मप्रयुच्छन्त् स्वाहो ॥४॥ Agnāvagniścarati praviṣṭa' ṛṣīṇām putro' abhiśastipāvā. Sa naḥ syonaḥ suyajā yajeha devebhyo havyam sadamaprayucchantsvāhā.

Agni (fire) present in agni (electricity) is universally active and operative. Deeply involved in the study of agni, child of the rshis of scholarship, one with his subject, graceful, enlightened, serious and dedicated, the teacher and researcher roams around with his love. May he, for us here, carry on the yajna of his project with the libations of his special materials and create new knowledge and food for further yajna.

# 5. (Vidyut Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

आपंतये त्वा परिपतये गृह्णा<u>मि</u> तनूनप्त्रे शाक्<u>व</u>राय शक्वेनुऽओजिष्ठाय । अनीधृष्टमस्यनाधृष्यं देवानामोजोऽ-निभशस्त्यभिश<u>स्ति</u>पाऽ अनिभशस्तेन्यमञ्जीसा स्त्यमुपगेष्छं-स्विते मी धाः ॥५॥

Āpataye tvā paripataye gṛhṇāmi tanūnaptre śākvarāya śakvana' ojiṣṭhāya. Anādhrṣṭamasyanādhṛṣyam devānāmojo'nabhiśastyabhiśastipā' anabhiśastenyamañjasā satyamupageṣam svite mā dhāḥ.

Lord/Energy and Power of the universe, indestructible, dauntless and undaunted, light and lustre of the powers of nature, faultless and protector against misfortune, beyond calumny and condemnation, I accept/take you for all-over protection from all sides, for a blooming body, for the gift of ability, strength and power, prowess and lustre, so that you help to put me in a state of comfort and welfare in a straight and natural

way and I celebrate in song the true and eternal cause of the good life.

#### 6. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अग्नै व्रत<u>पा</u>स्त्वे व्रतपा या तर्व त<u>नूरिय</u>ःसा म<u>यि</u> यो ममे त<u>नूरे</u>षा सा त्वयि । सह नौ व्रतपते व्रतान्यनु मे दीक्षां दीक्षापेतिर्मन्यतामनु तपस्तपस्पतिः॥६॥

Agne vratapāstve vratapā yā tava tanūriyam sā mayi yo mama tanūreṣā sā tvayi. Saha nau vratapate vrtānyanu me dīkṣām dīkṣāpatirmanyatāmanu tapastapaspatiḥ.

Agni, Lord/Power of light and energy, omnipresent protector and keeper of the vows of discipline, I take the vow of discipline and study and come in to you. This presence of yours is in me, and the same presence in me is in you. You and I are together, the preceptor and the disciple are together. Lord protector of the vows of discipline and pursuit, Lord of commitment and consecration, Lord of fire and relentless exercise of discipline, recognize and permit our vow of discipline and study, approve and consecrate my commitment, accept and bless my dedication and pursuit of the undertaking and programme.

#### 7. (Soma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

अ्श्रुरेश्रुष्टे देव सोमाप्यायतामिन्द्रायैकधन्विदे । आ तुभ्यमिन्द्रः प्यायतामा त्विमन्द्राय प्यायस्व । आप्यायया-स्मान्त्सखीन्त्सन्या मेधया स्वस्ति ते देव सोम सुत्यामेशीय एष्टा रायः प्रेषे भगायऽऋतमृतवादिभ्यो नमो द्यावापृ<u>थि</u>वी-भ्याम् ॥७॥ Amsuramsuste deva somāpyāyatāmindrāyaikadhanavide. Ā tubhyamindraḥ pyāyatāmā tvamindrāya pyāyasva. Āpyāyayāsmāntsakhīntsannyā medhayā svasti te deva soma sutyāmasīya. Eṣṭā rāyaḥ preṣe bhagāya rtamṛtavādibhyo namo dyāvāpṛthivībhyām.

Soma, Lord and spirit of life, power brilliant, omnipresent in nature, master of unique knowledge and promoter of wealth, nurture the growth bit by bit, wave on wave, for the glory of Indra, the power of nature, and may Indra, the power, grow for you, the spirit. And may the seeker (the master and the disciple) grow for the joy of life. Help us grow, help our friends and comrades grow by virtue of your penetrating intelligence. Let joy and comfort grow. May success greet you! Man of brilliance dedicated to the spirit of life, joining you in your creative efforts for the production of food and energy, and the achievement of honour and prosperity, may we obtain the wanted power and wealth of life. To the speakers (and discoverers) of the Law (of nature), knowledge (of truth and law)! To earth and heaven, salutations (in gratefulness for fire and light and growth)!

### 8. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

या तैऽअग्नेऽयःश्या तुनूर्विषिष्ठा गह्वरेष्ठा । उग्रं वचोऽअपविधीत्त्वेषं वचोऽअपविधीत् स्वाहां । या तैऽअग्ने रजःश्या तुनूर्विषिष्ठा गह्वरेष्ठा । उग्रं वचोऽअपविधीत्त्वेषं वचोऽअपविधीत् स्वाहां । या तैऽअग्ने हरिश्या तुनूर्विषिष्ठा गह्वरेष्ठा । उग्रं वचोऽअपविधीत्त्वेषं वचोऽअपविधीत् स्वाहां ॥८॥ Yā te'agne'yaḥśayā tanurvarṣiṣṭhā gahvareṣṭhā. Ugram vaco' apāvadhīttveṣam vaco' apāvadhīt svāhā. Yā te' agne' rajaḥśayā tanūrvarṣiṣṭhā gahvareṣṭhā. Ugram vaco' apāvadhīttveṣam vaco' apāvadhīt svāhā. Yā te' agne hariśayā tanūrvarṣiṣṭhā gahvareṣṭhā. Ugram vaco' apāvadhīttveṣam vaco' apāvadhīt svāhā.

Agni, Lord of fire and speech, your presence (in the devotee), silent but potential as in the metals of the earth, generous and deep in the caverns of the mind, defeats the cruellest and most fearsome words of the opponent. Your presence (in the devotee), loud and powerful as in the air and waters of the sky, generous and deep as in the caverns of the clouds, defeats the strongest and most passionate words of the opponent. Your presence (in the devotee), clear and brilliant as in the rays of light, generous and deep as in the implosions of the sun, overwhelms the most brilliant and most formidable speech of the opponent. This is the voice of nature. This is the voice of the Veda. This is the voice of the Divine.

# 9. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

तुप्तार्यनी मेऽसि <u>वि</u>त्तार्यनी मेऽस्यवंतान्मा ना<u>श</u>ितादवंतान्मा व्य<u>शि</u>तात् । <u>वि</u>देदुग्निर्नभो नामाग्नेऽअङ्गिर्ऽआयुना नाम्ने<u>हि</u> यो अस्यां पृ<u>शि</u>व्यामि यत्तेऽनांधृष्टं नामं यज्ञियं तेन त्वा दंधे <u>वि</u>देदुग्निर्नभो नामाग्नेऽअङ्गिर्ऽआयुना नाम्ने<u>हि</u> यो <u>द्वि</u>तीर्यस्यां पृ<u>शि</u>व्यामि यत्तेऽनांधृष्टं नामं युज्ञियं तेन त्वा दंधे <u>वि</u>देदुग्निर्नभो नामाग्नेऽअङ्गिर्ऽआयुना नाम्ने<u>हि</u> यस्तृतीर्यस्यां पृ<u>शि</u>व्यामि यत्तेऽनांधृष्टं नामं युज्ञियं तेन त्वा दंधे <u>वि</u>देदुग्निर्नभो नामाग्नेऽअङ्गिर्ऽआयुना नाम्ने<u>हि</u> यस्तृतीर्यस्यां पृ<u>शि</u>व्यामि यत्तेऽनांधृष्टं नामं युज्ञियं तेन त्वा दंधे । अनुं त्वा देववीतये ॥९॥

Taptāyanī me'si vittāyanī me'syavatānmā nāthitādavatānmā vyathitāt. Videdagnirnabho nāmāgne' aṅgira' āyunā nāmnehi yo'syām pṛthivyāmasi yatte'nādhṛṣṭam nāma yajñiyam tena tvā dadhe videdagnirnabho nāmāgne' aṅgira'āyunā nāmnehi yo dvitīyasyām pṛthivyāmasi yatte'nādhṛṣṭam nāma yajñiyam tena tvā dadhe videdagnirnabho nāmāgne' aṅgira'āyunā nāmnehi yastṛtīyasyām pṛthivyāmasi yatte' nādhṛṣṭam nāma yajñiyam tena tvā dadhe. Anu tvā devavītaye.

Agni (fire, electricity and light) is the bringer of home for the homeless and wealth for all. It saves from destitution and exploitation, and from fear and deprivation. Know this agni: it is water from the sky, lives in the body parts as vital heat and comes bearing the name of health and longevity. It lives in this earth and that is its yajnic and indestructible form. For that reason, we light it in the vedi, raise it and feed it for the attainment of noble virtues.

Know the agni: it is in the vapours in the sky, the second region of space, in its yajnic and indestructible form. It comes bearing the name of health, longevity and comfort. For that reason, we light it in the vedi of science, raise it and feed it for the attainment of noble virtues.

Know the agni: it is light which illuminates various regions of the universe and lives in the moving sun in heaven, the third region of space, in its yajnic and indestructible form. It comes bearing the name of health, logevity, prosperity, light and life. For that reason, we light it in the vedi of technology, raise it and feed it for the attainment of noble virtues.

#### 10. (Vak Devata, Gotama Rshi)

सि्थंह्यसि सपलसाही देवेभ्यः कल्पस्व सि्थंह्यसि सपलसाही देवेभ्यः। शुन्थस्व सि्थंह्यसि सपलसाही देवेभ्यः शुम्भस्व ॥१०॥

Simhyasi sapatnasāhī devebhyaḥ kalpasva simhyasi sapatnasāhī devebhyaḥ. Śundhasva simhyasi sapatnasāhī devebhyaḥ śumbhasva.

Speech is powerful, as powerful as a lioness. Develop it for the good people so that they can face a rival and prevail. Purify it so that the noble people can resist an adversary and defeat him. Beautify it so that the holy people can fight out the enemy and win over darkness and evil.

#### 11. (Vak Devata, Gotama Rshi)

इन्द्रघोषस्त्वा वसुभिः पुरस्तीत्पातु प्रचैतास्त्वा रुद्रैः पृश्चात्पीतु मनौजवास्त्वा पिृतृभिर्दक्षिणृतः पौतु विश्वकेमां त्वा<u>दि</u>त्यै-रुत्तरुतः प<u>ौत्वि</u>दमुहं तुप्तं वार्<u>षीहि</u>र्धा युज्ञान्निःसृजामि ॥११॥

Indraghoṣastvā vasubhiḥ purastāt pātu pracetāstvā rudraiḥ paścat pātu manojavāstvā pitṛbhirdakṣiṇataḥ pātu viśvakarmā tvā'dityairuttarataḥ pātvi-damahaṁ taptam vārbahirdhā yajñānniḥ sṛjāmi.

(Speech is a sacred trust to be developed and preserved.) The voice of the Divine Power, Veda, and the scholars of the Veda, with the observation of the external world of the Vasus such as the earth and work of the 'vasu' scholars of 24 years standing may develop the language of science from the front, taking it forward. Pracheta, the man of awareness and illumination, with insight into the internal world of the pranas and the spirit

and work of the scholars of 36 years standing may extend it and preserve it from behind. The man of judgement and valuation as fast as the mind (manojawa), with the senior scholars past and present, should maintain the clarity and acceptability of its meaning and refinement on the right side of it. Vishwakarma, scholar of the world of existence and the structure of language, with the work of the scholars of 48 years standing, should maintain the overall beauty and effectiveness of it. (This is the yajna of creative speech.) With the fragrance of this yajna I breathe out the vapours of Vak (universal language) to be crystallized into the objective speech of communication.

# 12. (Vak Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

सिछंहासि स्वाही सिछंहास्यादित्यविनः स्वाही सिछंहासि ब्रह्मविनः क्षत्रविनः स्वाही सिछंहासि सुप्रजावनी रायस्पोषविनः स्वाही सिछंह्यस्यावेह देवान्यजेमानाय स्वाही भूतेभ्येस्त्वा ॥१२॥

Simhyasi svāhā simhyasyādityavaniḥ svāhā simhyasi brahmavaniḥ kṣatravaniḥ svāhā simhyasi suprajāvanī rāyaspoṣavaniḥ svāhā simhyasyāvaha devān yajamānāya svāhā bhūtebhyastvā.

Language is sacred and it is power. It is the treasure of science, science of the stars and light especially of the sun in the zodiacs. It is the language of the Veda and eliminates ignorance. It is the language of governance, administration and military science and fights out injustice and crime. It is the language of economics, commerce, finance and management and removes poverty and suffering. It is the language of

social science and human welfare and eliminates antisocial forces. For the yajamana it brings spiritual knowledge and noble virtues. I serve and develop this noble language through yajna for the enlightenment and happiness of all the living beings.

# 13. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

ध्रुवोऽसि पृथिवीं दृेश्ह ध्रुवक्षिदेस्यन्तरिक्षं दृश्हाच्युतिक्षदेसि दिवं दृश्हाग्नेः पुरीषमसि ॥१३॥

Dhruvo'si pṛthivīm dṛmha ḍhruvakṣidasyantariṣam dṛmhācyutakṣidasi divam dṛmhāagneḥ purīṣamasi.

Yajna is firm and immovable, the centre of movement. It develops the earth and enriches its wealth. Develop yajna. It is the treasure-home of knowledge and prosperity. It expands the sky and increases its wealth and waters. Develop yajna. It is the seat of indestructible wealth. It expands radiation of light and energy from the regions of the sun and brings the light of knowledge. It supplements and sharpens the powers of nature. Develop yajna. Expand. Accelerate. Intensify. It is the completion, the finale.

#### 14. (Savita Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

युञ्जते मर्नऽउत युञ्जते धियो विप्रा विप्रंस्य बृहतो विप्रिश्चर्तः । वि होत्रो दधे वयुनाविदेकऽइन्मही देवस्ये स<u>वितुः परिष्टुतिः</u> स्वाहो ॥१४॥

Yuñjate mana' uta yuñjate ḍhiyo viprā viprasya bṛhato vipaścitaḥ. Vi hotrā dadhe vayunāvideka' inmahī devasya savituḥ pariṣṭutiḥ svāhā.

Great are the songs of celebration in praise of

Savita, the Creator, Omnipresent Lord Supreme of infinite knowledge and Karma. Wise and dedicated men of multiple orders of yajna concentrate their mind and intelligence on that One Universal Presence. Knowing that language of celebration and Karma I meditate on the presence of the Lord all alone by myself.

#### 15. (Vishnu Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

इदं विष्णुर्विचेक्रमे त्रेधा निदेधे पुदम् । समूढमस्य पाछंसुरे स्वाही ॥१५॥

Idam viṣṇurvicakrame treḍhā nidadhe padam. Samūḍhamasya pāmsure svāhā.

Vishnu, Lord omnipresent sustainer of this dynamic world, visible and invisible, created it in three fold order — earth (prithivi), skies (antariksha) and heaven (dyu), or sattva (mind), rajas (motion) and matter (tamas) — and, alongwith the mystery that it is, set it in space. This is the divine voice.

#### 16. (Vishnu Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

इरावती धेनुमती हि भूतःस्र्यविसिनी मनेवे दशस्या । व्यस्कभ्ना रोदंसी विष्णवेते दाधत्थी पृथिवीमभितौ मयूखैः स्वाहा ॥१६॥

Irāvatī dhenumatī hi bhūtam sūyavasinī manave daśasyā. Vyaskabhnā rodasī viṣṇavete dādharttha pṛthivīmabhito mayūkhaiḥ svāhā.

The earth full of grain, rich in cows, covered with grass and greenery so pleasing to man, this earth with all her creatures held fast all round in orbit by the waves of gravitation, and the heaven above well-sustained in position, Vishnu, Lord immanent of the world, you

maintain both of these and, of course, the divine word of the Veda.

# 17. (Vishnu Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

देवश्रुतौ देवेष्वाघोषतं प्राची प्रेतमध्वरं कुल्पयेन्तीऽकुर्धं यज्ञं नेयतं मा जिह्वरतम् । स्वं गोष्ठमीवदतं देवी दुर्येऽआयुर्मा निवीदिष्टं प्रजां मा निवीदिष्टमत्रे रमेथां वष्मीन् पृथिव्याः॥१७॥

Devaśrutau deveṣvāghoṣataṁ prācī pretamaḍhvaraṁ kalpayantī'ūrdhvaṁ yajñaṁ nayataṁ mā jihvaratam. Svam goṣṭhamāvadatam devī durye' āyurmā nirvādiṣṭaṁ prajām mā nirvādiṣṭamatra ramethāṁ varṣman pṛthivyāḥ.

Scholars well-versed in the science of yajna go forward to the noble people and proclaim that they strengthen and extend the yajna over the earth and to the sky so that they receive, like the two fold movements of prana and apana, the fragrance of the yajna of love and non-violence and send it onward to the heavens. Take the yajna high, never take it down. Pious men of virtue stay in their home and look after the cows fully well. Abuse not life. Revile not the people. Enjoy life on the earth under the showers of peace and joy.

# 18. (Vishnu Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

विष्णोर्नु कं वीर्याणि प्रवोचं यः पार्थिवानि विममे रजीछंसि। योऽअस्केभायुदुत्तरःस्मधस्थं विचक्रमाणस्त्रेधोर्रुगायो विष्णवे त्वा ॥१८॥

Viṣṇornukam vīryāṇi pravocam yaḥ pārthivāni vimame rajāmsi. Yo' askabhāyaduttaram sadhastham vicakramāṇastredhorugāyo viṣṇave tvā.

Let us celebrate the wonderful exploits of Vishnu who makes the threefold order of the heaven, the earth and the sky with the original materials of nature. Immanent with the later forms of the dynamic universe which He made and makes, He sustains the world. Celebrated in the hymns of the Veda, Lord, we worship you for the sake of the universal yajna of creation and pray for inspiration to perform yajna in our life.

# 18. (Vishnu Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Rshi)

द्विवो वो विष्णऽउत वो पृ<u>थि</u>व्या मुहो वो विष्णऽ-उरोर्न्तरिक्षात्। उभा हि हस्ता वस्नीना पृणस्वा प्रयेच्छ दक्षिणादोत सुव्याद्विष्णीवे त्वा ॥१९॥

Divo vā viṣṇa' uta vā pṛthivyā maho vā viṣṇa' urorantarikṣāt. Ubhā hi hastā vasunā pṛṇasvā prayaccha dakṣiṇādota savyād viṣṇave tvā.

Vishnu, Lord omnipresent of the universe, we worship you with yajna for the gifts of yajna. We pray: from the regions of heaven bless us with energy and light. From the vast sky and from the earth, and from the great womb of nature — the 'mahat' form of the creative mode — bless us and fill our life to the full with materials of joy and peace with both hands, from both sides, right and left.

# 20. (Vishnu Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

प्र तद्विष्णुं स्तवते वीर्येण मृगो न भीमः कुंचरो गि<u>रिष्ठाः।</u> यस्योरुषुं <u>त्रिषु विक्रम</u>णेष्वधि<u>क्षियन्ति</u> भुवना<u>नि</u> विश्वी॥२०॥

Pra tadviṣṇu statvate vīryeṇa mṛgo na bhīmaḥ kucaro giriṣṭhāḥ. Yasyoruṣu triṣu vikramaṇeṣvadhikṣiyanti bhuvanāni viśvā.

Like an awful mountain lion that roams around in his sole majesty, Vishnu, the omnipresent Lord of tremendous power and glory rules the world and commands the homage of His creatures. All the regions of the world rest in the vast spaces of the three orders of His wonderful creation — the earth, the sky and the heavens.

# 21. (Vishnu Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

विष्णों र्राटंमिस विष्णोः श्नप्नें स्थो विष्णोः स्यूरंसि विष्णोंर्ध्रुवोऽसि । वैष्णवर्मिस विष्णवे त्वा ॥२१॥

Viṣṇo rarāṭamasi viṣṇoḥ śnaptre stho viṣṇoḥ syūrasi viṣṇordhruvo'si. Vaiṣṇavamasi viṣṇave tvā.

The world is a manifestation of Vishnu's glory at two levels of existence, the animate and the inanimate. The elements of existence have been integrated into form by the presence of Vishnu. The form is one, firm, inviolable and organismic. The world is divine, it belongs to Vishnu. It is yajna. It is for yajna in celebration of the maker.

# 22. (Vishnu Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रंस्<u>व</u>्वेऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्ताभ्याम्। आदे<u>दे नार्यंसीदमह</u>श्रस्थंसां ग्रीवाऽअपि कृन्तामि । बृहन्नसि बृहद्रवा बृह्तीमिन्द्राय वाचं वद ॥२२॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prsave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ā dade nāryasīdamaham rakṣasām grīvā' api kṛntāmi. Bṛhannasi bṛhadravā bṛhatīmindrāya vācam vada.

In this world of Lord Savita's creation and blessedness, with the double strength of Ashwini's arms

(nature's powers of health, prana and apana) and the double gifts of nourishment from Pusha (earth's powers of gravitation and stability), I accept and undertake to do yajna. Yajna is a noble work for humanity. With this, we can drive away the forces of evil even by the neck. It is great and growing. It is the voice of divinity loud and clear. Proclaim this great voice of truth for the glory of Indra, ruler of the earth.

# 23. (Yajna Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Rshi)

रक्षोहणं बलगृहनं वैष्णुवी<u>मि</u>दम्हं तं बेलुगमुत्किरा<u>मि</u> यं मे निष्ट्यो यममात्यो निच्खानेदम्हं तं बेलुगमुत्किरा<u>मि</u> यं मे समानो यमसमानो निच्खानेदम्हं तं बेलुगमुत्किरा<u>मि</u> यं मे सबेन्धुर्यमसंबन्धुर्निच्खानेदम्हं तं बेलुगमुत्किरा<u>मि</u> यं मे सजातो यमसेजातो निच्खानोत्कृत्याङ्किरामि ॥२३॥

Rakṣohaṇaṁ balagahanaṁ vaiṣṇavīm idamahaṁ taṁ balagamutkirāmi yaṁ me niṣṭyo yamamātyo nicakhanedamahaṁ taṁ balagamutkirāmi yaṁ me samāno yamasamāno nicakhānedamahaṁ taṁ balagamutkirāmi yaṁ me sabandhuryamasabandhurnicakhānedamahaṁ taṁ balagamutkirāmi yaṁ me sajāto yamasajāto nicakhānotkṛtyām kirāmi.

Just as I perform, refine and expand this yajna — an act that gathers strength, bestows strength of power, prosperity and happiness, and destroys negativity and evil, an act performed with the voice of the divine (Veda) for the divine — just as I do the yajna, you too do the same for advancement.

What my dedicated friend or my chief assistant has done to dig up the vedi for knowledge of the earth, and as he has performed the yajna of research, so I do the act for enlightenment and you too do the same for progress.

What my equal or my unequal has done and does in the field of education, the same I do for development and you too do the same for refinement.

What the equal of my brother or the unequal of my brother has done and does for the advancement of the science of yajna, I do the same developmental act, and you too do the same — for expansion.

What my brother, colleague or another higher or lower has done and does regularly for heightening the possibilities of yajna for the advancement of knowledge, prosperity and happiness, I do the same inspiring act and you too do the same for the higher life.

# 24. (Surya & Vidvan Devate, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

# स्वराडेसि सपत्नुहा संत्रुराडेस्यभिमा<u>ति</u>हा जनुराडेसि रक्षोहा संव्र्राडेस्यमित्रुहा ॥२४॥

Svarādasi sapatnahā satrarādasyabhimātihā janarādasi rakṣohā sarvarādasyamitrahā.

You are self-disciplined, self-luminous, free, able to defeat the rivals. You are ruled by the sessions of the community-yajna; you shine in the community sessions and you suppress the proud. You are ruled by the people, you shine among the people, and you eliminate the wicked. You are ruled by all, you shine among all and you win over those who are not your friends.

You are the individual, self-disciplined, self-enlightened, free, able to defeat the rivals. You are the community, autonomous, enlightened, able to keep down the insidious. You are the nation, governed by the people,

nationally enlightened, free, able to suppress the wicked. You are the united nations of the world, governed by the united people, humanly enlightened, sovereign, able to win over the opposition and non-friends.

# 25. (Yajna Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Rshi)

रुश्चोहणों वो बलगृहनः प्रोक्षामि वैष्णुवार्रक्षोहणों वो बलगृहनोऽवनयामि वैष्णुवार्रक्षोहणों वो बलगृहनोऽ-वेस्तृणामि वैष्णुवार्रक्षोहणौ वां बलगृहनाऽउपेदधामि वैष्णुवी रेक्ष्मोहणौ वां बलगृहना पर्यूहामि वैष्णुवी वैष्णुवमिस वैष्णुवा स्थे ॥२५॥

Rakṣohaṇo vo balagahanaḥ prokṣāmi vaiṣṇavān rakṣohaṇo vo balagahano' vanayāmi vaiṣṇavān rakṣohaṇo vo balagahano' vastṛṇāmi vaiṣṇavān rakṣohaṇau vāṁ balagahanā' upa-dadhāmi vaiṣṇavī rakṣohaṇau vāṁ balagahanau paryūhāmi vaiṣṇavī vaiṣṇavamasi vaiṣṇavā stha.

You are fighters against suffering and destroyers of evil while I rout the force of the enemy. You are devotees of Vishnu, Lord of the universe, and dedicated to yajna, a life of positive creative and constructive action. I bless and sanctify you. You are the destroyers of the wicked. I gauge the strength of the enemy and drive them away from you, friends of yajna. You are fighters against human poverty and misfortune. I know the powers of the exploiters. I shower success and prosperity on you, friends of social and economic well-being through yajna. President of the council and master of yajna, you are crusaders against ignorance and injustice and you face the power of the adversaries. By virtue of your dedication to Vishnu and to yajna, I take you close to me for success. Eliminators of sin and pollution, you break down their

power in the service of society. I know your faith and I strengthen your faith and resolve. Yajna is holy, it is a Godly mission. Stay firm in your dedication to yajna, to God, to nature and to society.

# 26. (Yajna Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। आदेवे नार्यंसीदमह रक्षसां ग्रीवाऽअपिकृन्तामि । यवौऽसि यवयास्मद् द्वेषौ यवयारातीर्विवे त्वाऽन्तरिक्षाय त्वा पृथिव्यै त्वा शुन्धन्ताँल्लोकाः पितृषदेनाः पितृषदेनमसि ॥२६॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'svinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ā dade nāryasīdamaham rakṣasām grīvā' api kṛntāmi. Yavo'si yavayāsmad dveṣo yavayārātīrdive tvā'-ntarikṣāya tvā pṛthivyai tvā śundhantāmllokāḥ pitṛṣadanāḥ pitṛṣadanamasi.

In this world of Savita's creation, with the strength and vigour of prana and apana, and with the power and prowess of the bold and the brave I do homage to the man of learning and dedication and accept yajna as a mission so that I may catch the wicked and the evil by the neck and eliminate them head and foot from life and society. You are young and fast, speed itself. Drive away hate and fear from us. Eliminate poverty, adversity and failure. May all the people cooperate and join in the yajna in the search for the light of truth and universal Dharma, for exploration of the sky and space and for enrichment of the earth and the environment. This is the assembly of the wise and the learned people. May all the people join these men of knowledge and be enlightened. O woman, you are strong and bold. You too join in this venture.

#### 27. (Yajna Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Rshi)

उद्दिवेछंस्तभानान्तरिक्षं पृण् दृश्हेस्व पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां द्युंतानस्त्वी मारुतो मिनोतु <u>मि</u>त्रावर्रुणौ ध्रुवेण् धर्मणा । ब्रह्मविने त्वा क्षत्रविन रायस्पोष्वि<u>नि</u> पर्यूहामि । ब्रह्मे दृश्ह क्षृत्रं दृश्हार्युर्दृश्ह प्रजां दृश्ह ॥२७॥

Uddivam stabhānāntarikṣam pṛṇa dṛmhasva pṛthivyām dyutānastvā māruto minotu mitrāvaruṇau dhruveṇa dharmaṇā. Brahmavani tvā kṣatravani rāyaspoṣavani paryūhāmi. Brahma dṛmha kṣatram dṛmhāyurdṛmha prajām drmha.

Yajna, man of knowledge, president of the assembly, reach the regions of light and reveal the secrets of knowledge. Rise to the skies and fill the space there for knowledge. Reach into the earth and strengthen it. May the wind join you and help with the light of energy. May the two-fold movements of wind-energy, prana and apana, help you with their firm and unfailing power. I know and appreciate your dedication to knowledge and education, to governance and organization, to the economic system and wish you well. Promote knowledge, strengthen the social system, enrich the economic system. Promote life and health. Promote the welfare of the people.

# 28. (Yajna Devata, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

ध्रुवासि ध्रुव्गेऽयं यजमानोऽस्मिन्नायतेने प्रजयो प्शुभिर्भूयात्। घृतेने द्यावापृथिवी पूर्येथामिन्द्रस्य छदिरसि विश्वजनस्ये छाया ॥२८॥

Dhruvāsi dhruvo'yam yajamāno'sminnāyatane prajayā paśubhirbhūyāt. Ghṛtena dyāvāpṛthivī pūryethām indrasya chadirasi viśvajanasya chāyā.

Lady of the house, hostess of yajna, you are firm and strong. May the yajamana, your husband, also be firm in this yajna, in this home, in this world, with his family, his people and his wealth. May both of you fill the earth and the sky with the fragrance of ghee and fertility. You are the protective shade of Indra, lord of power and prosperity. You too be the protective cover for all the people of the world.

29. (Ishvara and Sabhadhyaksha Devate, Autathya Dirghatama Ŗshi)

परिं त्वा गिर्वणो गिरंऽइमा भेवन्तु <u>वि</u>श्वतेः । वृद्धायुमनु वृद्धेयो जुष्टी भवन्तु जुष्टेयः ॥२९॥

Pari tvā girvaņo gira'imā bhavantu viśvataḥ. Vṛddhāyumanu vṛddhayo juṣṭā bhavantu juṣṭayaḥ.

Lord President, adorable in songs of praise, may these chants of celebration reach you whole and from all sides, and may these praises, ever loved, increase and grow in their truth and value alongwith the lord, first in time and oldest in wisdom.

30. (Ishvara and Sabhadhyaksha Devate, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

इन्द्रेस्य स्यूर्सीन्द्रेस्य ध्रुवोऽसि । ऐन्द्रमेसि वैश्वदेवमेसि ॥३०॥

Indrasya syūrasīndrasya dhruvo'si Aindramasi vaiśvadevamasi.

You are the life-link of the world's beauty and grandeur. You are the centre-pin of the wheel of existence. You are the power and the glory. You are the ultimate rest and haven of the universe.

# 31. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

विभूरिस प्रवाहेणो वहिरिस हव्यवाहेनः । श्वात्रोऽसि प्रचेतास्तुथोऽसि विश्ववेदाः ॥३१॥

Vibhūrasi pravāhaņo vahnirasi havyavāhanaḥ. Śvātro'si pracetāstutho'si viśvavedāḥ.

Agni, you are vast as space, flowing as a river and rolling as the sea, the fire that carries the fragrance of yajna across the world. You are the lord giver of knowledge and awareness and promoter of wisdom, and you are the vision of the world.

#### 32. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

उशिगिसि क्विरङ्घीरिरिस बम्भीरिरवस्यूरेसि दुर्वस्वा-ञ्छुन्थ्यूरेसि मार्जालीयेः सम्राडिस कृशानुः परिषद्योऽसि पर्वमानो नभौऽसि प्रतक्वी मृष्टोऽसि हव्यसूर्दनऽऋत-धीमासि स्वुन्योतिः ॥३२॥

Uśigasi kaviraṅghārirasi bambhārir-avasyūrasi duvasvān chundhyūrasi mārjālīyaḥ samrāḍasi kṛśānuḥ pariṣadyo'si pavamāno nabho'si pratakvā-mṛṣṭo'si havyasūdana' ṛtadhāmā'si svarjyotiḥ.

Agni, you are the lord of light, eternal poet of vision and creation, enemy of sin and evil, deliverer from bondage, protector from suffering, adorable, edifying purifier and sanctifier. Self-refulgent, you burn away the dirt, wash away and dry up pollution; centrepresence of the assembly, you emanate joy; light of the sky, you refine the yajna and carry it in space. Light of heaven and abode of the eternal law of Dharma, you are the spirit of patience and the power of endurance.

#### 33. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

समुद्रोऽसि <u>वि</u>श्वव्यंचाऽअजोॢऽस्येकंपादहिरसि बुध्योॢ वार्गस्यैन्द्रमं<u>सि</u> सदोऽस्यृतंस्य द्वारौ मा मा सन्तां<u>प्त</u>-मध्वनामध्वपते प्र मा तिर स्वस्ति मेऽस्मिन् पृथि देवयाने भूयात् ॥३३॥

Samudro'si viśvavyacā' ajo'syekapād ahirasi budhnyo vāgasyaindramasi sado'si ṛtasya dvārau mā mā santāptam adhvanāmadhvapate pra mā tira svasti me'smin pathi devayāne bhūyāt.

Agni, vast and deep as the ocean, unfathomable as space, immanent and omnipresent, you are the original power and motion of existence. Unborn and eternal, spirit of all knowledge, the world is but one vibration of this eternal consciousness, and the Veda is just one Word of its articulation.

Man of wisdom and learning, path-maker and guardian of advancement in knowledge, Dharma and science, Agni, Lord of Life, is the lord of knowledge and power. He opens the doors of internal and external knowledge. You too keep the doors open, extend the paths, do not cause any suffering, help us cross the hurdles and lead us on in this noble pilgrimage of divine life on earth. Lord of life, knowledge and action, bless us that we may succeed.

# 34. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

मित्रस्यं मा चक्षुषेक्षध्वमग्नयः सगराः सगरा स्थ सगरेण नाम्ना रौद्वेणानीकेन पात मोग्नयः पिपृत मोग्नयो गोपायते मा नमौ वोऽस्तु मा मो हिश्सिष्ट ॥३४॥ Mitrasya mā cakṣuṣekṣadhvam agnayaḥ sagarāḥ sagarā stha sagareṇa nāmnā raudreṇānīkena pāta mā'gnayaḥ pipṛta mā' gnayo gopāyata mā namo vo'stu mā mā himsiṣṭa.

Men of knowledge, worthy of praise, broadminded as the sky, voracious as fire for knowledge and passionate for work, look at me favourably with the eye of friends. Remain broad-minded and liberal. Liberal and gracious as you are, protect me with the fiery passion for knowledge and power in growth and development. May the men of the fire of yajna and science fill and full me with plenty and let me grow in safety and peace. Salutations to you! Pray hurt me not, destroy me not.

## 35. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

ज्योतिरसि <u>वि</u>श्वरूपं विश्वेषां देवानीछंस्मित् । त्वःसौम तनुकृद्भ्यो द्वेषोभ्योऽन्यकृतेभ्यऽउ्ठ यन्ता<u>सि</u> वर्र्स्यछंस्वाही जुषाणोऽअप्तुराज्यस्य वेतु स्वाही ॥३५॥

Jyotirasi viśvarūpam viśveṣām devānām samit. Tvam soma tanūkṛdbhyo dveṣobhyo' nyakṛtebhya'uru yantāsi varūtham svāhā juṣāṇo' apturājyasya vetu svāhā.

Agni, you are the light of universal knowledge, a flame of fire for the scholars of the world to light up and reveal the form and structure of the world. Soma you are the vast power of order and control over the envious, the self-expansive servers of the flesh, the negative and uncreative people. May the lover of tecknowledge, fast and anxious, choose to dedicate himself to the great and valuable secrets and powers of agni, and know and confirm the divine voice of the Veda.

#### 36. (Agni Devata, Agastya Rshi)

अग्ने नयं सुपर्था रायेऽअस्मान्विश्वानि देव वयुनीनि <u>विद्वा</u>न्। युयोध्युस्मञ्जुहुराणमेनो भूयिष्ठां ते नर्मऽउक्तिं विधेम ॥३६॥

Agne naya supathā rāye' asmānviśvāni deva vayunāni vidvān. Yuyodhyasmajjuhurāṇameno bhūyiṣṭhāṁ te nama'uktim vidhema.

Agni, light of the world and treasure-home of all the power and wealth, lord of all the knowledge, karma and paths of life, lead us on by the right path, simple and straight, to the highest goal of life, Moksha, through right knowledge, right action and right wealth. Fight out and ward off from us all that is evil and leads to suffering — crookedness, deviousness, intrigue and deceit. We bow in thanks and surrender to you and sing the sweetest songs in praise of you.

## 37. (Agni Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

अयं नौऽअग्निर्विरिवस्कृणोत्वयं मृधः पुरऽएंतु प्र<u>भि</u>न्दन् । अयं वाजीञ्जयतु वाजीसाताव्यःशत्रूञ्जयतु जहीषाणः स्वाही ॥३७॥

Ayam no' agnirvarivaskṛṇotvayaṁ mṛdhaḥ pura' etu prabhindan. Ayaṁ vājāñjayatu vājasātāvayaṁ śatrūñjayatu jarhṛṣāṇaḥ svāhā.

May this Agni, this fiery man of courage and prowess, make the way to safety, security, wealth and bliss. May he, breaking through the lines of the envious, go forward. May he defeat the enemy in battles and win the victories. May he, in joyous song, celebrate the victory for Agni.

#### 38. (Vishnu Devata, Agastya Rshi)

# उरु विष्णो विक्रमस्वोरु क्षयीय नस्कृधि । घृतं घृतयोने पिब प्रप्र युज्ञपतिं तिर् स्वाहां ॥३८॥

Uru viṣṇo vikramasvoru kṣayāya naskṛdhi. Ghṛtaṁ ghṛtayone piba prapra yajñapatiṁ tira svāhā.

Vishnu, lord of life and sustenance/Man of knowledge, power and wealth, go far and forward in your exploits and enable us to expand with our homes, wealth, knowledge and happiness. Born of ghee and rising with ghee the fire devours its food and blazes. You too light the fire with knowledge and action and grow continuously in knowledge, action, wealth and happiness. Take the master of yajna across the fields of life, chanting the hymns of yajna, to a safe haven of joy.

# 39. (Soma & Savita Devate, Agastya Ŗshi)

देवं सिवतरेष ते सोम्स्तःरक्षस्व मा त्वां दभन् । एतत्त्वं देव सोम देवो देवाँ२ऽउपागाऽइदम्हं मेनुष्यान्त्सह रायस्योषेण स्वाहा निर्वर्रणस्य पाशान्मुच्ये ॥३९॥

Deva savitareṣa te somastam rakṣasva mā tvā dabhan. Etattvam deva soma devo devām upāgā' idamaham manuṣyāntsaha rāyaspoṣeṇa svāhā nirvaruṇasya pāśān muchye.

Savita, lord of life and growth, Head of the people, this is your Soma, honour, strength and power. Protect it. Don't be cowed down. Let none injure, deceive or destroy you. Soma, man of energy and inspiration, shining with strength and intelligence, bright as you are, go to the men of virtue and wisdom. I too approach them to be with them. Thus with the wise

and the virtuous people, with friends and comrades, with wealth and growth, I get free of the chains of Varuna, the powers of worldly bondage.

## 40. (Agni Devata, Agastya Rshi)

अग्ने व्रतपास्ते व्रतपा या तर्व तुनूर्मय्यभूदेषा सा त्वि<u>य</u> यो मर्म तुनूस्त्वय्यभू<u>दि</u>यःसा मिय । यथायथं नौ व्रतपते व्रतान्यनु मे दीक्षां दीक्षापेतिरम्धंस्तानु तपस्तपेस्पतिः ॥४०॥

Agne vratapāste vratapā yā tava tanūrmayyabhūdeṣā sā tvayi yo mama tanūstvayyabhūdiyam sā mayi. Yathāyatham nau vratapate vratānyanu me dīkṣām dīkṣāpati-ramamstānu tapastapaspatiḥ.

Agni, man of light and brilliance, man of truth, man of knowledge, teacher, man of discipline on oath as you are, so may I be as your disciple. Your body of knowledge, truth and faith may be in me too. And my body of growing knowledge may be in you. Man of discipline and commitment, you and I both shall observe common vows corresponding to each other. May my initiation and dedication on oath be accepted and approved by my master of initiation. May my discipline and austerity be in accord with the discipline and austerity of the master of tapas, austere discipline.

## 41. (Vishnu Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

उरु विष्णो विक्रमस्वोरु क्षयाय नस्कृधि । घृतं घृतयोने पिब प्रप्र युज्ञपतिं तिर् स्वाहां ॥४१॥

Uru viṣṇo vikramasvoru kṣayāya naskṛḍhi. Ghṛtaṁ ghṛtayone piba prapra yajñapatim tira svāhā. Vishnu, man of courage and knowledge wide expansive as the wind, equip yourself with the knowledge of science and technology and expand our comfort and happiness. Man sipping holy water just as fire consumes ghee and electricity in the sky consumes water in the clouds, drink deep at the fount of knowledge. Help the master of yajna to overcome the hurdles and swim across the seas with the chant of the Veda.

## 42. (Agni Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

अत्युन्याँ२॥ऽअगां नान्याँ२॥ऽउपोगामुर्वाक् त्वा परेभ्योऽविदं परोऽवरेभ्यः । तं त्वी जुषामहे देव वनस्पते देवयुज्यायै देवास्त्वी देवयुज्यायै जुषन्तां विष्णवि त्वा । ओषेधे त्रायेस्व स्विधते मैनेश्हिश्सीः ॥४२॥

Atyanyām' agām nānyām' upāgāmarvāk tvā parebhyo'vidam paro'varebhyaḥ. Tam tvā juṣāmahe deva vanaspate devayajyāyai devāstvā devayajyāyai juṣantām viṣṇave tvā. Oṣadhe trāyasva svadhite mainam himsīḥ.

Agni/Master of knowledge, I won't go to the fools. I would go to the others, to the wise, yes, to the wise only. You are higher than the highest (in knowledge), and closer than the closest (in love). I would be with you, know you, attain to you.

Lord/Master of herbs, brilliant and generous, we love you and adore you for the sake of gifts of knowledge and life's inspiration. May all the devas, noble ones, love you and adore you for the same gifts of knowledge and blessings for the sake of Vishnu, lord of yajna.

Life-giving herbs, power of the lord, save this man, save this yajna, hurt not, kill not.

#### 43. (Yajna Devata, Agastya Rshi)

द्यां मा लेखीर्न्तरिक्षुं मा हिश्सीः पृ<u>थि</u>व्या सम्भव । अयश्हि त्वा स्वधितिस्तेतिजानः प्र<u>णि</u>नायं महते सौभंगाय । अतस्त्वं देव वनस्पते शृतवेल्शो विरोह सहस्रवल्शा वि वयश् रुहेम ॥४३॥

Dyām mā lekhīrantarikṣam mā himsīḥ pṛthivyā sambhava. Ayam hi tvā svadhitistetijānaḥ praṇināya mahate saubhagāya. Atastvam deva vanaspate śatavalśo viroha sahasravalśā vi vayam ruhema.

Don't breach the regions of light, let the heavens be. Hurt not the skies, pollute them not. Be with the earth and the environment. This yajna is a great power, a weapon sharp and tempered, come to you for a great good fortune. Lord of herbs/Greenery of the earth, generous power of the Divine, grow from a hundred roots, spread and rise. We too may, by the grace of the Lord of yajna, grow and rise from a thousand roots, from a thousand shoots, through a hundred years, through a thousand years.

इति पञ्चमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-VI

## 1. (Savita Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्वेतुःऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। आदेवे नार्यंसीदम्हः रक्षंसां ग्रीवाऽअपिकृन्तामि । यवौऽसि यवयास्मद् द्वेषो यवयारातीर् <u>दि</u>वे त्वाऽन्तरिक्षाय त्वा पृ<u>ष</u>िव्यै त्वा शुन्धंन्तांल्लोकाः पितृषदंनाः पितृषदंनमसि॥१॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave' śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ā dade nāryasīdamaham rakṣasām grīvā' api kṛntāmi. Yavo'si yavayāsmad dveṣo yavayārātīr-dive tvā' ntarikṣāya tvā pṛthivyai tvā śundhantāmllokāḥ pitṛṣadanāḥ pitṛṣadanamasi.

In this world of lord Savita's creation, with both the arms of Ashwinis (the wind's energy of prana and udana) and both the hands of Pusha (the earth's gift of strength and prowess), I accept you and consecrate you, Head of the people and President of the assembly and your life-partner, in this social yajna. With this acceptance and investiture, I catch the evil and the wicked by the neck and destroy them. You are the power to join and disjoin. Remove the envious from us. Drive out all poverty and suffering from here. This is the august assembly of the noble people. May the noble people sitting in this assembly accept and consecrate you for the heavens (the light of knowledge), for the skies (internal purity of conduct), and for the earth (earthly prosperity and well-being). You are the centreseat of the great and the noble ones.

#### 2. (Savita Devata, Shakalya Rshi)

अ्ग्रेणीरिस स्वावेशऽउन्नेतृणामेतस्यं वित्तादिधं त्वा स्थास्यति देवस्त्वां सिवता मध्वांनक्तु सुपिप्पलाभ्यस्त्वौषंधीभ्यः । द्यामग्रेणास्पृक्षऽआन्तरिक्ष्ं मध्येनाप्राः पृश्विवीमुपरेणा-दुःहीः ॥२॥

Agreņīrasi svāveśa' unnetṛṇāmetasya vittādadhi tvā sthāsyati devastvā savitā madhvānaktu supippalābhyastvauṣadhībhyaḥ. Dyāmagreṇāspṛkṣa' āntarikṣaṁ madhyenāprāḥ pṛthivīmupareṇādṛmhīḥ.

You are the leader on top of all those taking this polity high. Settled with confidence in your Dharma, know well this polity, this economy, and the people. Savita, blazing lord of power, light and generosity, would shower His blessings and protection from above. May the Lord anoint you with honey and bless you with nectarious herbs. With top initiative, touch the heaven (in matters of justice and enlightenment). At the middle level, fill the sky with peace, security and Dharmic conduct. At the ground level, strengthen the earth (with food, planning and employment).

# 3. (Vishnu Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

या ते धामन्युश्मि गर्मध्ये यत्र गावो भूरिशृङ्गाऽअयासेः। अत्राह् तर्दुरुगायस्य विष्णोः पर्मं प्रदमवेभारि भूरि । ब्रह्मविन त्वा क्षत्रविन रायस्पोष्विन पर्यूहािम । ब्रह्म दृश्ह क्षृत्रं दृश्हार्युर्दृश्ह प्रजां दृश्ह ॥३॥

Yā te dhāmānyuśmasi gamadhyai yatra gāvo bhūriśṛngā' ayāsaḥ. Atrāha tadurugāyasya viṣṇoḥ paramam padamava bhāri bhūri. Brahmavani tvā kṣatravani rāyaspoṣavani paryūhāmi. Brahma dṛmha kṣatram drmhāyurdṛmha prajām dṛmha.

The houses of the government we would wish to visit are those which are bright with the light of Lord Vishnu's glory of human art and awareness so that we exclaim spontaneously: "Ah! here is the place where the highest offices in Vishnu's dispensation are wholly and exclusively held by learned and meritorious people". I know your Brahma system of education and research, your Kshatra system of defence, justice and peace, your economic system of production and distribution. Strengthen and extend education and enlightenment, consolidate and advance governance and administration, improve and promote health and age, strengthen and expand the welfare of the people.

#### 4. (Vishnu Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

विष्णोः कर्मीणि पश्यत् यतौ व्रतानि पस्पृशे । इन्द्रस्य युज्यः सखी ॥४॥

Viṣṇoḥ karmāṇi paśyata yato vratāni paspaśe indrasya yujyaḥ sakhā.

Watch the divine acts of Vishnu, omnipresent lord of the universe, acts of creation, sustenance and annihilation of the world, wherein are manifested the inviolable laws of His dominion operative in nature. Therein I see the sacred rules of conduct and administration of my dominion too and I bind myself irrevocably as a friend of the lord of universal power and as an instrument of His will. Watch, meditate, learn and bind yourselves too to the rules of this dominion and His.

# (Vishnu Devata, Medhatithi Rishi) तद्विष्णौ: पर्मं प्दश्सदौ पश्यन्ति सूरयः। दिवीव चक्षुरातंतम् ॥५॥

Tadviṣṇoḥ paramam padam sadā paśyanti sūrayaḥ. Divīva cakṣurātatam.

Men of courage and divine knowledge, the Veda, always have a vision of that highest glory of Vishnu manifested everywhere and blazing like the light of the sun in heaven, which you too should see.

#### 6. (Vidvans Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

प<u>रि</u>वीर<u>िस</u> परि त्वा दैवीविंशों व्ययन्तां परीमं यर्जमानुःरायों मनुष्याणाम् । <u>दिवः सृ</u>नुरस्येष ते पृ<u>थि</u>व्याँल्लोकऽआर्ण्यस्ते पृशुः ॥६॥

Parivīrasi pari tvā daivīrvišo vyayantām parīmam yajamānam rāyo manuṣyāṇām. Divaḥ sūnurasyeṣa te pṛthivyāmlloka' āraṇyaste paśuḥ.

You are the centre of attraction, reverence and homage. You are the child of heaven like the sun. May the brilliant in knowledge and merit come to you in reverence. Yajamana as you are of the social yajna of this dominion, may the people of wealth all round be at your command in homage. The people of this land and the foresters are yours, so is the animal wealth of the land.

#### 7. (Twashta Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

उपावीरस्युपं देवान्दैवीर्विशः प्रागुरुशिजो वहितमान् । देवं त्वष्ट्वंस् रम हृव्या ते स्वदन्ताम् ॥७॥

Upāvīrasyupa devān daivīrvišah prāgurušijo vahnitamān. Deva tvastarvasu rama havyā te svadantām.

Close to the people, you are their protector. Brilliant in power and virtue, you are the destroyer of suffering. Just as meritorious people of quality and character approach the most lovable benefactors, so may they come to you. Abide in delight by your dominion and may the people enjoy what they offer for the social yajna and what they receive from it.

8. (Brihaspati Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi) रेवेती रर्मध्वं बृहंस्पते धारया वसूनि । ऋतस्यं त्वा देवह<u>विः</u> पाशेनु प्रतिमुञ्चा<u>मि</u> धर्षा मानुषः॥८॥

Revatī ramadhvam bṛhaspate dhārayā vasūni. Rṭasya tvā devahaviḥ pāśena prati muñcāmi dharṣā mānuṣaḥ.

(People of the land), happy and prosperous, abide (by the law) and enjoy the good life. Brihaspati, master of knowledge and wisdom, teacher, accept the gifts offered by us. Take the brahmacharis.

You are an oblation for the Divine and the laws of universal truth in the yajna of education. I invest you with the bond of truth and the law of Dharma. Be a full man and be strong.

9. (Savita, Aswinau, Pushacha Devata, Dirghatama Rishi) देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। अग्नीषोम्मभ्यां जुष्टं नियुनिन्म । अद्भायस्वौषधीभ्योऽनुं त्वा माता मन्यतामनुं पितानु भ्राता सग्भ्योऽनु सखा सर्यूथ्यः। अग्नीषोम्मभ्यां त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षामि ॥९॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Agnīṣomābhyām juṣṭam niyunajmi. Adbhyastvauṣadhībhyo'nu tvā mātā manyatāmanu pitānu bhrātā sagarbhyo'nu sakhā sayūthyaḥ. Agnīṣomābhyām tvā juṣṭam proksāmi.

In this yajna of the creation of the refulgent and generous Lord Savita, with the arms of Ashvinis (powers and virtues of the sun and moon), and with the generous hands of Pusha (the fertility and sustenance of the earth's gravitation and stability), I accept you, favoured as you are as a child by Agni, lord of light and heat, and Soma, lord of life and peace. I enjoin you to the discipline of brahmacharya with waters and herbs to enjoy and consecrate you, loved as you are by Agni and Soma. May your mother agree, your father approve, your brother support and your friends of the group cooperate.

# 10. (Apah Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अ्पां पे्रुरस्यापों देवीः स्वेदन्तु स्वात्तं <u>चि</u>त्सद्देवहृविः । सं ते प्राणो वातेन गच्छता्छं समङ<u>्गीनि</u> यजेत्रैः सं यञ्जपेति-रा्शिषो ॥१०॥

Apām perurasyāpo devīḥ svadantu svāttam citsaddevahaviḥ. Sam te prāṇo vātena gacchatām samangāni yajatraiḥ sam yajñapatirāśiṣā.

You are a protector of the waters (through yajna). May all the living beings taste and enjoy the sweet and celestial waters and other things of their own like the blessed gifts from yajna. May you, with all your body and will, and by my blessings (i.e., the teacher's blessings) help and cooperate with those who are dedicated to yajna. May your very breath rise with the wind carrying the fragrance. Be a master of yajna.

#### 11. (Vatah Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

घृतेनाक्तौ पुशूँस्त्रयिथाॐ रेविति यर्जमाने प्रियं धाऽआविश। उरोर्न्तरिक्षात्पुजूर्देवेन वार्तेनास्य ह्विष्रस्मना यज् समस्य तन्वा भव । वर्षो वर्षीयसी युज्ञे युज्ञपेतिं धाः स्वाहा देवेभ्यो देवेभ्यः स्वाहा ॥११॥

Ghṛtenāktau paśūňstrāyethām revati yajamāne priyam dhā' ā viśa. Urorantarikṣāt sajūrdevena vātenāsya haviṣastmanā yaja samasya tanvā bhava. Varṣo varṣīyasī yajñe yajñapatiṁ dhāḥ svāhā devebhyo devebhyaḥ svāhā.

Anointed with ghee, both of you, the priest and the yajaka, protect and promote the animals. Betake yourself to the prosperous yajamana, perform yajna with oblations of rich materials and, joining the celestial wind like a friend, bring from the vast skies all that is loved and wanted by the yajamana. With your very heart and soul, be one with the body of yajna. You are the shower of joy through yajna, establish the yajamana in yajna, a very shower and treasure-house of joy. This is the divine voice. Chant the divine voice with the generous and the wise for the attainment of divine virtues.

# 12. (Vidvans Devata, Medhatithi Ŗshi) माहिं भूंमां पृदोकुर्नमस्तऽआतानानुर्वा प्रेहिं। घृतस्यं कुल्याऽउपं ऽऋतस्य पथ्याऽअनुं ॥१२॥

Māhirbhūrmā pṛdākur namasta' ātānānarvā prehi. Ghrtasya kulyā' upa' rtasya pathyā' anu.

Man of knowledge, promoter of joy, never be like a snake or violent as a hunter or tiger. Come irresistibly like a stream of ghee close by the path of truth and the law of Dharma. Salutations to you. Gifts of food and hospitality for you in plenty.

#### 13. (Apah Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

देवीरापः शुद्धा वोड्ढ्व्ः सुपेरिविष्टा देवेषु सुपेरिविष्टा वयं परिवेष्टारी भूयास्म ॥१३॥

Devīrapaḥ śuddhā voḍḍhvam supariviṣṭā deveṣu supariviṣṭā vayam pariveṣṭāro bhūyāsma.

Women, pure and cool as celestial waters, marry by choice and settle with noble men in security and protection all round. So should we, men, settled and secure with the women, be their guardians and all-round protectors, in love and duty.

#### 14. (Vidvans Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

वाचं ते शुन्धामि प्राणं ते शुन्धा<u>मि</u> चक्षुंस्ते शुन्धा<u>मि</u> श्रोत्रं ते शुन्धा<u>मि</u> नाभिं ते शुन्धा<u>मि</u> मेढूं ते शुन्धामि पायुं ते शुन्धामि चरित्राँस्ते शुन्धामि ॥१४॥

Vācam te śundhāmi prāṇam te śundhāmi cakṣuste śundhāmi śrotram te śundhāmi nābhim te śundhāmi meḍhram te śundhāmi pāyum te śundhāmi caritrānste śundhāmi.

I purify your speech, I purify your breath, I purify your eye, I purify your ear, I purify your navel, I purify your organ of generation, I purify your organs of excretion, I purify all your character and conduct. (Be a pure and complete person by education.)

#### 15. (Vidvans Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

मनेस्तुऽआप्योयतां वाक् तुऽआप्योयतां प्राणस्तुऽआप्योयतां चक्षुस्तुऽआप्योयताृथं श्रोत्रं तुऽआप्योयताम् । यत्ते ऋूरं यदास्थितं तत्तुऽआप्योयतां निष्ट्योयतां तत्ते शुध्यतु शमहोभ्यः। ओषेधे त्रायेस्व स्विधिते मैनेश्हिश्सीः ॥१५॥ Manasta' āpyāyatām vāk ta' āpyāyatām prāņasta' āpyāyatām cakṣusta' āpyāyatām śrotram ta' āpyāyatām. Yatte krūram yadāsthitam tatta' āpyāyatām niṣtyāyatām tatte śudhyatu śamahobhyaḥ. Oṣadhe trāyasva svadhite mainam himsīḥ.

(Through education, study and practice) may your mind grow full and strong. May your speech be pure and perfect. May your breath be full and strong May your eye be clear and perfect. May your ear be strong and sensitive. Whatever be wrong and hurtful, that be cast out. Whatever be decided for sure that be accomplished. May everything be pure and strong and ever grow stronger. May all be peace and blessed day by day. Man of knowledge and science, save and strengthen this disciple. Spirit of knowledge, power and nourishment, save the inmate of the school, hurt not her/him. Save, strengthen, perfect.

## 16. (Dyava prithivi Devate, Medhatithi Rshi)

रक्षसां भागोऽसि निरेस्त्रःरक्षेऽड्डदमहःरक्षोऽभितिष्ठामीदमहः रक्षोऽवंबाधऽड्डदम्हःरक्षोऽधमं तमो नयामि । घृतेनं द्यावापृथिवी प्रोणींवाथां वायो वे स्तोकानीम्ग्निराज्यस्य वेतु स्वाहा । स्वाहोकृतेऽक्रध्वंनेभसं मारुतं गेच्छतम् ॥१६॥

Rakṣasām bhāgo'si nirastam rakṣa' idamaham rakṣo'bhi tiṣṭhāmīdamaham rakṣo'vabādha' idamaham rakṣo'dhamam tamo nayāmi. Ghṛtena dyāvāpṛthivī prornuvāthām vāyo ve stokānāmagnirājyasya vetu svāhā svāhākṛte' ūrdhvanabhasam mārutam gacchatam.

Young man of education, the evil and the wicked, want, poverty, injustice and ignorance fall to your lot

of responsibility. Say this and do this: "You are of the party of the devil. Off you go." Be determined: Here I confront the anti-social devils. I neutralize them, drive them off and eliminate them. I send them to the lowest dungeons of the dark.

Seeker of discriminative knowledge, know the properties and behaviour of the finest materials and, with refined and rarefied vapours of ghee, fill the earth and the sky with waters. Let the scholars of science know the processes and results of your oblations in the yajna. Let the earth and the sky, replete with the vapours of ghee and waters sent up with the chant of vedic verses, send them onward to the winds (for the completion of yajna).

#### 17. (Apah Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

इदमापुः प्रवेहतावृद्यं च् मलं च् यत् । यच्चाभिदुद्रोहानृतं यच्चे शेपेऽअभी्ररुणम् । आपौ मा तस्मादेनेसुः पर्वमानश्च मुञ्चतु ॥१७॥

Idamāpaḥ pravahatāvadyaṁ ca malaṁ ca yat. Yaccābhidudrohānṛtaṁ yacca śepe'abhīruṇam. Āpo mā tasmādenasaḥ pavamānaśca muñcatu.

Whatever is despicable (in me), whatever is dirty (such as ignorance and illusion), whatever is wrong, false or anti-social, whatever execrable (I have uttered) toward the innocent, these waters may wash off that sin from me, the purifying wind may dry that off from me, the holy men of wisdom may absolve me of that and release me from self-bondage.

#### 18. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

सं ते मनो मनेसा सं प्राणः प्राणेने गच्छताम् । रेडेस्यग्निष्ट्री श्रीणात्वापेस्त्वा समेरिणन्वातस्य त्वा ध्राज्यै पूष्णो रःह्योऽकुष्मणौ व्यथिषुत्प्रयुतुं द्वेषेः ॥१८॥

Sam te mano manasā sam prāṇaḥ prāṇena gacchatām. Reḍasyagniṣṭvā srīṇātvāpastvā samariṇanvātasya tvā dhrājyai pūṣṇo ramhyā' ūṣmaṇo vyathiṣat prayutam dveṣaḥ.

Young warrior, may your mind be full of strength and knowledge, and your spirit full of courage and high morale. You are a destroyer of the enemy. May the fire season and temper you, may the waters inspire you to the speed of the winds and the velocity of the sun-rays. Full of ardour and passion, send the enemy-army of crores into disarray.

# 19. (Vishvedeva Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

घृतं घृंतपावानः पिबत् वसां वसापावानः पिबतान्तरिक्षस्य ह्विरं<u>सि</u> स्वाहां । दिशः प्रदिशंऽआदिशों <u>वि</u>दिशंऽउद्दिशों <u>दि</u>ग्भ्यः स्वाहां ॥१९॥

Ghṛtaṁ ghṛtapāvānaḥ pibata vasāṁ vasāpāvānaḥ pibatāntaṛkṣasya havirasi svāhā. Diśaḥ pradiśa'ādiśo vidiśa' uddiśo digbhyaḥ svāhā.

Protectors and lovers of waters, protect and drink of the nectar of the waters. Protectors of homes and policy, protect the homes, and protect and benefit from the policy. Commander of the forces, you are the oblation of the defence-yajna rising to the sky for every warrior. Command the forces in the language of power for the defence of all the directions, interdirections, directions in front and back, and the directions of the target. Command others too so that they may also plan and conduct the defence with similar language and action.

## 20. (Twashta Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

ऐन्द्रः प्राणोऽअङ्गेऽअङ्गे निदीध्यदैन्द्रऽउंदानोऽअङ्गेऽअङ्गे निधीतः । देवं त्वष्ट्भूरिं ते सःसंमेतु सलक्ष्मा यद्विष्रूरूपं भवति । देवत्रा यन्तमवसे सखायोऽनुं त्वा माता पितरौ मदन्तु ॥२०॥

Aindraḥ prāṇo'aṅge' aṅge nidīdhyadaindra' udāno'aṅge'aṅge nidhītaḥ. Deva tvaṣṭarbhūri te sam sametu salakṣmā yadviṣurūpaṁ bhavāti. Devatrā yantamavase sakhāyo'nu tvā mātā pitaro madantu.

Commander, you are the breath and spirit of divine power (Indra) throbbing in every part of the army. You are the current of passion and enthusiasm overflowing in every section of the force. Twashta, router of the enemy, brilliant and powerful, may your army of various form and formation march on as one body with one mark and one target. And while you march on your noble mission of defence, may your mother, father and other seniors, and your friends exhort you on your way and wish you all success.

## 21. (Senapati Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

समुद्रं गेच्छ स्वाहान्तरिक्षं गच्छ स्वाही देवःसंवितारं गच्छ स्वाही मित्रावर्रुणौ गच्छ स्वाहीहोरात्रे गेच्छ स्वाहा छन्दिछिसि गच्छ स्वाहा द्यावापृथिवी गेच्छ स्वाही युज्ञं गेच्छ स्वाहा सोमं गच्छ स्वाही दिव्यं नभी गच्छ स्वाहाग्निं वैश्वान्रं गेच्छ स्वाहा मनौ मे हार्दि यच्छ दिवे ते धूमो गेच्छतु स्वुज्योतिः पृथिवीं भस्मनापृण स्वाही ॥२१॥ Samudram gaccha svāhāntarikṣam gaccha svāhā devam savitāram gaccha svāhā mītrāvaruṇau gaccha svāhāhoratre gaccha svāhā chandāmsi gaccha svāhā dyāvāpṛthivī gaccha svāhā yajñam gaccha svāhā somam gaccha svāhā divyam nabho gaccha svāhā'-gnim vaiśvānaram gaccha svāhā mano me hārddi yaccha divam te dhūmo gacchatu svarjyotih pṛthivīm bhasmanā'pṛṇa svāhā.

Man of knowledge, in service of the government, with the knowledge of navigation and ship-building, go to explore the seas. With the knowledge of aviation, fly to the skies. With the knowledge of space and space dynamics, go to the brilliant regions of light. With the knowledge of yoga, explore the secret of the pranic energy of breath and vitality of the inner spirit. With the knowledge of astronomy, know the motions of the sun and planets and the formation of day and night. With the knowledge of grammar and versification, study, interpret and apply in practice the four Vedas. With the knowledge of geology and astrophysics, go deep into earth and space. With the science of yajna, know and practice the yaina of science and technology in the sociopractical economic and spiritual fields. With the knowledge of herbs, pursue the science of health and life. With the knowledge of water and gases, explore their celestial presence and formation of water and rain. With the science of energy, study heat, light, electricity and all-pervasive agni (fire), and harness it for use in life. Know all this, do all this, follow up all this and justify all that I have taught, to my heart-felt joy and satisfaction. Let the fumes and vapours of your yaina rise to the sky. Let the light of it reach the sun. Fill and

cover the earth with the essence and alchemy of your yaina for valuable products. This is the divine voice.

## 22. (Varuna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

मापो मौषेधीर्हिःसीधाम्नो धाम्नो राजुँस्ततौ वरुण नो मुञ्च। यदाहुर्घ्याऽइ<u>ति</u> वरुणे<u>ति</u> शपमिहे ततौ वरुण नो मुञ्च। सु<u>मित्रि</u>या नुऽआपुऽओषेधयः सन्तु दुर्मि<u>त्रि</u>यास्तस्मै सन्तु योुऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे वृयं <u>द्विष्मः</u> ॥२२॥

Māpo mauṣadhīrhimsīrdhāmno dhāmno rājamstato varuṇa no muñca. Yadāhuraghnyā'iti varuṇeti śapāmahe tato varuṇa no muñca. Sumitriyā na'āpa'oṣadhayaḥ santu durmitriyāstasmai santu yo'smān dveṣṭi yam ca vayam dviṣmaḥ.

Head of the republic, pollute not the waters, destroy not herbs and trees: From this, from any other place, leave us not out, except no one from this. Let things like water and refreshment be available anywhere, everywhere.

Lord of justice, water, herbs and trees, cows are sacred, they are not to be destroyed: This you vouchsafe, we too take the oath. Back not out. We too will not back out. Under your governance, may waters and herbs be like friends to us. And they would be unfriendly to those elements which injure us and our sanctity, and to those ailments which we oppose, they would be enemies.

## 23. (Ap-yajna Surya Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

ह्विष्मेती<u>रि</u>माऽआपौ ह्विष्माँ२॥ऽआविवासित। ह्विष्मन्द्वेवोऽअध्वरो ह्विष्मौ२॥ऽअस्तु सूर्यै: ॥२३॥ Haviṣmatīrimā' āpo haviṣmāň' āvivāsati. Haviṣmān devo' adhvaro haviṣmāň' astu sūryaḥ.

The waters are a blessing carrying the purity and joy of yajna. May the wind too bless us with the gifts of yajna. May yajna, non-violent, a very god of love and peace, overflow with life-giving fragrance. May the sun be replete and generous with the light and life of yajna.

# 24. (Apah Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अग्नेर्वोऽपन्नगृहस्य सदिसि सादयामीन्द्राग्न्योभीगृधेयी स्थ <u>मि</u>त्रावर्रुणयोभीगृधेयी स्थ विश्वेषां देवानी भागृधेयी स्थ। अमूर्याऽउप सूर्ये याभिर्वा सूर्यीः सह । ता नौ हिन्वन्व-ध्वरम् ॥२४॥

Agnervo'pannagṛhasya sadasi sādayāmīndragnyor-bhāgadheyī stha mitrāvaruṇayorbhāgadheyī stha viśveṣāṁ devānāṁ bhāgadheyī stha. Amūryā' upa sūrye yābhirvā sūryaḥ saha tā no hinvantvadhvaram.

Brahmacharini/s, unmarried graduands, I settle you in the home/s (refined and cultured with education and learning) of the unmarried graduate/s bright as Agni in marriage according to your own choice. You know the virtues and advantages of sun and fire. You know the properties of prana and udana (forms of pranic energy). You know the nature and learning of the scholars and you know the properties of the powers of nature such as earth and others. Be partners in their blessings in your life. And those who imbibe the virtues of the sun and whom the light and life of the sun has already blessed, we invite to grace this marital yajna of ours.

#### 25. (Soma Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

हृदे त्वा मनेसे त्वा दिवे त्वा सूर्यीय त्वा । ऊर्ध्व<u>मि</u>ममध्वरं <u>दि</u>वि देवेषु होत्रा यच्छ ॥२५॥

Hṛde tvā manase tvā dive tvā sūryaya tvā. Ūrdhvamimamadhvaram divi deveṣu hotrā yaccha.

Brahmacharini, just as we perform the yajna in the company of our noble and learned men, so you too perform yajna with your man after marriage. We have taught you and we teach you for joy of the heart, for clarity of the mind, for the value of happiness and peace, and for the life and light from the sun, so you too, in the company of your man, send up your invocations and oblations of this auspicious yajna, so peaceful and lovely, for the sake of joy and enlightenment.

## 26. (Soma Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

सोमे राज्निवश्वास्त्वं प्रजाऽउपावेरोह् विश्वास्त्वां प्रजा-ऽउपावेरोहन्तु । शृणोत्विग्नः समिधा हवं मे शृणवन्त्वापी धिषणश्च देवीः। श्रोता ग्रावाणो विदुषो न यज्ञःशृणोतुं देवः सिवता हवं मे स्वाहा ॥२६॥

Soma rājan viśvāstvam prajā' upāvaroha viśvāstvām prajā' upāvarohantu. Sṛṇotvagniḥ samidhā havam me śṛṇvantvāpo dhiṣaṇāśca devīḥ. Śrotā grāvāṇo viduṣo na yajñam śṛṇotu devaḥ savitā havam me svāhā.

Soma (ruler of the republic), lord of majesty, stay close to the entire people and rule like a father. So should the entire people be close to you and grow like children of the father. Like the fire of yajna grown by samidha fuel, listen to my prayer, listen to the people. So may

intelligent, educated and cool-minded women listen, like mothers, to the prayers of women. Man of reverence and wisdom, listen to our prayers like the yajnic chants of learned and faithful devotees. May Savita, lord of power and light, listen to my prayers and words of praise.

# 27. (Apah Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

देवीरापोऽअपान्नपाद्यो वेऽक्रिमिही<u>विष्य</u>ऽइ<u>न्द्रियावीन् म</u>िदन्तिमः। तं देवेभ्यो देव्त्रा देत्त शुक्रपेभ्यो येषां भाग स्थ स्वाही॥२७॥

Devīrāpo'apāmnapādyo va' ūrmirhaviṣya' indriyāvān madintamaḥ. Taṁ devebhyo devatrā datta śukrapebhyo yeṣāṁ bhāga stha svāhā.

Noble and intelligent people, to one who, among you, is of good and constant character, strong of sense and will, happiest and most inspiring, like a wave on the ocean of existence, worthy of reverence and homage, defender and supporter of the virtuous, to him, for the gods among men, the noblest preservers, protectors and promoters of life's vitalities, give your share of the social yajnic offering. You too are a part of the noble ones. Accept him in good grace with words of love and reverence — the one of you and for all of you.

#### 28. (Praja Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

कार्षिरिस समुद्रस्य त्वा क्षित्याऽउन्नयामि । समापौऽअद्भिरंग्मत समोषधी<u>भि</u>रोषधीः ॥२८॥

Kārṣirasi samudrasya tvā kṣityā' unnayāmi. Samāpo' adbhiragmata samoṣdhībhiroṣadhīḥ.

You are the farmer. I exhort you to fill the sky with the vapours of water for the enrichment of the earth and the sea. With the oblations of herbs into the fire,

get the herbs. With the oblations of water into the sky (through the fire) get the waters.

#### 29. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

यमेग्ने पृत्सु मर्त्यमवा वाजेषु यं जुनाः । स यन्ता शश्वेतीरिषः स्वाही ॥२९॥

Yamagne pṛtsu martyamavā vājeṣu yaṁ junāḥ. Sa yantā śaśvatīriṣaḥ svāhā.

Agni, lord of power and virtue, the man you protect in battles and the man you send to the fields for farming, such a man gets lasting food and progeny.

# 30. (Savita Devata, Madhuchhanda Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। आदेदे रावासि गभीरिम्ममध्वरं कृधीन्द्रीय सुषूर्तमम् । उत्तमेनं पविनोर्जास्वन्तं मधुमन्तं पर्यस्वन्तं निग्राभ्या स्थ देवश्रुतस्तुर्पयत मा ॥३०॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ādade rāvāsi gabhīramimamadhvaram kṛdhīndrāya suṣūtamam. Uttamena pavinorjjasvantam madhumantam payasvantam nigrābhyā stha devaśrutastarpayata mā.

In this world of Lord Savita's creation, with both the arms of Ashvinis (power and vitality of sun and moon) and with both the hands of Pusha (the nourishing virtues of mother earth's herbs), I accept you. You are the giver. In the service of Indra, lord and ruler of this land, with the best and most graceful words of piety, enrich and expand this non-violent social yajna of love and good fellowship, so deep and full with blessings, so generous with milk and honey, health and energy and the joy of life. You have heard the words of the wise. Worthy you are of acceptance and welcome. Come and give me the pleasure of fulfilment.

#### 31. (Praja, Sabhyas, Raja Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

मनों मे तर्पयत् वार्चं मे तर्पयत प्राणं में तर्पयत् चक्षुंमें मे तर्पयत् श्रोत्रं मे तर्पयतात्मानं मे तर्पयत प्रजां में तर्पयत पुशून्में तर्पयत गुणान्में तर्पयत गुणा में मा वितृषन् ॥३१॥

Mano me tarpayata vācam me tarpayata prāṇam me tarpayata cakṣurme tarpayata śrotram me tarpayatātmānam me tarpayata prajām me tarpayata paśunme tarpayata gaṇānme tarpayata gaṇā me mā vitṛṣan.

People of the land, with your character and performance satisfy my mind with a sense of fulfilment. Satisfy me with your response to my words. Satisfy and fulfil my energy and ambition. Satisfy my eye that I see no wrong. Satisfy my ear that I hear nothing evil. Satisfy my soul. Satisfy my people. Satisfy my animals. Keep my subordinates happy. Let them not suffer any hardship and frustration.

## 32. (President-Raja Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

इन्द्रीय त्वा वसुमते रुद्रवतुऽइन्द्रीय त्वा<u>दि</u>त्यवंतुऽइन्द्रीय त्वाभिमा<u>ति</u>घ्ने । श्येनायं त्वा सोम्भृतेऽग्नये त्वा राय-स्पोष्ददे ॥३२॥

Indrāya tvā vasumate rudravata' indrāya tvādityavata' indrāya tva'bhimatighne. Śyenāya tvā somabhṛte'gnaye tvā rāyaspoṣade.

We elect and appoint you for Indra, honour and glory of the land, for the creation of Vasus, young men

of 24 years standing of education, and for Rudras, young men of 44 years education who can rout the enemy. We appoint you for the honour and glory of education and creation of Adityas, heroes of 48 years education and training who can shatter the pride of the enemies of the land. We accept and appoint you for the force of eagle-like commandos of defence, for the lovers of peace and good health, for the development of energy and electricity and for the producers of wealth and prosperity.

## 33. (Soma Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

यत्ते सोम <u>दि</u>वि ज्यो<u>ति</u>र्यत्पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां यदुरावन्तरिक्षे । तेनास्मै यजमानायो्रु राये कृध्यधि दात्रे वौचः ॥३३॥

Yatte soma divi jyotiryatpṛthivyām yadurāvantarikṣe. Tenāsmai yajamānāyoru rāye kṛdhyadhi dātre vocaḥ.

Soma, blessed lord of the land, the light of your power and glory shines over the earth, in the sky and in the heaven above. By virtue of that, and for the sake of this generous man of yajna of the social order, make it richer, expand it further, and proclaim: He shall grow happier and more prosperous.

## 34. (Yajna Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

श्वात्रा स्थे वृत्रतुरो राधौगूर्ताऽअमृतस्य पत्नीः । ता देवीर्देवत्रेमं युज्ञं नेयतोपहूताः सोमस्य पिबत ॥३४॥

Śvātrā stha vṛtraturo rādhogūrttā' amṛtasya patnīḥ. Tā devīrdevatremam yajñam nayatopahūtāḥ somasya pibata.

Women, brilliant and virtuous, quick to learn and

instant in action like thunder in the clouds, life-partners of your men, be strong, join the men in this holy yajna and take it forward to the heights. Invited to the vedi, have your fill of the immortal drink of soma, the nectar of life and joy.

#### 35. (Dyava-prithivi Devate, Madhuchhanda Ŗshi)

मा भेमां संविक्थाऽऊर्जं धत्स्व धिषणे वीड्वी स्ती वीडयेथामूर्जं दधाथाम् । पाप्मा हृतो न सोमः ॥३५॥

Mā bhermā samvikthā'ūrjam dhatsva dhiṣaṇe vīḍvī satī vīḍayethāmūrjam dadhāthām. Pāpmā hato na somaḥ.

Woman, wise and intelligent, fear not, nor tremble; take heart and be bold of heart and soul. You being strong and standing by your husband, both of you collect strength and firmness of body, mind and soul. Eliminate evil and sin, and shine happy and blessed like the moon.

## 36. (Soma Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

प्रागपागुदेगध्राक्सर्वतेस्त्वा दिशऽआधीवन्तु । अम्ब निष्पेर् समुरीविदाम् ॥३६॥

Prāgapāgudagadharāksarvatastvā diśa' ādhāvantu. Amba niṣpara samarīrvidām.

Mother, all your children and others, keen to make you feel happy and comfortable, may run to you eagerly from east, west, north and south and all round. Love them, protect them, and may they too know you, be with you, and love you well.

#### 37. (Indra Devata, Gautama Rshi)

त्वमुङ्ग प्रशेश्सिषो देवः शिविष्ठ मर्त्यम् । न त्वदुन्यो मेघवन्नस्ति म<u>र्</u>डितेन्द्र ब्रवीमि ते वर्चः ॥३७॥

Tvamanga praśamsi so devah śavi stha martyam. Na tvadanyo maghavannasti marditendra bravīmi te vacah.

Dearest Indra, brilliant and generous, lord mightiest of power and wealth, truth, honour and glory, there is no one else other than you to love, appreciate and approve the human being, no one more compassionate and more gracious than you to vouchsafe for man. I say this for truth — it is the very word of yours!

इति षष्ठोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-VII

#### 1. (Prana Devata, Gotama Rshi)

वाचस्पतेये पवस्व वृष्णौऽअःशुभ्यां गर्भस्तिपूतः । देवो देवेभ्यः पवस्व येषां भागोऽसि ॥१॥

Vācaspataye pavasva vṛṣṇo' am̃śubhyām gabhastipūtaḥ. Devo devebhyaḥ pavasva yeṣām bhāgo'si.

Be pure for the Lord of Divine speech, purged as you are by the rays of the sun and the moon, two arms of the Creator whereby He showers life with vitality and purity. You are a part of the brilliant and the generous, a darling of the gods. Be pure for them.

#### 2. (Soma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

मधुमतीर्नेऽइषस्कृ<u>धि</u> यत्ते सोमादिष्यं नाम जार्ग<u>वि</u> तस्मै ते सोम सोमीय स्वाहा स्वाहोर्नुन्तरिक्षमन्वेमि ॥२॥

Madhumatīrna' iṣaskṛdhi yatte somādābhyaṁ nāma jāgṛvi tasmai te soma somāya svāhā svāhorvantarikṣamanvemi.

Soma, Lord of knowledge and vitality, bless us with honey-sweet food and energy. Lord of inspiration, great, universal and imperishable is your name. To that name, to the Divine Word, to the universal acts of the Divine, and for the sake of knowledge, good action and honour, I dedicate myself to the universal presence of the Divine.

#### 3. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Rshi)

स्वाङ्कृंतोऽसि विश्वेभ्यऽइन्द्रियेभ्यों <u>दि</u>व्येभ्यः पार्थिवेभ्यो मनेस्त्वाष्टु स्वाहां त्वा सुभव सूर्यीय देवेभ्येस्त्वा मरी<u>चि</u>पेभ्यो देवां छंशो यस्मै त्वेडे तत्सत्यमुपिरपुतां भुङ्गेनं हृतों इसी फट् प्राणार्यं त्वा व्यानार्यं त्वा ॥३॥

Svāṅkṛto'si viśvebhya' indriyebhyo divyebhyaḥ pārthivebhyo manastvāṣṭu svāhā tvā subhava sūryāya devebhyastvā marīcipebhyo devāmśo yasmai tveḍe tatsatyamupariprutā bhaṅgena hato'sau phaṭ prāṇāya tvā vyānāya tvā.

Man, bright and virtuous, with all your earthly but excellent and celestial senses, you are self-made, self-existent and autonomous. Bless you with a pious mind and the voice of divinity, the Veda. Light of the Spirit, of auspicious birth, your life is dedicated to the Lord of Light, mother-powers of nature, and all the noble servants of the life-divine. This is why I praise you. May this praise come true. With one blow of truth from above, the evil is destroyed. You are for the breath of life, for vitality, joy and virtue.

# 4. (Maghava Devata, Gotama Rshi) उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यन्तर्यीच्छ मघवन् पाहि सोमेम् । उरुष्य रायऽएषौ यजस्व ॥४॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'syantaryaccha maghavan pāhi somam. Urusya rāya' eso yajasva.

Man, you are the power and the glory of the self, placed and accepted in the law of existence. Preserve and promote the inner life and dedicate the innermost self to the Law of the Divine. With yoga, eliminate suffering and grow, and obtain the higher wealth and power of the soul.

#### 5. (Ishvara Devata, Gotama Rshi)

अन्तस्ते द्यावीपृ<u>श्</u>विवी दीधाम्यन्तर्दीधाम्युर्वुन्तरिक्षम् । सुजूर्देवे<u>भि</u>रवेरै: परैश्चान्तर्य्यामे मेघवन् मादयस्व ॥५॥

Antaste dyāvāpṛthivī dadhāmyantardadhāmyurvantarikṣam. Sajūrdevebhiravaraiḥ paraiścāntaryāme maghavan mādayasva.

Man of power and glory of the self, in pursuit of yoga, I place the heaven and the earth within you, and the vast intervening spaces of the sky too. Friends with the noblest powers of nature and humanity, rejoice within by yourself in a state of divine bliss and spread the joy around.

#### 6. (Yogi Devata, Gotama Rshi)

स्वाङ्कृंतोऽ<u>सि</u> विश्वेभ्यऽइ<u>न्द्</u>रियेभ्यों <u>दि</u>व्येभ्यः पार्थिवेभ्यो मनेस्त्वाष्टुस्वाहो त्वा सुभव सूर्यीय देवेभ्येस्त्वा मरी<u>चि</u>पेभ्ये-ऽउदानार्य त्वा ॥६॥

Svāṅkṛto'si viśvebhya' indriyebhyo divyebhyaḥ pārthivebhyo manastvāṣṭu svāhā. Tvā subhava sūryāya devebhyastvā marīcipebhya' udānāya tvā.

Man of yoga, of noble birth and noble life, self-existent and self-made, endowed with all the wonderful powers of sense, blessed be your mind with the voice of the divine, the Veda. I consecrate you and dedicate you to the love and service of all the noblest powers of earth and heaven, to the lord of light and the protectors and servants of the light and life divine for the attainment of the higher life.

Man of yoga, self-existent and free with excellent powers of sense, of noble birth and noble living, blessed be your mind with the divine voice, the Veda. I consecrate and dedicate you to the love and service of all the noblest powers of earth and heaven, to the lord of light, and the servants and protectors of the light and life divine, for the attainment of the higher life.

#### 7. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

आ वायो भूष शुचिपाऽउपे नः सहस्त्रं ते <u>नियु</u>तौ विश्ववार। उपौ तेऽअन्धो मद्यमया<u>मि</u> यस्ये देव द<u>धि</u>षे पूर्विपेयं वायवे त्वा ॥७॥

Ā vāyo bhūṣa śucipā' upa naḥ sahasraṁ te niyuto viśvavāra. Upo te' andho madyamayāmi yasya deva dadhiṣe pūrvapeyaṁ vāyave tvā.

Vayu, preserver, protector and promoter of purity, yogin, versatile master of all virtue, loved, adored and cherished by all, strengthen and edify us with a thousand noble virtues. I come up to you for the sumptuous food of yoga with insatiable appetite — for the gift of that power and vision of the spirit which our forefathers attained and which you have attained and preserved.

# 8. (Indra-Vayu Devate, Madhuchhanda Ŗshi)

इन्द्रंवायूऽइमे सुताऽउप प्रयो<u>भि</u>रागंतम् । इन्दंवो वामुश<u>न्ति</u> हि । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि वायवंऽइन्द्रवायुभ्यां त्वैष ते योनिः सजोषोभ्यां त्वा ॥८॥

Indravāyū' ime sutā' upa prayobhirāgatam. Indavo vāmuśanti hi. Upayāmagṛhīto'si vāyava' indravāyubhyām tvaiṣa te yoniḥ sajoṣobhyām tvā.

Indra and Vayu (teacher and student of yoga), you are like the sun and pranic energy. These essences,

joys of spiritual experience, distilled from the soma of yoga, are anxious to reach you. Come by these, come to us. Disciple of yoga, accepted you are in the discipline of yoga for success like the wind. Yoga is your home alongwith Indra and Vayu (power of the mind and purity of the soul). You are the favourite of both Indra and Vayu. With the love and power of these two, I love you too with reverence.

## 9. (Mitra-Varuna Devate, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

अयं वां मित्रावरुणा सुतः सोमेऽऋतावृधा । ममे<u>दि</u>ह श्रुतुःहर्वम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि <u>मि</u>त्रावरुणाभ्यां त्वा ॥९॥

Ayam vām mitrāvaruņā sutaḥ soma' ṛtāvṛdhā. Mamediha śrutam havam. Upayāmagṛhīto'si mitrāvaruṇābhyām tvā.

Mitra and Varuna, practitioners of yoga, seekers of the law of universal truth and the existence of the Universal Spirit, both of you dynamic in action like prana and udana energies of the breath of life, the Soma of your search, the joy of successful yoga, is realized. Here, then, listen to my praise and accept the homage of an admirer.

Yajamana, master of the yajna of yoga, accepted and sanctified you are in yoga in the discipline of yama and niyama (social and personal ethics of purity). With your realization of the powers of prana and udana, I do reverence and homage to you.

## 10. (Mitra-Varuna Devate, Trisadasyu Ŗshi)

राया व्यःसंस्वाथंसो मदेम हृव्येने देवा यवसेन् गार्वः । तां धेनुं मित्रावरुणा युवं नो विश्वाहो धत्तमनेपस्फुरन्तीमेष ते योनिर्ऋतायुभ्यो त्वा ॥१०॥ Rāyā vayam sasavāmso madema havyena devā yavasena gāvaḥ. Tāṁ dhenuṁ mitrāvaruṇā yuvaṁ no viśvāhā dhattamanapasphurantīm-eṣa te yonirṛtāyubhyāṁ tvā.

Noble men of discriminative knowledge and wisdom, let us rejoice on wealth fit to be offered to the gods for food, rejoice just as cows enjoy the green grass.

Teachers and students of yoga, friends like pranic energies, both of you attain and preserve for us the voice of divine knowledge, Veda, versatile and eternal giver of universal knowledge, revealed in the state of Samadhi.

Yajamana, this knowledge is your element, your very home of existence. We do homage to you alongwith the seekers of divine law through yoga.

#### 11. (Ashvinav Devate, Medhatithi Rshi)

या वां कशा मधुमृत्यिश्वना सूनृतावती । तया यज्ञं मिमिक्षतम्। उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यृश्विभ्यां त्वेष ते यो<u>नि</u>र्माध्वीभ्यां त्वा ॥११॥

Yā vām kaśā madhumatyaśvinā sūnṛtāvatī. Tayā yajñam mimikṣatam. Upayāmagṛhīto' syaśvibhyām tvaiṣa te yonirmādhvībhyām tvā.

Teacher and seeker of yoga, bright as Ashwins (sun and moon), advance your yajna of yoga in the light of the divine voice of the Veda, so sweet, so true, so inspiring.

Seeker of yoga, sanctified in the discipline of yama and niyama (social and personal ethics of purity), this yoga is your element, your very home of existence.

Teacher and seeker, with your control over the vital energies of prana and apana, and for the sweetness and light of your spiritual awareness, we do reverence and homage to you.

## 12. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Ŗshi)

तं प्रत्नथां पूर्वथां <u>वि</u>श्वथेमथां ज्येष्ठतातिं ब<u>र्हिषदेश्स्व</u>विदेम्। प्रती<u>ची</u>नं वृजनं दोहसे धुनिमाशुं जयन्तमनु यासु वधींसे । <u>उपयामगृहीतोऽसि</u> शण्डाय त्वेष ते योनिर्वीरतां पाह्यपमृष्टः शण्डों देवास्त्वां शुक्रुपाः प्रणीयन्त्वनां धृष्टासि ॥१२॥

Tam pratnthā pūrvathā viśvathemathā jyeṣṭhatātim barhiṣadam svarvidam. Pratīcīnam vṛjanam dohase dhunimāśum jayantamanu yāsu vardhase. Upayāmagṛhīto'si śaṇḍāya tvaiṣa te yonirvīratām pāhyapamṛṣṭaḥ śaṇḍo devāstvā śukrapāḥ praṇayantvanādhṛṣṭā'si.

Yogi, established you are in the rules of yamas and niyamas, the discipline of social and personal purity. This is your natural element, a very home and blessed state of being.

Cleansed of ignorance and suffering, peaceful at heart, you explore, follow and advance in that state of yoga which, like that of the ancient Rshis and yogis old and new, is supreme, powerful, instant and victorious, remover of negativities, shaker of sin and giver of strength, and which is the light residing in the deepest cave of the heart. Man of love and peace, protect this state of strength and purity invincible for yourself. And may the powers of the divine, saviours and protectors of life and energy, be with you and lead you on.

#### 13. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

सुवीरों वीरान् प्रेजनयुन् परीह्यभि रायस्पोषेण यर्जमानम् । सञ्जग्मानो <u>दि</u>वा पृ<u>थि</u>व्या शुक्रः शुक्रशोचिषा निरस्तः शण्डेः शुक्रस्यो<u>धि</u>ष्ठानेमसि ॥१३॥

Suvīro vīrān prajanayan parīhyabhi rāyaspoṣeṇa yajamānam. Sañjagmāno divā pṛthivyā śukraḥ śukraśocisā nirastaḥ śaṇḍaḥ śukrasyādhiṣṭhānamasi.

You are good and bold, make others good and bold, and come to the yajamana with all the wealth and honour. Going forward in harmony with the earth and heaven, shining bright and virtuous as by the light of the sun, drive out the dark, attain peace of mind, and be the haven and life-support of the creative and purifying energy of humanity.

## 14. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Ŗshi)

अच्छिन्नस्य ते देव सोम सुवीर्यंस्य रायस्पोषस्य द<u>ितारंः</u> स्याम । सा प्रेथमा सँस्कृति<u>र्वि</u>श्ववीरा स प्रेथमो वर्रुणो <u>मि</u>त्रोऽअग्निः ॥१४॥

Acchinnasya te deva soma sūvīryasya rāyaspoṣasya daditāraḥ syāma. Sā prathamā saṃskṛtirviśvavārā sa prathamo varuṇo mitro' agniḥ.

Seeker of yoga, cool and excellent, bright and brave, we are the generous source, givers of continuous undisturbed stream of the wealth of life and yoga to you. May that first original and universal culture of life bless you. May the teacher, bright as Agni, deep as the ocean, and benevolent as the sun be your foremost friend.

## 15. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

स प्रेथमो बृह्स्पतिश्चि<u>कि</u>त्वाँस्तस्माऽइन्द्रीय सुतमार्जुहोत् स्वाहा। तृम्पन्तु होत्रा मध्वो याः स्विष्टा याः सुप्रीताः सुहुता यत्स्वाहायोड्ग्नीत् ॥१५॥

Sa prathamo bṛhaspatiścikitvāňstasmā'indrāya sutamājuhota svāhā. Tṛmpantu hotrā madhvo yāḥ sviṣṭā yāḥ suprītāḥ suhutā yatsvāhā'-yāḍagnīt.

The first friend, master of knowledge, worshipper of the Divine Voice, Veda, is Brihaspati, lord of the power and vision of yoga. For him and in his honour, speak the most sacred words and offer him the sweetest distilled soma. Go to him as you approach agni, the sacred fire, and in the spirit of yajna treat him with the most wanted, most loved, most cherished offering with the utmost courtesy and respect in words of the highest reverence.

#### 16. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

अयं वेनश्चोदयत् पृश्निगर्भा ज्योतिर्जरायु रर्जसो विमाने। इममुपार्थ्रसङ्गमे सूर्यस्य शिशुं न विप्रो मृतिभी रिहन्ति । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि मकाय त्वा ॥१६॥

Ayam venascodayat pṛṣṇigarbhā jyotirjarāyū rajaso vimāne. Imamapām saṅgame sūryasya siśum na viprā matibhī rihanti. Upayāma-gṛhito'si markāya tvā.

This ruler of the republic, like the bright moon in the womb of the vast space covering other lights in the celestial regions, inspires and moves about in orbit majestically, powerful as the sun in the battle of the waters. Men of knowledge and wisdom advise him with the gift of knowledge and policy just as freely as a teacher teaches the disciple. Accepted (by will), consecrated (through yajna), positioned in the laws and structure of the republic, we accept and honour you for the defence of the society and elimination of the enemies.

#### 17. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

मनो न येषु हर्वनेषु तिग्मं विपः शच्यां वनुथो द्रवन्ता । आ यः शर्यीभिस्तुविनृम्णोऽअस्याश्रीणीतादिशं गर्भस्तावेष ते योनिः प्रजाः पाह्यपमृष्टो मर्कों देवास्त्वां मिश्यिपाः प्रणयन्त्वनीधृष्टासि ॥१७॥

Mano na yeşu havaneşu tigmām vipaḥ śacyā vanutho dravantā. Ā yaḥ śaryābhistuvinṛmṇo' asyāśrīṇītādiśam gabhastāveṣa te yoniḥ prajāḥ pāhyapamṛṣṭo marko devāstvā manthipāḥ praṇayantva-nādhṛṣṭāsi.

Ruler and Head of the republic, lord of power and wealth, this land and its governance is your haven, the very meaning of your existence.

The enlightened ruler and the people, both dynamic and intelligent, working at the speed of the mind, sharp as an arrow and strong as adamant, think hard and plan for the nation. In the light of his glory shining in all directions and under the protection of the fighters of this man of a mighty host working at his command, they shine in peace and burn in war.

Protect and serve the people. Free of the enemies as you are, may the divine powers who protect the brave help and lead you on. Be invincible.

## 18. (Prajapati Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

सुप्रजाः प्रजाः प्रजनयन् परीह्यभि रायस्पोषेण यजेमानम् । सञ्जग्मानो <u>दि</u>वा पृ<u>शि</u>व्या मुन्थी मुन्थिशौचिषा निरम्तो मको मुन्थिनौऽ<u>धि</u>ष्ठानेमसि ॥१८॥

Suprajāḥ prajāḥ prajanayan parīhyabhi rāyaspoṣeṇa yajamānam. Sañjagmāno divā pṛthivyā manthī manthiśociṣā nirasto marko manthino'dhiṣṭhānamasi.

Just and enlightened head of the nation, enlighten the people as reborn, and shower the yajamanas of this social and development yajna with all-round wealth and nourishment. Dynamic and inspiring, going along with earth and heaven in harmony, with the light of discrimination, you are the ideal and ultimate resort of the enlightened. And by the dazzling brilliance of your discrimination, the enemies are overthrown.

## 19. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Ŗshi)

ये देवासो <u>दि</u>व्येकादश स्थ पृ<u>श्</u>यिव्यामध्येकादश स्थ । अप्पृक्षितो म<u>हि</u>नैकादश स्थ ते देवासो युज्ञ<u>मि</u>मं जुषध्वम्॥१९॥

Ye devāso divyekādaśa stha pṛthivyām-adhyekādaśa stha. Apsukṣito mahinaikādaśa stha te devāso yajñamimaṁ juṣadhvam.

Eleven vital powers are there above, existing by their own virtue (prana, apana, vyana, udana and samana, naga, kurma, krikala, devadatta and dhananjaya: these are the vital pranic energies, and the eleventh is the soul). There are eleven on the earth existing by their own virtue (earth, water, fire, air and space: these are the elements; sun, moon, nakshatra ahankara, mahat and prakriti: these are objects and

modes of nature). There are eleven in the vital energy (prana), existing by their own virtue (ear, skin, eye, tongue, nose, speech, hands, legs, two organs of excretion, and mind: these are organs of perception and volition). May all these powers of life and nature join and contribute to this common yajna of the ruler and the people.

## 20. (Yajna Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽस्याग्रयणोऽसि स्वाग्रयणः । पाहि युज्ञं पाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि युज्ञंपाहि सर्वनानि पाहि ॥२०॥

Upayāmagṛhīto' syāgrayaṇo'si svāgrayaṇaḥ. Pāhi yajñaṁ pāhi yajñapatiṁ viṣṇustvāmindriyeṇa pātu viṣṇuṁ tvaṁ pāhyabhi savanāni pāhi.

You are accepted, sanctified and positioned in the laws and structure of this social yajna of the nation. (By virtue of your political wisdom and humility) you are the first and best oblation of this social yajna, self-sacrificing promoter of thought, science and economy. Protect and advance this yajna. Support and advance the yajnapati, men of law and justice, polity and economy. Protect and advance Vishnu, man of science and spiritual knowledge, and may Vishnu strengthen you with the virtues of mind and character and advance you in social and economic progress. Protect and promote all the creative, constructive and productive activities of this national yajna.

## 21. (Soma Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

सोर्मः पवते सोर्मः पवतेऽस्मै ब्रह्मणेऽस्मै क्षुत्रायास्मै सुन्वते यजमानाय पवतऽइषऽक्जें पेवतेऽद्भ्यऽओषधीभ्यः पवते द्यावीपृश्विवीभ्यां पवते सुभूतायं पवते विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यंऽ ॥२१॥

Somaḥ pavate somaḥ pavate'smai brahmaṇe' smai kṣatrāyāsmai sunvate yajamānāya pavata' iṣa' ūrje pavate'dbhya' oṣadhībhyaḥ pavate dyāvā pṛthivībhyām pavate subhūtāya pavate viśvebhyastvā devebhya' eṣa te yonirviśvebhyastvā devebhyaḥ.

Soma flows. Soma flows and is purified. Soma is purified and is offered for sacrifice. So does the ruler flow, issues in action, and, through action, is purified, sanctified, self-sacrificed.

The ruler is sanctified and dedicated to the Brahamana sub-system (learning, education and research), to the Kshatra sub-system (defence and governance), to the devoted yajamana, participant in the creative activities of the system, for food and energy, for waters, herbs and vegetation, for earth and heaven, for good life and conduct, for all the noble people of the land.

Ruler of the nation, this life, this land, this sociopolitical system is your haven and your justification. You are accepted, sanctified and honoured for all the noble people.

#### 22. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Rshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा बृहद्वेते वयस्वतऽउक्थाव्यं गृह्णामि। यत्तेऽइन्द्र बृहद्वयस्तस्मै त्वा विष्णवे त्वैष ते योनि-रुक्थेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यस्त्वा देवाव्यं युज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामि ॥२२॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā bṛhadvate vayasvata' ukthāvyam gṛhṇāmi. Yatta' indra bṛhadvayastasmai tvā viṣṇave tvaiṣa te yonirukthebhyastvā devebhyastvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmi.

Indra, meritorious man of arms, self-controlled and established in the rules of law, good conduct and service of the nation, I appoint you as commander of the army in the service of Indra, lord of the land — great is he, long-lived he be! Great is your work, a lifetime undertaking. For that you are appointed. For Vishnu, lord supreme, for yajana, for the nation you are consecrated. For the lord's songs of praise, to the noble people, to the health and continuance of the social yajna of the land, to the defence and advancement of the noble powers, you are dedicated. This is now your haven, your very being, the meaning and justification of your existence.

# 23. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Kashyapa Ŗshi)

मित्रावर्रणाभ्यां त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्रीय त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्राग्निभ्यां त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्राग्निभ्यां त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्रान्व्रामीन्द्रान्व्राव्यां यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्राविष्णुभ्यां त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामीन्द्राविष्णुभ्यां त्वा देवाव्यं यज्ञस्यायुषे गृह्णामि ॥२३॥

Mitrāvaruṇābhyām tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmīndrāya tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmīndrāgnibhyām tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmīndrāvaruṇābhyām tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmīndrābṛhaspatibhyām tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmīndrāviṣṇubhyām tvā devāvyam yajñasyāyuṣe gṛhṇāmi.

Head of the council, protector of the good and the noble people, I select you for the progress of this social yajna (from agnihotra upto the governance of the land) for the noble people of love, friendship and knowledge.

Protector of the men of knowledge, I appoint you in the service of Indra, the ruler, man of power, majesty and grace, for the advancement of this social yajna of unity and cooperation.

Man of science and technology, protector of higher and astral sciences, I welcome you for the progress of this technological yajna for the realization of the power of heat and light.

Man of science and industry, protector of the men of scientific and industrial enterprise, I sanctify you for the promotion of the yajnic realisation of electric and water power.

Teacher and man of education, promoter of education and yoga-vidya, I consecrate you for the promotion of social and ethical education as a yajna for the improvement of administration and the collective yoga of ethical governance of the land.

Man of knowledge, friend of the spiritual people, I dedicate you to the advancement of the sacred yajna

of moral and spiritual values for the realization of Divinity and knowledge of the shastras.

## 24. (Vishvedeva Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

मूर्द्धानं दिवोऽअर्तिं पृ<u>थि</u>व्या वैश्वान्रमृतऽआजातम्गिनम्। क्विन्सम्राज्मिति<u>थिं</u> जनीनामासन्ना पात्रं जनयन्त देवाः॥२४॥

Mūrddhānaṁ divo' aratiṁ pṛthivyā vaiśvānaramṛta' ā jātamagniṁ. Kavim samrājamatithim janānāmāsannā pātraṁ janayanta devāḥ.

Men of knowledge (of defence science) study and light the fire — refulgent and universal presence, forehead of the light of heaven come down to join the earth with its properties, born of the truth and force of the universal law and reality, given to the comfort and joy of the world, a guest of honour for all the people, source of power for industrial enterprises, the light that reveals everything to man. (Light the fire, use it for defence and progress).

## 25. (Vaishwanara Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि धुवोऽसि धुविक्षितिर्धुवाणां धुवत्मोऽ-च्युतानामच्युत्कित्तमऽएष ते योनिर्वेश्वान्रायं त्वा । धुवं धुवेण मनेसा वाचा सोम्मवनयामि । अथां न्ऽइन्द्र-ऽइद्विशोऽसप्ताः समनस्स्करंत् ॥२५॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si dhruvo'si dhruvakṣitir-dhruvāṇām dhruvatamo'cyutānāmacyut-akṣittama' eṣa te yonirvaiśvānarāya tvā. Dhruvam dhruveṇa manasā vācā somamavanayāmi. Athā na' indra' idviśo'sapatnāḥ samanasaskarat.

Vaishwanara, Lord Supreme of the world, Indra,

Lord of power and glory, Soma, Lord Creator and giver of peace and joy, you can be reached through the discipline of 'yamas' and 'niyamas', rules of social and personal ethics ranging from love and non-violence to total surrender to you. You are firm, inviolable base of the stability of the stars and planets, firmest of the firm, most imperishable of the imperishables (i.e., above the original prakrti and the souls). This universe and the laws of existence are pervaded by you — they are like your universal home. Life and light of the world, Lord of peace and joy, firm and eternal, to you, with a mind of inviolable faith, in words of sincerity, we surrender in obedience and homage. Lord of power and glory, let our people be free of all enemies, let our nation be of one and equal mind.

## 26. (Yajna Devata, Devashrava Ŗshi)

यस्ते द्रप्स स्कन्दे<u>ति</u> यस्तेऽअःशुर्ग्रावेच्युतो <u>धि</u>षणेयो-रुपस्थात् । अध्वयोंर्वा परि वा यः पवित्रात्तं ते जुहो<u>मि</u> मनेसा वर्षट्कृत्छंस्वाहां देवानांमुत्क्रमणमसि ॥२६॥

Yaste drapsa skandati yaste' amśurgrāvacyuto dhişaṇayorupasthāt. Adhvaryorvā pari vā yaḥ pavitrāttam te juhomi manasā vaṣaṭkṛtam svāhā devānāmutkramaṇamasi.

Host and master of yajna, whatever part of yajna offerings goes over the earth and to the sky with the wind, and whatever part gone up from the sacred lap of the earth and the womb of space is released from the clouds, and whatever part goes up from the hota and the adhvaryu (the priests) and proclaims the virtues of the performance, all that, in words of truth, with sincerity of mind and honest conviction, I say, comes to bless

you. All the devotees of yajna and men of learning and wisdom rise in lustre and look up to you.

# 27. (Yajnapati Devata, Devashrava Ŗshi)

प्राणायं में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व व्यानायं में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्वोदानायं में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व वाचे में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व क्रतृदक्षांभ्यां में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व श्रोत्रीय में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व चर्क्षांभ्यां में वर्चोदसौ वर्चीसे पवेथाम् ॥२७॥

Prāṇāya me varcodā varcase pavasva vyānāya me varcodā varcase pavasvodānāya me varcodā varcase pavasva vāce me varcodā varcase pavasva kratūdakṣābhyām me varcodā varcase pavasva śrotrāya me varcoda varcase pavasva cakṣurbhyām me varcodasau varcase pavethām.

Lord and giver of the light of life, bless me with the light of knowledge and sanctify the pranic energy of my heart. Lord and giver of lustre, bless me with the glow of health and nourishment and energize the vyana vitality of my body. Lord and giver of vigour, bless me with the passion for action through the udana energy in my mind. Lord and giver of the force of truth and conviction, bless me with the courage of conviction and the power of speech. Lord and giver of the ambition of enlightenment and strength of the spirit, bless me with the light of self-knowledge and brilliance of intelligence. Lord of omniscience and giver of speech, bless me with the revelation of the voice divine and consecrate my ear. Lord and giver of light and beauty (like the sun and moon), venerable teacher of the teachers, bless me with the celestial vision of the eyes to see and reveal the beauty of the mystery of existence.

#### 28. (Yajnapati Devata, Devashrava Rshi)

आत्मनें में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्वौजिसे में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्वार्युषे में वर्चोदा वर्चीसे पवस्व विश्वीभ्यों में प्रजाभ्यों वर्चोदसौ वर्चीसे पवेथाम् ॥२८॥

Ātmane me varcodā varcase pavasvaujase me varcodā varcase pavasvāyuṣe me varcodā varcase pavasva viśvābhyo me prajābhyo varcodasau varcase pavethām.

Lord and giver of the light of the soul, bless me with the light of the soul and awareness of the self. Lord and giver of the brilliance of personality, bless me with the light of knowledge and power of yoga. Lord and giver of life, bless me with the glow of health and gift of longevity. Lord and giver of brilliance, and you, teacher and seeker of brilliance, both of you, bless the entire people with the strength and ambition to be great and glorious.

#### 29. (Prajapati Devata, Devashrava Rshi)

कोऽसि कतुमोऽसि कस्यासि को नामसि । यस्ये ते नामार्मन्मिह यं त्वा सोमेनातीतृपाम । भूर्भुवः स्वः सुप्रजाः प्रजाभिः स्याथंसुवीरो वीरैः सुपोषः पोषैः ॥२९॥

Ko'si katamo'si kasyāsi ko nāmāsi. Yasya te nāmāmanmahi yam tvā somenātītṛpāma. Bhūrbhuvaḥ svaḥ suprajāḥ prajābhiḥ syām suvīro vīraiḥ supoṣaḥ poṣaiḥ.

Who are you? Which one (in rank/position) are you? Whose (son/appointee) are you? What name are you, the name by which we would know you, and the one we would serve with sumptuous entertainment on soma?

I love and want the beauty of the earth, the vastness of the sky and the light of heaven. I want to have many noble people by the people. I want to be a great hero of heroes by the heroes. I want to be well-provided, with nourishments (of the land).

(I am none by myself alone, I am one and many at once, by virtue of the people.)

## 30. (Prajapati Devata, Devashrava Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि मधेवे त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि माधेवाय त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि शुक्रायं त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि शुचेये त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि नभसे त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि नभस्याय त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसीषे त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽस्यूर्जे त्वोप-यामगृहीतोऽसि सहसे त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि सहस्याय त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि तपसे त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽसि तपस्याय त्वोपयामगृहीतोऽस्य हसस्यतये त्वा ॥३०॥

Upayāmagṛhīto' si madhave tvopayāmagṛhīto'si mādhavāya tvopayāmagṛhīto'si śukrāya tvopayāmagṛhīto'si śucaye tvopayāmagṛhīto'si
nabhase tvopayāmagṛhīto'si nabhasyāya tvopayāmagṛhīto'sīṣe tvo-payāmagṛhīto'syūrjje
tvo-payāmagṛhīto'si sahase tvopayāmagṛhito'si
sahasyāya tvopayāmagṛhīto'si tapase tvopayāmagṛhīto'si tapasyāya tvopayāmagṛhīto'syamhasaspataye tvā.

Lord/People of the land, accepted, sanctified and positioned you are in the laws and the structure of the land. Therefore I/we accept you for the month of Chaitra, for the month of Vaishakha, for the month of Jyeshtha, for the month of Ashadha, for the month of Shravana, for the month of Bhadra, for the month of Ashwina, for the month of Kartika, for the month of Marga-shirsha,

for the month of Pausha, for the month of Magha, for the month of Phalguna for the defence and security of the power and safety of all (within the laws of the state through monthly meetings of the Head of the state and the representatives of the people).

## 31. (Indragni Devate, Vishwamitra Ŗshi)

इन्द्रोग्नीऽआगेतःस्पुतं गीिर्भिर्नभो वरेण्यम् । अस्य पति <u>धियेषिता । उपया</u>मगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राग्निभ्यां त्वैष ते योनि-रिन्द्राग्निभ्यां त्वा ॥३१॥

Indrāgnī' āgatam sutam gīrbhirnabho vareņyam. Asya pātam dhiyeṣitā. Upayāma-gṛhīto'sīndrāgnibhyām tvai-ṣa te yonirindrāgnibhyām tvā.

Ruler and the Councillors, both brilliant and powerful as Indra and Agni (power and fire), come and, with words of enlightenment, create for us the wanted joy and prosperity. With your knowledge and mind, and our suggestions and request, guard this land and protect the prosperity of the people.

People of the land/Ruler and the Councillors, accepted and positioned you are in the laws and constitution of the state. You (the people) are dedicated to Indra and Agni (the ruler and the council), and accepted in law. You, the ruler and the councillors, are dedicated to Indra and Agni, Lord of Power and knowledge, and Lord of the people and the land. This constitution and this land is your mainstay, the meaning and justification of your being and position.

#### 32. (Vishvedeva Devata, Trishoka Rshi)

आ घा येऽअग्निमिन्धते स्तृणन्ति बर्हिरानुषक् । येषामिन्द्रो युवा सखा । उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यग्नीन्द्राभ्यां त्वैष ते योनिरग्नीन्द्राभ्यां त्वा ॥३२॥

Ā ghā ye' agnimindhate stṛṇanti barhirānuṣak. Yeṣāmindro yuvā sakhā. Upayāmagṛhīto' syagnīndrābhyām tvaiṣa te yoniragnīndrābhyām tvā.

The scholar councillors light the fire of scientific yajna and, working in proper form, cover the sky with fragrance (machines and missiles). Youthful and friendly is their ruler who is accepted and honoured in the land for his qualities of Dharma, knowledge and manmanagement. President and ruler, this land and its governance is your mainstay and you are here for the service of Indra and Agni, power and enlightenment of the people.

## 33. (Vishvedeva Devata, Madhuchhanda Ŗshi)

ओमांसश्चर्षणीधृतो विश्वे देवास्ऽआगंत । दाश्वाछंसों दाशुर्षः सुतम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽिस विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>र्विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यः ॥३३॥

Omāsaścarṣaṇīdhṛto viśve devāsa' āgata. Dāśvāňso dāśuṣaḥ sutam. Upayāmagṛhīto'si viśvebhyastvā devebhya' eṣa te yonirviśvebhyastvā devebhyaḥ.

Men and women of learning and wisdom, best minds of the land, supporters and protectors of the people, generous benefactors of the generous givers, come to this yajna of education and receive this child for instruction. Young learner, you are initiated and consecrated in the discipline of this sacred institution by the venerable teachers. This institution, these teachers, this programme, this now is your home and life. You are dedicated and committed to the service and support of the good and the enlightened people with reverence.

## 34. (Vishvedeva Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

विश्वे देवास्ऽआगंत शृणुता मं इमःहवेम् । एदं बहिर्निषीदत। उपयामगृहीतोऽसि विश्वेभ्यंस्त्वा देवेभ्यंऽएष ते योनिर्विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यः ॥३४॥

Viśve devāsa' āgata śṛṇutā ma imam havam. Edam barhirniṣīdata. Upayāmagṛhīto'si viśvebhyastvā devebhya' eṣa te yonirviśvebhyastvā devebhyaḥ.

Learned and wise people, come and sit on this seat, and listen to my prayer.

Young learner, you are accepted and consecrated in the rules of this institution by the learned teachers. This is now your home. You are dedicated to the support and service of the good and the wise in faith and reverence.

#### 35. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

इन्द्रं मरुत्वऽद्द्रह प<u>िहि</u> सोमं यथां शार्यातेऽअपिबः सुतस्य। तव प्रणीती तवं शूर् शर्मन्नाविवासन्ति क्वयः सुयुज्ञाः । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राय त्वा मुरुत्वतऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>रिन्द्राय त्वा मुरुत्वते ॥३५॥

Indra marutva'iha pāhi somam yathā śāryāte' apibaḥ sutasya. Tava praṇītī tava śūra śarmannāvivāsanti kavayaḥ suyajñāḥ. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā marutvata' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā marutvate.

Glorious ruler of this noble and powerful people, support, protect and advance this yajna of education in this world as you have already tasted the sweets of your efforts in this field. Hero of the land, dedicated people of vision, poets and scholars of yajna, follow your policies and enjoy your protection under your benevolent rule. Accepted and consecrated you are in the laws of this land for the glory of the nation and the welfare of the people. We dedicate you to the glory of the nation and welfare of the people.

## 36. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

मुरुत्वन्तं वृष्भं वावृधानमकवारिं <u>दि</u>व्यःशासिमन्द्रम् । <u>वि</u>श्वासाहमवसे नूर्तनायोग्रःसहोदा<u>मि</u>ह तःहुवेम । उपयाम-गृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेतऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>रिन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेते। उपयामगृहीतोऽसि मुरुतां त्वौजेसे ॥३६॥

Marutvantam vṛṣabham vāvṛdhānamakavārim divyam śāsamindram. Viśvāsāhamavase nūtanāyogram sahodāmiha tam huvema. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā marutvata'eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā marutvate. Upayāmagṛhīto' si marutām tvaujase.

We, men of vision, poets and scholars, call upon and praise you for new modes of defence and protection, Indra, glorious ruler of the land, leader of a great people, first and best of all, dynamic and progressive saviour against suffering and evil, celestially virtuous, able administrator, formidably patient, nobly passionate, inspiringly courageous.

Ruler, you are accepted and consecrated in the rules and structure of the state for the glory of Indra and Maruts, glory of the land and welfare of the people.

This land and its protection, now, is your home and justification. We dedicate you to the glory of the land and the welfare of its people. We accept and honour you, a man of law, discipline and commitment as you are, for the strength and glory of the people.

## 37. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

स्जोषोऽइन्द्र सर्गणो म्रुइद्धः सोमं पिब वृत्रहा शूरं विद्वान्। जिह शत्रुँ१॥ऽरप् मृधो नुद्स्वाथाभयं कृणुहि विश्वतो नः। उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेतऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेते ॥३७॥

Sajoṣā' indra sagaṇo marudbhiḥ somam piba vṛtrahā śūra vidvān. Jahi śatrūň' rapa mṛdho nudasvāthābhayam kṛṇuhi viśvato naḥ. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā marutvata' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā marutvate.

Man of love for all, joy and power, Indra, commander of the army, attended with forces swift as the wind, scholarly, fearless and brave, destroyer of the enemy, wipe out the enemy host, eliminate those who destroy happiness and cause suffering to mankind, and make us free and fearless from all sides. And, just as the sun pours out the waters when it breaks the cloud Vritra with the winds and drinks to the health of the earth and her people, so do you drink with your friends and allies to the joy of Soma and success.

Accepted and consecrated you are in the rules of the army and the laws of the land. I appoint you in the service of the lord of the land and head of her people. Now the rules, the law, the army, defence of the land and freedom of the people: this is your home and haven, the very meaning and purpose of your life. You are consecrated and dedicated to the people and the lord of the land.

## 38. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

मुरुत्वाँ २॥ऽइन्द्र वृष्भो रणीय पिबा सोमेमनुष्वधं मदीय । आसिञ्चस्व जुठरे मध्वेऽऊर्मिं त्वःराजीसि प्रतिपत्सुतानीम्। उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेतऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा मुरुत्वेते ॥३८॥

Marutvāň' indra vṛṣabho raṇāya pibā somamanuṣvadhaṁ madāya. Āsiñcasva jaṭhare madhva' ūrmiṁ tvam rājā' si pratipatsutānām. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā marutvata' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā marutvate.

Indra, head of the council/commander of the army, leader of the people/army, first and best among all, you are a man of honour and power. For joy and for the battles, drink soma according to your taste and capacity with every meal. Stimulate your appetite with draughts of the best and the choicest sweets of juices. You are intelligent and brilliant for every occasion of importance.

Accepted and consecrated you are in the laws of the land and rules of the council/army. We honour and celebrate you in the service of the lord of the land and head of the people. You are dedicated and committed to the honour of the land and the welfare of the people for the development of airy weapons and missiles (marutweapons). This commitment, this dedication, now is your haven, the very meaning and purpose of your existence.

## 39. (Prajapati Devata, Bharadwaja Rshi)

मुहाँ२॥ऽइन्द्रौ नृवदाचेर्ष<u>णि</u>प्राऽउत द्विबहीऽअ<u>मि</u>नः सहीभिः। अस्मद्र्यग्वावृधे वीर्यायोरुः पृथुः सुकृतः कुर्तृभिर्भूत् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि महेन्द्रायं त्वैष ते योनिर्महेन्द्रायं त्वा॥३९॥

Mahāň' indro nṛvadā carṣaṇiprā' uta dvibarhā' aminaḥ sahobhiḥ. Asmadryagvāvṛdhe vīryāyoruḥ pṛthuḥ sukṛtaḥ kartṛbhirbhūt. Upayāmagṛhīto'si mahendrāya tvaiṣa te yonirmahendrāya tvā.

Lord of the universe, you are great and adorable, compassionate and so close to humans, giver of bliss to the people, lord of knowledge secular and sacred, of unique power, infinite, more expansive than space, omniscient knower of us all, just and kind with those who do good. We grow and rise in strength, power and prowess and honour only with His grace.

Lord of light, you can be realised only through the rules of yama and niyama and the discipline of yoga. He resides in the light of the heart. For the realisation of the glory of that light we worship Him. For His Greatness we worship Him.

## 40. (Prajapati Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

मृहाँ२।।ऽइन्द्रो यऽओजेसा पुर्जन्यो वृ<u>ष्टि</u>माँ२।।ऽईव । स्तोमैर्वृत्सस्य वावृधे । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि महेन्द्रायं त्वैष ते योनिर्महेन्द्रायं त्वा ॥४०॥

Mahān' indro ya'ojasā parjanyo vṛṣtimāň'iva. Stomairvatsasya vāvṛdhe. Upayāmagṛhīto'si mahendrāya tvaiṣa te yonirmahendrāya tvā.

The Lord is great, Lord of power and glory who, like the cloud laden with rain, showers the worshipper—

who sends up his songs of praise natural as a child's—with light and lustre. In the light of that glory, we grow in body, mind and soul.

Lord of us all, you can be reached only through the discipline of yoga. You reside in the light of your glory revealed in the heart. We worship you for the realization of that glory, for the attainment of that infinite love and compassion.

## 41. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

उदु त्यं जातवैदसं देवं वेहन्ति केतवेः । दृशे विश्वीय सूर्युःस्वाही ॥४१॥

Udu tyam jātavedasam devam vahanti ketavaḥ. Dṛśe viśvāya sūryam svāhā.

Just as the rays of the sun carry the light of the sun to the world to reveal the glory of the sun for all to see and realise, so do the manifestation of the Supreme Light and Spirit reveal the glory of the Lord for all to see and realise the presence of the power and the spirit.

So also do the words of the Rishi reveal the truth of existence and the glory of the creator to help us realise the presence of the Lord of Creation.

#### 42. (Surya Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

चित्रं देवानामुदंगादनीकं चक्षुर्मित्रस्य वर्रुणस्याग्नेः । आ प्रा द्यावीपृथिवीऽअन्तरिक्षुःसूर्यीऽआत्मा जगतस्तस्थुषेश्च स्वाही ॥४२॥

Citram devānāmudagādanīkam cakṣurmitrasya varuṇasyāgneḥ. Ā prā dyāvāpṛthivī' antarikṣam sūrya' ātmā jagatasthuṣaśca svāhā.

There arises the sun, wonderful splendour of the gods, the light and eye of Mitra, Varuna and Agni, filling the earth, the sky and the heaven with its glory, and soul of the world moving and unmoving. This is the divine voice. This is the oblation for him.

So is the Lord Creator and Supreme Spirit of the universe, the light of lights, life of life and the real power of the gods. That alone is the object of worship.

# 43. (Antaryami jagadeeshwara Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

अग्ने नयं सुपर्था रायेऽअस्मान्विश्वनि देव वयुननि विद्वान्। युयोध्यसमञ्जीहुराणमेनो भूयिष्ठां ते नर्मऽउक्ति विधेम् स्वाहो॥४३॥

Agne naya supathā rāye' asmān viśvāni deva vayunāni vidvān. Yuyodhyasmajjuhurāṇameno bhūyiṣṭhāṁ te nama uktim vidhema svāhā.

Agni, Lord of light and knowledge, you know all the paths of the world into the treasures of wealth, (the science of yoga also). Take us, lead us on by the right path to the wealth of life, and remove from our heart all the sin and evil. We sing in praise of divine glory in all humility from the core of our heart. Bless us with success in Dharma, artha, kama and moksha through yoga and the divine voice, the Veda.

## 44. (Prajapati Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

अयं नौऽअग्निर्वरिवस्कृणोत्वयं मृधः पुरऽएंतु प्र<u>भि</u>न्दन् । अयं वाजीञ्जयतु वाजेसाताव्यःशत्रूञ्जयतु जर्ह्षंषाणः स्वाहो॥४४॥

Ayam no'agnirvarivaskṛṇotvayam mṛdhaḥ pura' etu prabhindan. Ayam vājāñjayatu vājasātāvayam śatrūñjayatu jarhṛṣāṇaḥ svāhā. May this warrior, agni, clear the path for us. May this warrior, breaking through the enemy lines in front, advance on and on. May this one, fighting in the thick of battle, win the battles one after another. And may this one win the victory over the enemies and rejoice. (May one look after the wounded and treat them with medicine.)

## 45. (Prajapati Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

रूपेण वो रूपम्भ्यागां तुथो वो विश्ववैदा विभेजतु । ऋतस्य पथा प्रेतं चन्द्रदक्षिणा वि स्वः पश्य व्युन्तरिक्षं यतस्व सद्स्यैः ॥४५॥

Rupeṇa vo rūpamabhyāgāṁ tutho vo viśvavedā vibhajatu. Rṭtasya pathā preta candradakṣiṇā vi svaḥ paśya vyantarikṣaṁ yatasva sadasyaiḥ.

With a descerning eye, I see the various grades of ability among you. The one who knows you all and knows the world may form you into different classes and councils for appropriate jobs. The highest in intelligence may touch the skies — realise the divine presence and the eternal values of life and action. Ruler of the people, with the members of the council, by the path of truth, act and move on. Men of golden generosity, go ahead on the path of Dharma with charity. (The ruler should constitute three councils: The Council of Education, Vidyarya Sabha, The Council of Governance, Rajarya Sabha, and the Council of Dharma, Dharmarya Sabha, to assist and advise him in the governance and administration of the country.)

#### 46. (Vidvans Devata, Angirasa Rshi)

ब्रा<u>ह</u>्मणम्द्य विदेयं पितृमन्तं पैतृमृत्यमृषिमार्षेयःसुधातु-दक्षिणम् । अस्मद्रीता देवुत्रा गच्छत प्रदाृतारुमाविशत॥४६॥ Brāhmaṇamadya videyam pitṛmantam paitṛmatyamṛsimārṣeyam sudhātudakṣiṇam. Asmadrātā devatrā gacchata pradātārmāviśata.

I go and meet a Brahmana, a virtuous man of divinity and divine knowledge, of illustrious parentage with a heart of parental love, venerable man of vision and discrimination who has realized the soul of the Veda-mantras, a man of real gifts of gold — generous, obliging, giving, redeeming all those who reach him.

Go to the generous man of knowledge, wisdom and virtue, give freely, and the gifts will turn to blessings and come back to you to enrich your soul.

## 47. (Varuna Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

अग्नये त्वा मह्यं वर्रणो ददातु स्ोऽमृत्त्वमंशीयायुर्दा्त्रऽएिष्ट मयो मह्यं प्रतिग्रहीत्रे रुद्रायं त्वा मह्यं वर्रणो ददातु स्रोऽमृत्त्वमंशीय प्राणो दात्रऽएिष्ट वयो मह्यं प्रतिग्रहीत्रे बृह्स्पतेये त्वा मह्यं वर्रणो ददातु स्रोऽमृत्त्वमंशीय त्वग्दात्रऽएिष्ट मयो मह्यं प्रतिग्रहीत्रे युमायं त्वा मह्यं वर्रणो ददातु स्रोऽमृत्त्वमंशीय हयो दात्रऽएिष्ट वयो मह्यं प्रति-ग्रहीत्रे ॥४७॥

Agnaye tvā mahyam varuņo dadātu so'mṛtatvamaśīyāyurdātra' edhi mayo mahyam
pratigrahītre rudrāya tvā mahyam varuņo
dadātu so'mṛtattvamaśīya prāņo dātra' edhi
vayo mahyam pratigrahītre bṛhaspataye tvā
mahvam varuņo dadātu so' mṛtattvamaśīya
tvagdātra' edhi mayo mahyam pratigrahītre
yamāya tvā mahyam varuņo dadātu so'
mṛtatvamaśīya hayo dātra' edhi vayo mahyam
pratigrahītre.

May Varuna, man of knowledge and discrimination, assign me to a teacher of Vasu's standing of 24 years so that I become a Vasu brahmachari (graduate) of agni's brilliance and have the joy of scientific truth and reality. May health and longevity come to the giver, the teacher. May comfort and prosperity come to the receiver, the disciple.

May Varuna, man of knowledge and discrimination, assign me to a teacher of Rudra's standing of 44 years so that I become a Rudra brahmachari (graduate) of Rudra's justice and power and have the joy of eternal knowledge of the world and heaven. May the strength of pranic vitality come to the giver, the teacher, and a life-time of health and prosperity to the receiver, the disciple.

May Varuna assign me to a teacher of the Aditya order of 48 years standing so that I become an Aditya graduate of Brihaspati's knowledge of the Vedas and have the bliss of eternal vision of life. May the sensitivity of tactual and all other senses come to the giver, and the eternal joy of life and vision come to the receiver, to me.

May Varuna assign me to a preceptor who has, through yoga practice, transcended the ups and downs of worldly existence so that I realise in practice the pleasures of home-life and their value against a comprehensive picture of life and death and attain, through living, the eternal ananda of Moksha. May divine realisation come to the giver, the preceptor, and the joy of life and ultimate bliss of eternity come to the receiver, to me.

## 48. (Atma Devata, Angirasa Rshi)

कोऽदात्कस्मोऽअदात्कामोऽदात्कामोयादात् । कामो दाता कामेः प्रतिग्रहोता कामैतत्ते ॥४८॥

Ko'dātkasmā'adātkāmo'dātkāmāyādāt. Kāmo dātā kāmaḥ pratigrahītā kāmaitatte.

Who gives? For whom ....? Desire gives. Gives for desire. Desire is the giver. Desire is the receiver. It is all desire. Love for you! For fulfilment.

Who gives the fruit of karma? To whom does the giver give the fruit of karma? Ishwara, Divine love and desire, gives the fruit of karma. He gives the fruit of karma to the jiva, the soul, who desires and acts the karma. Ishwara is the object of love and desire for the yogis. He is the giver. The jiva desires and acts out of desire. He is the receiver of the fruit. It is all desire. This is for you — the knowledge. It is for you to know. (You cannot live without desire, and you cannot survive only with desire. Integrate desire (kama) with Dharma and Artha, and you'll have both life and freedom (moksha).

इति सप्तमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-VIII

1. (Brihaspati-Soma Devate, Angirasa Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽस्या<u>दि</u>त्येभ्येस्त्वा । विष्णऽउरुगायुष ते सोमुस्तःररक्षस्व मा त्वां दभन् ॥१॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'syādityebhyastvā. Viṣṇa' urgāyaiṣa te somastam rakṣasva mā tvā dabhan.

Young man, Brahmachari of the Aditya order, selected and accepted by me for marriage, you are now bonded and consecrated in the sacred code of marriage for a life-time. Observe the rules and discipline of wedlock according to the Dharma-shastras meticulously like the sun through the zodiacs in the year. Noble in nature, culture, habit and conduct, this home, the life of grihastha, is your paradise to live in and grow. Preserve it, protect it, and let nothing violate or destroy this sweet life and home.

2. (Grihapati Maghava Devate, Angirasa Ŗshi)

कृदा चन स्तरीरे<u>सि</u> नेन्द्रे सश्चिस दाशुषे । उपो्पेन्नु मेघवृन्भूयऽइन्नु ते दानं देवस्ये पृच्यतऽआ<u>दि</u>त्येभ्यस्त्वा ॥२॥

Kadā cana starīrasi nendra saścasi dāśuṣe. Upopennu maghavan bhūya' innu te dānam devasya pṛcyata' ādityebhyastvā.

Dear husband, man of excellence and power, wealth and generosity, you are never dry or stingy or non-obliging. You are always and readily with the generous Giver. Your gifts in cash and kind, instruction or advice, multiply and mature in no time and may they

come to me too! I dedicate myself to you for a life-time year after year.

# 3. (Aditya Grihapati Devate, Angirasa Rshi) कदा चन प्रयुंच्छस्युभे निर्पा<u>सि</u> जन्मेनी । तुरीयादित्य सर्वनं तऽइन्द्रियमार्तस्थावमृतं दिव्यादित्येभ्यस्त्वा ॥३॥

Kadā cana prayucchasyubhe nipāsi janmanī. Turīyāditya savanam ta' indriyamātasthāvamṛtam divyādityebhyastvā.

Aditya, man of brilliance and discipline, you are never funny or neglectful. Bright, generous and holy, superior in wisdom and character, you are doing full and fair justice to your life both present and future, just as you would do to the transcendent state of your mind and consciousness. If your sex-life and your mind and senses are stable under control, free from indulgence, you will enjoy the supreme bliss of happiness in a state of enlightenment. Man of light and virtue, I accept you and dedicate myself to you for a lifetime.

## 4. (Aditya Grihapati Devate, Kutsa Rshi)

युज्ञो देवानां प्रत्येति सुम्नमादित्यासो भवेता मृड्यन्तेः । आ वोऽर्वाची सुमृतिर्वीवृत्याद्दशो<u>श्चि</u>द्या वेरिवोवित्तरा-सदादित्येभ्यस्त्वा ॥४॥

Yajño devānām pratyeti sumnamādityāso bhavatā mṛḍayantaḥ. Ā vo'rvācī sumatirvavṛtyādamhościdyā varivovittarāsadā-dityebhyastvā.

The home-yajna of a noble husband and noble wife brings joy and grace of the gods to the family. Noble and brilliant people of wisdom and virtue, be kind and and bless the home with peace and happiness. May your wisdom, auspicious and blissful, which gives

the knowledge of right conduct and behaviour, come hither and always abide with us to guide us and protect us from sin and evil. I accept you for dedication to the noble and the brilliant people for a life-time.

## 5. (Grihapatis Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

विवस्वन्नादित्यैष ते सोमपीथस्तिस्मिन् मत्स्व । श्रदेस्मै नरो वर्चसे दधातन् यदोशीर्दा दम्पेती वाममेशनुतः । पुमीन् पुत्रो जीयते <u>वि</u>न्दते वस्वधी <u>वि</u>श्वाहोर्पऽर्एधते गृहे ॥५॥

Vivasvannādityaiṣa te somapīthastasmin matsva. Śradasmai naro vacase dadhātana yadāśīrdā dampatī vāmamaśnutaḥ. Pumān putro jāyate vindate vasvadhā viśvāhārapa' edhate gṛhe.

Brilliant young man, settled in this new home with your wife, after leaving the 'gurukul', the schoolhome, this family home is the yajna-vedi of your grihastha where you will drink the 'soma' of joy for a long long time. Man in this home life should observe truth of word and conduct to make the married life happy and successful. The home in which the husband and wife observe the ethics and discipline (Dharma) of marriage is blessed with wealth, growing prosperity and the birth of a noble and virtuous son who helps and protects his parents and fulfills their wishes.

# 6. (Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

वामम्द्य सेवितर्वाममु श्वो <u>दि</u>वेदिवे वामम्स्मभ्येःसावीः। वामस्य हि क्षयेस्य देव भूरेर्या <u>धि</u>या वीम्भाजेः स्याम॥६॥

Vāmamadya savitarvāmamu svo dive-dive vāmamasmabhyam sāvīḥ. Vāmasya hi kṣayasya deva bhūrerayā dhiyā vāmabhājaḥ syāma. Lord Savita, creator of this wonderful world of joy and beauty, create for us a life of joy, joy today, joy to morrow, and joy from day to day so that, doing good actions, with our intelligence we may enjoy a happy and prosperous family life in this home.

## 7. (Savita Grihapati Devate, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि सा<u>वि</u>त्रोऽसि चनोधाश्चेनोधाऽअसि चनो मिय धेहि । जिन्वे युज्ञं जिन्वे युज्ञपे<u>तिं</u> भगीय देवाये त्वा सिवत्रे ॥७॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si sāvitro'si canodhāścanodhā' asi cano mayi dhehi jinva yajñam jinva yajñapatim bhagāya devāya tvā savitre.

Accepted you are (as me) and consecrated in the ethics and discipline of matrimony (grihastha dharma). A devotee you are of Savita, creator of the universe, and so gracious a giver of food and the wealth of life. Give me the food for life and joy. Promote yajna, promote the master devotee of yajna, for wealth, for honour and generosity, for the grace of Savita, lord of generation — for health, wealth and procreation — for you and me.

# 8. (Vishwedeva Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि सुशमीसि सुप्रतिष्ठानो बृहदुंक्षाय नर्मः। विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>र्विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यः ॥८॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si suśarmā'si supratiṣṭhāno bṛhadukṣāya namaḥ. Viśvebhyastvā devebhya' eṣa te yonirviśvebhyastvā devebhyaḥ.

Dear husband, accepted you are (by me) and

consecrated in the sacramental law and discipline of marriage and firmly settled in a beautiful home. Healthy, virile and handsome, salutations to you and good food and drink. This home, this family, is now your haven for life, the meaning and purpose of grihastha. I dedicate you to all the noble people of the world and to all the godly powers of nature, yes to all the great and noble people.

# 9. (Grihapatis Vishvedevas Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि बृहस्पतिसुतस्य देव सोम तऽइन्दौ-रिन्द्रियार्वतः पत्नीवतो ग्रहाँ२॥ऽऋध्यासम् । अहं प्रस्तादहम्-वस्ताद्यदन्तरिक्षं तदुं मे पिताभूत् । अहःसूयीमुभयतौ ददर्शाहं देवानां परमं गुहा यत् ॥९॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si bṛhaspatisutasya deva soma ta' indorindriyāvataḥ patnīvato grahāň' ṛdhyāsam. Ahaṁ parastādahamavastādyadantarikṣaṁ tadu me pitābhūt. Ahaṁ sūryamubhayato dadarśāhaṁ devānāṁ paramaṁ guhā yat.

Accepted and consecrated you are (along with me) in the matrimonial Dharma. Noble man of peace and brilliance, happy at heart, blest with wealth of men and material, son of a mighty vaidic scholar, and blest with a noble wife, I pray I (we) abide by the vows and promises of wedlock and grow stronger and more and more dedicated. And may all that is upfront and present and may come hereafter and all the knowledge and wisdom and all the mysteries hidden deep in the mind of the saints and sages, may all this, like a father, nourish my mind and soul. And with all this knowledge and all their blessings, may I, both of us together, realise the

presence of the light of life, the Supreme Soul of the universe, here and hereafter.

## 10. (Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

अग्ना३॥ऽइ पत्नीवन्त्सुजूर्देवेन त्वष्ट्रा सोमं पिब स्वाहा । प्रजापितिर्वृषासि रेतोधा रेतो मिट्ट धेहि प्रजापतस्ते वृष्णो रेतोधसौ रेतोधामेशीय ॥१०॥

Agnā'i patnīvantsajūrdevena tvastrā somam piba svāhā. Prajāpatirvṛṣāsi retodhā reto mayi dhehi prajāpateste vṛṣṇo retodhaso retodhāmasīya.

Manly man of a darling wife, lord of brilliance and joy, come and, with the inspiring poetry of Veda in honour and praise of the Creator, and eliminater of suffering, Twashta, drink the elixir of life with me. Husband of an admirable wife, virile and generous like the rain-god cloud, lover and guardian of people and children, rain the shower of life and joy on me. Replete with the seeds of life, sow the seed in me. Would-be father of your child, virile and lustrous, I shall receive and hold the seed and bear your son and spirit — the Lord bless him — as brave and lustrous as you.

## 11. (Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि हरिरसि हारियोजनो हरिभ्यां त्वा । हर्यीद्धीना स्थे सहसोमाऽइन्द्रीय ॥११॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si harirasi hāriyojano haribhyām tvā. Haryordhānā stha sahasomā' indrāya.

Accepted and consecrated you are in the sacramental dharma of marriage and the household, carry on the business of the home like a leader, using

all the resources with joy and satisfaction to everybody. Drive on this chariot of grihastha with the steeds of Indra (i.e., men and materials) for the glory of Indra, Head of the universal family. Manage your horses (resources) and ever be strong, drinking the joy of life to the honour and glory of the Lord of Bliss (Soma).

## 12. (Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

यस्तैऽअश्वसिर्भक्षो यो गोसिन्स्तस्ये तऽद्रष्टयेजुष स्तुतस्तौमस्य शुस्तोक्थस्योपेहृत्स्योपेहृतो भक्षयामि ॥१२॥

Yaste' aśvasanirbhakṣo yo gosanistasya ta' iṣṭayajuṣa stutastomasya śastokthasyopa-hūtasyopahūto bhakṣayami.

Invited by you, blessed soul, to the celebration of your power of horses, your wealth of land and cows, and your culture of the divine voice, the Veda, admirer of the Rks, lover of the Yajus and singer of the Samans, I am delighted to enjoy what you have so generously offered.

# 13. (Grihapatis Vishvedeva Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

देवकृत्स्यैनेसोऽव्यजनमिस मनुष्यकृत्स्यैनेसोऽव्यजनमिस <u>पि</u>तृकृत्स्यैनेसोऽव्यजनमस्यात्मकृत्स्यैनेसोऽव्यजनमस्येनेसऽ-एनसोऽव्यजनमिस । यच्चाहमेनौ <u>विद्वाँश्चकार</u> यच्चा-विद्वाँस्तस्य सर्वस्यैनेसोऽव्यजनमिस ॥१३॥

Devakṛtasyainaso'vayajanamasi manuṣya-kṛtasyainaso'vayajanamasi pitṛkṛtasyainaso'vayajanamasi pitṛkṛtasyainaso'vayaja-namasye'nasa'enaso'vayajanamasi. Yaccāha-meno vidvāṅścakāra yaccā-vidvāṅstasya sarvasyainaso'vayajanamasi.

You are the redeemer from the sin committed by the generous superman; you are the saviour from the sin committed by the ordinary person; you are the redeemer from the sins committed by the forefathers; you are the redeemer from the sin committed by one's own self; you are the redeemer from the sins begotten of sin. Whatever the sin I have committed in a state of knowledge, or I have committed in a state of ignorance (or I might commit in future), you are the saviour from all that.

#### 14. (Grihapatis Devata, Bharadwaja Rshi)

सं वर्च'सा पर्यसा सं तुनूभिरगेन्मिह मनेसा स<u>्रशि</u>वेने। त्वष्टी सुदत्रो विदेधातु रायोऽनुमार्ष्टु तुन्वो यद्विलिष्टम्॥१४॥

Sam varcasā payasā sam tanūbhiraganmahi manasā sam śivena. Tvaṣṭā sudatro vidadhātu rāyo' numārṣṭu tanvo yadviliṣṭam.

Twashta, refiner of manners, behaviour, method, and culture and generous giver of health, wealth and knowledge, let us go forward with a noble mind, able body, plenty of food and drink and the vigour and lustre of life. Give us all-round wealth of life, and whatever is wanting in us in health of body and mind, be gracious to make up and complete.

# 15. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

सिमन्द्र णो मनेसा नेषि गोभिः सःसूरिभिर्मघवन्तसःस्वस्त्या। सं ब्रह्मणा देवकृतं यदस्ति सं देवानिष्ठंसुमृतौ यज्ञियीनाुष्ठं स्वाही ॥१५॥

Samindra ņo manasā neṣi gobhiḥ sam sūribhirmaghavant sam svastyā. Sam brahmaṇā devakṛtam yadasti sam devānam sumatau yajñīyānām svāhā.

Indra, Lord of power and honour, Maghavan, Lord of wealth and knowledge, take us forward in a healthy state of mind and sense at peace, comfortably, with men of wisdom and brilliant intelligence, with the vaidic voice of universal knowledge, and with our cows, into the way of whatever is nobly done in the vaidic tradition of universal values, and whatever is good according to the noble genius of the superior people of yajnic dedication and culture.

## 16. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

सं वर्चीसा पर्यसा सं तनूभिरगेन्मिह मनेसा स<u>र्शावेने।</u> त्वष्टी सुदत्रो विदेधातु रायोऽनुंमार्ष्टु तुन्वो यद्विलिष्टम्॥१६॥

Sam varcasā payasā sam tanūbhiraganmahi manasā sam śivena. Tvaṣṭā sudatro vidadhātu rāyo' numārṣṭu tanvo yadviliṣṭam.

Follow as we do the noble genius of superior people among us, bless us Twashta, remover of the veils of ignorance and giver of knowledge. By the bright day and in the night, with the help and guidance of healthy and intelligent scholars and sages, and with the gift of a noble mind and concentration, bless us with the wealth of life, knowledge, wisdom, health and culture, and cleanse us of all the negativities and impurities of body and mind.

# 17. (Vishvedeva Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

धाता रातिः सं<u>वि</u>तेदं जुषन्तां प्रजापेतिर्नि<u>धि</u>पा देवोऽअग्निः। त्वष्टा विष्णुः प्रजयां सःरराणा यजमानाय द्रविणं दधात् स्वाहां ॥१७॥ Dhātā rātiḥ savitedam juṣantām prajāpatirnidhipā devo' agniḥ. Tvaṣṭa viṣṇuḥ prajayā samrarāṇā yajamānāya draviṇam dadhāta svāhā.

Men and women of household, maintain the culture and institutions of the family, give peace and comfort to all, produce wealth for prosperity, look after your children and others, protect and promote wealth and knowledge, be brilliant and victorious, eliminate darkness with light, create joy and happiness around, expand your noble presence through noble works, and, through charity and generosity, through good manners and good deeds, enjoy life with your family and friends. Create wealth with good work and keep it for the yajamana, the host-organizer of yajna.

## 18. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

सुगा वो देवाः सर्वनाऽअकर्म् यऽआज्ग्मेदःसर्वनं जुषाणाः। भर्रमाणाः वहंमाना ह्वीथ्थंष्यस्मे धेत्त वसवो वसूनि स्वाहो ॥१८॥

Sugā vo devāḥ sadanā' akarma ya' ājagmedam savanam juṣāṇāḥ. Bharamāṇā vahamānā havīmṣyasme dhatta vasavo vasūni svāhā.

Auspicious powers of nature/ Noble men of brilliance, wisdom and generosity, efficient in creation, production and management, conducting, maintaining and enjoying this social yajna of production and prosperity, we have created and obtained these comfortable homes and valuable materials for you. Take these and hold these for us for onward creation and comfort.

## 19. (Vishvedeva Grihapati Devata, Atri Rshi)

याँ२॥ऽआवेहऽउशतो देव देवाँस्तान् प्रेरेय स्वेऽअंग्ने स्थस्थे । ज<u>िक्ष</u>वाछंसेः प<u>पि</u>वाछंसेश्च विश्वेऽसें घुर्मः स्वरातिष्ठतानु स्वाहो ॥१९॥

Yāň' āvaha uśato deva devāňstān preraya sve' agne sadhasthe. Jakṣivāmsaḥ papivāmsaśca viśve'sum gharmam svarātiṣṭḥatānu svāhā.

O brilliant and generous Lord of yajna, Agni/man of knowledge, inspire to high acts of dharma and yajna all those who come to your house anxious to receive higher wealth and virtue.

Men of the household, all of you, eating and drinking, enjoy the sacred voice of divinity, the food of yajna and Dharma, the spirit of life and the bliss of heaven on earth.

# 20. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

वयःहि त्वा प्रयति यज्ञेऽअस्मिन्नग्ने होतार्मवृणीमहीह । ऋधंगयाऽऋधंगुताशंमिष्ठाः प्रजानन् यज्ञमुपंयाहि विद्वान्त-स्वाहा ॥२०॥

Vayam hi tvā prayati yajñe' asminnagne hotāramavṛṇīmahīha. Ŗdhagayā ṛdhagutāśamiṣṭhāḥ prajānan yajñam upayāhi vidvāntsvāhā.

Agni, man of knowledge and brilliance, we, the house-holders in this family yajna of the household going on here, we select and accept you as the priest (to conduct and guide it). Expert man of yajna, knowing the spirit and essence of it, come close, join and enrich this yajna which is the creator and giver of prosperity. And not only join and conduct, but also come again and be blest with peace and prosperity.

### 21. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Rshi)

देवा गातुविदो गातुं <u>वि</u>त्त्वा गातुमित । मनसस्पतऽ<u>इ</u>मं देव युज्ञश्स्वाहा वाते धाः ॥२१॥

Devā gātuvido gātum vittvā gātumita. Manasaspata' imam deva yajñam svāhā vāte dhāḥ.

Man of the household, brilliant and generous, knowing the nature, properties and movements of the dynamic earth, having known the movements, know further and go further, and deeper inside it know the wealth and attain prosperity.

Man of the household, brilliant and generous, master of your sense and mind, with the voice of the Veda and virtuous action, bring yajna into the practical scientific acts of life and hold on to the yajnic way of living.

# 22. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

यर्ज युज्ञं गच्छ युज्ञपतिं गच्छ स्वां योनिं गच्छ स्वाहां । एष ते युज्ञो यज्ञपते सहसूक्तवाकः सर्वीवीर्स्तं जुषस्व स्वाहां ॥२२॥

Yajña yajñam gaccha yajñapatim gaccha svām yonim gaccha svāhā. Eṣa te yajño yajñapate sahasūktvākāḥ sarvavīrastam juṣasva svāhā.

House-holder, man of yajna, with the voice of the Veda and virtuous acts of dharma, do the yajna of hospitality to the learned. Observe the collective yajna of loyalty and reverence to the head of the nation. Be true to your inner self.

House-holder, observer of the ritual and the social yajna, this household yajna of yours, performed with

the hymns of the Veda, inspiring to the young heroes of the nation, is for the safety and education of the people. Observe it with the voice of truth and justice in the business of the nation.

## 23. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

माहिंभूंमां पृदाकुः । उरुःहि राजा वर्रुणश्चकार् सूर्यीय पन्थामन्वेतवाऽउं । अपदे पादा प्रतिधातवेऽकरुतापेवक्ता हृंदयाविधिश्चित् । नमो वर्रुणायाभिष्ठितो वर्रुणस्य पार्शः ॥२३॥

Māhirbhūrmā pṛdākuḥ. Urum hi rājā varuṇaścakāra sūryāya panthāmanve-tavā'u. Apade pādā pratidhātave'karutāpavaktā hṛdayāvidhaścit. Namo varuṇāyābhiṣṭhito varuṇasya pāśaḥ.

Ruler and President of the Council, be not angry and poisonous as a snake, nor ferocious as a serpent. Be not false, hurtful and heart-breaking in speech. Be a ruler shining brilliant, supreme in virtue. Do excellently as behoves your chosen status. Make the highways of justice broad in honour and worship to the sun, the supreme light of the world, for all to see and follow the light so that none may stray into the paths of evil. Let the rule of law and the penal code be as firm and inviolable as the chains of Varuna and the thunderbolt of Indra.

#### 24. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Rshi)

अग्नेरनीकम्पऽआविवेशापान्नपीत् प्रतिरक्षेन्नसुर्यम् । दमेदमे समिधं यक्ष्यग्ने प्रति ते जिह्वा घृतमुच्चेरण्यत् स्वाही ॥२४॥ Agneranīkamapa' ā viveśāpām-napāt pratirakṣannasuryam. Damedame samidham yakṣyagne prati te jihvā ghṛtamuccaraṇyat svāhā.

Agni, brilliant and generous house-holder, enter the flames of fire and the depth of waters and know their secrets of power. Protector of the waters, digging into and protecting the material wealth of the earth and ocean, go from house to house, and light the fire of material knowledge of energy and its applications. Let the tongue of the truthful man taste the sweets of life and proclaim.

### 25. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Rshi)

समुद्रे ते हृदयम्प्युन्तः सं त्वां विश्नन्त्वोषधीरुतापः। युज्ञस्ये त्वा यज्ञपते सूक्तोक्तौ नमोवाके विधेम् यत् स्वाहा॥२५॥

Samudre te hṛdayamapsvantaḥ saṁ tvā viśantvoṣadhīrutāpaḥ. Yajñasya tvā yajñapate sūktoktau' namovāke vidhema yat svāhā.

Yajnapati, pursuant of yajna, we put your heart and mind in touch with vital energies and dynamic modes of social conduct and behaviour revealed in the hymns of the Vedas dealing with foods, source materials, and yajnic cooperation of the community. Let your searching mind go deep down into the ocean and rise up into the waters of space. And then celestial waters and rejuvenating herbs would emerge into your mind's eye of discovery (for common good).

#### 26. (Grihapati Devata, Atri Rshi)

देवीरापऽ<u>ए</u>ष वो गर्भस्तःसुप्रीतःसुर्भृतं बिभृत । देवे सोमैष ते लोकस्त<u>स्मि</u>ञ्छञ्च वक्ष्व परि च वक्ष्व ॥२६॥ Devīrāpa' eṣa vo garbhastam suprītam subhṛtam bibhṛta. Deva somaiṣa te lokastasmin-chamca vakṣva pari ca vakṣva.

Women, bright, educated and meritorious, this grihasthashram, sacred family-home, is your real world of existence. Keep it, maintain it, manage it well with love and competence.

Noble man of peace, love and honour, this family-home is your intimate world of existence. Find peace and fulfilment here. Keep it, maintain it. Guard it all-round.

## 27. (Dampati Devate, Atri Ŗshi)

अविभृथ निचुम्पुण निचे्रुरुसि निचुम्पुणः । अवं देवैर्देव-कृतमेनौऽयासिष्मव मत्यैंर्मर्त्यीकृतं पुरुराव्णौ देव रिषस्पीहि। देवानीश्रंसमिदिसि ॥२७॥

Avabhṛtha nicumpuṇa nicerurasi nicumpuṇaḥ. Ava devairdevakṛtameno' yāsiṣamava martyairmartyakṛtam pururāvṇo deva riṣaspāhi. Devānām samidasi.

Initiated and consecrated couple in grihastha, gentle, noble and lovable virtuous producers of wealth, you are one of the bright, meritorious and generous community. You are an instrument of the devas.

Deva, lord of the bright and the generous, living with the noble ones and the ordinary people, I pray, that I keep away from any sin or misconduct or misbehaviour committed with the mind and senses, or with the body, or by the ordinary people or even by the superior ones. Save me from violence to Dharma — such violence is the root of all sin and crime.

### 28. (Dampati Devata, Atri Rshi)

एजेतु दर्शमास्यो गर्भो जुरायुणा सह । यथायं वायुरेजेति यथा समुद्रऽएजेति । एवायं दर्शमास्योऽअस्त्रेज्जुरायुणा सह ॥२८॥

Ejatu daśamāsyo garbho jarāyuṇā saha. Yathā'yam vāyurejati yathā samudra' ejati. Evāyam daśamāsyo' asrajjarāyuṇā saha.

May the foetus of the tenth month stir with its membrane-cover just as this wind moves, just as the sea moves. And may this foetus of the tenth month be born (safe and alive) with the membrane cover.

#### 29. (Dampati Devata, Atri Rshi)

यस्यै ते युज्ञियो गर्भो यस्यै योनिर्हिर्ण्ययी । अङ्गान्यह्वता यस्य तं मात्रा समेजीगम् स्वाहो ॥२९॥

Yasyai te yajñiyo garbho yasyai yonirhiraṇyayī. Aṅgānyahrutā yasya taṁ mātrā samajīgamaṃ svāhā.

Dear wife, for whom your sacred foetus is meant, for whom the pure and perfect womb of yours is meant, by that mother — you partner — may I beget a child with full and perfect limbs of the body through the sacred procreative yajna.

# 30. (Dampati Devata, Atri Ŗshi)

पु<u>रुद्स्मो विषुरूप</u>ऽइन्दु<u>र</u>न्तम<u>ींहिमानेमानञ्ज</u> धीरेः । एकेपदीं <u>द्वि</u>पदीं <u>त्रिपदीं</u> चतुष्पदीमुष्टापदीं भुवनानु प्रथन्ताः स्वाहा।।३०॥

Purudasmo viṣurūpa' indurantarmahimānamānañja dhīraḥ. Ekapadīm dvipadīm tripadīm catuṣpadīmaṣṭāpadīm bhuvanānu prathantām svāhā. The man of mighty deeds, who eliminates suffering and creates joy, of versatile attainments, bright and honourable, constant and resolute, should wait for the great new arrival.

Men of the household, cultivate the vaidic culture of one, two, three, four and eight steps of attainment: one: Aum; two: worldly fulfilment and the freedom of moksha; three: the joy of the truth of word and the health of body and mind; four: the attainment of Dharma, wealth, fulfilment of desire, and moksha; eight: the joy of all the four classes and all the four stages of life (Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vaishya and Shudra, Brahmacharya, Grihastha, Vanaprastha and Sanyasa). Build homes for the people and advance in life.

### 31. (Dampati Devate, Gotama Ŗshi)

मरुतो यस्य हि क्षये पाथा <u>दि</u>वो विमहसः । स स्गोपातमो जनेः ॥३१॥

Maruto yasya hi kṣaye pāthā divo vimahasah. Sa sugopātamo janah.

Married couples, brilliant and great in many ways, blest with beauty, wealth, yajna and knowledge, wherever in a home you find superior people of noble nature, character and action, that family is most dedicated to mother earth and the Veda.

# 32. (Dampati Devate, Medhatithi Rshi)

मही द्यौः पृ<u>थि</u>वी च नऽड्रमं युज्ञं मिमिक्षताम् । <u>पि</u>पृतां नो भरीमभिः ॥३२॥

Mahī dyauḥ pṛthivī ca na' imam yajñam mimikṣatām. Pipṛtām no bharīmabhiḥ.

Married couples, you are like the vast and brilliant sky and the rich, fertile and forbearing earth. Bless this home-yajna of our grihastha with all the joys and fill this home with nourishment and familial support of the community.

## 33. (Grihapatis Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

आतिष्ठ वृत्रह्नस्र्थं युक्ता ते ब्रह्मणा हरी । अर्वाचीन्ःसु ते मनो ग्रावा कृणोतु वग्नुना । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा षोड्शिनेऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा षोड्शिने ॥३३॥

Ā tiṣṭha vṛtrahan rathaṁ yuktā te brahmaṇā harī. Arvācīnaṁ su te mano grāvā kṛṇotu vagnunā. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā ṣodaśina' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā ṣodaśine.

Man of the household, destroyer of the enemy, come and sit in this chariot of grihastha in which are yoked two 'horses', Draw and Hold (attraction and preservation or yoga and kshema). And if your mind sometime is down, then, with the voice of the Veda bring it up to peace, stand as a rock, and shower like a cloud with joy. You are accepted and consecrated in the matrimonial dharma for the sixteenfold honour and glory of life. This grihastha is now your haven. You are given up and dedicated to this sixteenfold programme of the family life.

# 34. (Grihapati Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

युक्ष्वा हि केशिना हरी वृषेणा कक्ष्यप्रा । अर्था नऽइन्द्र सोमपा गिरामुपेश्रुतिं चर । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा षोड्शिनेऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा षोड्शिने ॥३४॥ Yukṣvā hi keśinā harī vṛṣaṇā kakṣyaprā. Athā na' indra somapā girāmupaśrutim cara. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā ṣodaśina' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā ṣodaśine.

Indra, hero of the household, man of honour and protector of your happy home, yoke your horses of beautiful hair, strong and fast, shooting to the destination And then listen to our voice and act accordingly.

You are accepted and consecrated in the sacred discipline of marriage for the sixteenfold honour and sanctity of life in marriage. This grihastha is now your haven of existence. You are dedicated and given up to the sixteenfold programme of family honour.

## 35. (Grihapati Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

इन्द्रिमिद्धरी वहृतोऽप्रेतिधृष्टशवसम् । ऋषीणां च स्तुतीरुपे यज्ञं च मानुषाणाम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राय त्वा षोड्शिनऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्राय त्वा षोड्शिने ॥३५॥

Indramiddharī vahato' pratidhṛṣṭaśavasam. Rṣīṇāṁ ca stutīrupa yajñam ca mānuṣāṇām. Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā śodaśina' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā ṣodaṣine.

Two horses (yoga and kshema) carry Indra, hero of inviolable honour and power and head of the nation-family. Indra, protector of the honour of the land, listen to the Rishis' songs of the praise of the heroes, go close to the yajna-assemblies of the people, listen and act accordingly.

You are anointed and consecrated in the sacred law and constitution of the land for the sixteenfold honour and glory of the nation: This honour and glory now is your haven of life, the very purpose and meaning of your office and existence. The people look up to you for the sixteen-fold honour and prosperity of the nation.

# 36. (Parameshwara Devata, Vivaswan Ŗshi)

यस्मान्न जातः परौऽअन्योऽअस्ति यऽअविवेश भुवनानि विश्वा । प्रजापितः प्रजयां सःरराणस्त्रीणि ज्योतीछंषि सचते स षोडुशी ॥३६॥

Yasmānna jātaḥ paro' anyo' asti ya' āviveśa bhuvanāni viśvā. Prajāpatiḥ prajayā samrarāṇastrīṇi jyotīmṣi sacate sa ṣodaśī.

None other ever existent is beyond Him, Him who pervades and transcends all the worlds of the universe. Father of His creation, ever rejoicing with His children, Lord of sixteen powers, full and complete, He illuminates the three lights of the world and reigns — the One sole and absolute Lord existent, omniscient and blissful. (The three lights are fire, electricity and the sun. The sixteen powers are: will, energy, faith, earth, water, fire, air, space, sense, mind, food, vitality, austerity, Word, life (jiva) and language).

# 37. (Samrat & Mandalika Devate, Vivaswan Rshi)

इन्द्रेश्च सम्राड् वर्रुणश्च राजा तौ तै भक्षं चेक्रतुरग्रेऽएतम्। तयौर्हमनुं भक्षं भक्षया<u>मि</u> वाग्देवी जुषाणा सोमस्य तृप्यतु स्रह प्राणेन स्वाहां ॥३७॥

Indraśca samrāḍ varuṇaśca rājā tau te bhakṣaṁ cakraturagra' etam. Tayorahamanu bhakṣaṁ bhakṣayāmi vāgdevī juṣāṇā somasya tṛpyatu saha prāṇena svāhā.

Indra, the sovereign, reigns supreme over all. Varuna, the ruler, rules in specific areas. Those two first

provide this food for you.

I eat my share of the food after those two. Both of you, the people and the government, with the sacred voice of the Veda which reveals the secrets of living together in love and cooperation, be happy and prosperous with full vigour.

## 38. (Raja, Grihapati Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

अग्ने पर्वस्व स्वपोऽअस्मे वर्चैः सुवीर्यंम् । दर्धद्वियं मि<u>य</u> पोषम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यग्नये त्वा वर्चीसऽएष ते योनिर्ग्नये त्वा वर्चीसे । अग्ने वर्च<u>ीस्व</u>न्वर्चीस्वाँस्त्वं देवेष्व<u>सि</u> वर्चीस्वान्हं मेनुष्येषु भूयासम् ॥३८॥

Agne pavasva svapā' asme varcaḥ suvīryam. Dadhadrayim mayi poṣam. Upayāmagṛhīto'-syagnaye tvā varcasa' eṣa te yoniragnaye tvā varcase. Agne varcasvinvarcasvānstvam deveṣvasi varcasvānaham manuṣyeṣu bhūyāsam.

Agni/Ruler, lord of knowledge and power, you are noble with noble actions, first among all of noble achievement. Purify us, and bless us with lustre, noble vitality and prowess, wealth and good health with nourishments of body and mind.

Noble ruler, accepted you are and consecrated in the laws and constitution of the nation for the honour and brilliance of the people and the land. This honour and prestige, the nation, is now your haven, the reason and justification of your being. We dedicate you to the achievement of honour and glory.

Agni, lord of light and brilliance of action, you are lustrous and honourable among the brilliant and the generous rulers. I pray I be brilliant and honourable among the people.

### 39. (Raja, Grihapati Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

उत्तिष्ठन्नोजेसा सह पीत्वी शिप्रेऽअवेपयः । सोमीमन्द्र चृमू सुतम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वौजेसऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वौजेसे । इन्द्रौजिष्ठौजिष्ठस्त्वं देवेष्वस्योजिष्ठोऽहं मेनुष्येषु भूयासम् ॥३९॥

Uttiṣṭhannojasā saha pītvī śipre' avepayaḥ. Somamindra camū sutam. Upayāmagṛhīto'-sīndrāya tvaujasa' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvaujase. Indraujiṣṭhaujiṣṭhastvaṁ deveṣvasyojiṣṭho'haṁ manuṣyeṣu bhūyāsam.

Indra, ruler of the land, lover and achiever of honour, rising in lustre (with the strength of body, mind and soul and the power of the council and the army), having drunk the soma of victory over the enemies, shake the visors of your helmet with joy and self-esteem.

Accepted you are by us for the governance and administration of the nation, and consecrated you are in the laws and constitution for the achievement of light and glory like that of the sun. This consecration now is the home and haven of your life, the very meaning of your existence. We dedicate you to the light of the world, the sun, and the glory of the nation.

Lord of the land, brilliant in knowledge and justice, most shining you are among the noble and the generous personalities of the country. I pray that I may be brilliant and most shining among the people.

# 40. (Grihapati, Raja Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

अदृश्रमस्य केतवो वि र्श्मयो जनाँ२ऽअनु । भ्राजन्तो अग्नयो यथा । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि सूर्यीय त्वा भ्राजायैष ते यो<u>निः</u> सूर्यीय त्वा भ्राजाये । सूर्यं भ्राजिष्ठ भ्राजिष्ठस्त्वं देवेष्वसि भ्राजिष्ठोऽहं मेनुष्येषु भूयासम् ॥४०॥ Adṛśramasya ketavo vi raśmayo janāň' anu. Bhrājanto agnayo yathā. Upayāmagṛhīto' si sūryāya tvā bhrājāyaiṣa te yoniḥ sūryāya tvā bhrājāya. Sūrya bhrājiṣṭha bhrājiṣṭhastvaṁ deveṣvasi 'bhrājiṣṭho'haṁ manuṣyeṣu bhūyāsam.

Just as the bright rays of light (fire, sun, and electricity) shine on things to show them to the world, similarly, I pray, I may see the people and other things in the divine light of the Lord.

Accepted and sanctified you are in the rules and laws of the land to shine in the business of the nation like the sun. This is now your haven and home. You are dedicated to the Sun, Lord Supreme of the universe, to shine in life.

Ruler of the land, bright and sunny in knowledge and justice, you are the brightest among the brilliant. I pray I may shine the brightest among the people.

# 41. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

उदु त्यं जातवेदसं देवं वहन्ति केतवेः । दृशे विश्वीय सूर्यंम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि सूर्यीय त्वा भ्राजायैष ते योनिः सूर्यीय त्वा भ्राजाये ॥४१॥

Udu tyam jātavedasam devam vahanti ketvaḥ. Dṛśe viśvāya sūryam. Upayāmagṛhīto'si sūryāya tvā bhrājāyaiṣa te yoniḥ sūryāya tvā bhrājāya.

Just as the rays of the sun carry the light of the sun for the world to see the sun, surely so the lights of creation and the eyes of the seers reveal the light of the Lord Creator, refulgent and omniscient of all that is born, for the world to see. Lord of the universe, you are acceptable, and perceiveable through the discipline of yama and niyama and the inner eye, for the realisation of your glory and universal presence. This universe is your home of presence and we dedicate ourselves to you for the attainment of your glory and the Light of Life.

## 42. (Patni Devata, Kusuruvindu Rshi)

आजिघ्न कुलशे मुह्या त्वी विश्वन्त्विन्देवः । पुर्नर्ज्जा निवेर्त्तस्व सा र्नः सहस्त्रं धुक्ष्वोरुधारा पर्यस्वती पुनुर्मा-विशताद्वयिः ॥४२॥

Ājighra kalaśam mahyā tvā viśantvindavaḥ. Punarūrjā nivarttasva sā naḥ sahasram dhukṣvorudhārā payasvatī punarmā viśatādrayiḥ.

Generous and venerable as mother earth, come, fill the pitcher and smell it to taste. May sweet juices come to you in plenty and fill the home. Versatile in virtue, rich in food and overflowing with milk, come again and fill us with vigour and energy. And then, again, with your love and grace, may I be enriched with the wealth of life.

#### 43. (Patni Devata, Kusuruvindu Rshi)

इड्डे रन्ते हव्ये काम्ये चन्द्रे ज्योतेऽदिते सरस्वित महि विश्रुति । एता तेऽअघ्ये नामनि देवेभ्यो मां सुकृतं ब्रूतात् ॥४३॥

Ide rante havye kāmye candre jyote'dite sarasvati mahi viśruti. Etā te'aghnye nāmāni devebhyo mām sukṛtam brūtāt.

Blessed woman, mistress of the home: Voice of

the divine worthy of praise, love abiding in the heart, libation for the gods and fragrance of yajna, love and desire incarnate, beauty of the moon, brilliance of virtue, unbreakable and boundless, inexhaustible stream of knowledge and generosity, forbearance of mother earth, celebrity of the world: these are your names, dear wife, inviolable, which describe woman's nature and character. Speak to me of the good things I ought to do.

# 44. (Indra Devata, Shasa Rshi)

वि नेऽइन्द्व मृथौ जिह नीचा येच्छ पृतन्यतः । योऽअस्माँ२॥ऽ-अभिदासत्यर्थरं गमया तमेः । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा विमृथेऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा विमृथे ॥४४॥

Vi na indra mṛdho jahi nīcā yaccha pṛtanyataḥ. Yo'asmāṅ'abhidāsatyadharaṁ gamayā tamaḥ. Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā vimṛdha'eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā vimṛdhe.

Indra, commander of the army, destroy our enemies, keep the enemy hoards down. Him who wants to beat us into slavery, throw down into the dark.

Accepted you are by the people and consecrated in the rules and tactics of the army for the defence of the land and destruction of the enemy. This is now your haven and home, the sole purpose of your office. We dedicate you to the defence and security of the land and to the honour of the nation.

#### 45. (Ishwara, President/Raja Devata, Shasa Rshi)

वाचस्पतिं विश्वकेर्माणमूतये मनोजुवं वाजेऽअद्या हुवेम। स नो विश्वानि हर्वनानि जोषद्विश्वशम्भूरवेसे साधुकेर्मा। उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा विश्वकेर्मणऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा विश्वकेर्मणे ॥४५॥ Vācaspatim viśvakarmmāṇamūtaye manojuvam vāje' adyā huvema. Sa no viśvāni havanāni joṣadviśvaśambhūravase sādhukarmmā. Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā viśvakarmaṇa' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā viśvakarmaṇe.

To-day, for our defence and advancement in yajna (and battles of life), we invoke (call upon) Vishwakarma, lord of speech and knowledge, lord of all actions and dharmas, universal benefactor and lord of noble performance, in action, hitting the mark fast as the mind. May he listen and accept all our prayers and offerings and come for our protection and support.

President of the council/commander of the army/man of yajna/head of the family, accepted and consecrated you are in the rules and discipline of life in the service of the lord of action and lord of glory, for the people and the land. This service, this yajna, this action, is now your haven and home, the very meaning and purpose of your life. We dedicate you to the service of the lord of glory, the lord of action and progress.

# 46. (Vishvakarma Indra Devate, Shasa Rshi)

विश्वंकर्मन् हृविषा वधीनेन त्रातार्मिन्द्रीमकृणोरव्ध्यम् । तस्मै विशः समीनमन्त पूर्वीर्यमुग्रो विहव्यो यथासीत् । उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा विश्वंकर्मणऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा विश्वंकर्मणऽएष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा विश्वंकर्मणे ॥४६॥

Viśvakarman haviṣā vardhanena trātāramindram-akṛṇoravadhyam. Tasmai viśaḥ samanamanta pūrvīrayamugro vihavyo yathāsat. Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā viśvakarmaṇa' eṣa te yoniridrāya tvā viśvakarmaṇe. Vishvakarma, lord of all actions and dharmas, with vitalizing materials of yajna, strengthen the ruler and make him an invincible protector of the people. Let him grow mighty with ample means and materials. To him, the people, as taught by the forefathers, bow in homage.

Ruler, president of the council, accepted you are by the people, and consecrated in the laws of the land for service to the lord of action, Vishwakarma, and honour of the nation (Indra). This service and this honour now is your haven and home. You are dedicated to the lord of action and dharma and the honour and glory of the nation.

### 47. (Vishvakarma Indra Devate, Shasa Rshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यग्नये त्वा गायत्रच्छन्दसं गृह्णामीन्द्रीय त्वा त्रिष्टुप्छन्दसं गृह्णामि विश्वैभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यो जर्गच्छन्दसं गृह्णम्यनुष्टुप्तेऽभिग्रः ॥४७॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'syagnaye tvā gāyatracchandasam gṛhṇāmī-ndrāya tvā triṣṭupchandasam gṛhṇāmi viśvebhyastvā devebhyo jagacchandasam gṛhṇāmyanuṣṭupte'bhigaraḥ.

Vishvakarman: Accepted and honoured you are in reverence as a teacher. Enlightening are your songs of praise in the Anushtubh metre. Scholar of Gayatri verses, I come to you to learn the science of fire. Master of Trishtubh verses, I come to you for the secrets of life's glory and prosperity. Scholar of Jagati verses, I come to you to learn the nature, character and actions of the noble, brilliant and generous leaders of the world.

#### 48. (Prajapatis Devata, Devas Rshis)

ब्रेशीनां त्वा पत्मुन्नाधूनोमि कुकूननीनां त्वा पत्मुन्नाधूनोमि। भन्दनीनां त्वा पत्मुन्नाधूनोमि मुदिन्तमानां त्वा पत्मुन्ना-धूनोमि । मुधुन्तमानां त्वा पत्मुन्नाधूनोमि शुक्रं त्वा शुक्रऽ-आधूनोम्यह्नो रूपे सूर्यस्य रुश्मिषु ॥४८॥

Vreśīnām tvā patmannādhūnomi kukūnanānām tvā patmannā dhūnomi. Bhandanānām tvā patmannādhūnomi madintamānām tvā patmannādhūnomi. Madhuntamānām tvā patmannādhūnomi śukram tvā śukra' ādhūnomyahno rūpe sūryasya raśmiṣu.

Dear husband, if amongst the pure and spotless people, you ever happen to waver, I shake you out of that fickleness.

If amongst the gentle folk in speech and language, love and manners, you happen to falter, I shake you out of that embarrassment.

If amongst the graceful and the beatifying, you happen to err toward roughness, I shake you out back into self-awareness.

If in the company of the rejoicing folks in festivity, you waver from self-control, I shake you out back to temperance.

If amongst the sweetest and the most lovable folks you waver from decency, I shake you back to civility.

You are pure and immaculate. I would always warn you against going astray and urge upon you to stay untainted in character as the day in the rays of the sun.

#### 49. (Vishvedeva Prajapatis Devata, Devas Rshis)

कुकुभःरूपं वृष्भस्यं रोचते बृहच्छुक्रः शुक्रस्यं पुरोगाः सोमः सोमस्य पुरोगाः । यत्ते सोमाद्यं नाम जागृवि तस्मै त्वा गृह्णामि तस्मै ते सोम सोमीय स्वाहां ॥४९॥

Kakubham rūpam vṛṣabhasya rocate bṛhacchukraḥ śukrasya purogāḥ somaḥ somasya purogāḥ. Yatte somādābhyam nāma jāgṛvi tasmai tvā gṛhṇāmi tasmai te soma somāya svāhā.

The excellence of the man's image shines everywhere. Bright and generous, purest of the pure on top, noblest of the kind and beneficent, first among the great leaders of men, joyous and gracious, the glory of your name and reputation is irresistible. It is for that I accept and elect you. For that dedication of yours to the Lord of light and grandeur, blessed man, all hail and success to you! This is the divine voice.

### 50. (Prajapatis Devata, Devas Rshis)

उशिक् त्वं देव सोमाग्नेः प्रियं पाथोऽपीहि वृशी त्वं देव सोमेन्द्रस्य प्रियं पाथोऽपीह्यस्मत्सेखा त्वं देव सोम् विश्वेषां देवानी प्रियं पाथोऽपीहि ॥५०॥

Uśik tvam deva somāgneḥ priyam pātho'pīhi vaśī tvam deva somendrasya priyam pātho' pīhyasmatsakhā tvam deva soma viśveṣām devānām priyam pātho'pīhi.

(Ruler and president of the council), brilliant man of peace and honour, loving and lovable, be sure you follow the path of love and greatness shown by the learned and the wise leaders.

Brilliant man of generosity and grandeur, self-

controlled, be sure you follow the path of love and greatness shown by the leaders of power and prosperity.

Brilliant man of knowledge and grace, friend of ours, be sure you follow the path of goodness and virtue loved by the noblest and the wisest men of the world.

## 51. (Prajapatis Grihasthas Devata, Devas Rshis)

इह रति<u>रि</u>ह रमध्व<u>मि</u>ह धृति<u>रि</u>ह स्वधृ<u>तिः</u> स्वाहा । <u>उप</u>-सृजन्ध्ररुणं मात्रे धरुणो मातरं धर्यन् । रायस्पोषमस्मासु दीधरुत् स्वाहा ॥५१॥

Iha ratiriha ramadhvamiha dhṛtiriha svadhṛtiḥ svāhā. Upasṛjan dharuṇam mātre dharuno mātaram dhayan. Rāyaspoṣamasmāsu dīdharat svāhā.

Here in the home is love and joy. Live and rejoice. Here is constancy and autonomy. Be here with self-control and self-dependency in truth of word and deed.

Beget a child for the mother, and may the child sucking the mother, growing up among us, create wealth and provide nourishment and hold it for us all in truth of word and action.

#### 52. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Rshis)

स्त्रस्यऽऋद्धिरस्यगेन्म ज्योतिर्मृताऽअभूम । दिवं पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअध्यार्<u>भहा</u>माविदाम देवान्स्वज्योतिः ॥५२॥

Satrasya' ṛddhirasyaganma jyotiramṛtā' abhūma. Divam pṛthivyā' adhyā ruhāmāvidāma devāntsvarjyotiḥ.

You are the wealth and abundance of yajnasession. Let us, through this session of yajna, expand

over the earth and rise above to reach the lights of heaven and attain to immortality. Let us arise and reach the regions of space to get super-terrestrial knowledge and bring the joys of heaven on earth.

# 53. (Grihapatis Devata, Devas Rshis)

युवं तिमन्द्रापर्वता पुरोयुधा यो नेः पृतन्यादप् तन्तिमद्धेतं वज्रेण् तन्तिमद्धेतम् । दूरे चत्तायं छन्त्सद् गहेनं यदिनेक्षत्। अस्माक्रःशत्रुन् पिरं शूर विश्वतौ दुर्मा देषीष्ट विश्वतेः । भूर्भुवः स्वः सुप्रजाः प्रजािभः स्याम सुवीरो वीरैः सुपोषाः पोषैः ॥५३॥

Yuvam tamindrāparvatā puroyudhā yo naḥ pṛtanyādapa tantamiddhatam. Vajreṇa tantamiddhatam. Dūre cattāya chantsad gahanam yadinakṣat. Asmākam śatrūnpari śūra viśvato darmā darṣīṣṭa viśvataḥ. Bhūrbhuvaḥ svaḥ suprajāḥ prajābhiḥ syāma suvīrā vīraiḥ supoṣāḥ poṣaiḥ.

You two, commander and personnel of the forces, front-line fighters, attacking as lighting and defending as rock, whosoever attack us with his army, destroy him with the thunderbolt. And if the enemy force happen to contact us, arise with force and drive them off. Valiant hero, all round destroyer of the enemy, eliminate our enemies totally from the face of the earth. On the earth, in the sky, in heaven, anywhere, let us be strong in manpower with brave people, heroic with noble heroes rich in food, energy and materials, with plenty of good food, energy and materials. (Let us be well-provided: justify our existence, defend our self-awareness and culture, and work for universal happiness.)

### 54. (Parameshthi Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रमेष्ठ्युभिधीतः प्रजापितर्वाचि व्याहृतायामन्धोऽअच्छेतः। सिवता सन्यां विश्वकेर्मा दीक्षायी पूषा सीम्क्रयेण्याम्॥५४॥

Parameṣṭhyabhidhītaḥ prajāpatirvāci vyāhṛtāyāmandho' acchetaḥ. Savitā sanyām viśvakarmā dikṣāyām pūṣā somakrayaṇyām.

(What is the secret of happiness?) Prajapati, father of His creatures, self-existent in eternal bliss, and self-revealed in the divine voice of the Veda, worshipped in meditation, good food honestly and amply obtained, Savita, creator of life realized in truth, Vishwakarma, maker of the world and lord giver of science and technology, at heart, through all our commitments to life and dedication to duty, and Pusha, giver of health and vitality thanked in herbal treatment, all this with you, and happiness is assured.

### 55. (Indra & others Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

इन्द्रेश्च मुरुतेश्च क्रयायोपो<u>त्थि</u>तोऽसुरः पुण्यमानो <u>मि</u>त्रः क्रीतो विष्णुः शिपि<u>वि</u>ष्टऽऊरावासन्नो विष्णुर्नरन्धिषः ॥५५॥

Indraśca marutaśca krayāyopotthito'suraḥ paṇyamāno mitraḥ krīto viṣṇuḥ śipiviṣṭa' ūrāvāsanno viṣṇurnarandhiṣaḥ.

(Know the powers of nature, what has been realized or ought to be realized by learned men) for practical projects: Electricity, earth power, wind, steam and cloud so close, magnetic energy that sustains the worlds together, universal pranic energy, the unifying universal soul immanent in humans and other creatures enveloping the whole creation — all to be researched and realized with reverence, faith, love, and the

investment of mind, energy and money — (powers for power, and soul for value).

#### 56. (Vishvedeva Grihasthas Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रोह्यमणः सोम्ऽआगेतो वर्रुणऽआसुन्द्यामासन्नोऽग्निराग्नीध्र-ऽइन्द्रौ हिवुद्धीनेऽर्थर्वोपाविह्यमणः ॥५६॥

Prohyamāṇaḥ soma' āgato varuṇa' āsandyāmāsanno'gnirāgnīdhra'indro havirddhāne'tharvopāvahriyamāṇaḥ.

Conducted by scientific logic, carried through special experiments, and seated in special cars, Soma, wealth of energy, power and prosperity, has arrived. Varuna, mighty water power, is here. Agni, heat energy, is come in special fuels. Indra, electricity, is here potent in yajna materials. Atharva, special energy, has arrived.

### 57. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

विश्वे देवाऽअःशुषु न्युप्तो विष्णुराप्रीत्पाऽआप्याय्यमीनो यमः सूयमीनो विष्णुः सि<u>म्भ्रि</u>यमीणो वायुः पूयमीनः शुक्रः पूतः । शुक्रः क्षीर्श्रीर्मन्थी सेक्तुश्रीः॥५७॥

Viśve devā' amśuṣu nyupto viṣṇurāprītapā' āpyāyyamāno yamaḥ sūyamāno viṣṇuḥ sambhriyamāṇo vāyuḥ pūyamānaḥ śukraḥ pūtah. śukraḥ kṣīra śrīr-manthī saktuśrīh.

Learned and wise scholars of the world, the energy stored in particles and radiated in the sunrays, which is a preservative power and source of comfort (Vishnu), the explosion of energy from the sun (Yama), the cosmic energy being created constantly (Vishnu), the vibrations of pranic vitality (Vayu), generative particles of matter and energy (shukra), and the pure seeds of life (shukra),

anyone who explores and analyses these is blest with the secrets of life's existence and nourishment.

## 58. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

विश्वे देवाश्चम्सेषूत्रीतोऽसुर्होमायोद्यतो रुद्रो हुयमनि वातोऽभ्यावृतो नृचक्षाः प्रतिख्यातो भक्षो भक्ष्यमीणः पितरी नाराश्र्साः ॥५८॥

Viśve devāścamaseṣūnnīto'surhomāyodyato rudro hūyamāno vāto'bhyāvṛto nṛcakṣāḥ pratikhyāto bhakṣo bhakṣyamāṇaḥ pitaro nārāśamsāḥ.

Learned, wise and generous people of the world, those who raised the libations in the ladles for the fire and sent up the fragrance to the clouds, who dedicated and raised their mind's energy for sacrifice and service, who respected and served life as sacred, who spoke in praise of the divine omnipresence of the all-seeing eye of the Lord of existence, who enjoyed the soothing touch of the air around and received the food sanctified by yajna, they are the noble and brilliant 'devas', learned and parental seniors, and reverential friends of humanity.

# 59. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

सन्नः सिन्धुरवभृथायोद्येतः समुद्रोऽभ्यविह्यमाणः सि<u>ल</u>लः प्रप्लुतो ययोरोजेसा स्कि<u>भि</u>ता रजोछंसि वीर्येभिर्वीरतेमा शविष्ठा । या पत्येतेऽ अप्रेतीता सहौ<u>भि</u>र्विष्णूऽअगुन्वर्रुणा पूर्वहूतौ ॥५९॥

Sannaḥ sindhuravabhṛthāyodyataḥ samudro'-bhyavahriyamāṇaḥ salilaḥ prapluto yayorojasā skabhitā rajāňsi vīryebhirvīratamā śaviṣṭhā. Yā patyete' apratītā sahobhirviṣṇū'aganvaruṇā pūrvahūtau.

Hosts and participants of yajna who dig, design and construct canals for sacramental bath, who launch upon the sea for voyaging, who fill the sky with yajna vapour, who stabilize people and their regions with their power and lustre, who are most heroic with exploits of their superior prowess, who are men of constancy and forbearance, who are unostentatiously social and universally friendly: these venerables are invited and welcomed by people. Meet them. Those who do so are happy and fortunate.

# 60. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

देवान् दिवेमगन्युज्ञस्ततो मा द्रविणमष्टु मनुष्यानन्त-रिक्षमगन्यज्ञस्ततो मा द्रविणमष्टु <u>पि</u>तृन् पृ<u>श्</u>यिवीमेगन्यज्ञस्ततो मा द्रविणमष्टु यं कं चे लोकमर्गन्यज्ञस्ततो मे भुद्रमेभूत्॥६०॥

Devān divamagan yajñastato mā draviņamaṣṭu manuṣyānantarikṣamaganyajñastato mā draviṇamaṣṭu pitṛn pṛthivīmaganyajñastato mā draviṇamaṣṭu yaṁ kaṁ ca lokamagan yajñastato me bhadramabhūt.

Yajna rises to the heights of heaven and reaches the 'devas', the powers of light, and may I, from there, receive the light and wealth of knowledge.

Yajna rises to middle regions of the clouds and reaches humanity, and may I, from there, receive the gifts of material wealth.

Yajna goes over across the earth and the seasons of nature through the year and reaches the senior and fatherly people, and may I, from there, receive the comforts of the seasons and the blessings of the seniors.

Whichever region yajna reaches, from there, I

pray, I may receive the gifts of the true, the good and the beautiful.

#### 61. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

चतुस्त्रिःश्वत्तन्तेवो ये वितितिरे यऽड्डमं युज्ञछंस्वधया दर्दन्ते। तेषां छिन्नःसम्वेतद्देधामि स्वाहां घुर्मोऽअप्येतु देवान् ॥६१॥

Catustrimśattantavo ye vitatnire ya' imam yajñam svadhayā dadante. Teṣām chinnam samvetaddadhāmi svāhā gharmo' apyetu devān.

Thirty four fibres (eight Vasus, eleven Rudras, twelve Adityas, Indra, Prajapati and Nature) join, weave and extend this yajnic web of creation, and feed it with materials. And where nature leaves off, there, surely, I take it on with the truth of word and action. And, I pray, this yajna reach the devas, the learned and the wise.

#### 62. (Yajna Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

युज्ञस्य दोहो वितेतः पुरुत्रा सोऽअष्ट्धा दिवेम्न्वातेतान । स येज्ञ धुक्ष्व मिहं मे प्रजायार्थरायस्पोषुं विश्वमायुरशीय स्वाही ॥६२॥

Yajñasya doho vitataḥ purutrā so' aṣṭadhā divamanvātatāna. Sa yajña dhukṣva mahi me prajāyām rāyaspoṣam viśvamāyuraśīya svāhā.

The gifts of yajna spread out in many ways. They expand in all the eight directions and reach the heights of heaven.

That same yajna may bless my people with great wealth and nourishments. And may I, with sacred speech and good acts of Dharma, enjoy the blessing of a full and happy life.

63. (Yajna Devata, Kashyapa Rshi)

आ पेवस्व हिरेण्यवृदश्वेवत्सोम वी्रवेत् । वाजं गोर्मन्तुमार्भर् स्वाहो ॥६३॥

Ā pavasva hiraṇyavadaśvavatsoma vīravat. Vājaṁ gomantamābhara svāhā.

Soma, man desirous of the honour and joy of life, man of gold, speed and brave heroes, dedicate yourself to yajna, treasure-home of universal nourishment, cows and self-control over mind and senses. Cleanse yourself, cleanse the environment, and enrich the world.

इति अष्टमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-IX

# 1. (Savita Devata, Indra & Brihaspati Rshis)

देवं सिवतः प्रसुव युज्ञं प्रसुव युज्ञपं<u>तिं</u> भगीय । <u>दि</u>व्यो गन्ध्र्वः केत्पूः केतं नः पुनातु <u>व</u>ाचस्प<u>ति</u>र्वांनं नः स्वदतु स्वाहां ॥१॥

Deva savitah prasuva yajñam prasuva yajñapatim bhagāya. Divyo gandharvah ketapūh ketam nah punātu vācaspatirvājam nah svadatu svāhā.

Deva Savita, lord of life, light the yajna (of Raj Dharma), consecrate and promote yajna, inspire, consecrate and promote the yajnapati (ruler of the land) for honour and prosperity. Brilliant sustainer of the earth, lord of the divine voice, purifier of intelligence, purify and inspire our intelligence with the divine voice of Veda. Generous purifier of food, purify and consecrate our yajnic food and taste it with favour and pleasure.

#### 2. (Indra Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

ध्रुव्सदं त्वा नृषदं मनःसदंमुपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णम्येष ते योनिरिन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टंतमम् । अप्सुषदं त्वा घृत्सदं व्योमसदंमुपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णम्येष ते योनिरिन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टंतमम् पृ<u>थिवि</u>सदं त्वाऽन्तरिक्षसदं दिविसदं देवसदं नाक्सदंमुपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णाम्येष ते योनिरिन्द्राय त्वा जुष्टंतमम् ॥२॥ Dhruvasadam tvā nṛṣadam manaḥsadam-upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā juṣṭam gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yonirindrāya tvā juṣṭatamam. Apsuṣadam tvā ghṛtasadam vyomasadam-upayāmagṛhīto'-sīndrāya tvā juṣṭam gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yanirindrāya tvā juṣṭatamam. Pṛthivisadam tvā'ntarikṣa-sadam divisadam devasadam nākasadam-upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā juṣṭam gṛhṇamyeṣa te yonirindrāya tvā juṣṭatamam.

Ruler of the land, firmly settled (with knowledge, humility, yoga and Dharma) among the people, in their heart and awareness, you are accepted and consecrated in the rules and discipline of the state for the honour and prosperity of the people. Loved and thus accepted, I accept and elect you. This office now is your very life and purpose. Most highly loved and respected, you are now dedicated to Indra, honour and prosperity of the people.

Ruler of the country, saddled with the management of water, food (milk, ghee and other nourishments), and aviation, you are accepted by the people by virtue of your discipline and respect for law and constitution of the nation for the defence and honour of the people. Loved and respected thus, I accept and elect you. This office now is your very life and existence. Most highly loved and respected, you are now committed to the honour and glory of the nation.

President of the nations of the world, committed as you are to the earth and its environment, to the skies, to exploration of space, powers of nature and the brilliant people, and the freedom and happiness of humanity, you are accepted and consecrated by the people of the world in the universal Dharma and nation's law for

absolute freedom and prosperity of the people of the world. Accepted, loved and respected thus, I accept and elect you. This office and its Dharma now is the very meaning and purpose of your existence. Most highly loved, respected and elected, we commit and dedicate you to the honour and prosperity of humanity and to the glory of the Lord of the universe.

# 3. (Indra Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

अपाथंरसमुद्वेयस्रसूर्ये सन्तेश्समाहितम् । अपाथंरसस्य यो रसस्तं वौ गृह्णम्युत्तममुपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा जुष्टे गृह्णाम्येष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा जुष्टेतमम् ॥३॥

Apām rasamudvayasam sūrye santam samāhitam. Apām rasasya yo rasastam vo gṛhṇāmyuttamamupayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā juṣṭam gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yonirindrāya tvā juṣṭatamam.

For the sake of Indra, lord of glory, and for you, I take the life-giving essence of the waters (juices) collected and ripened in the sun. And I take the finest essence of the essences of waters and hold the quintessence of vitality for the glow of health and life.

By virtue of your discipline and values and the means at your command, you are accepted and consecrated for the sake of honour and prosperity of the nation. Loved and respected as you are, I accept and elect you. This choice and consecration is now your haven and home. Most loved and respected, you are now committed and dedicated to the glory of Indra and his people.

### 4. (Raja, Rajadharma Devata, Brihaspati Rshi)

ग्रहोऽऊर्जाहुतयो व्यन्तो विप्रीय मृतिम् । तेषां विशिप्रियाणां वोऽहमिष्मूर्जुःसमीग्रभमुपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णाम्येष ते योनिरिन्द्रीय त्वा जुष्टंतमम् । सम्पृचौ स्थः सं मौ भुद्रेणं पृङ्कं विपृचौ स्थो वि मौ पाप्मनौ पृङ्कम् ॥४॥

Grahā' ūrjāhutayo vyanto viprāya matim. Teṣām viśipriyāṇām vo'hamiṣamūrjam samagrabham upayāmagṛhito'sīndrāya tvā juṣṭam gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yonirindrāya tvā juṣṭatamam. Sampṛcau sthaḥ sam ma bhadreṇa pṛṅktam vipṛcau stho vi mā pāpmanā pṛṅktam.

Men and women of the land, who have collected strength and energy from yajna-ahutis and knowledge from the Vedas, communicate with the intelligent and the inspired people and share with them the common wisdom. For you and the dear members of their community, I have procured ample food and energy.

With means and materials for the nation, you are accepted and consecrated in the laws and values of the nation for the honour and prosperity of the people. Loved of the people and favourite of the Lord as you are, I accept and elect you. This nation and this choice now is your haven and home. Most loved and honoured, you are now totally committed and dedicated to Indra, lord of the people, the land and the world.

Ruler and the people, remain united for good work. Join me to goodness and prosperity. Stay away from evil, both of you. Keep us away from the evilminded.

### 5. (Savita Devata, Brihaspati Rshi)

इन्द्रेस्य वज्रोऽसि वाज्सास्त्वयाऽयं वाजेश्सेत् । वाजेस्य नु प्रसुवे मातरं मुहीमदितिं नाम वर्चसा करामहे । यस्यामिदं विश्वं भुवेनमा<u>वि</u>वेश तस्यां नो देवः सं<u>वि</u>ता धर्मं साविषत् ॥५॥

Indrasya vajro'si vājasāstvayā'yam vājām set. Vājasya nu prasave mātaram mahīmaditim nāma vacasā karāmahe. Yasyāmidam viśvam bhuvanamāviveśa tasyām no devaḥ savitā dharma sāvisat.

You are the thunder-bolt of lightning for the enemy. This man, the commander/ruler would plan and win the battle with you, the thunderous hero. In the business of the battle we sing songs of praise, in noble words, in honour of the mother, the great earth, one and indivisible. On the earth where this whole world finds its haven and home, on that same earth, we pray, Lord Savita, creator of the world, may establish the rule of universal Dharma for us.

# 6. (Ashva Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

अप्रवान्तरमृतेमप्सु भेषाजम्पामुत प्रशस्तिष्वश्वा भवंत वाजिनेः। देवीरापो यो वंऽऊर्मिः प्रतूर्तिः क्वकुन्मन्वाजसास्तेनायं वाजेश्सेत् ॥६॥

Apsvantaramṛtamapsu bheṣajamapāmuta praśastiṣvaśvā bhavata vājinaḥ. Devīrāpo yo va' ūrmiḥ pratūrtiḥ kakunmān vājasāstenāyam vājam set.

There is nectar in the waters, there is vitality of health and longevity in the pranas. There is magical drug power in the waters, top efficacy by which horses become coursers flying like feathered arrows. Sacred waters, may this man, ruler of the land, by virtue of your fertile waves, moving fast and lofty, provide the land and people with wanted food and energy. Men and women of the land, with your power and prowess, fast, lofty and tempestuous like the waves of the sea, with the vitality of your pranic energy, and the fertility and efficacy of the waters, be fast, passionate and ambitious for the honour and progress of the land in war and peace both.

# 7. (Senapati Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

वार्तो वा मनो वा गन्धर्वाः सप्तिविश्शितः । तेऽअग्रेऽश्वेमयुञ्जुँस्तेऽअस्मिन् जुवमार्वधुः ॥७॥

Vāto vā mano vā gandharvāḥ saptavimsatiḥ. Te' agre' svamayunjamste' asmin javamādadhuḥ.

Twenty-seven gandharvas (universal wind, the mind and five main pranas, five subpranas, five organs of sense, five organs of volition, and five subtle elements) these possess and operate with speed in nature. May these bless this man, commander of the forces, with speed.

# 8. (Prajapati Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

वार्तरःहा भव वाजिन् युज्यमन् उइन्द्रस्येव दक्षिणः श्रियेधि । युञ्जन्तुं त्वा मुरुतौ विश्ववेदसुऽआ ते त्वष्टी पुत्सु जुवं देधातु ॥८॥

Vātaramhā bhava vājinyujyamāna'indrasyeva dakṣiṇaḥ śriyaidhi. Yunjantu tvā maruto viśvavedasa' ā te tvaṣṭā patsu javam dadhātu.

Ruler, swift in response and action, be as fast as

the speed of wind, be efficient and expert, concentrative in the service of the nation, move and achieve honour and glory as that of Indra, lord of the world. May the Maruts, universal winds (men of encyclopaedic knowledge), and Twashta, lord of refinement and sophistication (the specialist) inspire your feet with instant speed of motion.

# 9. (Vira Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

ज्वो यस्तै वाजिन्निहितो गुहा यः श्येने परीत्तोऽअर्चरच्य वातै । तेने नो वाजिन् बलेवान् बलेन वाजिजच्य भव् समेने च पारियण्णुः । वाजिनो वाजितो वाजिश्सिरिष्यन्तो बृहस्पतैर्भागमविज्ञित ॥९॥

Javo yaste vājinnihito guhā yaḥ śyene parītto' acaracca vāte. Tena no vājin balavān balena vājajicca bhava samane ca pārayiṣṇuḥ. Vājino vājajito vājam sariṣyanto bṛhaspater-bhāgamavajighrata.

Man of power and speed (Vajin), man of knowledge and ruler of the land, the speed and passion that's deep in your heart, that's entered in the wings of the eagle and in the velocity of the wind, by that speed and passion, man of power and prowess, be the victor of battles, and through fight and struggle, cross the sufferings of life and the land.

Warriors of the land, fighting and doing your duty in the service of the protector of a great people, winning battles and achieving plenty and prosperity, taste the fragrance of the sweets of life.

### 10. (Indra and Brihaspati Devate, Brihaspati Rshi)

देवस्याहरसं<u>वितुः स</u>्वे स्त्यसंवसो बृह्स्पतेरुत्तमं नाकेर रुहेयम्। देवस्याहरसं<u>वितुः स्वे स</u>त्यसंवसऽइन्द्रस्योत्तमं नाकेररुहेयम् । देवस्याहरसं<u>वितुः स्वे स</u>त्यप्रसवसो बृह्स्पतेरुत्तमं नाकेमरुहम् । देवस्याहरसं<u>वितुः स्</u>वे स्त्यप्रसवस्ऽइन्द्रस्योत्तमं नाकेमरुहम् ॥१०॥

Devasyāham savituḥ save satyasavaso bṛhaspateruttamam nākam ruheyam. Devasyāham savituḥ save satyasavasa'indrasyottamam nākam ruheyam. Devasyāham savituḥ save satyaprasavaso bṛhaspateruttamam nākamaruham. Devasyāham savituḥ save satyaprasavasa' indrasyottamam nākamaruham.

In this yajnic creation of glorious Savita, Lord of light and life, may I ascend to the highest heaven of freedom, knowledge and divine realization by the grace of Brihaspati, great and inviolable lord of truth and existence.

In this yajnic creation of glorious Savita, Lord of light and life, may I ascend to the highest heaven of freedom, justice and prosperity by the grace of Indra, inexorable lord of truth, justice and magnificence.

In this yajnic creation of glorious Savita, Lord of light and life, I have risen to the highest realization of freedom, knowledge and divine presence by the grace of Brihaspati, great and generous lord promoter of truth and existence.

In this yajnic creation of glorious Savita, Lord of light and life, I have risen to the highest realization of freedom, justice and prosperity by the grace of Indra,

generous and unfailing Lord promoter of truth, justice and magnificence.

### 11. (Indra and Brihaspati Devate, Brihaspati Rshi)

बृहस्पते वाजं जय बृहस्पतेये वाचं वदत बृहस्पतिं वाजं जापयत । इन्द्र वाजं ज्येन्द्राय वाचं वदतेन्द्रं वाजं जापयत ॥११॥

Bṛhaspate vājam jaya bṛhaspataye vācam vadata bṛhaspatim vājam jāpayata. Indra vājam jayendrāya vācam vadatendram vājam jāpayata.

Brihaspati, leader and master of knowledge and enlightenment, fight and win the battle for knowledge and education. Teachers and scholars, proclaim, speak and teach the language of knowledge for the ruler, and help him to fight and win the battle.

Indra, ruler, leader and admirer of knowledge and enlightenment, fight the battle against ignorance. Scholars and teachers, proclaim, speak and teach the language of enlightenment for the ruler and make him win the battle for education.

## 12. (Indra and Brihaspati Devate, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

एषा वः सा सत्या संवार्गभूद्यया बृहस्पतिं वाजमजीजपताजी-जपत् बृहस्पतिं वाजं वर्नस्पतयो विमुच्यध्वम् । एषा वः सा सत्या संवार्गभूद्ययेन्द्वं वाजमजीजपताजीजपतेन्द्वं वाजं वर्नस्पतयो विमुच्यध्वम् ॥१२॥

Eṣā vaḥ sā satyā saṁvāgabhūdyayā bṛhaspatiṁ vājamajījapatājījapata bṛhaspatiṁ vājaṁ vanaspatayo vimucyadhvam. Eṣā vaḥ sā satyā saṁvāgabhūdyayendraṁ vājamajījapatājījapatendraṁ vājaṁ vanaspatayo vimucyadhvam.

Men bright as sunbeams, this national language of yours should be true, good, common and one by which Brihaspati, ruler of the great land and leader of education and enlightenment may win the battle of unity and education. Men of plenty and abundance, cooperate and help Brihaspati win the battle and free the nation from ignorance, disunity and suffering.

Men bright as sunbeams, the language of yours should be true, good, common and one by which Indra, lord of national glory, may win his battle. Men of plenty and abundance, cooperate and help Indra win the battle and free the nation from ignorance and suffering.

# 13. (Savita Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

देवस्याहःसं<u>वितुः स</u>र्वे सत्यप्रेसवसो बृह्स्यतैर्वाजितो वाजे जेषम् । वाजिनो वाज<u>जि</u>तोऽध्वेन स्कभ्नुवन्तो योजेना मिमोनाः काष्ठां गच्छत ॥१३॥

Devasyāham savituḥ save satyaprasavaso bṛhaspatervājajito vājam jeṣam. Vājino vājajito '-dhvana skabhnuvanto yojanā mimānāḥ kāṣṭhām gacchata.

In the world, the cosmic yajna of Savita, Lord of light and life, the great lord creator and promoter of truth, Brihaspati, victor of wars I wish and pray I may win the battles of life.

Great warriors, winners of battles, stem the routes of the enemy's advance, and, crossing leagues of virgin territory, spread over the directions.

#### 14. (Brihaspati Devata, Dadhikrava Rshi)

एष स्य वाजी क्षिपणिं तुरण्यति ग्रीवायां बद्धोऽअपिकक्षऽ-आसनि । क्रतुं दिधकाऽअनुं सुःसनिष्यदत्पथामङ्कार्थः स्यन्वापनीफणुत् स्वाहां ॥१४॥ Eṣa sya vājī kṣipaṇim turaṇyati grīvāyām baddho' apikakṣa' āsani. Kratum dadhikrā' anu samsaniṣyadatpathāmankāmsyanvāpanī-phaṇat svāhā.

Just as that horse, tied neck, flanks and mouth, still galloping past the distance-marks and hurdles on its course, carries the rider to the battle, similarly this warrior, in spite of all the hurdles in his path, passionate and impetuous in the business (yajna) of battle, commands his soldiers in the sacred voice of truth, to pounce upon the enemy.

#### 15. (Brihaspati Devata, Dadhikrava Ŗshi)

उत स्मस्यि द्रवेतस्तुरण्यतः पुर्णं न वेरनुवाति प्रगुधिनेः । श्येनस्येव ध्रजेतोऽअङ्क्सं परि द<u>धि</u>क्राव्याः सहोर्जा तरित्रतः स्वाहो ॥१५॥

Uta smāsya dravatasturaņyataḥ parṇam na veranuvāti pragardhinaḥ. Śyenasyeva dhrajato' aṅkasaṁ pari dadhikrāvṇaḥ sahorjā taritrataḥ svāhā.

The warrior who, like a bird on the wing, eager, hastening, pressing on, sweeping, and pouncing upon its prey like an eagle, presses on the flanks of his flying horse, and sweeping on and closing upon the enemy, exhorts his cohorts with passion in the true voice, wins the battle.

# 16. (Brihaspati Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

शन्नौ भवन्तु वाजिनो हवेषु देवतीता <u>मि</u>तद्रवः स्वर्काः । जम्भयन्तोऽ<u>हिं</u> वृक्रःरक्षीछं<u>सि</u> सनैम्यस्मद्युयवन्नामीवाः ॥१६॥

Śanno bhavantu vājino haveṣu devatātā mitadravaḥ svarkāḥ. Jambhayanto'hiṁ vṛkam' rakṣāmsi sanemyasmadyuyavannāmīvāḥ. Passionate but controlled, brilliant, esteemed and well-maintained warriors with their horses, swift in action, seizing by the neck the serpents, wolves and demons of the society, be good and auspicious to us, saving us from social pollution and giving us lasting peace and security in the noble men's yajnas and battles of life for development and progress.

# 17. (Brihaspati Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

ते नोऽअवीन्तो हवन्श्रुतो हवं विश्वे शृण्वन्तु वाजिनो मितद्रवः। सहस्त्रसा मेधसीता सिन्घ्यवी महो ये धर्नःसिम्थेषु जिभ्रुरे ॥१७॥

Te no'arvanto havanaśruto havam viśve śṛṇvantu vājino mitadravaḥ. Sahasrasā medhasātā saniṣyavo maho ye dhanam samitheṣu jabhrire.

Men of knowledge, wisdom and vision, dynamic and self-disciplined, expert men of a thousand themes and subjects, who have heard and meditated on the shastras, who deserve, desire, offer and receive their share in the national yajna, may all listen to our suggestions and prayers in national projects and may promote and maintain our great wealth and honour.

# 18. (Brihaspati Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

वाजेवाजेऽवत वाजिनो नो धर्नेषु विप्राऽअमृताऽऋतज्ञाः । अस्य मध्वेः पिबत मादयेध्वं तृप्ता योत पृथिभिर्देव-यानैः ॥१८॥

Vāje-vāje' vata vājino no dhaneṣu viprā' amṛtā' ṛtajñāḥ. Asya madhvaḥ pibata mādayadhvaṁ tṛptā yāta pathibhirdevayānaiḥ.

Heroes of the land, defend us in battle after battle. Men of virtue and wisdom, free and immortal in nature and character, visionaries of eternal truth and universal law, protect and promote us in our wealth and honour, drink of the nectar sweets of this life to your heart's content, rejoice, and, by the paths of the noble and the great men of the world, go forward.

# 19. (Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

आ मा वार्जस्य प्रस्वो जंगम्यादेमे द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी <u>वि</u>श्वरूपे। आ मो गन्तां <u>पि</u>तरो मातरा चा मा सोमोऽअमृत्तत्त्वेने गम्यात्। वार्जिनो वार्जिताो वार्जेश्सस्ृवार्थसो बृह्स्पते-भागमविजिघ्नत निमृजानाः ॥१९॥

Ā mā vājasya prasavo jagamyādeme dyāvāpṛthivī viśvarūpe. Ā mā gantām pitarā mātarā cā mā somo' amṛtattvena gamyāt. Vājino vājajito vājam sasṛvānso bṛhaspaterbhāgamavajighrata nimṛjānāḥ.

May the knowledge of the Vedas and shastras come to me. May the knowledge and wealth of the boundless forms of earth and heaven come to me. May the fatherly and motherly seniors bless me. May the secrets of soma herb with the gift of health and longevity open to me. Heroes of the land, victors of wars, tempered and purified, fight the battles and do your part of service and honour to Prajapati, great lord and guardian spirit of this earth.

# 20. (Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

आपये स्वाहां स्वापये स्वाहां पिजाय स्वाहा क्रतेवे स्वाहा वसेवे स्वाहांऽहर्पतेये स्वाहाह्ने मुग्धाय स्वाहां मुग्धायं वैनःशानाय स्वाहां विनःशानंऽआन्त्यायनाय स्वाहाऽऽ-न्त्याय भौवनाय स्वाहा भुवनस्य पतेये स्वाहाऽधिपतये स्वाहां ॥२०॥ Āpaye svāhā svāpaye svāhā'pijāya svāhā kratave svāhā vasave svāhā'harpataye svāhā'-hne mugdhāya svāhā mugdhāya vainamśināya svāhā vinamśina' āntyāyanāya svāhā''ntyāya bhauvanāya svāhā bhuvanasya pataye svāhā'-dhipataye svāhā.

For comprehensive knowledge, honest work; for universal happiness, virtuous action; for sure success, relentless effort; for creative intelligence, ceaseless study; for the expression of knowledge, living language; for lord of the day, sun, astronomy; for the glorious dawn of the day, science; for the self-deluded fool, words of warning; for the self-destructive mean, reformative advice; for the earthly born eternal soul, vision of reality; for vision of the Lord of the universe, divine intelligence; for honour to the President, language and manners of protocol.

# 21. (Yajna Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

आर्युर्युज्ञेने कल्पतां प्राणो यज्ञेने कल्पतां चक्षुर्युज्ञेने कल्पताः छंश्रोत्रं यज्ञेने कल्पतां पृष्ठं यज्ञेने कल्पतां यज्ञो यज्ञेने कल्पताम् । प्रजापतेः प्रजाऽअभूम् स्वर्देवाऽअगन्मा-मृताऽअभूम ॥२१॥

Āyuryajñena kalpatām prāņo yajñena kalpatām-cakṣuryajñena kalpatām śrotram yajñena kalpatām prṣṭham yajñena kalpatām yajño yajñena kalpatām. Prajāpateḥ prajā' abhūma svardevā' aganmāmṛtā'abhūma.

May your life grow strong and stable by yajna, obedience to Ishwara; may your vitality grow stronger by yajna, pursuit of knowledge; may your eye grow in vision by yajna, right seeing; may your ear grow in

hearing by yajna, hearing the sacred voice; may your faculty of enquiry grow efficient by yajna, mutual dialogue; may your yajna — reverence, society and charity — grow by yajna, performance in action.

May we continue to be the children of Prajapati, father of humanity (and of the ruler of the nation). May we become noble and virtuous and attain eternal freedom, happiness and immortality.

#### 22. (Dishah Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

अस्मे वौऽअस्त्विन्द्रियम्स्मे नृम्णमुत क्रतुरस्मे वर्चीछंसि सन्तु वः । नमौ मात्रे पृ<u>ष्</u>यित्यै नमौ मात्रे पृ<u>ष</u>ित्याऽइयं ते राड्यन्ता<u>सि</u> यमेनो ध्रुवोऽसि ध्रुरुणेः । कृष्यै त्वा क्षेमीय त्वा रुय्यै त्वा पोषीय त्वा ॥२२॥

Asme vo' astvindriyamasme nṛmṇamuta kraturasme varcāṅsi santu vaḥ. Namo mātre pṛthivyai namo mātre pṛthivyā' iyam te rāḍyantāsi yamano dhruvo'si dharuṇaḥ. Kṛṣyai tvā kṣemāya tvā rayyai tvā poṣāya tvā.

May our mind and perception, power and force, be for you and yours for us; all our wealth, thought and action, brilliance and achievement be yours, and yours for us. Reverence to the mother earth. The wealth and glory of the earth is yours for the mother. You are for the mother, for farming, for protection and growth, for production of wealth, for health and nourishment. You are the leader, disciplined controller, firm and constant, support of all, for the mother.

#### 23. (Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

वार्जस्येमं प्रस्तवः सुषुवेऽग्रे सोम्॰रार्जान्मोषधीष्वप्सु । ताऽअस्मभ्यं मधुमतीर्भवन्तु व्यःशाष्ट्रे जागृयाम पुरोहिताः स्वाहा ॥२३॥ Vājasyemam prasavah suṣuve'gre somam rājānamoṣaḍhīṣvapsu. Tā' asmabhyam madhumatīrbhavantu vayam rāṣṭre jāgṛyāma purohitāḥ svāhā.

This illustrious creator of the food of yajna, the Sun, first generated the shining soma, vitality, in the herbs and waters. May these waters and herbs be honeysweet invigorating for us and we remain wakeful and watchful in the front ranks of the realm with noble speech and virtuous acts.

## 24. (Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

वार्जस्येमां प्रस्वः शिश्रिये दिव<u>िम</u>मा च विश्वा भुवनानि सम्राट् । अदित्सन्तं दापयति प्रजानन्त्स नौ र्यिःसर्वंवीरं निर्यच्छतु स्वाहो ॥२४॥

Vājasyemām prasavaḥ śiśriye divamimā ca viśvā bhuvanāni samrāṭ. Aditsantam dāpayati prajānantsa no rayim sarvavīram niyacchatu svāhā.

The illustrious generator of the food of yajna fills the heavens and all the regions of the world with light and therein abides. That glorious lord/ruler, knowing well the evaders of oblations/taxes, makes them give/ pay their share of the yajna/social yajna of the land.

## 25. (Prajapati Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

वार्जस्य नु प्रस्व आर्बभूवेमा च विश्वा भुवेनानि सर्वतः। सर्न<u>ेमि</u> राजा परियाति <u>विद्वा</u>न् प्रजां पुष्टिं वर्धयेमानोऽअस्मे स्वाहो ॥२५॥

Vājasya nu prasava ā babhūvemā ca viśvā bhuvanāni sarvataḥ. Sanemi rājā pariyāti vidvān prajām puṣṭim vardhayamāno'asme svāhā.

The illustrious creator of the food of yajna pervades all the regions of the world/land wholly and from all sides. That lord/ruler, master of eternal knowledge, increasing and promoting the material wealth and human resources (people) of the nation provides total protection all round.

# 26. (Soma, Agni, Aditya, Vishnu, Surya, Brihaspati Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

सोमुश्राजीनुमवेसेऽग्निमुन्वारंभामहे । आ<u>दि</u>त्यान्विष्णुश्सूर्यं ब्रह्माणं च बृहुस्प<u>ति</u>श्स्वाहां ॥२६॥

Somam rājānamavase' gnimanvārabhāmahe. Ādityānviṣṇum sūryam brahmāṇam ca bṛhaspatim svāhā.

Let us, in truth of word and deed, follow the ruler, man of auspicious virtue, sun-like brilliant scholar of the Vedas, guardian of the noble seniors of wisdom, and aditya-brahmacharis of 48 years, and, by the grace of Vishnu, omnipresent lord of the world, let us begin the action.

# 27. (Aryama & Others Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

अर्युमण्ं बृह्स्पतिमिन्द्रं दानीय चोदय । वाचं विष्णुःसरस्वतीश्रंसिवतारं च वाजिनुःस्वाही ॥२७॥

Aryamaṇaṁ bṛhaspatimindraṁ dānāya codaya. Vācaṁ viṣṇuṁ sarasvatīṁ savitāraṁ ca vājinaṁ svāhā.

O ruler, for the sake of growth with creative contribution to life and happiness (dana), in truth of word and deed, and as a matter of principle and policy: protect, promote and exhort Aryama, the man of justice, Brihaspati, the man of knowledge, and Indra, the man of honour and prowess. Protect and promote the study of sacred literature and language of knowledge. Advance the man of universal honour and recognition (Vishnu). Protect and promote women of knowledge and vision (Saraswati). Honour the brilliant man of light and creativity (Savita), and recognize and encourage the man of instant response and swooping action (vajin).

## 28. (Agni Devata, Tapasa Rshi)

अग्नेऽअच्छा वदेह नः प्रति नः सुमना भव । प्र नौ यच्छ सहस्र<u>जि</u>त् त्व॰हि धेनुदाऽअ<u>सि</u> स्वाहा ॥२८॥

Agne'acchā vadeha naḥ prati naḥ sumanā bhava. Pra no yaccha sahasrajit tvam hi dhanadā' asi svāhā.

Lord of the land/world, Agni, be kind and generous to us and, in truth of word and thought, give us the message of knowledge and wisdom for all. Vanquisher of a thousand adversaries, you alone are the generous giver of wealth. Be gracious, lord, and bless us with all we need for fulfilment.

# 29. (Aryama & Others Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

प्र नो यच्छत्वर्यमा प्र पूषा प्र बृहस्पतिः । प्र वाग्देवी दंदातु नुः स्वाहां ॥२९॥

Pra no yacchatvaryamā pra pūṣā pra brhaspatih. Pra vāgdevī dadātu nah svāhā.

May Aryama, man of justice (Kshatriya) give us justice for all. May Pusha (Vaishya), producer of food and wealth, give us food and prosperity. May Brihaspati (Brahmana) man of knowledge, wisdom and virtue, give us knowledge and the sacred word. And may the pious and brilliant women of knowledge and vision give us

instruction in the meaning of life and conduct. All these and all this be in truth of word and action.

## 30. (Samrat Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सि<u>वतुः</u> प्रस्त्वेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तिभ्याम्। सर्रस्वत्ये वाचो यन्तुर्येन्त्रिये दधा<u>मि</u> बृह्स्पतेष्ट्वा साम्रीज्ये-नाभिषिञ्चाम्यसौ ॥३०॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave' śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Sarasvatyai vāco yanturyantriye dadhāmi bṛhaspateṣṭvā sāmrājyenābhiṣincāmyasau.

In this world of Lord Savita's creation, with the arms of the Ashwinis, that is, with the fiery brilliance of the sun and the soothing serenity of the moon, with the hands of Pusha, that is, with the nourishment and sustenance of the vital air, I anoint and consecrate you as the illustrious ruler of the land for the advancement of language and literature in the service of Saraswati (learning), for the promotion of science and technology, and invest you with the earthly regality of Brihaspati, the glorious lord of the mighty world.

# 31. (Agni etc. Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

अग्निरेकक्षिरेण प्राणमुदंजयत्तमुज्जेषम्शिवनौ द्व्यक्षरेण द्विपदौ मनुष्यानुदंजयतां तानुज्जेषं विष्णुस्त्र्यक्षरेण त्रीँल्लो-कानुदंजयत्तानुज्जेषः सोम्श्चतुरक्षरेण चतुष्पदः प्शूनुदंज-यत्तानुज्जेषम् ॥३१॥

Agnirekākṣareṇa prāṇamudajayattamujjeṣamaśvinau dvyakṣareṇa dvipado manuṣyānudajayatāṁ tānujjeṣaṁ viṣṇustryakṣareṇa trīṅllokānudajayattānujjeṣaṁ somaścaturakṣareṇa catuṣpadaḥ paśūnudajayattānujjeṣam. Agni, with one akshara, syllable, Om and Gayatri verse conquered prana, vitality. So should I win that. (The ruler, bright as Agni, should win the heart of the people with good policies and advance them. So should the people support him).

The Ashwinis, sun and moon, with two-syllabic Ushnik verse, conquered the bipeds, humans. So should I win them. (The ruler and his officers should help and support the people. So should the people support them).

Vishnu, with three-syllabic Ushnik verse, conquered the three worlds. So should I win them. (The ruler, like Vishnu, should win and promote the regions with a name, a history and a location, and so should the regions support him).

Soma, with four-syllabic Brihati verse conquered the quadrupeds, animals. So should I win them (the ruler, eager for honour, should protect and promote the animals, wild as well as domestic. So should the people).

# 32. (Pusha etc. Devatas, Tapasa Ŗshi)

पूषा पञ्चीक्षरेण पञ्च दिश्उउद्यंजयत्ताऽउज्जेषःसिवता षडेक्षरेण षड्तूनुदंजयत्तानुज्जेषं मुरुतः सप्ताक्षरेण सप्त ग्राम्यान् पशूनुदंजयँस्तानुज्जेषं बृह्स्यतिरुष्टाक्षरेण गायत्री-मुदंजयत्तामुज्जेषम् ॥३२॥

Pūṣā pañcākṣareṇa pañca diśa' udajayattā' ujjeṣam savitā ṣaḍakṣareṇa ṣaḍrtūnuda-jayattānujjeṣam marutaḥ saptākṣareṇa sapta grāmyān paśūnudajayanstānujjeṣam bṛhaspatiraṣṭākṣareṇa gāyatrīmudajayattāmujjeṣam.

Pusha, the moon, with five-syllable Pankti verse,

won and sustains the five directions (east, west, north, south and up and down), so should I win and support them. (The ruler should maintain and sustain nature in all directions and so should the people support the ruler and preserve nature).

Savita, the sun, with six-syllable Trishtup verse, generates and lights the six seasons, so should I light and enrich them. (The ruler should keep the seasons of nature clean and unpolluted, and so should the people.)

The Maruts, winds, with seven-syllable Jagati verse sustain and support seven domestic animals. So should I protect and promote them. (The ruler should protect and promote the domestic animals, and the people should support the ruler and promote animal life.)

Brihaspati, lord of the divine voice and knowledge, with eight-syllable yajushi anushtup verse conquered gayatri. So should I too master and serve that. (The ruler of the people should honour and preserve value-based policy of governance and administration and the people should support the ruler and maintain the policies of value and the values of right policies.)

## 33. (Mitra & Others Devatas, Tapasa Ŗshi)

मित्रो नविक्षरेण त्रिवृत्तः स्तोममुदैजयत्तमुज्जैषं वर्रणो दशक्षिरेण विराजमुदैजयत्तामुज्जैष्मिन्द्वऽएकदिशाक्षरेण त्रिष्टुभुमुदैजयत्तामुज्जैषं विश्वै देवा द्वादेशाक्षरेण जर्गती-मुदैजयँस्तामुज्जैषम् ॥३३॥

Mitro navākṣareṇa trivṛttam stomamudajayattamujjeṣam varuṇo daśākṣareṇ virājamudajayattāmujjeṣamindra'ekādaśākṣareṇa triṣṭubhamudajayattāmujjeṣam viśve devā dvādaśākṣareṇa jagatīmudajayanstāmujjeṣam. Mitra, universal friend of all, with nine-syllable yajushi brihati verse, won the three dimensional yajna of knowledge, action and worship. I too should accomplish the same. (The ruler should live an enlightened life of action and piety, and every citizen should follow the ruler and support him.)

Varuna, the Supreme, worthy of choice, with the ten-syllable yajushi pankti verse, conquered the spirit and content of Virat, policy of sovereignty. I too should realize the same.

(The ruler should honour the sovereignty of his office, commit himself to policies of eternal values and be the guardian of his people. The people should honour and follow him in his foot-steps.)

Indra, Lord of glory, with eleven-syllable asurya pankti verse, won the spirit and content of trishtup, and I should realize the same.

(The ruler should pursue the values and policies of magnanimity and excellence, and the people should emulate and support him.)

Vishve-devas, noble spirits of the world, with twelve-syllable gayatri verse, realized the spirit and content of jagati, and I should realize the same.

(The ruler should commit himself to the highest policies of social life and universal good, and the people should follow and support him.)

# 34. (Vasus and Others Devatas, Tapasa Ŗshi)

वर्सव्सत्रयौदशाक्षरेण त्रयोद्धशःस्तोम्मुद्रजयँस्तमुज्जैषः स्द्रा-श्चतुर्दशाक्षरेण चतुर्द्धःस्तोम्मुद्रजयँस्तमुज्जैषम् आद्वित्याः पञ्चेदशाक्षरेण पञ्चद्दशःस्तोम्मुद्रजयँस्तामुज्जैष्मदि<u>तिः</u> षोडशाक्षरेण षोड्धः स्तोममुद्रजयत्तमुज्जैषं प्रजापितः स्पत्रदेशाक्षरेण सप्तद्शःस्तोम्मुद्रजयत्तमुज्जैषम् ॥३४॥ Vasavastrayodaśākṣareṇa trayodaśam stomamudajayan stamujjeṣam rudrāścaturdaś-ākṣareṇa caturdaśamstomamudajayanstamujjeṣamādityāḥ pañcadaśākṣareṇa pañcadaśam stomamudajayanstāmujjeṣamaditiḥ ṣoḍaśā-kṣareṇa ṣodaśam stomamudajayattamujjeṣam prajāpatiḥ saptadaśākṣareṇa saptadaśam stomamudajayttamujjeṣam.

Vasus, brahmacharis of the 24 year order of study and training, with 13 syllable asuri-anushtup verse, have achieved the 13-point programme of life (i.e., ten pranic energies, jiva or soul, creative nature or mahat-tattva, and original/virtual nature). So should I achieve the same.

Rudras, brahmacharis of 44 year order of study and training, with 14 syllable samniushnik verse, have achieved the 14 point programme of life (i.e., ten organs of perception and volition, mind, intellect, memory and the sense of individual self). So should I achieve the same.

Adityas, brahmacharis of 48 years of study and training, with 15 syllable asuri-gayatri verse, have achieved the 15 point programme of life, (i.e., four Vedas, four sub-vedas, six auxiliary studies, and practical expertise). So should I achieve the same.

Aditi, Great-Council of Governance, with 16 syllable samni anushtup verse, has achieved the 16 point programme of life, (i.e., sixteen steps/constituents of the science of logic). So should I achieve the same.

Prajapati, ruler of the nation, with 17 syllable nichrid-arshi gayatri verse, has achieved the 17 point programme of life (i.e., four varnas, four ashramas, four

steps of study, four steps of asset building, and final freedom. So should I achieve the same.

Note: In the four mantras above, from 31 to 34, a comprehensive programme of living has been given for the ruler and the people, of any locality, region, country or, in fact, of the world. It ranges from a one-point programme to 17 point programme. The whole programme is summarized below:-

- 1. Om (one syllable Word, the one essential name of God, Ishwara), the One and Only One Supreme Lord of the universe who creates, sustains and ultimately withdraws the world of existence: This is the Word, Akshara, eternal, imperishable, constant Reality which is Existent, Omniscient, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, just and merciful, infinite and of infinite power and bliss. The one-point programme is: His service and worship and the service of His creation.
  - 2. The service of humanity, the bipeds.
- 3. Name, history (birth and the course of life/existence) and location of any community, nation, or region, the service of the same.
- 4. The service, protection and development of the life of the quadrupeds, the animals, wild and domestic.
- 5. The service, protection, cleaning and development of the environment in all the five directions (east, west, north, south and up and down).
- 6. The service of nature and the environment in all the six seasons of the year.
  - 7. The service, promotion and development of

the seven classes of animals: cow, horse, buffalo, camel, goat, sheep, and pony.

- 8. Practice of an eight-point social policy in the service of the community and the country to be positively worked out for development, i.e., yajna, and not for mere power display.
- 9. Nine orders or qualities of worship, action and knowledge, three each, the orders being high, middling and low (noble and saintly, average and human, and selfish and negative/evil and devilish).
- 10. Practice of a ten-point political policy of service and development in a positive and progressive direction.
- 11. Practice of an eleven-point policy of service and development in a positive and progressive direction.
- 12. Practice of a twelve-point policy of service and development of the community and the environment.

The points are to be worked out by the enlightened ruler and the enlightened people in mutual cooperation in the local context with reference to the past, present and the future.

13-17 have been explained in mantra no. 34 above.

## 35. (Vishvedeva Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

पृष ते निर्ऋते भागस्तं जुषस्व स्वाहाऽग्निनेत्रेभ्यो देवेभ्यः पुरःसद्भ्यः स्वाहा यमनेत्रेभ्यो देवेभ्यौ दक्षिणासद्भ्यः स्वाहा विश्वदेवनेत्रेभ्यो देवेभ्यः पश्चात्सद्भ्यः स्वाहा मित्रावर्रुणनेत्रेभ्यो वा मुरुत्रेत्रेभ्यो वा देवेभ्यऽउत्तरासद्भ्यः स्वाहा सोमनेत्रेभ्यो देवेभ्यऽउपित्सद्भ्यो दुवेभ्यऽउपित्सद्भ्यो दुवेस्वद्भ्यः स्वाहा सोमनेत्रेभ्यो देवेभ्यऽउपित्सद्भ्यो दुवेस्वद्भ्यः स्वाहा ॥३५॥

Eṣa te nirṛte bhāgastam juṣasva svāhā'-gninetrebhyo devebhyaḥ puraḥsadbhyaḥ svāhā yamanetrebhyo devebhyo dakṣiṇāsadbhyaḥ svāhā viśvadevanetrebhyo devebhyaḥ paścāt-sadbhyaḥ svāhā mitrāvaruṇanetrebhyo vā marunnetrebhyo vā devebhya' uttarāsadbhyaḥ svāhā somanetrebhyo devebhya' uparisadbhyo duvasvadbhyaḥ svāhā.

Man of felicity beyond reproach, this is your share of Raj Dharma, governance, administration and service of the republic, your power-and-responsibility, assets-and-liabilities integrated. Serve it with words and acts of truth. Serve it with words and acts of Dharma, by the noble people of the very eyes and leadership of light and fire sitting in front of you in the council.

Serve it with words and acts of charity, by the people of the speed and guidance of the wind itself on your right side.

Serve it with words and acts of courage, by the noble people of the eyes and leadership of the world heroes on your back.

Serve it with words and acts of saints and sages of knowledge and wisdom, by the noble people of the eyes and leadership of the best, the friendliest, the wisest and the most dynamic yajnic souls of the nation on your left side.

Serve it with words and acts of peace and love under the protective bliss of the noble people of the light and leadership of the soothing serenity of the moon itself, servants of knowledge, humility, Dharma and Ishwara.

#### 36. (Vishvedeva Devata, Varuna Rshi)

ये देवाऽअग्निनेत्राः पुरःसद्स्तेभ्यः स्वाहा ये देवा यमनेत्रा दक्षिणासद्स्तेभ्यः स्वाहा ये देवा विश्वदेवनेत्राः पश्चात्-सद्स्तेभ्यः स्वाहा ये देवा मित्रावर्रुणनेत्रा वा मुरुन्नेत्रा वोत्तरासद्स्तेभ्यः स्वाहा ये देवाः सोमेनेत्राऽउपरिसदो दुवस्वन्तुस्तेभ्यः स्वाहा ॥३६॥

Ye devā' agninetrāḥ puraḥsadastebhyaḥ svāhā ye devā yamanetrā dakṣiṇāsadastebhyaḥ svāhā ye devā viśvadevanetrāḥ paścātsadastebhyaḥ svāhā ye devā mitrāvaruṇanetrā vā marunnetrā vottarāsadastebhyaḥ svāhā ye devāḥ somanetrā' uparisado duvasvantastebhyaḥ svāhā.

Honour and salutations in truth of word and sincerity of heart to those men of knowledge and nobility in the eastern quarters of the republic who are dedicated to light and electricity.

Honour and salutations in truth of word and sincerity of action to those noble men of justice in the southern quarters of the republic who are dedicated to the practice and discipline of the social and personal ethics of yoga.

Honour and salutations in truth of word and reason to those noble men of knowledge in the western quarters of the republic whose science and philosophy shines in the scholars of the nation.

Honour and salutations in truth of word and gratitude to those noble men of peace and bliss in the northern quarters of the republic who deal with everyone equally and justly as the wind touches all equally and who guide the nation to Dharma and strength as the circuit of prana and apana energy strengthens and

ennobles the body and mind.

Honour and salutations in truth of word and reverence to those noble men of knowledge and Dharma in the upper quarters of the republic who bless the nation with the gift of soma and good health and longevity.

# 37. (Agni Devata, Devavata Ŗshi)

अग्ने सहस्व पृतेनाऽअभिमतिोरपस्य । दुष्टर्स्तर्न्नरतिविचीं धा युज्ञवीहसि ॥३७॥

Agne sahasva pṛtanā' abhimātīrapāsya. Duṣṭarastarannarātīrvarco dhā yajñavāhasi.

Agni, enlightened ruler, face and defeat the enemy, remove the proud, overcome poverty and selfishness, and, hero of invincible prowess, fill this land with honour and brilliance.

# 38. (Rakshoghna Devata, Devavata Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। उपार्थशोर्वीर्येण जुहोमि हृतःर्क्षः स्वाहा रक्षसां त्वा वधायावधिषम् रक्षोऽवधिषमामुमसौ हृतः ॥३८॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūśṇo hastābhyām. Upāmśorvīryeṇa juhomi hatam rakṣaḥ svāhā rakṣasām tvā vadhāyāvadhisma rakso' vadhismāmumasau hatah.

Ruler of the republic, in this sacred land of Lord Savita's creation, in truth of word and action, I accept, consecrate and celebrate you, protected by the arms of the Ashwinis, the fiery brilliance of the sun and the soothing serenity of the moon, blest by the generous hands of Pusha, the powers of health and nourishment, and supported by the prowess of your close associates, the

council and the army.

I accept and consecrate you for the destruction of evil. The evil is destroyed. We must punish the wicked, destroy him. Yes, he is destroyed.

#### 39. (Rakshoghna Devata, Devavata Rshi)

स्विता त्वी स्वानीथंसुवताम्गिनर्गृहपेतीनाथंसोमो वनस्पती-नाम् । बृहस्पेतिर्वाचऽइन्द्रो ज्यैष्ठ्याय रुद्रः पृशुभ्यौ <u>मित्रः</u> स्त्यो वर्रुणो धर्मपतीनाम् ॥३९॥

Savitā tvā savānām suvatāmagnirgṛhapatīnām somo vanaspatīnām. Bṛhaspatirvāca' indro jyaiṣṭhyāya rudraḥ paśubhyo mitraḥ satyo varuṇo dharmapatīnām.

Ruler of the land, may Savita, creator and promoter of honour and prosperity, inspire you. You are like the fire of the householders' yajna, sap and life of the herbs and trees, truth of the heart of the good, friend and favourite of the servants and protectors of Dharma. For the advancement of learning, you are like Brihaspati, lord of knowledge. For the greatness and glory of the land, you are like Indra, lord of glory. For the animals, you are like Rudra, lord protector of the animals.

#### 40. (Yajamana Devata, Devavata Rshi)

इमं देवाऽअसप्तरस्वध्वं मह्ते क्ष्रत्रायं मह्ते ज्येष्ठ्याय मह्ते जानेराज्यायेन्द्रस्ये<u>न्द्रि</u>यायं । इमम्मुष्यं पुत्रम्मुष्यं पुत्रम्स्यै <u>वि</u>शऽएष वोऽमी राजा सोमोऽस्माकं ब्राह्मणानाः धं राजां ॥४०॥

Imam devā' asapatnam suvadhvam mahate kṣatrāya mahate jyaiṣṭhyāya mahate jānarājyā-yendrasyendriyāya. Imamamuṣya putramamuṣyai putramasyai viśa' eṣa vo'mī rājā somo' smākam brāhmaṇānām rājā.

Noble people of the land/world, this man (first among us all), son of a noble father, son of a noble mother, graceful as the moon and inspiring as soma, accepted and anointed as he is as the ruler, yours, ours, and others', Brahmanas, all, cooperate and render him free from conflict and opposition for the sake of a mighty republic, supreme sovereignty, the highest government of the people, the glory of the order of the world.

इति नवमोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-X

#### 1. (Apah Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

अपो देवा मधुमतीरगृभ्णुन्नूर्जस्वती राजुस्वॢश्चितीनाः। याभिर्मित्रावरुणावुभ्यिषञ्चन् याभिरिन्द्रमनेयुन्तत्यरीतीः ॥१॥

Apo devā madhumatīragṛbhṇannūrjasvatī rājasvaścitānāḥ. Yābhirmitrāvaruṇāvabhya-siñcan yābhir-indramanayannatyarātīḥ.

Noble men of wisdom and virtue obtain waters/ energies, sweet, invigorating, illuminating and enlightening by which they strengthen, cleanse and consecrate their prana, udana, and electric vitalities and ward off all conflicts and negativities of life.

## 2. (Vrisha Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

वृष्णीऽक्रमिरिसि राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में देहि स्वाहा वृष्णीऽक्रमिरिसि राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रममुष्मै देहि वृषसेनोऽसि राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में देहि स्वाहौ वृषसेनोऽसि राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रममुष्मै देहि ॥२॥

Vṛṣṇa'ūrmirasi rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me dehi svāhā Vṛṣṇa'ūrmirasi rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai dehi vṛṣaseno'si rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me dehi svāhā vrsaseno'si rāstradā rāstramamusmai dehi.

Mighty lord, shower of generosity, bringer of prosperity wave on wave, maker of the nation and builder of the republic, give me a sovereign republic of human values and just policies.

Illustrious lord of generosity, ocean of knowledge of polity, harbinger of prosperity and comfort to the people, bless him (bless all of them) with the unity of the nation and dignity of the republic with truth of word and action.

Generous lord of a mighty force, maker of the republic, give me a world republic of universal values and universal peace.

Generous lord of universal power of love and Dharma, maker of the world, give us all a world state of universal love and universal Dharma.

# 3. (Apampati Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

अर्थेते स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहार्थेते स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्तौजेस्वती स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहौजेस्वती स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्तापेः परिवाहिणी स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्तापेः परिवाहिणी स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्तापां पतिरिप्त राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में देहि स्वाहाऽपां पतिरिप्त राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै देहि राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै देहि स्वाहापां गभौऽित राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै देहि ॥३॥

Artheta stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me datta svāhā'rtheta stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai dattaujasvatī stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me datta svāhaujasvatī stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai dattā-'
paḥ parivāhiṇī stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me datta
svāhā'paḥ parivāhiṇī stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai dattā'pāṁ patirasi rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ
me dehi svāhā'pāṁ patirasi rāṣṭradā
rāṣṭraṁ me dehi svāhā'pāṁ garbho'si rāṣṭradā
rāṣṭramamuṣmai dehi.

Men of the country striving for wealth, builders of the nation, keep on striving, build a republic of truth in word and action for me. Men of wealth, go on striving for prosperity, contributing to the republic, and give him and all a great republic.

Brilliant women of the republic, maintain your vigour and brilliance, contributing to the republic, and build for me a nation of love and justice. Keep up your genius and vigour contributing to the republic, and give him and all a great nation.

Married women of the nation, dear as water and the breath of life to your partners, stay good and faithful in your love to your home, contributing to the families of the nation and give me a state of true discipline and virtue. Keep the channels of the nation flowing, contributing to the growth of the nation's life, and give him and all a dynamic state of brilliant leaders.

Lord of the waters of the state, builder of a progressive state, give me a dynamic state of governance in truth of word and action. Lord of the national movements, keep the flow on for the nation and give him and all a state of clean governance and administration.

Protector of the waters, generous giver of the republic, give me an affluent state of prosperity with values of truth and honesty. Protector of national progress, contributing to management and development, give him and all a republic, a state and a nation marching ahead and onward.

# 4. (Surya etc. Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

सूर्यंत्वचस स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहा सूर्यंत्वचस स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रममुष्मै दत्त सूर्यंवर्चस स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहा सूर्यंवर्चस स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रममुष्मै दत्त मान्दो स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहा मान्दो स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रममुष्मै दत्त व्रजिक्षते स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त स्वाहो व्रजिक्षते स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्त् वाशां स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त् स्वाहा वाशां स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्त् शविष्ठा स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त स्वाहा शविष्ठा स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्त्त् शक्वेरी स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त्त्त स्वाहा शक्वेरी स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त्त्त्वाहां जन्भृतं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त्त्त्वाहां जन्भृतं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रं में दत्त्त्त्त्वाहां जन्भृतं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्त विश्वभृतं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्ता विश्वभृतं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्तापंः स्वराजं स्थ राष्ट्रदा राष्ट्रम्मुष्मै दत्ता। मधुमतीर्मधु-मतीभिः पृच्यन्तां महिं क्षुत्रं क्षुत्रियाय वन्वानाऽअनाधृष्टाः सीदत सहौजेसो महिं क्षुत्रं क्षुत्रियाय दर्धतीः ॥४॥

Sūryatvacasa stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭraṁ me datta svāhā sūryatvacasa stha rāstradā rāstramamuşmai datta sūryavarcasa stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā sūryavarcasa stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta māndā stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā māndā stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta vrajaksita stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā vrajaksita stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta vāśā stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā vāśā stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai datta śaviṣṭhā stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā śavisthā stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta śakvarī stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā śakvarī stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta janabhṛta stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā janabhrta stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai datta viśvabhṛta stha rāstradā rāstram me datta svāhā viśvabhṛta stha rāstradā rāstramamusmai datta āpaḥ svarāja stha rāṣṭradā rāṣṭramamuṣmai datta. Madhumatīrmadhumatībhih pṛcyantāṁ mahi kṣatraṁ ksatriyāya vanvānā anādhrstāh sīdata sahaujaso mahi ksatram ksatriyāya dadhatīh.

Members of the Council, bright as the sun in your bearing, makers of the nation, give me a great republic with the values of truth and justice. Stay firm in your brilliance of bearing contributing to the nation, and give the common man a republic of truth and justice.

Leaders of the land, men of learning, illustrious in character as the sun, makers of the nation, be firm in your brilliance of learning, and give me a state of learning and enlightenment in truth of word and values. Stay firm in your brilliance, contributing to the nation, and give to the citizen a nation of learning and wisdom.

Men of vision and arts, creating joy in words of vision and light, be happy makers of the nation and give me a nation of happy people. Stay firm and strong in joy contributing to the nation, and create for the common man a nation of happiness and joy in truth of value and virtue.

Farmers, living in your farms with the wealth of animals, makers of the nation in truth of word and simplicity of character, give me a nation rich in food and milk. Farmers and husbandmen, stay firm, contributing to the nation, and give to the common man a nation of happy and satisfied people.

Be men of will and ambition, makers of the nation, and give me a nation of courage and action in truth of word and deed. Stay firm in your will, contributing to the nation, and inspire the people to be a nation with passion for development and progress.

Be men of strength and prowess, makers of the nation, and give me a nation of power and prestige in truth of word and sincerity of character. Stay firm in your determination, contributing to the nation, and give to the citizens a nation of strength and dignity.

Women of the land, makers of the nation, be strong and powerful, and give me a nation of disciplined and virtuous young heroes of truth and honesty of word and action. Stay firm in your strength and dignity, contributing to the nation, and build up a nation of strong and heroic people for the citizens.

Be sustainers of the people, makers of the nation in words of truth and action in discipline, and give me a nation of happy and disciplined people. Stay firm in your generosity, supporting the people, contributing to the nation, and give the citizens a state of happy and disciplined people.

Be sustainers of the world, makers of a worldstate in truth of word and action, and give me a universal nation of common human values. Stay firm, supporting the people of the world, contributing to the world state, and give to humanity one order of governance and organization of freedom for every citizen of the world.

People of knowledge, Dharma and universal values, brilliant in your own right of character and wisdom, makers of a world nation in truth of word and action, stay brilliant and firm and give to every citizen of the world a world order of governance and universal justice.

Women of the world, sweet as honey and deeply loving, meet with others equally sweet and loving, keen and anxious for a grand world order and conscientiously working for a supreme sovereign world state, stay fearless and, holding and sustaining that great world order for

the sovereign rulers, sit and participate with men of equal power and brilliance.

# 5. (Agni & Others Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

सोमस्य त्विषिर<u>सि</u> तवैव मे त्विषिर्भूयात् । अग्नये स्वाहा सोमीय स्वाही स<u>वि</u>त्रे स्वाहा सर्रस्वत्यै स्वाही पूष्णे स्वाहा बृह्स्पर्तये स्वाहेन्द्रीय स्वाहा घोषीय स्वाहा श्लोकीय स्वाहाथंशीय स्वाहा भगीय स्वाहीर्युम्णे स्वाही ॥५॥

Somasya tviṣirasi taveva me tviṣirbhūyāt. Agnaye svāhā somāya svāhā savitre svāhā sarasvatyai svāhā pūṣṇe svāhā bṛhaspataye svāhendrāya svāhā ghoṣāya svāhā ślokāya svāhā'mśāya svāhā bhagāya svāhā'ryamṇe svāhā.

Ruler of the land, you are the brilliance of Soma, light of the nation's glory. May my light of dignity be like yours. For the knowledge and power of fire and electricity for the nation, let there be specific and factual language and study of science. For Soma, life-sciences, knowledge of biology and medicine; for the sun, astronomy and cosmology; for Saraswati (Veda and education), grammar and Vedanga, i.e., auxiliary studies on the subject; for Pusha (pranic vitality and material growth), yoga and economics; for Brihaspati (lord of the universe), spiritual knowledge; for Indra (lord of the senses, jivatma, the soul), intelligence and inner light; for language and communication, effective teaching and discussion; for poetry and composition, poetics; for the subtle elements of nature, science of atoms; for honour and prosperity, industry and dedication; for Aryama (leader of justice), politics of value and jurisprudence.

#### 6. (Apah Devata, Varuna Rshi)

प्वित्रे स्थो वैष्ण्व्यौ सिवतुर्वः प्रस्वऽउत्पुनाम्यिच्छिद्रेण प्वित्रेण् सूर्यंस्य रृष्टिमिभः । अनिभृष्टमिस वाचो बन्धुस्तपोजाः सोमस्य दात्रमिस् स्वाहो राजस्तः ॥६॥

Pavitre stho vaiṣṇavyau saviturvaḥ prasava' utpunāmyacchidreṇa pavitreṇa sūryasya raśmibhih. Anibhṛṣṭamasi vāco bandhustapojāḥ somasya dātramasi svāhā rājasvaḥ.

Ruler of the land/President of the council, free from pollution of mind and character, seasoned and tempered in the discipline of austerity, dedicated as a brother to the sacred voice of knowledge, you are an instrument of Soma, nature's power of health and growth.

Both of you (ruler and people, teachers and students, boys as well as girls), endowed with universal virtues of mind and character, stay pure and unsullied. In this holy world of Lord Savita's creation, I sanctify you all with a ceaseless flow of the purest rays of the sun and the light of higher knowledge. Act in truth of word and deed and create noble heroes for the nation.

# 7. (Varuna Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

स्धमादौ द्युम्निनीरापेऽएताऽअनिधृष्टाऽअप्स्यो वसीनाः। पुस्त्यासु चक्रे वर्रुणः स्धस्थम्पाछंशिशुर्मातृतेमास्वन्तः॥७॥

Sadhamādo dyumninīrāpa' eta' anādhṛṣṭā' apasyo vasānāḥ. Pastyāsu cakre varuṇaḥ sadhasthamapām śiśurmātṛtamāsvantaḥ.

The ruler, best choice of the people, should send the children of the mothers/nation to residential schools of the most affectionate and motherly teachers —

mothers/nation, free and fearless, intelligent and educated, cool as water, smart at work, shining in prosperity, brilliant in achievement, living happy and together in beautiful homes.

# 8. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

क्षुत्रस्योत्वेमिस क्षुत्रस्य ज्राय्वेसि क्षुत्रस्य योनिरिस क्षुत्रस्य नाभिरसीन्द्रस्य वार्त्रीष्टमिस <u>मित्रस्यिष</u> वर्रणस्या<u>सि</u> त्वयायं वृत्रं वेधेत् । दृवािस रुजािस क्षुमािस । पातैनं प्राञ्चे पातैनं प्रत्यञ्चे पातैनं <u>ति</u>र्यञ्चे <u>दि</u>ग्भ्यः पति ॥८॥

Kṣatrasyolvamasi kṣatrasya jarāyvasi kṣatrasya yonirasi kṣatrasya nābhirasīndrasya vārtraghnamasi mitrasyāsi varuṇasyāsi tvayā'-yam vṛtraṁ vadhet. Dṛvā'si rujāsi kṣumāsi. Patainam prāñcaṁ pātainaṁ pratyañcaṁ pātainaṁ tiryañcaṁ digbhyaḥ pāt.

Ruler of the nation, you are the strength and shield of the people, first cover of the republic, creator of its honour and dignity, and centre-pin of its governance. You are like the thunderbolt of lightning for the clouds of the enemy. You are friends with the friends and best with the good. By you and with you the nation would eliminate the simulators, the evaders and the hypocrites. You are a destroyer of the forts of evil and a plague upon the enemy.

Defend him in all directions, from all directions, front, back and cross-wise.

# 9. (Prajapati Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

आविर्म'र्याऽआवित्तोऽअग्निर्गृहपे<u>ति</u>रावित्तऽइन्द्रो वृद्धश्रेवाऽ-आवित्तौ <u>मि</u>त्रावर्रुणौ धृतव्रेतावावित्तः पूषा <u>वि</u>श्ववेदाऽ-आवित्तेद्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी <u>वि</u>श्वशेम्भुवावा<u>वि</u>त्तादितिरुरुशेम्मा॥९॥ Āvirmaryā'āvitto'agnirgṛhapatirāvitta'indro vṛddhaśravā' āvitau mitrāvaruṇau dhṛtavratāvāvittaḥ pūṣā viśvavedā'āvitte dyāvāpṛthivī viśvaśambhuvāvāvittāditi-ruruśarmmā.

All ye mortals, men and women, if the fire, sustainer of the home, or the man of knowledge and wisdom brilliant as agni (light) is well-known, and beneficent to you, if the man who has heard and attained the knowledge of all the Shastras is well-known and beneficent, if Indra, the man of power commanding the forces is well-known and committed to you, if friends and noble people dedicated to vows of goodness and virtue are close to you and kind, if Pusha, versatile man of medicine, giver of health and longevity is well-known and kind, if the heavens and electric energy and the earth are well-known and generous, if the mother and mother nature, generous givers of abundant love and joy, are well known, loved with reverence, and generous to you — if you know, love and respect all these and they are kind and generous to you, then happiness is assured for you.

#### 10. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Rshi)

अवैष्टा दन्द्रशूकाः प्राचीमारौह गायत्री त्वीवतु रथन्तरःसामे त्रिवृत् स्तोमो वसन्तऽऋतुर्ब्रह्म द्रविणम् ॥१०॥

Aveṣṭā dandaśūkāḥ prācīmāroha gāyatrī tvāvatu rathantaram sāma trivṛt stomo vasanta' ṛturbrahma draviṇam.

Cross the hurdles on the way, eliminate the deadly biters, go forward (east) and rise to the heights. And while you drive on the chariot of life, may the light of Gayatri lead you on; the music of the Samans inspire you; the triple strength of body, mind and speech empower you; the three fold voice of the Veda (knowledge, action and prayer) exhort you; and may the beauty of the spring season, the vision of the universe and the wealth of existence bless you on the way.

#### 11. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

दक्षिणामारौह त्रिष्टुप् त्वीवतु बृहत्सामे पञ्चद्श स्तोमौ ग्रीष्मऽऋतुः क्षुत्रं द्रविणम् ॥११॥

Dakṣiṇāmāroha triṣṭup tvāvatu bṛhatsāma pancadaśa stomo grīṣma' ṛtuḥ kṣatram draviṇam.

Go forward on the right (south) and rise to the heights. And while you are on the way, the light of science contained in the Trishtup verses would reveal to you; the fifteenfold strength of great Samans (five pranas, five senses, and five elements) would empower you; the heat of the summer season would hasten your speed, and the splendour of governance and the wealth of existence would bless you.

#### 12. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Rshi)

प्रतीचीमारीह् जर्गती त्वावतु वैरूपःसामं सप्तद्श स्तोमौ वर्षाऽऋतुर्विड् द्रविणम् ॥१२॥

Pratīcīmāroha jagatī tvāvatu vairupam sāma saptadaśa stomo varṣā' ṛturviḍ draviṇam.

Go forward west, and rise high, and the various science of wealth contained in the Jagati verses would reveal to you; the seventeen-fold power of the Samans (five organs of volition, five objects of volition, five subtle elements and the science of cause and effect of

materials) would enrich you; and the showers of the rainy season and the economic wealth of the world would bless you.

## 13. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

उदीचीमारोहानुष्टुप् त्वावतु वैराजश्सामैक<u>वि</u>श्श स्तोर्मः शरदृतुः फलुं द्रविणम् ॥१३॥

*Udīcīmārohanuṣṭup tvāvatu vairājam sāmaika-vimśa stomaḥ śaradṛtuḥ phalam draviṇam.* 

Go forward north and rise high, and the art of communication of knowledge contained in Anushtup verses would reveal to you; the twenty-one-fold various brilliance of the Samans (sixteen potentials, faculties of the soul, four-fold effort for fulfilment in life and the freedom of action) would enlighten you; and the length of winter years and wealth of the fruits of service would bless you.

# 14. (Yajamana Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

<u>क</u>र्ध्वामारोह पुङ्किस्त्वावतु शाक्वररैवृते सामेनी त्रिणव-त्रय<u>स्त्रि</u> श्शौ स्तोमौ हेमन्तशि<u>शि</u>रावृतू वर्चो द्रविणुं प्रत्येस्तुं नमुचेः शिर्रः ॥१४॥

Ūrdhvāmaroha paṅktistvāvatu śākvararaivate sāmanī triṇavatrayastrimsau stomau hemanta-śiśīrāvṛtū varco draviṇam pratyastam namuceḥ śirah.

Move up and rise high, and the knowledge contained in the Pankti verses, Shakvara and the Raivata parts of the Samans, the knowledge of the three divisions of time (past, present and future), the science of nine numbers (1-9), and of the thirty-three powers of nature

(8 Vasus, 11 Rudras, 12 Adityas, Indra, i.e., electric energy, and yajna, i.e., cosmic chemistry) would reveal to you; the lustre of knowledge and discipline and the wealth of life would bless you. The heads of the sinner, the thief and the preventer would be down.

#### 15. (Paramatma Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

सोमस्य त्विषिर<u>सि</u> तवैव मे त्विषिर्भूयात् । मृत्योः पाह्योजोऽ<u>सि</u> सहौऽस्यमृतमसि ॥१५॥

Somasya tviṣirasi taveva me tviṣirbhūyāt. Mṛtyoḥ pāhyojo'si saho'syamṛtamasi.

You are the light of majesty and magnificence. May your light be mine too. You are the lustre of life, the constancy of courage, and the immortality of existence. Save me from mortality.

## 16. (Mitra-Varuna Devate, Varuna Ŗshi)

हिरंण्यरूपाऽउषसौ विरोकऽउभाविन्द्राऽउदिथः सूर्यंश्च । आरोहतं वरुण <u>मि</u>त्र गर्त्तं तर्तश्चक्षाथामदि<u>तिं</u> दितिं च <u>मि</u>त्रोऽ<u>सि</u> वर्रुणोऽसि ॥१६॥

Hiraṇyarūpā' uṣaso viroka' ubhāvindrā' udithaḥ suryaśca. Ārohataṁ varuṇa mitra gartam tatścakṣāthāmaditiṁ ditiṁ ca mitro'si varuṇo'si.

You are Mitra, friend of all. You are Varuna, the best of all and subduer of the enemies. Both of you are bright and powerful like gold, like the sun, like Indra. And just as the sun and the moon with their light light up the night and the dawn, so you too, with your illuminating actions, rise and enlighten the world around you. Ascend your chariot of knowledge, watch the world

of permanence and impermanence, and spread the light.

#### 17. (Kshatrapati Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

सोर्मस्य त्वा द्युम्नेनाभिषिञ्चाम्यग्नेभ्राजिसा सूर्यस्य वर्चसेन्द्रे-स्येन्द्रियेण क्षुत्राणां क्षुत्रपतिरेध्यति <u>दि</u>द्यून् पहि ॥१७॥

Somasya tvā dyumnenābhiśiñcamyagnerbhrājasā sūryasya varcase'ndrasyendriyeṇa kṣatrāṇāṁ kṣatrapatiredhyati didyūn pāhi.

I anoint and consecrate you as the ruler with the light and grace of the moon, the brilliance of fire, the glory of the sun, and the swiftness of sense and mind like the velocity of electricity. Ascend the throne of the republic to do more than justice to the seat of governance. Develop the missiles of defence and protect and promote knowledge, Dharma and prosperity of the nation.

# 18. (Yajamana Devata, Devavata Ŗshi)

ड्रमं देवाऽअसप्तनःसुवध्वं महृते क्षृत्रायं महृते ज्यैष्ठ्याय महृते जानराज्यायेन्द्रस्ये<u>न्द्रि</u>यायं । इममुमुष्यं पुत्रमुमुष्यं पुत्रमुस्यै <u>वि</u>शऽएष वोऽमी राजा सोमोऽस्माकं ब्राह्मणानाथ्धं राजा॥१८॥

Imam devā' asaptanam suvadhvam mahate kṣatrāya mahate jyaiṣṭhyāya mahate jāna-rājyāyendrasyendriyāya. Imamamuṣya putramamuṣyai putramasyai viśa' -eṣavo'mī rājā somo'smākam brahmaṇānām rājā.

This brilliant man of knowledge and virtuous character, son of a noble father and of a noble mother is our ruler, yours, ours and of all others, all Brahmanas, i.e., the learned community of the land.

Noble and educated men of the land and senior

members of the army, all support him for the establishment of a grand world order of governance, for a great enlightened and meritorious community, for a great democracy of the people and for the dignity and honour of a mighty state. Let us render him universally acceptable so that he has to face no rival, no adversary, no enemy.

## 19. (Yajamana Devata, Devavata Ŗshi)

प्र पर्व'तस्य वृष्भस्यं पृष्ठान्नावंश्चरन्ति स्वसिचंऽइयानाः । ताऽआवंवृत्रन्नध्रागुदंक्ताऽअहिं बुध्न्युमनु रीयंमाणाः । विष्णो<u>र्वि</u>क्रमणम<u>सि</u> विष्णोर्विक्रन्तिम<u>सि</u> विष्णोः क्रान्त-मसि ॥१९॥

Pra parvatasya vṛṣabhasya pṛṣṭhānnāvaścaranti svasica' iyānāḥ. Tā' āvavṛtrannadharāgudaktā' ahiṁ budhnyamanu rīyamāṇāḥ. Viṣṇorvikramaṇamasi viṣṇorvikrāntamasi viṣṇoḥ krāntamasi.

From the top of the cloud, over the top of clouds, flying boats, fuelled and driven, roam around in the sky like boats on the sea. Piloted from down below on earth, soaring up like clouds into the sky, they pursue the clouds as Indra pursued Vritra. Master-maker of the nation, in the wide spaces of Lord Vishnu, you are capable of creating various kinds of motion. You are capable of creating special and definite steers of motion as the wind's. You are the cause and source of motion and speed by the power of energy.

#### 20. (Prajapati Devata, Devavata Rshi)

प्रजापते न त्वदेतान्यन्यो विश्वां रूपाणि परि ता बंभूव । यत्कामास्ते जुहुमस्तन्नौऽअस्त्वयमुमुष्यं <u>पि</u>तासावस्य <u>पि</u>ता वयःस्याम् पत्रयो रयीणाश्चंस्वाहां । रुद्व यत्ते क्रि<u>वि</u> पर् नाम् तस्मिन् हुतमस्यमेष्टमं<u>सि</u> स्वाहां ॥२०॥

Prajāpate na tvadetānyanyo viśvā rupāņi pari tā babhūva. Yatkāmāste juhumastanno astvayamamuṣya pitā'sāvasya pitā vayam syāma patayo rayīṇām svāhā. Rudra yatte krivi param nāma tasmin hutamasyameṣṭamasi svāhā.

Prajapati, Lord Supreme, father and protector of created beings, there is none other than you over, above and beyond, to be, to know, and to reveal all the forms of existence in the world.

Whatever the aim, object or desire for which we worship you, may that be fulfilled for us.

Father and guardian as you are of the seen and the unseen world, so may we be masters and guardians of the riches of life in truth of word and action.

Rudra, Lord of justice and punishment, destroyer as you are of evil, that is the supreme name by which we worship you and celebrate you in the home in truth of word with honest action.

# 21. (Kshatrapati Devata, Devavata Ŗshi)

इन्द्रेस्य वज्रोऽसि <u>मि</u>त्रावरुणयोस्त्वा प्रशास्त्रोः प्रशिषां युनन्मि। अर्व्यथाये त्वा स्वधाये त्वारिष्टो अर्जुनो मुरुतां प्रस्वेने ज्यापामु मेनसा समिन्द्रियेण ॥२१॥

Indrasya vajro'si mitrāvararuṇayostvā praśāstroḥ praśiṣā yunajmi. Avyathāyai tvā svadhāyai tvā'riṣṭo arjuno marutām prasavena jayā -pām manasā samindriyena. Ruler of the land, you are like the thunderbolt of Indra (lightning) in power, inviolable, clean and spotless. I appoint you by the advice of the Governor of the council and the commander of the army for the exercise of your official powers freely and constructively without pain or fear or tyranny. Act with the inspiration, advice and support of the positive yajnic people of dynamic spirit and win your victories/goals. We are with you with all our will and power.

#### 22. (Indra Devata, Devavata Rshi)

मा तेऽइन्द्र ते व्ययं तुराषा॒डयुक्तासोऽअब्रह्मता विदेसाम । तिष्ठाः रथमधि यं वेज्ञह्स्ता र्श्मीन्दैव यमसे स्व-श्वीन् ॥२२॥

Mā ta' indra te vayam turāṣāḍayuktāso abrahmatā vidasāma. Tiṣṭhā rathamadhi yam vajrahastā raśmīn deva yamase svaśvān.

Indra, Ruler of the land, hero of the thunderbolt in hand, swift as you are in action and victory over the enemy, may we, your officers and people, never, disaffected, fall off from you. May you too never suffer disaffection from Ishwara and never fall off from your faith.

Hero of the people, thunderbolt in hand, ascend and ride the chariot, take the reins in hand by which you drive the steeds and, swift in action, achieve your goals.

## 23. (Agni & Others Devatas, Devavata Rshi)

अग्नयें गृहपंतये स्वाहा सोमाय वनस्पतेये स्वाहां मुरुतामोजेसे स्वाहेन्द्रेस्येन्द्रियाय स्वाहां । पृथिवि मातुर्मा मा हि॰सीमोऽअहं त्वाम् ॥२३॥ Agnaye gṛhapataye svāhā somāya vanaspataye svāhā marutāmcjase svāhendrasyendriyāya svāhā. Pṛthivi mātarmā mā himsīrmo' aham tvām.

Ruler and chiefs of the nation, provide and promote for agni, the enlightened householder, a true policy of value and virtue; for soma, herbs and trees, forestry and knowledge of Botany; for the strength, energy and lustre of the most dynamic people (maruts), yoga and peace-giving words; for the honour of Indra, ruler, right conduct and good reading; for the working efficiency of the soul (Indra), good instruction and practice. Mother earth, hurt me not. Nor shall I hurt you. Mother mine, ruin me not with wrong instruction. Nor must I hurt you (with ingratitude).

## 24. (Surya Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

हुःसः शु<u>चिषद्वस</u>्रंरन्तरिक्ष्मसद्धोतां वे<u>दिषदितिथिर्दुरोणसत् ।</u> नृषद्वर्मसदृत्तसद्व्योमसद्ब्जा गोजाऽऋतजाऽअद्विजाऽऋतं बृहत् ॥२४॥

Haňsaḥ śuciṣadvasurantarikṣasaddhotā vediṣadatithirduroṇasat. Nṛṣadvarasdṛta-sadvyomasadabjā gojā' ṛtajā adrijā ṛtaṁ bṛhat.

Ishvara, the Supreme Soul of the Universe, is the maker of forms from elements, present in all forms of purity, universal abode of all, present in the sky, creator of the universal yajna, present in and on the earth, holy as a sacred visitor, present in the homes, humans, the best of things, eternal nature and its law, and in all space, creator of the waters, stars and planets, giver of the light of eternal knowledge of the Veda, creator of the clouds, mountains and forests, the very Truth and Law Itself, and the greatest and highest of existence.

### 25. (Surya Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

इयंद्रस्यायुर्रस्यायुर्मियं धेहि युङ्ङं<u>सि</u> वर्चों ऽ<u>सि</u> वर्चों मियं धेह्यूर्ग्स्यूर्ज्नं मियं धेहि । इन्द्रस्य वां वीर्यकृतौ बाहूऽ-अभ्युपावहरामि ॥२५॥

Iyadasyāyurasyāyurmayi dhehi yunnasi varco' si varco mayi dhehyurgasyūrjjam mayi dhehi. Indrasya vām vīryakṛto bāhū' abhyupāvaharāmi.

You are so vast, so far, so great, wherever my eye goes. You are life Itself. Give me life and longevity. You join me with you in samadhi. You are the light and lustre of existence. Give me that lustre. You are Energy Itself. Give me energy.

Ruler and people of the land, you are the arms of the Lord of Power, creator of virility. I take you both close to Him.

# 26. (Asandi Rajapatni Devate, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

स्योनासि सुषदासि क्ष्त्रस्य योनिरसि । स्योनामासीद सुषदामासीद क्ष्त्रस्य योनिमासीद ॥२६॥

Syonāsi' suṣadāsi kṣatrasya yonirasi. Syonāmāsīda suṣadāmāsīda kṣatrasya yonimāsīda.

Woman of power: You are the beauty and grace of life, giver of peace and joy, and mother-maker of the nation. Come, take up your office of dignity to create joy and comfort for the people around and do justice to the judgement seat of the nation.

# 27. (Varuna Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

निषंसाद धृतव्रेतो वर्रणः पुस्त्यास्वा । साम्रोज्याय सुक्रतुः ॥२७॥ Niṣasāda dhṛtavrato varuṇaḥ pastyāsvā. Sāmrājyāya sukratuḥ.

The man committed to national vows of Dharma, dedicated to noble actions, first and best of choice for justice, should occupy the offices of power and administration for the governance of the republic.

# 28. (Yajamana Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

अभिभूरेस्येतास्ते पञ्च दिशः कल्पन्तां ब्रह्मँस्त्वं ब्रह्मासि सिवतासि सत्यप्रसवो वर्मणोऽसि सत्योजाऽइन्द्रोऽसि विशौजा रुद्रोऽसि सुशेर्वः । बर्हुकार् श्रेयेस्कर् भूयेस्करेन्द्रस्य वज्रोऽसि तेने मे रध्य ॥२८॥

Abhibhūrasyetāste Pañca diśaḥ kalpantām brahmamstvam brahmā'si savitā'si satyaprasavo varuņo'si satyaujā indrosi viśaujā rudro'si suśevaḥ. Bahukāra śreyaskara bhūyaskarendrasya vajro'si tena me radhya.

Subduer of the evil and the wicked, you are the dominant ruler. May all the five directions be favourable to you. Man of spiritual vision and knowledge, you are a scholar of the Vedas and creator of all comfort and joy, light and honour with noble actions of truth. Man of first and best choice, possessed of excellence, truth is your real power and lustre. Man of dignity and majesty, your greatness lies in the strength and support of the people. Man of justice, destroyer of sin and crime, harbinger of various kinds of happiness, doer of good over and over again, you are the thunderbolt of lightning action. With that instant power, protect me, save me, perfect me.

#### 29. (Agni Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

अग्निः पृथुर्धर्मे'ण्स्पतिर्जुषाणोऽअग्निः पृथुर्धर्मे'ण्स्पतिराज्येस्य वेतु स्वाहा । स्वाहोकृताः सूर्येस्य रृष्टिमभिर्यतध्वश्सजातानी मध्यमेष्ठ्याय ॥२९॥

Agniḥ pṛthurdharmaṇaspatirjuṣāṇo' agniḥ pṛthurdharmaṇaspatirājyasya vetu svāhā. Svāhākṛtāḥ sūryasya raśmibhiryatadhvam sajātānām madhyameṣthyāya.

Just as agni (fire), great and expansive, observer of Dharma, served in yajna, receives the libations and, sitting in the midst of its associate created materials and living beings, atomizes the materials and, with the rays of the sun radiates them into space, so should the ruler, brilliant, great and expansive like fire, observe his/her Raj Dharma, and in truth with justice, serve the nation. So should also the noble and honest members of the Council, in truth of word and action, observe their Dharma and try to serve the nation.

## 30. (Savita & Others Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

स<u>िवत्रा प्रसिवित्रा सर्रस्वत्या वाचा त्वष्ट्री रू</u>पैः पूष्णा पृशु<u>भि</u>रिन्द्रेणास्मे बृहुस्पतिना ब्रह्मणा वर्रुणेनौजेसाग्निना तेजसा सोमेन राज्ञा विष्णुना दशम्या देवतया प्रसृतः प्रसर्णाम ॥३०॥

Savitra prasavitrā sarasvatyā vācā tvṣṭrā rūpaiḥ pūṣṇapaśubhirindreṇāsme bṛhaspatinā brahmaṇā varuṇenaujasā'gninā tejasā somena rājñā viṣṇunā daśamyā devatayā prasūtaḥ pra sarpāmi.

Inspired by Lord Savita, the creator of life, for creativity, enlightened by the sacred word of the Veda by the grace of Saraswati, the Lord's spirit of

omniscience, projecting various forms of development by the grace of Twashta, the Lord's power of art, breathing the generosity of the earth (Pusha) to nourish the animals and other living creatures, realizing the possibilities of growth through electric energy by the grace of Indra, the Lord's power and force of nature, with the magnanimity of Brihaspati, the Lord's immanence in the universe and His eternal wisdom revealed in the Veda, with a sense of honour and obligation by the grace of Varuna, the Lord's majesty and glory, with the heat of fire by the grace of Agni, the Lord's light and refulgence, with the soothing vitality and beneficence of mind like the vitality of Soma and beauty of the moon, and with broadness of mind inspired by the Lords omnipresence in the universe, the tenth attribute of the Lord as Vishnu, and finally, supported by the will and words of our people inspired, shaped and committed thus I (the ruler) move on in the business of governance.

# 31. (Kshatrapati Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

अ्शिवभ्यां पच्यस्व सरंस्वत्ये पच्यस्वेन्द्राय सुत्राम्णे पच्यस्व। वायुः पूतः प्वित्रेण प्रत्यङ्क्सोमो अतिस्त्रुतः । इन्द्रेस्य युज्यः सर्खा ॥३१॥

Aśvibhyām pacyasva sarasvatyai pacyasvendrāya sutrāmņe pacyasva. Vāyuḥ pūtaḥ pavitreṇa pratyanksomo atisrutaḥ. Indrasya yujyaḥ sakhā.

Ruler/officer/citizen, develop and be mature by the instructions of the teacher and the preceptor. Be mature for the attainment of knowledge and wisdom, and for decent communication. Develop yourself and prepare for the honour and defence of the nation. Seasoned and sanctified as the pure wind through noble conduct and performance, be worthy of respect and admiration. Rise in knowledge, dignity and grace, be lovable as soma and the moon, and you would be a chosen companion of Indra, the ruler, and the Supreme Lord of life.

## 32. (Kshatrapati Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

कुविद्कष्त यर्वमन्तो यर्व <u>चि</u>द्यथा दान्त्यनुपूर्वं <u>वि</u>यूये । इहेहैषां कृणु<u>हि</u> भोजना<u>नि</u> ये बहिषो नर्मऽउ<u>क्तिं</u> यजन्ति । उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यश्विभ्यां त्वा सरस्वत्यै त्वेन्द्रीय त्वा सुत्राम्णे ॥३२॥

Kuvidanga yavamanto yavam cidyathā dāntyanupūrvam viyūya. Ihehaiṣām kṛṇuhi bhojanāni ye barhiṣo nama' uktim yajanti. Upayāmagṛhīto' syaśvibhyām tvā sarasvatyai tvendrāya tvā sutrāmņe.

Ruler/Man of knowledge and honour, seasoned and sanctified you are in the discipline of education by teachers and preceptors. We accept you for the sake of knowledge and effective speech, in the service of the republic, for the honour and defence of the nation.

Senior men of knowledge sitting around the fire on seats of grass chant words of homage in praise of the divine. Treat them to food and liberal hospitality with reverence.

The farmers harvest barley in a certain order, sift the grain from the chaff and keep it safe. Protect the farmers, and, like them, sift the grain of truth from the chaff of untruth and protect the truth.

#### 33. (Ashwinau Devate, Shunahshepa Rshi)

युवःसुरामेमश्विना नर्मचावासुरे सर्चा । <u>विपि</u>पाना श्रीभस्पतीऽइन्द्वं कर्मीस्वावतम् ॥३३॥

Yuvam surāmamaśvinā namucāvāsure sacā. Vipipānā śubhaspatī' indram karmasvāvatam.

President of the council and commander of the forces, bright and beneficent as the sun and the moon, dedicated to truth, protectors of the republic, and promoters of good social developments, both of you safeguard and advance the man of power and prosperity (such as the producer or the ruler or the administrator) who is whole heartedly and unfailingly dedicated to generous acts of public good (like the cloud showering rain for humanity).

# 34. (Ashwinau Devate, Shunahshepa Rshi)

पुत्रिमेव <u>पि</u>तरविश्विनोभेन्द्रावथुः काव्यैर्दुःसनीभिः । यत्पुरामं व्यपिबः शर्ची<u>भिः</u> सरस्वती त्वा मघवन्नभिष्णक् ॥३४॥

Putramiva pitarāvaśvinobhendrāvathuḥ kāvyairdamsanābhiḥ. Yatsurāmam vyapibaḥ śacībhiḥ sarasvatī tvā maghavannabhiṣṇak.

Ruler of the land/President of the council, you have enjoyed the delightful exhilaration of life by virtue of noble intelligence and wonderful exploits worthy of celebration in song. May your wife, with the vision and wisdom of Saraswati, spirit of poetry, serve and celebrate you in the home.

President of the council, and Commander of the forces, both of you, with the order and approval of the ruler, and with actions worthy of song in poetry, defend the nation and the land as parents guard and promote their children.

इति दशमोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XI

### 1. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युञ्जानः प्रेथमं मेनस्तत्त्वाय सिवता धिर्यः। अग्नेर्ज्योतिर्निचार्य्यं पृथिव्याऽअध्याभेरत् ॥१॥

Yuñjānaḥ prathamam manastattvāya savitā dhiyaḥ. Agnerjyotirnicāyya prithivyā'adhyābharat.

The man desirous of spiritual vision and earthly brilliance in search of the essence of spirit and matter, should concentrate his senses, mind and memory, direct it all on the universal energy immanent in nature, collect the light of Agni, Supreme Spirit and universal power, and bring that knowledge of experience down to the earth.

## 2. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युक्तेन मनेसा वयं देवस्य सिवतुः सवे । स्वग्र्याय शक्त्यो ॥२॥

Yuktena manasā vayam devasya savituḥ save. Svargyāya śaktyā.

We men of yoga, in this world of Lord Savita's creation, with all our mind and energy collected, concentrated and directed on the Spirit/on the object of our search, bring the light of heaven to the earth to turn it into a very paradise.

# 3. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युक्त्वार्य स<u>वि</u>ता देवान्स्वर्यतो <u>धि</u>या दिवेम् । बृहज्ज्योतिः करिष्यतः स<u>वि</u>ता प्रसुवा<u>ति</u> तान् ॥३॥ Yuktvāya savitā devāntsvaryato dhiyā divam. Bṛhajjyotiḥ kariṣyataḥ savitā prasuvāti tān.

The yogis, noble people, trying to reach the regions of light and heavenly bliss with their mind and sense, refine their faculties as instruments of divination into the light and mystery of infinity. Savita, Lord of light and generator of life, inspires their mind and soul and helps them to join with the object of their love and ambition.

## 4. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युञ्जते मर्नऽउत युञ्जते धियो विप्रा विप्रस्य बृह्तो विप्रिश्चतः । वि होत्रा दधे वयुनाविदेकऽइन्मही देवस्य सि<u>वितुः</u> परिष्टुतिः ॥४॥

Yuñjate mana'uta yuñjate dhiyo viprā viprasya bṛhato vipaścitaḥ. Vi hotrā dadhe vayunāvideka' inmahī devasya savituḥ pariṣṭutiḥ.

Great is the glory and high the praise of Savita, generous creator of light and life, the one mighty, infinite, all seeing, all-knowing lord of the universe. He alone receives all our prayers and sacrifices. Thereon do yogis, men of wisdom and vision, concentrate their mind and intelligence — only there and nowhere else.

#### 5. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युजे वां ब्रह्मं पूर्व्यं नम<u>ोभि</u>विं श्लोकेऽएतु पृथ्येव सूरेः । शृण्वन्तु विश्वेऽअमृतेस्य पुत्राऽआ ये धार्मानि <u>दि</u>व्यानि तस्थुः॥५॥

Yuje vām brahma pūrvyam namobhir viśloka'etu pathyeva sūreḥ. Śṛṇvantu viśve'amṛtasya putrā' ā ye dhāmāni divyāni tasthuḥ.

I join, and join you both, with the eternal lord of the universe with hymns of praise and prayer as did the yogis of old. May our song of prayer reach its divine destination by the sure path of the great and the wise seers. Listen all ye children of Immortality who inhabit the holy worlds of the Lord's creation and join to reach the goal.

# 6. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यस्यं प्रयाणमन्वन्यऽइद्ययुर्देवा देवस्यं महिमानुमोर्जसा । यः पार्थिवानि विमुमे सऽएतंशो रजार्थंसि देवः सं<u>वि</u>ता महित्वना ॥६॥

Yasya prayāṇamanvanya'idyayurdevā devasya mahimānamojasā. Yaḥ pārthivāni vimame sa' etaśo rajāmsi devaḥ savitā mahitvanā.

The great Lord Savita with His own power and majesty has created all the regions of the earth and heaven. He is the lord of light omnipresent in this world whose great path of Dharma and yoga all the noble people and others have followed with all their power and potential.

# 7. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवे सिवतः प्रसुव युज्ञं प्रसुव युज्ञपं<u>तिं</u> भगीय । <u>दि</u>व्यो गन्ध्वंः केत्पूः केतेन्नः पुनातु वाचस्प<u>ति</u>र्वाचे नः स्वदतु ॥७॥

Deva savitah prasuva yajñam prasuva yajñapatim bhagāya. Divyo gandharvah ketapūh ketam nah punātu vācaspatirvācam nah svadatu.

Savita, lord of light and glory, light our yajna and promote our action for the attainment of happiness

and prosperity. Bless and promote the yajnapati to achieve honour and wealth. Lord sustainer of the earth, brilliant and holy, giver and purifier of life and knowledge, purify our science and consecrate our pursuit. Lord giver and purifier of speech, purify and elevate our speech with sweetness and grace.

## 8. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

इमं नो देव सवितर्युज्ञं प्रणीय देवाव्यः सखिविदेः सत्राजिते धनुजितेश्वंस्वर्जितेम् । ऋचा स्तोमः समर्धय गायत्रेणे रथन्तरं बृहद् गीयुत्रवर्त्तिन् स्वाही ॥८॥

Imam no deva savitar yajñam praṇaya devāvyam sakhividam satrājitam dhanajitam svarjitam. Ŗcā stomam samardhaya gāyatreṇa rathantaram bṛhad gāyatravarttani svāhā.

Savita, lord of life and inspiration, light, promote and expand this yajna of ours which protects our noble people and the virtues of our character, favours our friends, wins our yajnic sessions of truth and gives us wealth and happiness. Let it prosper with the chants of Rgvedic hymns and advance into the wealth of Dharma and knowledge with the truth of word and honesty of action. Let it rise with the gayatri verses revealing the paths of progress and prosperity to be covered and won through the scientific gifts of rathantara, modes of speed and progress.

# 9. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रंस्<u>वेतुःश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्त</u>ाभ्याम्। आदेदे गायत्रेण् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वत्पृ<u>धि</u>व्याः स्**धस्थाद्**गिंन पुरी्ष्यमङ्गिर्स्वदार्भर् त्रैष्टुंभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वत् ॥९॥ Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave' śvinorbāhubhyam pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ādade gāyatreṇa chandasā-ṅgirasvatpṛthivyāḥ sadhasthādagniṁ purīṣya-maṅgirasvadābhara traiṣṭubhena chandasā-ṅgirasvat.

Man of knowledge and vision, I accept and welcome you as a man initiated by fire in this world of Savita's creation alongwith the force and attraction of the energy of prana and the attraction and retention of the life-giving air.

Take up the study of agni (heat and electricity) immanent in the earth and revealed in the gayatri verses, and discover and develop for us its energy value like that of prana, the breath of life. Discover the energy-potential of the waters revealed in the trishtubh verses, and develop it like the blazing ambers of fire.

## 10. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अभ्रिर<u>सि</u> नार्य<u>ीस</u> त्वया व्यम्गिनःशिकेम् खिनतुःसधस्थ आ । जार्गतेन छन्दसाङ्गिरुस्वत् ॥१०॥

Abhrirasi nāryasi tvayā vayamagnim śakema khanitum sadhastha ā. Jāgatena chandasāngirasvat.

Man of scholarship and imagination, you are a tool of discovery and development of yajnic value for humanity. Living together with you, let us be able to discover the secrets and then develop the power of agni (fire and electricity) with the help of the jagati verses of the Veda — agni which is like the very breath of life.

## 11. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

हस्तेऽआधार्यं स<u>वि</u>ता बिभ्रदभ्रिःहिर्ण्ययीम् । अग्ने-ज्योति<u>र्</u>निचार्य्यं पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअध्याभर्दानुष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्-स्वत् ॥११॥

Hasta ādhāya savitā bibhradabhrim hiraņyayīm. Agnerjyotirnicāyayya pṛthivyā'adhyābharadānuṣṭubhena chandasāṅgirasvat.

Savita, the creative man of science, having taken up and holding a golden spade, should dig out and collect the light and power of agni (electricity) with the help of the anushtubh verses of the Veda and bear it on the earth like the life-breath of humanity.

#### 12. (Vaji Devata, Nabhanedishta Ŗshi)

प्रतूर्तं वा<u>जि</u>न्नाद्रेव वरिष्ठामनुं संवर्तम् । <u>दि</u>वि ते जन्मे पर्ममन्तरिक्षे तव नाभिः पृ<u>थि</u>व्याम<u>धि</u> यो<u>नि</u>रित् ॥१२॥

Pratūrtam vājinnādrava varisthāmanu samvatam. Divi te janma paramamantarikse tava nābhih pṛthivyāmadhi yonirit.

Warlike man of heroic knowledge, come flying on the wings at top speed, best and well-controlled. You are a child of the region of the sun, your navel, centre hold, is in the middle regions of the sky, and your home and values are on the ground.

# 13. (Vaji Devata, Kushri Ŗshi)

युञ्जाथा॒छंरासंभं युवम्स्मिन् यामे वृषण्वसू । अग्निं भर्गन्तमसम्युम् ॥१३॥

Yuñjāthām rāsabham yuvam asmin yāme vṛṣaṇvasū. Agnim bharantamasmayum.

Man of science and man of technology, both of you creators of a shower of wealth, yoke this horse-power of fire/electricity to this carriage bearing and taking us to our destination.

# 14. (Kshatrapati Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

योगे योगे त्वस्तेरं वाजे वाजे हवामहे । सर्खायुऽइन्द्रमूतये ॥१४॥

Yoge yoge tavastaram vāje vāje havāmahe. Sakhāya'indramūtaye.

Friends, in project on project, and battle after battle, we call upon Indra, our powerful ruler, to protect us and defend the country.

#### 15. Ganapati Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

प्रतूर्वन्नेह्यंवक्रामन्नशंस्ती रुद्रस्य गाणेपत्यं मयोभूरेहि । उर्वुन्तरिक्षं वीहि स्वस्तिगेव्यृतिरभेयानि कृण्वन् पूष्णा सयुजी सह ॥१५॥

Pratūrvannehyavakrāmannaśastī rudrasya gāṇapatyam mayobhūrehi. Urvantarikṣam vīhi svasti gavyūtirabhayāni kṛṇvan pūṣṇa sayujā saha.

Overpowering the enemies, crushing the oppositions, go forward and, creating peace and wellbeing, come on top of the forces of the lord of justice (Rudra).

Creating fearlessness all round, moving on the paths of peace and welfare, with strengthening and supporting comrades, rise to the vast skies.

#### 16. (Agni Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः सधस्थादिग्नि पु<u>री</u>ष्यमङ्गिरस्वदार्भराग्नि पु<u>री</u>ष्यमङ्गि-रुस्वदच्छेमोऽग्नि पुरीष्यमङ्गिरुस्वद्भरिष्यामः ॥१६॥

Pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthādagnim purīṣyamaṅgirasvadābharāgnim purīṣyamaṅgirasvadacchemo'gnim purīṣyamaṅgirasvad bhariṣyāmaḥ.

Man of knowledge and vision, from the surface of the earth/from the midst of the sky, isolate and collect heat/magnetic/electric energy, a source of comfort like the light of the sun. From the surface of the earth/from admidst the sky, we collect in abundance heat/electric/magnetic energy, a source of comfort like the breath of air. From the depths of the earth/heights of the sky, we shall collect heat/magnetic/electric energy in abundance, a source of comfort and prosperity like the breath of life.

#### 17. (Agni Devata, Purodha Rshi)

अन्वग्निरुषसामग्रेमख्यदन्वहोनि प्रथमो जातवेदाः । अनु सूर्यंस्य पुरुत्रा चे रुश्मीननु द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽआतेतन्थ ॥१७॥

Anvagniruṣasāmagramakhyadanvahāni prathamo jātavedāḥ. Anu sūryasya purutrā ca raśmīnanu dyāvāpṛthivī'ātatantha.

The original agni (fire) is present in every thing that is born in the universe. It is there before the dawn, and with the dawn it proclaims the day. It is there before the sun, and with the sun it pervades the rays of light across the earth, the skies and the heavens.

(As the original fire pervades the heat and light

of existence, so should the learned man spread the light of knowledge everywhere).

#### 18. (Agni Devata, Mayobhu Rshi)

आगत्यं वाज्यध्वानुःसर्वा मृधो विधूनुते । अग्निःसुधस्थे महुति चक्षुषा निर्चिकीषते ॥१८॥

Āgatya vājyadhvānam sarvā mṛdho vidhūnute. Agnim sadhasthe mahati cakṣuṣā nicikīṣate.

The war-horse, having come on the course, shakes the enemy in battle. The house-holder, in his extensive home, loves to collect, light and watch the fire.

(So should the ruler of the land shake the enemies, light the fire of yajna and enlighten the people with education).

# 19. (Agni Devata, Mayobhu Rishi)

आक्रम्यं वाजिन् पृ<u>थि</u>वीमुग्निमिच्छ रुचा त्वम् । भूम्यां वृत्वायं नो ब्रू<u>हि</u> यतुः खनैमु तं व्यम् ॥१९॥

Ākramya vājin pṛthivīmagnimiccha rucā tvam. Bhūmyā vṛtvāya no brūhi yataḥ khanema taṁ vayam.

Hero of light, speed and power, having shaken the enemies and having settled the earth in peace, you take up agni (power and gold) with interest and excitement, and ask us to go over the land so that we may dig out and develop the same.

#### 20. (Kshatrapati Devata, Mayobhu Rshi)

द्यौस्ते पृष्ठं पृ<u>श्</u>यिवी सुधस्थमात्मान्तरिक्षःसमुद्रो योनिः । विख्याय चक्षुषा त्वमुभि तिष्ठ पृतन्यतः ॥२०॥ Dyauste pṛṣṭham pṛthivī sadhasthamātmāntarikṣam samudro yoniḥ. Vikhyāya cakṣuṣā tvamabhi tiṣṭha pṛtanyataḥ.

Enlightened ruler of the land, your past is as bright as the sun, your present seat is firm as the earth, your soul is magnanimous as the vast sky, your origin is as deep as the ocean. Look round with your eye and be firm and strong to face the challenges.

## 21. (Dravinoda Devata, Mayobhu Ŗshi)

उत्क्रीम महते सौभेगायास्मादास्थानीद् द्रविणोदा वीजिन्। वयथंस्यीम सुमृतौ पृश्विव्याऽअगिंन खर्नन्तऽउपस्थैऽ-अस्याः ॥२१॥

Utkrāma mahate saubhagāyāsmādāsthānād draviņodā vājin. Vayam syāma sumatau pṛthivyā' agnim khananta' upasthe' asyāḥ.

Man of power and action, giver of wealth, rise up from this place of ours for the sake of great good fortune so that, digging out the wealth of the earth hidden in her womb (that is agni, gold and energy), we may be prosperous and feel secure in our proper mind.

#### 22. (Dravinoda Devata, Mayobhu Rshi)

उर्दक्रमीद् द्रविणोदा वाज्यर्वाकः सुलोकःसुकृतं पृथि-व्याम् । ततः खनेम सुप्रतीकमुग्निश्धस्वो रुहाणाऽअधि नाकमुत्तमम् ॥२२॥

Udakramīd draviņodā vājyarvākaḥ sulokam sukṛtam pṛthivyām. Tataḥ khanema supratīkamagnim svo ruhāṇā' adhi nākamuttamam.

Man of science and technology, producer of wealth, just as a powerful impetuous steed gallops fast

and high on its course, so you rise and advance to win a beautiful, well-deserved state of joy, the best, a very paradise on earth. And then we too, desiring and working for a life of joy, shall dig out and collect from earth and air a wonderful golden wealth of energy and create a very heaven for all.

## 23. (Prajapati Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

आ त्वो जिघ<u>र्मि</u> मनेसा घृतेने प्रति<u>क्षियन्तं</u> भुवेना<u>नि</u> विश्वो । पृथुं तिर्श्चा वयेसा बृहन्तं व्यचिष्ठमन्नै रभुसं दृशोनम् ॥२३॥

Ā tvā jigharmi manasā ghṛtena pratikṣiyantam bhuvanāni viśvā. Pṛthum tiraścā vayasā bṛhantam vyaciṣṭhamannai rabhasam dṛśānam.

I take you up, O fire/wind, to study and celebrate with all my mind, besprinkled with the fragrance of ghee, co-existent with all things and all regions of the world, extensive, moving in all directions in waves, grown powerful with food, and so beautiful to perceive.

#### 24. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

आ <u>वि</u>श्वतेः प्रत्यञ्चे जिघर्म्यरक्षसा मनेसा तज्जीषेत । मर्च्यीश्री स्पृह्यद्वीणीऽअग्निर्ना<u>भि</u>मृशे तुन्वा, जभीराणः॥२४॥

Ā viśvataḥ pratyañcaṁ jigharmyarakṣasā manasā tajjuṣeta. Maryaśrī spṛhayadvarṇo' agnirnābhimṛśe tanvā jarbhurāṇaḥ.

I perceive agni (fire and vital air) directly in and from all directions. It is the beauty and wealth of humanity, lovely in form and colour, and, vibrating by and through the body, it is soothing and auspicious to feel and endure. Just as I take it up for study and celebration with an honest mind full of love and reverence, so you too all take it up and enjoy.

## 25. (Agni Devata, Somaka Ŗshi)

पि वार्जपितः कृविरिग्निह्व्यान्यंक्रमीत् । दध्द्रत्नोनि दाृशुषै ॥२५॥

Pari vājapatiḥ kaviragnirhavyānyakramīt. Dadhadratnāni dāśuṣe.

Agni, creator, producer, preserver and giver of food and energy, omniscient eye of the universe, holds and wields the wealth of the world for the generous and the deserving people. Through the fire, He receives and universally disperses the materials offered in yajna by the house-holders.

# 26. (Agni Devata, Payu Ŗshi)

परिं त्वाग्ने पुरें व्ययं विप्रेश्सहस्य धीमहि । धृषद्वेर्णं <u>दि</u>वे दिवे हुन्तारं भङ्गुरावेताम् ॥२६॥

Pari tvāgne puram vayam vipram sahasya dhīmahi. Dhṛṣadvarṇam dive dive hantāram bhaṅgurāvatām.

Agni/Commander of the forces, brilliant, courageous, enduring, awesome, pious and knowledgeable, defender of the weak and destroyer of the wicked, day in and day out we honour you, praise you, thank you in gratitude.

#### 27. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

त्वमेग्ने द्यु<u>भि</u>स्त्वमोशुशुक<u>्षणि</u>स्त्वमेद्भ्यस्त्वमश्मेनस्परि । त्वं वनेभ्यस्त्वमोषेधीभ्यस्त्वं नृणां नृपते जायसे शुचिः ॥२७॥ Tvamagne dyubhistvamāśuśukṣaṇistvamadbhyastvamaśmanaspari. Tvaṁ vanebhyastvamoṣadhībhyastvaṁ nṛṇāṁ nṛpate jāyase śuchiḥ.

Agni/Ruler/Yajamana, guardian and protector of the people, brilliant as daylight, instant in action against evil and darkness, from the waters and air, herbs, forests and sunbeams, thunder, cloud and granite, you take the best and rise pure and purer, strong and stronger among the people every day every way.

# 28. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्वेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तिभ्याम्। पृ<u>ष्</u>रिव्याः सधस्थादिग्नि पुरीष्यमङ्गिरस्वत् खेनामि । ज्योतिष्मन्तं त्वाग्ने सुप्रतीकमजित्रेण भानुना दीद्यंतम् । शिवं प्रजाभ्योऽहिंश्सन्तं पृ<u>षि</u>व्याः सधस्थादिग्नि पुरीष्यम-ङ्गिरस्वत् खेनामः ॥२८॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthādagnim purīṣyamaṅgirasvat khanāmi. Jyotiṣmantaṁ tvāgne supratīkamajasreṇa bhānunā dīdyatam. Śivaṁ prajābhyo'himsantaṁ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthādagniṁ purīṣyamaṅgirasvat khanāmaḥ.

In this yajnic world of Lord Savita's creation, (in the field of science and technology), with the attractionsustenance power of the earth and the sun, and the positive-negative circuit of universal energy, from the womb of the earth and the sky, I discover and develop the heat and light of agni, immanent and beneficent power of nature present like air everywhere.

Agni, lord of light, by your grace we discover

and develop the power of agni, electricity from the midst of the sky, since it is present universally like the breath of air — agni which is a source of light, bright and beautiful, blazing by the splendour of the eternal sun, injuring none, and a means of comfort and happiness for all the people.

#### 29. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

अपां पृष्ठम<u>िस</u> योनिर्ग्नेः समुद्रम्भितः पिन्वेमानम् । वधीमानो मुहाँ२॥ऽआ च पुष्केरे दिवो मात्रेया व<u>रि</u>म्णा प्रथस्व ॥२९॥

Apam pṛṣṭhamasi yoniragneḥ samudramabhitaḥ pinvamānam. Vardhamāno mahāň'ā ca puṣkare divo mātrayā varimṇā prathasva.

Agni, universal electric energy, you are the carrier of the waters and the mother of fire. Expanding the oceans (on earth and in the sky), yourself expanding on all sides, go on expanding with the expansive space of the heavens in the great womb of eternity.

# 30. (Dampati Devate, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

शर्मं च स्थो वर्मं च स्थोऽच्छिद्रे बहुलेऽउभे । व्यचेस्वती संवेसाथां भृतम्गिंन पुरीष्यम् ॥३०॥

Śarma ca stho varma ca stho'chidre bahule' ubhe. Vyacasvatī saṁvasāthāṁ bhṛtamagniṁ purīṣyam.

Man and wife, both of you live together in a comfortable home of peace and plenty, safety and security, in a state of abundance and uninterrupted happiness. Live together a long age with yajna which, well-maintained, is the best guardian-source of conjugal bliss.

#### 31. (Jayapati Devate, Gritsamada Rshi)

संवेसाथाथंस्व्विदां सुमीचीऽउरसा त्मना । अग्निमन्तर्भंरिष्यन्ती ज्योतिषमुन्तमजेस्रमित् ॥३१॥

Samvasāthām svarvidā samīcī'urasā tmanā. Agnimantarbhariṣyantī jyotiṣmantamajasramit.

Man and wife, come together with heart and soul in unison, fully caring for each other and all, attaining a state of conjugal bliss, and live in peace and joy a long age with yajna fire, eternal light immanent in all, giving life and energy to all — and extended through the yajna of technology to be a source of new power and comfort.

#### 32. (Agni Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

पुरीष्योऽसि <u>वि</u>श्वभेराऽअर्थर्वा त्वा प्रथमो निरंमन्थदग्ने । त्वामंग्ने पुष्केरादध्यर्थर्वा निरंमन्थत । मूर्ध्नो विश्वस्य वाुघतः ॥३२॥

Purīṣyo'si viśvabharā'atharvā tvā prathamo niramanthadagne. Tvāmagne puṣkarādadhyatharvā niramanthata. Mūrdhno viśvasya vāghataḥ.

Agni, fire/electric energy, present in everything, you are the sustainer of the world. The first man of highest knowledge of reality, 'Atharva', explores you on top of the world, collects you and brings you down from the sky.

## 33. (Agni Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

तम् त्वा द्ध्यङ्ङृषिः पुत्रऽईधेऽअर्थर्वणः । वृत्रहणं पुरन्द्रम् ॥३३॥ Tamu tvā dadhyaṅṅṛṣiḥ putra' īdhe'atharvaṇaḥ. Vṛtrahaṇaṁ purandaram.

Then 'Dadhyang', man of science and technology, and son-like disciple of the man of vision and science, 'Atharva', further lights and develops you, 'Indra', i.e., electric energy, breaker of the clouds and shatterer of the hidden sources.

# 34. (Agni Devata, Bharadwaja Ŗshi)

तम् त्वा पाथ्यो वृषा समीधे दस्युहन्तमम् । धनुञ्जयः रणे रणे ॥३४॥

Tamu tvā pāthyo vṛṣā samīdhe dasyuhantamam. Dhanañjayam raṇe raṇe.

Agni, energy existing in water and air, shower-like source of power, winner of wealth in project after project, destroyer of evil and wickedness, I develop you in a positive and constructive manner.

# 35. (Hota Devata, Devashrava & Devavata Ŗshis)

सीदं होतः स्वऽउं लोकं चिकित्वान्सादयां युज्ञःसंकृतस्य योनौ । देवावीर्देवान् हृविषां यजास्यग्ने बृहद्यजमाने वयो धाः ॥३५॥

Sīda hotaḥ sva'u loke cikitvāntsādayā yajñam sukṛtasya yonau. Devāvīrdevān haviṣā yajā-syagne bṛhadyajamāne vayo dhāḥ.

Hota, expert of the science of yajna, take your seat of bliss on the vedi, light and complete the yajna in the home of the noble yajamana. Agni, presiding power of yajna, developed and protected by the noble sages, feed the devas, powers of nature, with yajna materials and bless the yajamana with the great gift of health and longevity.

## 36. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

नि होतो होतृषदेने विदोनस्त्वेषो दी<u>वि</u>वाँ२॥ऽअसदत्सुदक्षेः। अदेब्धव्रतप्रम<u>ति</u>र्वसिष्ठः सहस्त्रम्भरः शुचिजिह्वोऽ-अग्निः ॥३६॥

Ni hotā hotṛṣadane vidānastveṣo dīdivāň' asadat sudakṣaḥ. Adabdhavratapramatir vasiṣṭhaḥ sahasrambharaḥ śucijihvo' agniḥ.

The young disciple, participant in the yajna of education, sits close to his teacher in the house of learning. Eager to learn and shine brilliant in virtue and Dharma, smart and strong in performance, he is dedicated fearlessly to the vows and values of his own conscious choice. Blest is he with a thousand virtues of generosity, with a tongue of purity like fire itself.

## 37. (Agni Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

सःसीदस्व महाँ२॥ऽअसि शोचेस्व देववीतेमः । वि धूममेग्नेऽअरुषं मियेध्य सृज प्रशस्त दर्शतम् ॥३७॥

Sam sīdasva mahān' asi śocasva devavītamaḥ. Vi dhūmamagne'aruṣam miyedhya sṛja praśasta darśatam.

Agni, venerable teacher, participating in the yajna of education, great indeed you are and most eminent of noble scholars. Shine and burn with the light of knowledge and purity. Take your preceptorial seat, remove the dark and create a full human being, handsome and brilliant as the day.

# 38. (Apah Devata, Sindhudweepa Rshi)

अपो देवीरुपंसृज् मधुंमतीरयृक्ष्मायं प्रजाभ्यः । तासामास्थानादुज्जिहतामोषंधयः सुपिप्पुलाः ॥३८॥ Āpo devīrupa sṛja madhumatīrayakṣmāya prajābhyaḥ. Tāsāmāsthānādujjihatāmoṣadhayaḥ supippalāḥ.

Man of science and medicine, create excellent waters of spirituous efficacy and with their use in horticulture produce medicinal herbs and fruits for treatment of the people against consumptive diseases.

# 39. (Vayu Devata, Sindhudweepa Rshi)

सं ते वायुमीतिरश्वी दधातूत्तानाया हृदेयं यद्विकेस्तम् । यो देवानां चरिस प्राणथेन कस्मै देव वर्षडस्तु तुभ्यम् ॥३९॥

Sam te vāyurmātariśvā dadhātūttānāyā hṛdayam yadvikastam. Yo devānām carasi prāṇathena kasmai deva vaṣaḍastu tubhyam.

Lady of the home, generous and broadminded, may the fragrant air of yajna sailing in the mother-sky support and inspire your liberal heart beaming with joy.

Lord of home, noble and generous, moving in the company of the blessed and the brilliant people with spirit and enthusiasm, may all my effort and action be for your good.

#### 40. (Agni Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

सुजातो ज्योतिषा सह शर्म वर्रूथमासेद्त्स्वः । वासोऽअग्ने विश्वरूप्श्संव्ययस्व विभावसो ॥४०॥

Sujāto jyotiṣā saha śarma varūthamā' sadatsvaḥ. Vāso' agne viśvarūpam samvyayasva vibhāvaso.

Agni/Grihastha, well-arisen with light and lustre, abide in peace and security in your happy home. Shining with beauty and prosperity, live decently, enjoy all forms and modes of dress and ornaments, without vanity.

#### 41. (Agni Devata, Vishvamana Rshi)

उर्दु तिष्ठ स्वध्वरावां नो देव्या <u>धि</u>या । दृशे चे भासा बृह्ता सुंशुक्व<u>नि</u>राग्ने याहि सुशुस्तिभिः ॥४१॥

Udu tiṣṭḥa svadhvarāvā no devyā dhiyā. Dṛśe ca bhāsā bṛhatā suśukvanirāgne yāhi suśastibhiḥ.

Agni, worthy house-holder of yajnic work and conduct of love and non-violence, arise, and, with noble and virtuous intelligence, advance and protect us. Brilliant as fire and the sun, go forward with great splendour and fame, doing laudable work for all to see.

## 42. (Agni Devata, Kanva Rshi)

कुर्ध्वऽकु षु णेऽकृतये तिष्ठी देवो न सं<u>वि</u>ता । कृर्ध्वो वार्जस्य सनिता यदुञ्जिभिर्वाघद्भि<u>र्विह्व</u>यामहे ॥४२॥

 $ar{U}rdhva'ar{u}$  șu ṇa' $ar{u}$ taye tiṣṭh $ar{a}$  devo na savit $ar{a}$ .  $ar{U}rdhvo$  v $ar{a}$ jasya sanit $ar{a}$  yada $ar{n}$ jibhirv $ar{a}$ sghadbhirvihvay $ar{a}$ mahe.

Learned teacher, of high quality of mind and intelligence, brilliant as the sun, stay firm for our protection and progress. Eminent scholar of science and technology as you are, you procure for us means of power and defence. We call upon you and honour you with the scholars of distinction and penetrative vision sharp as the beams of sunlight.

#### 43. (Agni Devata, Trita Rshi)

स जातो गभों 'ऽअसि रोदंस्योरग्ने चारुर्विभृतऽओषधीषु । चित्रः शिशुः परि तमा छंस्यक्तून् प्र मातृभ्योऽअधि कर्नि-क्रदद् गाः ॥४३॥ Sa jāto garbho'asi rodasyoragne cārurvibhṛta' oṣadhīṣu. Citraḥ śiśuḥ pari tamāmsyaktūn pra mātṛbhyo' adhi kanikradadgāḥ.

Learned teacher, man of knowledge, just as the morning sun, rising between the heaven and earth, beautiful, of various wonders, as its warmth is absorbed in the herbs, dispels the shades of darkness from the heaven and earth and moves on rising in its glory, so should the child grow up gaining the light of knowledge to shine in the life of its parents in the home.

### 44. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

स्थिरो भेव वीड्वङ्गऽआशुभीव वाज्यवंन् । पृथुभीव सुषद्स्त्वम्ग्नेः पुरीष्वाहणः ॥४४॥

Sthiro bhava vīḍvaṅga'āśurbhava vājyarvan. Pṛthurbhava suṣadastvamagneḥ purīṣavāhaṇaḥ.

Child, keen for knowledge, be firm in the matter of education. Strong of body, sharp and smart in action, fast in learning and doing, gain practical knowledge of life's affairs. Bright as fire and light, create a place of dignity for yourself. Enjoy great prosperity and support the people around.

#### 45. (Agni Devata, Chitra Rshi)

शिवो भेव प्रजाभ्यो मानुषीभ्यस्त्वमङ्गिरः । मा द्यावीपृथिवीऽअभि शौचीुर्मान्तरिक्षं मा वनस्पतीन् ॥४५॥

Šivo bhava prajābhyo mānuṣībhyastvamaṅgiraḥ. Mā dyāvāpṛthivī'abhi śocīrmā'ntarikṣaṁ mā vanaspatīn.

Sonny, dear as my breath of life, be good to the people, to all human creations. Damage not the earth

and the environment, pollute not the sky, do not desecrate the heavens. Do not destroy the trees and the forests.

## 46. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

प्रैतुं वाजी किनक्रद्वन्नानंदद्रासंभः पत्वा । भरेन्नगिंन पुरी्ष्युं, मा पाद्यायुषः पुरा । वृषागिंन वृषणं भरेन्नपां गर्भे समुद्रियम्। अग्नुऽआयोहि वीत्रये ॥४६॥

Praitu vājī kanikradannānadadrāsabhaḥ patvā. Bharannagnim purīṣyam mā pādyāyuṣaḥ purā. Vṛṣāgnim Vṛṣaṇam bharannapām garbham samudriyam. Agna'ā yāhi vītaye.

Dear son, educated and enlightened, vibrating, fast and fiery with electric energy, rushing, roaring, giving, shooting to the goal, fall not before the full years of your life are attained.

Potent, creative, procreative, bearing and using the versatile energy of electricity, bring the showers of rain, child of the sea, sky and solar power, down to earth for the good of all.

## 47. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

ऋतःसत्यमृतःसत्यम्गि पुरीष्यमङ्गिर्स्वद्भरामः। ओषेधयः प्रतिमोदध्वम्गिनमेतःशिवमायन्तम्भ्यत्रे युष्माः। व्यस्यन् विश्वाऽअनिराऽअमीवा निषीदेन्नोऽअपं दुर्मतिं जीहः॥४७॥

Rtam satyamṛtam satyamagnim purīṣyam-angirasvadbharāmaḥ. Oṣadhayaḥ prati-modadhvamagnimetam śivamāyantamabhyatra yuṣmāḥ. Vyasyan viśvā' anirā' amīvā niṣīdanno' apa durmatim jahi.

Children of the nation, we know the Divine Law,

simple, straight, constant and eternal. We observe it in life and conduct. We know the truth of existence, real and dynamic. We follow it in thought, word and deed. We bear and use 'agni', the energy of nature, life's mode of preservation and promotion, and scientific means of protection and prosperity. It blesses herbs, trees and other vegetation, and these give us health and energy.

Listen you all, this agni is come, so good and blissful. Welcome it in response and rejoice.

Be seated, man of science and medicine. Drive off all that is enervating and infectious. Throw off all that is stupid and ill-disposed.

# 48. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

ओषेधयः प्रतिगृभ्णीत् पुष्पेवतीः सुपिप्पृलाः । अयं वो गर्भीऽऋत्वियेः प्रतन्स्धस्थमासेदत् ॥४८॥

Oṣadhayaḥ pratigṛbhṇīta puṣpavatīḥ supippalāḥ. Ayaṁ vo garbha'ṛtviyaḥ pratnaṁ sadhasthamāsadat.

Come would be mothers (in response to the generosity of nature), take the soothing beauty of the herbal flowers and the nectar-sweets of fruit so that the timely arrival of the coming guest to the maternal womb may be auspicious.

#### 49. (Agni Devata, Utkeela Rshi)

वि पार्जसा पृथुना शोशुचीनो बाधस्व द्विषो रक्षसोऽअमीवाः। सुशमीणो बृहतः शमीणि स्यामुग्नेर्हःसुहर्वस्य प्रणीतौ ॥४९॥

Vi pājasā pṛthunā śośucāno bādhasva dviṣo rakṣaso' amīvāḥ. Suśarmaṇo bṛhataḥ śarmaṇi syāmagneraham suhavasya praṇītau.

Dear husband, blest with various strength and power, bright and pure as agni (light), great, prosperous and generous, dedicated to yajna and social life, stop and remove the jealous, hostile and wicked enemies of our married life, and I would live happy in your beautiful home of love and peace, observing your noble values of life.

#### 50. (Apah Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

आपो हि ष्ठा मेयोभुवस्ता नेऽक्रर्जे देधातन । मुहे रणीय चक्षेसे ॥५०॥

Āpo hi ṣṭhā mayobhuvastā na'ūrje dadhātana. Mahe raṇāya cakṣase.

Women, pure, cool and generous like holy waters, creators of domestic peace and conjugal joy, stay firm and constant and hold on with strength and energy to face the great and memorable battles of life with us.

## 51. (Apah Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

यो वेः <u>शि</u>वर्तमो रसस्तस्य भाजयतेह नेः । उशतीरिव मातरेः ॥५१॥

Yo vaḥ śivatamo rasastasya bhājayateha naḥ. Uśatīriva mātaraḥ.

Women, the most blissful pleasure and happiness of life that is yours and ours, create and share the same here in the home with us with the love and passion for motherhood.

## 52. (Apah Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

तस्माऽअरं गमाम वो यस्य क्षयाय जिन्वेथ । आपो जनयेथा च नः ॥५२॥ Tasmā'aram gamāma vo yasya kṣayāya jinvatha. Āpo janayathā ca naḥ.

Women, cool, pure and generous like holy waters, be active and happy and create conjugal peace and joy for a happy home for us and yourselves. And we too shall be wholly and exclusively with you with all our heart and soul.

## 53. (Mitra Devata, Sindhudveepa Ŗshi)

मित्रः स्रथ्मज्यं पृथिवीं भूमिं च ज्योतिषा सह । सुजीतं जातवैदसमयुक्ष्मायं त्वा सःसृजामि प्रजाभ्यः॥५३॥

Mitraḥ samsṛjya pṛthivīm bhūmim ca jyotiṣā saha. Sujātam jātavedasamayakṣmāya tvā sam sṛjāmi prajābhyaḥ.

Just as Mitra, the sun, joining the earth and the sky, illumines the two with its light, similarly I join you, Agni (yajna fire), brilliant and beautiful, and light you for the health and well-being of the people.

Just as you, husband and dear friend, having joined the earth and home with the light of your knowledge and sense of justice, give me love and joy for the health and happiness of the family and the people, so do I join and help you, man of noble birth and education, in the life of the home and the people.

### 54. (Rudra Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

रुद्राः सुःसृज्यं पृथिवीं बृहज्ज्योतिः समीधिरे । तेषां भानुरजस्त्रऽइच्छुक्रो देवेषु रोचते ॥५४॥

Rudrāḥ saṃsṛjya pṛthivīṁ bṛhajjyotiḥ samīdhire. Teṣām bhānurajasra' icchukro deveṣu rocate. Rudras (creative energies of the universe) create the earth and light it with the sun. The sun is the concentration of their energy and shines among the luminous objects continuously.

Similarly, men and women of knowledge and justice create the light and joy of life among the people and shine like the sun.

# 55. (Sineewalee Devata, Sindhudveepa Ŗshi)

सःसृष्टां वसुभी रुद्रैधीरैः कर्मण्यां मृदम् । हस्तिभ्यां मृद्वीं कृत्वा सिनीवाली कृणोतु ताम् ॥५५॥

Samsṛṣṭām vasubhī rudrairdhīraiḥ karmaṇyām mṛdam. Hastābhyām mṛdvīm kṛtvā sinīvalī krnotu tām.

Young man, just as an artist refines and softens his plastic material with his hands and creates a beautiful form, so a girl, soft and gentle, dexterous of hand and efficient in yajna ritual, shaped and refined by serious teachers of Vasu and Rudra (of twenty-four and thirty-six years) standing is worthy of your love. Win her love and take her to wife.

# 56. (Aditi Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

सिनीवाली सुकपर्दा सुकुरीरा स्वौप्शा । सा तुभ्यमदिते मुह्योखां दंधातु हस्तयोः॥५६॥

Sinīvālī sukapardā sukurīrā svaupaśā. Sā tubhyamadite mahyokhām dadhātu hastayoḥ.

Aditi, infinite creative power, mother of the universe, the young woman inspired with love, of beautiful hair, handsome of body, wearing beautiful

ornaments, virtuous in action and expert in food preparation carries in her hands a tray of delicious foods and waits on you.

57. (Aditi Devata, Sindhudveepa Ŗshi)

उखां कृणोतु शक्त्यां बाहुभ्यामिदिति<u>र्धि</u>या । माता पुत्रं यथोपस्थे साग्नि बिभर्त्तुं गर्भेऽआ । मुखस्य शिरौऽसि॥५७॥

Ukhām kṛṇotu śaktyā bāhubhyāmaditirdhiyā. Mātā putram yathopasthe sāgnim bibharttu garbha' ā. Makhasya śiro'si.

Young householder, you are the head of yajna. With her power, skill and intelligence, and, with her own hands, may Aditimake a tray of yajna materials for you.

Just as a mother holds her baby in her lap, so may your wife hold agni, a bright and vibrating foetus, in her womb in grihastha yajna.

58. (Vasu, Rudra, Aditya, Vishvedeva Devata, Sindhudveepa Ŗshi)

वसंवस्त्वा कृण्वन्तु गाय्त्रेण् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवासि पृथ्वित्यसि धारया मिय प्रजाछंरायस्पोषं गौपत्यः सुवीर्यः सजातान्यजेमानाय रुद्रास्त्वा कृण्वन्तु त्रैष्ट्रंभेन् छन्दं-साङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवास्यन्तरिक्षमिस धारया मिय प्रजाछंरायस्पोषं गौपत्यः सुवीर्यः सजातान्यजेमानायादित्यास्त्वा कृण्वन्तु जार्गतेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवासि द्यौरंसि धारया मिय प्रजाछंरायस्पोषं गौपत्यः सुवीर्यः सजातान्यजेमानाय विश्वे त्वा देवा वैश्वान्राः कृण्वन्त्वानुष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवासि द्यौरंसि धारया मिय प्रजाछंरायस्पोषं गौपत्यः स्विध्वेत्वा देवा वैश्वान्राः कृण्वन्त्वानुष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवासि दिशोऽसि धारया मिय प्रजाछंरायस्पोषं गौपत्यः सुवीर्यः सजातान्यजेमानाय ॥५८॥

Vasavastvā krnvantu gāyatrena chandasā'ngirasvad dhruvā'si prthivyasi dhārayā mayi prajām rāyasposam gaupatyam suvīryam sajātānyajamānāya rudrāstvā kṛṇvantu traistubhena chandasā'ngirasvad dhruvā'svantariksamasi dhārvā mayi prajām rāyasposam gaupatyam suvīryam sajātānyajamānayādityāstvā kṛṇvantu jāgatena chandasā'ngirasvad dhruvā'si dyaurasi dhāryā mayi prajām rāyasposam gaupatyam suvīryam sajātānyajamānāya viśve tvā devā vaiśvānarāh krnvantvānustubhena chandasā'ngirasvad dhruvā'si diśo'si dhāryā mayi prajām rāyasposam gaupatyam suvīryam saiātānyajamānāya.

Virgin girl, firm and strong you are like the breath of vitality, blissful and generous as earth. May the teachers of the Vasu order of 24 years prepare you with the inspiring gayatri verses to be my wife and give you unto me.

Bachelor youth, unshakeable as the vital air and tolerant as the earth, may the teachers of the Vasu order of 24 years prepare you with the inspiring gayatri verses to be my husband and give you unto me. Bless me with children, wealth of life, good health, economic prosperity, and honour and lustre. And the children would be for the yajamana, the teacher, for study.

Young woman, you are firm like the sky, full of love like the space between earth and heaven. May the teachers of the Rudra order of 36 years prepare you with the trishtup verses to be my wife and give you unto me.

Young man, you are firm like the sky, full of love like the space between earth and heaven. May the

teachers of the Rudra order of 36 years prepare you with the trishtup verses to be my husband and give you unto me. Get me children, wealth of life, good health, economic prosperity, and social honour and lustre. And the children would be for the yajamana, the teacher, for study.

Young and learned woman, you are inviolable like the light of the sun, brilliant and enlightening. May the teachers of the Aditya order of 48 years, with the jagati verses, give you unto me as wife.

Young man of learning, you are firm and invincible like the light of the sun, brilliant in character and behaviour. May the teachers of the Aditya order of 48 years, with the jagati verses, give you unto me as husband. Give me children, world fame, good health, economic prosperity and brilliance of well-being. And the children would be for the yajamana, a brilliant teacher, for study.

Blessed girl, you are firm and strong as the universal spirit of life among living beings, darling of space in all the directions. May all the learned sages and brilliant leaders of the world, with the anushtup verses, give you unto me as wife.

Blessed young man, firm and strong as the vital link of life among living beings, admired of everybody in all the directions, may all the learned sages and brilliant leaders of the world, with the anushtup verses, give you unto me as husband. Bless me with children, glory, health, economic prosperity and intellectual brilliance, and the pride of heroic motherhood. And the children would be for the yajamana, the teacher preceptor of truth, for study.

#### 59. (Aditi Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

अदित्यै रास्नास्यदितिष्टे बिलं गृभ्णातु । कृत्वाय सा महीमुखां मृन्मयीं योनिमग्नये । पुत्रेभ्यः प्रायेच्छ्ददितिः श्रुपयानिति ॥५९॥

Adityai rāsnāsyaditiste bilam gṛbhṇātu Kṛtvāya sā mahīmukhām mṛnmayīm yonimagnaye. Putrebhyah prāyacchadaditih śrapayāniti.

Mother teacher, you are the giver of knowledge for the girl-child, your disciple. Let the disciple receive your body of knowledge with observance of the discipline of 'brahmacharya' (celibacy and austerity).

Let the mother give the big, sacred, earthen sacrificial tray to the disciples to mix and cook the materials and prepare these for the fire of yajna.

### 60. (Vasus and others Devata, Sindhudveepa Rshi)

वसंवस्त्वा धूपयन्तु गाय्त्रेण् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वद् रुद्रास्त्वां धूपयन्तु त्रैष्टुंभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वदं <u>वि</u>त्यास्त्वां धूपयन्तु जार्गतेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वदं विश्वें त्वा देवा वैश्वान्ता धूपयन्त्वानुष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वदिन्द्रंस्त्वा धूपयन्तु वर्मणस्त्वा धूपयतु विष्णुं-स्त्वा धूपयतु ॥६०॥

Vasavastvā dhūpayantu gāyatreņa chandasāṅgirasvad rudrāstvā dhūpayantu traiṣṭubhena chandasāṅgirasvadādityāstva dhūpayantu jāgatena chandasāṅgirasvad viśve tvā devā vaiśvānarā dhūpayantvānuṣṭubhena chandasāṅgirasvad indrastvā dhūpayatu varuṇastvā dhūpayatu viṣṇustvā dhūpayatu.

Brahmachari/Brahmacharini, may the teachers of the first order of Vasus of 24 years standing, with gayatri verses, like the vitality of pranas, strengthen you with nourishing and delicious foods.

May the scholars of the higher order of Rudras of 36 years standing, with trishtup verses, like science, enlighten you with scientific method and discriminative knowledge.

May the scholars of the highest order of Adityas of 48 years standing, with jagati verses, like the purest air of the sky, temper you with right conduct and behaviour.

May the versatile scholars and men of wide experience of the world, with anushtup verses, like the vibrations of electric currents, vitalize you with inspiring advice and discussion.

May Indra, man of power in governance, train you in the art of management and administration. May Varuna, man of right choice, give you the right vision and will in practical ethics and politics of value. May Vishnu, man of comprehensive knowledge and yoga, train you in the practice of personal and collective yoga and yajna of cooperation and common pursuits.

# 61. (Aditi & others Devata, Sindhudveepa Ŗshi)

अदितिष्ट्वा देवी <u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यावती पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याः स्धस्थैऽ-अङ्गिर्स्वत् खेनत्ववट देवानां त्वा पत्नीर्देवी<u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यावतीः पृ<u>षि</u>व्याः स्धस्थैऽअङ्गिर्स्वद्दंधतूखे <u>ष</u>्धिषणांस्त्वा देवी<u>वि</u>श्व-देव्यावतीः पृ<u>षि</u>व्याः स्धस्थैऽअङ्गिर्स्वद्भीन्धतामुखे वस्त्रीष्ट्वा देवी<u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यावतीः पृ<u>षि</u>व्याः स्धस्थैऽ-अङ्गिर्स्वच्छ्रंपयन्तूखे ग्नास्त्वा देवी<u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यावतीः पृ<u>षि</u>व्याः स्धस्थैऽअङ्गिर्स्वत्पंचन्तूखे जनयस्त्वाच्छिन्नपत्रा देवी<u>वि</u>श्व-देव्यावतीः पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याः स्धस्थैऽअङ्गिर्स्वत्पंचन्तूखे ॥६१॥ Aditiṣṭvā devī viśvadevyāvatī pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe'aṅgirasvat khanatvavaṭa devānāṁ tvā patnīrdevīrviśvadevyāvatīḥ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe aṅgirasvaddadhatūkhe dhiṣaṇāstvā devīrviśvadevyāvatīḥ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe aṅgirasvadabhīndhatāmukhe varūtrīṣṭvā devīrviśvadevyāvatīḥ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe aṅgirasvachrapayantūkhe gnāstvā devīrviśvadevyāvatīḥ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe aṅgirasvatpacantūkhe janayastvāchinnapatrā devīrviśvadevyāvatīḥ pṛthivyāḥ sadhasthe aṅgirasvat pacantūkhe.

Innocent child, may the noble teachers, distinguished among the scholars of the world, at a settled place on the earth probe and open out your mind for development like the heat of fire.

Intelligent girl, may the wives of scholars, distinguished among scholars of the world, at a distinguished school on the earth, hold you in their care like the breath of life.

Ambitious girl, may the women of science and word-power, distinguished among scholars of the world, light up your will and intelligence like the vitality of their own life.

Industrious girl, keen for the wealth of knowledge like a yajna vessel, may the noble teachers, eminent among distinguished scholars of the world in the field of science, in a reputed school of the world, enlighten you and temper you to perfection like the light of the sun.

Brilliant girl, may the scholars of Vaidic knowledge, noble and distinguished among scholars of

the world, in some reputed institution of the world, enlighten you to fullness of resistance and action like the currents of electricity.

Dedicated girl, may the noble women of distinction, eminent among the scholars of the world, most meritorious and flying high in achievement, generous as teachers refine you and distil your human quality to perfection like the nectar of juices in the lap of mother earth in an ideal institution.

Dear girl, be with them and learn, and grow to human perfection.

### 62. (Mitra Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

<u>मि</u>त्रस्यं चर्षणी॒धृतोऽवों देवस्यं सान्सि । द्युम्नं <u>चि</u>त्रश्रंवस्तमम् ॥६२॥

Mitrasya carṣaṇīdhṛto'vo devasya sānasi. Dyumnaṁ citraśravastamam.

Lady of the house, honour and safeguard the old and auspicious wealth and reputation of your noble husband, friend and supporter of all and an admirable man of generosity and hospitality.

### 63. (Savita Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

देवस्त्वी सिवतोद्वीपतु सुपाणिः स्वेङ्गुरिः सुबाहुरुत शक्त्यी। अव्यथमाना पृ<u>थि</u>व्यामाशा दिशुऽआपृण ॥६३॥

Devastvā savitodvapatu supāṇiḥ svaṅguriḥ subāhuruta śaktyā. Avyathamānā pṛthivyāmāśā diśa'āpṛṇa.

Lady of the house, your noble husband, brilliant and generous like the sun, of long arms, beautiful hands

and lovely fingers, with his strength and potency may bless you with conjugal joy and children. You too, without fear or trouble, may fill the earth in all direction with hope and expectation.

### 64. (Mitra Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

उत्थायं बृहृती भ्वोदुं तिष्ठ ध्रुवा त्वम् । मित्रैतां तऽउखां परिददाम्यभित्त्याऽएषा मा भैदि ॥६४॥

Utthāya bṛhatī bhavodu tiṣṭha dhruvā tvam. Mitraitāṁ ta'ukhāṁ pari dadāmyabhittyā'eṣā mā bhedi.

Enlightened girl, arise, and having risen, be great and stay firm.

Friend, dear groom, I give unto you this noble and generous girl for wife wholly and exclusively for a free and fearless life. Never have any reservations with her, never entertain any differences with her as a matter of faith and trust

#### 65. (Vasus & others Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

वसंवस्त्वाच्छृन्दन्तु गाय्त्रेण् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वद्रुद्रास्त्वाच्छृन्दन्तु त्रैष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वदां<u>दि</u>त्यास्त्वाच्छृन्दन्तु जागतेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वद्विश्वे त्वा देवा वैश्वान्राऽआच्छृन्दन्त्वानुष्टुभेन् छन्दंसाङ्गिर्स्वत् ॥६५॥

Vasavastvā" chṛndantu gāyatreṇa chandasāṅgirasvadrudrāstvā" chṛndantu traiṣṭubhena chandasāṅgirasvadādityāstva" cchṛndantu jāgatena chandasāṅgirasvadviśve tvā devā vaiśvānarā'ācchṛndantvānuṣṭubhena chandasāṅgirasvat.

May the scholars of the first order of Vasus, with

the inspiring gayatri verses, kindle you like fire. May the scholars of the higher order of Rudras, with the enlightening trishtup verses, enlighten and firm you up, like pranic energy, in the triple discipline of knowledge, action and worship. May the scholars of the highest order of Adityas, like the sun, brighten you up with the jagati verses of world vision. May all the noble saints and sages of the world, with the elevating anushtup verses, enliven and sanctify you like the distilled essences of nature's powers.

### 66. (Agni & others Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

आकूतिमििंन प्रयुज्छंस्वाहा मनी मेधामिंन प्रयुज्छंस्वाही चित्तं विज्ञातमििंन प्रयुज्छंस्वाही वाचो विधृतिमििंन प्रयुज्छंस्वाही प्रजापतये मनेवे स्वाहाग्नये वैश्वान्राय स्वाही ॥६६॥

Ākūtimagnim prayujam svāhā mano medhāmagnim prayujam svāhā cittam vijnātamagnim prayujam svāhā vāco vidhṛtimagnim prayujam svāhā prajāpataye manave svāhā'gnaye vaiśvānarāya svāhā.

With truth of word and action, light the fire which inspires to courageous thinking and collective decision.

With truth and honesty of social behaviour, light up the inner vitality which inspires the mind to will and the intellect to analyse and understand the problems of life.

With honest social action, promote the agni, social will, which inspires chitta, instrument of knowledge, to think and preserve the knowledge already gained.

With truth of word and honesty of commitment, maintain the fire which inspires you to proclaim the truth in speech and to safeguard it in memory and tradition.

Keep up the fire of inspiration, action and enthusiasm for the preservation and promotion of agni (fire and energy, both physical and mental), lighted, used and applied in personal yoga and collective action in the service of Prajapati, lord of the created world, Manu, men of thought, research and meditation, Agni, the enlightened leaders of the world, and Vaishwanara, the omnipresent Life of existence — the Supreme.

(Keep up the fire, for the fire, in the service of Fire, Agni).

### 67. (Savita Devata, Atreya Ŗshi)

विश्वो देवस्य नेतुर्मर्तो वुरीत सुख्यम् । विश्वो रायऽईषुध्यति द्युम्नं वृणीत पुष्यसे स्वाहा ॥६७॥

Viśvo devasya neturmarto vurīta sakhyam. Viśvo rāya'iṣudhyati dyumnam vṛṇīta puṣyase svāhā.

Let the people of the world opt for the love and friendship of the leading Light of the world. Let them all gird up their loins, take up arms for the wealth of the world and win the prize of honour and prosperity with truth of word and deed. This is how you flourish.

#### 68. (Amba Devata, Atreya Rshi)

मा सु भित्था मा सु रिषोऽम्बे धृष्णु वी्रयेस्व सु । अग्निश्चेदं केरिष्यथः ॥६८॥

Mā su bhitthā mā su riṣo'mba dhṛṣṇu vīrayasva su. Agniścedaṁ kariṣyathaḥ.

Mother, alienate us not from learning. Hurt us not to ruin. Proud and bold, be valiant and take us to the end of the job with success. Mother and father/ Mother and child, doing thus bold and fine together like Agni, fire and the sun, you will accomplish the task on hand.

### 69. (Amba Devata, Atreya Ŗshi)

दृश्हंस्व देवि पृथिवि स्वस्तयंऽआसुरी माया स्वधयां कृतासि । जुष्टं देवेभ्यंऽइदमंस्तु हृव्यमरिष्टा त्वमुदिहि युज्ञेऽअस्मिन् ॥६९॥

Dṛmhasva devi pṛthivi svastaya'āsurī māyā svadhayā kṛtā'si. Juṣṭaṁ devebhya'idamastu havyamariṣṭā tvamudihi yajñe'asmin.

Noble woman of knowledge and brilliance, generous as mother earth, be strong and firm for the sake of peace and joy. By your own virtue, with food and water, you have realized the power vibrant in pranic energy. Pure and unsullied, rise in this home yajna and help us grow. The food you have prepared for the yajna and the knowledge you have gathered,may it be a gift for all the people.

### 70. (Agni Devata, Somahuti Ŗshi)

द्रवेन्नः सुर्पिरांसुतिः प्रत्नो होता वरेण्यः । सहंसस्पुत्रोऽअद्भृतः ॥७०॥

Drvannaḥ sarpirāsutiḥ pratno hotā vareṇyaḥ. Sahasasputro' adbhutaḥ.

Noble young man, living on herbs and fruits for food, and the fragrance of distilled ghee from yajna for 'drink' (breathing), a yajnic of long standing, choice of

the good, son of a bold and courageous man, wonderful of nature, character and performance, rise in this home yajna of the family for growth in peace and joy.

### 71. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

परस्याऽअधि स्वंतोऽवेराँ२॥ऽअभ्यातेर । यत्राहमस्मि ताँ२॥ऽअव ॥७१॥

Parasyā'adhi samvato'varāň' abhyātara. Yatrāhamasmi tāň' ava.

Virgin girl of excellence, on marriage, leave those you have departed from, and come, join those who are here on this side. Support and defend those wherever I am. If there was anything low or mean earlier, give up that, and adopt and uphold the values of our family.

### 72. (Agni Devata, Varuni Ŗshi)

प्रमस्याः परावतौ रोहिद्यश्वऽद्वहागहि । पुरीष्यः पुरुप्रियोऽग्ने त्वं तरा मृधः ॥७२॥

Paramasyāḥ parāvato rohidaśva'ihāgahi. Purīṣyaḥ purupriyo'gne tvaṁ tarā mṛdhaḥ.

Agni, young man of excellence, best of social supporters, most loved of the people, come here from afar on a chariot of fire for this excellent girl, join her, and with her overcome the hurdles of your life.

## 73. (Agni Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

यदंग्ने कानि कानि चिदा ते दार्रुण दुध्मसि । सर्वं तदस्तु ते घृतं तञ्जीषस्व यविष्ठ्य ॥७३॥

Yadagne kāni kāni cid ā te dāruņi dadhmasi. Sarvaṁ tadastu te ghṛtaṁ tajjuṣasva yaviṣṭhya. Young man/woman, brilliant like fire, whatever things are for you, all those we place on the shelf. Accept and take all that as fire accepts the oblations of ghee. All that is ours is yours. All that is yours is ours too.

### 74. (Agni Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

यदत्त्युप्जिह्विका यद् वृम्रोऽअतिसर्पंति । सर्वं तदस्तु ते घृतं तज्जुषस्व यविष्ठ्य ॥७४॥

Yadattyupajihvikā yad vamro atisarpati. Sarvam tadastu te ghṛtam tajjuṣasva yaviṣṭhya.

Young man/woman of excellence, brilliant as fire, whatever the woman/man of controlled taste and tongue eats, and howsoever her/his breath flows in and out, all that is yours, for you. That is for your love and joy. Take all that as fire consumes the oblations.

### 75. (Agni Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

अहरहुरप्रयावं भर्न्तोऽश्वयिव तिष्ठते घासमस्मै । रायस्पोषेण समिषा मदन्तोऽग्ने मा ते प्रतिवेशा रिषाम॥७५॥

Aharaharaprayāvam bharanto' śvāyeva tiṣṭhate ghāsamasmai. Rāyaspoṣeṇa samiṣā madanto'-gne mā te prativeśā riṣāma.

Agni, learned man of justice and brilliance, just as we bear lovely green grass for a horse in the stables every day, so we bear good and wholesome food and other things to this fair and just house-holder as his partners in good deeds of Dharma. May we, enjoying ourselves with plenty of food and energy, health and wealth with him, never injure the honour and reputation of this noble man out of jealousy.

#### 76. (Agni Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

नाभा पृ<u>थि</u>च्याः संमिधानेऽअग्नौ रायस्योषाय बृह्ते हेवा-महे । <u>इरम्म</u>दं बृहद्वेक्थं यजेत्रं जेतौरम्गिंन पृतेनासु सास्रुहिम् ॥७६॥

Nābhā pṛthivyāḥ samidhāne'agnau rāyaspoṣāya bṛhate havāmahe. Irammadam bṛhaduktham yajatram jetāramagnim pṛtanāsu sāsahim.

When the fire is lit in the vedi in the heart of the land and the battle is raging for abundance and prosperity and for high national honour, we call upon agni, a fiery leader with electric action, victorious in battle and of tremendous endurance, himself a man of plenty and prosperity, admirable of character and adorable in performance. (We call upon such a man to lead the nation.)

### 77. (Agni Devata, Nabahanedishtha Ḥshi)

याः सेनोऽअभीत्वेरीराव्याधिनी्रुरुगणाऽउत । ये स्तेना ये च तस्करास्ताँस्तेऽअग्नेऽपिदधाम्यास्ये ॥७७॥

Yāḥ senā' abhītvarīrāvyādhinīrugaṇā'uta. Ye stenā ye ca taskarāstāňste' agne' pi dadhāmyāsye.

There are the forces up against in arms, large, swift and ready to strike. There are the thieves and the smugglers. All these that are there, I throw into the flames of fire. President of the Council, commander of the army, you do the same.

### 78. (Agni Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

दशंष्ट्रीभ्यां मुलिम्लूञ्जम्भ्यैस्तस्केराँ२॥ऽउत । हर्नुभ्याशंस्तेनान् भगवस्ताँस्त्वं खोद् सुखोदितान् ॥७८॥ Damṣṭrābhyām malimlūñjambhyaistaskaraň' uta. Hanubhyām stenān bhagavastānstvam khāda sukhāditān.

Ruler of the land, Chief of law and order, tear the night-walkers and highway men with the fangs of punishment, crush the robbers and smugglers with the jaws of justice. Seize and hold the thieves and grabbers of others' rights and property with the chains of law. You eliminate them all.

### 79. (Senapati Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

ये जनेषु मृलिम्लेव स्तेनासस्तस्करा वने । ये कक्षेष्वघायवस्ताँस्ते दधामि जम्भयोः ॥७९॥

Ye janeşu malimlava stenāsastaskarā vane. Ye kakṣeṣvaghāyavastāňste dadhāmi jambhayoḥ.

Chief of law and order, those who commit despicable acts in the public, rob and smuggle in the forests, and commit crimes in high and hiding places and live a life of sin and crime, all these I put into the court of your justice.

# 80. (Adhyapaka-Upadeshika Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi)

योऽअस्मभ्येमराती॒याद्यश्चे नो द्वेषेते जर्नः । निन्दाद्योऽअस्मान् धिप्सोच्च सर्वं तं भस्मसा कुरु ॥८०॥

Yo'asmabhyamarātīyādyaśca no dveṣate janaḥ. Nindādyo' asmān dhipsācca sarvaṁ taṁ bhasmasā kuru.

Ruler of the land, if a person maligns us out of hostility, or hates us out of jealousy, or speaks ill of us out of contempt, or deceives us to injure and destroy us, reduce all that hate, anger and negativity to ashes.

81. (Purohita & Yajamana Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi) संशीतं में ब्रह्म संशीतं वीर्यं बलीम् । संशीतं क्षत्रं जिष्णु यस्याहमस्मि पुरोहित:॥८१॥

Samsitam me brahma samsitam vīryam balam. Samsitam kṣatram jiṣṇu yasyāhamasmi purohitah.

I am the high-priest of the yajamana, foremost in his creative and constructive projects. May the yajamana's knowledge of the Veda and mine be commendable. May his strength and prowess and mine be admirable. May his power and dominion and mine be great and praise-worthy.

82. (Sabhapati & Yajamana Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi) उदेषां बाहूऽअतिरमुद्धर्चोऽअथो बलम् ।
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Udeṣām bāhū' atiramudvarco' atho balam. Kṣiṇomi brahmaṇā'mitrānunnayāmi svāň' aham.

I am the high-priest of the yajamana. With my knowledge and science of the Veda, I overcome the strength of arms, power and valour, honour and lustre of the others, i.e., thieves, robbers and cut-throats, etc., reduce their strength to nullity, and raise our honour and lustre high.

83. (Yajamana & Purohita Devata, Nabhanedishtha Rshi) अन्नप्तेऽन्नस्य नो देह्यनमी्वस्य शुष्मिणीः । प्रप्रं दातारं तारिषऽऊर्जं नो धेहि द्विपदे चर्तुष्पदे ॥८३॥ Annapate'nnasya no dehyanamīvasya śuṣmiṇaḥ. Pra pra dātāraṁ tāriṣa' ūrjaṁ no dhehi dvipade catuṣpade.

Lord of food and energy, bless us with food, nourishing, invigorating, free from pollution and pleasing to taste. Bless the giver, the yajamana, to advance and attain fulfilment and prosperity. Give us energy both for humans and the animals.

इति एकादशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XII

### 1. (Agni Devata, Vatsapri Ŗshi)

दृशानो रुक्मऽउट्यां व्यद्यौद् दुर्मर्षमायुः श्चिये रुचानः। अग्निर्मृतौऽअभवद्वयौ<u>भि</u>र्यदैनुं द्यौरजनयत्सुरेताः ॥१॥

Dṛśāno rukma'urvyā vyadyaud durmarṣamāyuḥ śriye rucānaḥ. Agniramṛto'abhavadvayobhiryadenaṁ dyaurajanayatsuretāḥ.

Agni, Lord of Light, Light Itself, the Sun, explodes into light and illuminates the earth and reveals all the objects on the earth. The self-luminous lord, Himself the immortal seed of life, for His own glory and joy of the creatures, creates forms of indestructible life with foods as means and support of life. And He it is who creates the man of knowledge and vision (to show the divine path of life to others).

### 2. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नक्तोषासा समेनसा विरूपे धापयेते शिशुमेकेः समीची । द्यावाक्षामा रुक्मोऽअन्तर्विभाति देवाऽअग्नि धारयन् द्रविणोदाः ॥२॥

Natkoṣāsā samanasā virūpe dhāpayete śiśumekam samīcī. Dyāvākṣāmā rukmo' antarvibhāti devā 'agnim dhārayan draviṇodāḥ.

The night and the dawn, one dark, the other luminous, both different in form but of equal mind, together nurse one child, the sun, like two mothers. The self-luminous agni, light and life of the universe — of which the sun is a child — pervades both the earth and

the heavens. All the powers of nature which sustain and invigorate life hold on to agni, the central life and spirit.

# 3. (Savita Devata, Shyavashva Ŗshi)

विश्वां रूपा<u>णि</u> प्रतिमुञ्चते कृविः प्रासावीद् भ<u>ु</u>द्रं <u>द्वि</u>पदे चतुष्पदे। वि नाकमख्यत्स<u>वि</u>ता वरेण्योऽनुं प्रयाणमुषसो विराजित ॥३॥

Viśvā rūpāṇi pratimuñcate kaviḥ prāsāvīd bhadraṁ dvipade catuṣpade. Vi nākamakhyat savitā vareṇyo'nu prayāṇamuṣaso virājati.

Savita, lord of light and life, the sun, choice of all, watches all and inspires all. It lights up the dawn and illuminates and reveals all the forms of existence. It creates the means of life and support for the humans and the animals, and lights up the heavens above.

# 4. (Garutman Devata, Shyavashva Ŗshi)

सुप्णोंऽसि गुरुत्म<u>ाँस्त्रिवृत्ते</u> शिरौ गायत्रं चक्षुर्बृहद्रथन्तरे पक्षौ । स्तोमेऽआत्मा छन्दाछंस्याङ<u>्गीनि</u> यर्जूछं<u>षि</u> नामे । सामे ते तुनूर्वीमदेव्यं यज्ञायज्ञियं पुच्छं धिष्णयाः शुफाः । सुपुर्णोऽसि गुरुत्मान्दिवं गच्छ स्वः पत ॥४॥

Suparņo'si garutmāňstrivṛtte śiro gāyatram cakṣurbṛhadrathantare pakṣau. Stoma' ātma chandāmsyaṅgāni yajūmṣi nāma. Sāma te tanūrvāmadevyam yajñāyajñiyam puccham dhiṣṇyāḥ śaphāḥ. Suparņo'si garutmān divam gaccha svaḥ pata.

Man of knowledge and of the power of knowledge, you are like a celestial bird with beautiful wings and a high-flying soul: threefold virtue of knowledge, action and divine worship is your head and brain by which you ward off the miseries of others. The knowledge of gayatri verses is your eye and vision. Brihad-rathantara sama verses are like your wings, something like a chariot by which you can cross the rivers of misery. Rigveda is your soul. The chhanda verses of the Veda are like the limbs of your body. The verses of Yajurveda are like your name and identity. Samaveda is like your body. The do's and dont's of the Vamadevya Samans are like your back bone. The roll of your voice is like your claws. You are like the divine eagle, Garuda, majestic and magnanimous. You are the sun, master of grandeur. Rise to the heavens. Find the bliss of heaven.

### 5. (Vishnu Devata, Shyavashva Ŗshi)

विष्णोः क्रमीऽसि सपत्नुहा गायुत्रं छन्दुऽआरीह पृ<u>थि</u>वीमनु विक्रमस्व विष्णोः क्रमीऽस्यभिमातिहा त्रैष्ट्रंभां छन्दुऽ-आरीहान्तरिक्षमनु विक्रमस्व विष्णोः क्रमीऽस्यरातीयतो हन्ता जागतं छन्दुऽआरीह दिव्मनु विक्रमस्व विष्णोः क्रमीऽसि शत्रूयतो हन्तानुष्टुभां छन्दुऽआरीह दिशोऽनु विक्रमस्व ॥५॥

Viṣṇoḥ kramo'si sapatnahā gāyatram chanda'ā roha pṛthivīmanu vikramasva viṣṇoḥ kramo' syabhimātihā traiṣṭubham chanda 'ārohāntarikṣamanu vikramasva viṣṇoḥ kramo'syarātīyato hantā jāgatam chanda 'āroha divamanu vikramasva viṣṇoḥ kramo'si śatrūyato hantānuṣṭubham chanda'āroha diśo'nu vikramasva.

Brilliant man of expansive knowledge, you are an instrument of Vishnu, omnipresent lord of the world, born to eliminate the jealous rivals. Study the gayatri verses, use the power revealed in there, go and expand over the earth, cooperate with the earth, work on its resources, and develop the wealth and prosperity of the land.

Noble scientist, you are a co-worker with omnipresent nature, born to defeat the proud and jealous forces inimical to growth. Study the trishtubh verses for knowledge and power for threefold comfort of body, mind and soul and, flying on the wings of that knowledge, cover the skies to explore and exploit the resources of the sky.

Tempestuous scientist and astronaut, you are a friend of agni, universal electric energy, born to eliminate the failures and adversities of the internal and external life. Study the jagati verses for the knowledge of light and space and, on the wings of that knowledge, reach the heavens. Cooperate with space and light energy, cooperate with universal energy and conquer the inner darkness with the light, and external failures with knowledge.

Steady man of technology, you are an instrument of eternal energy meant to serve as well as exploit the natural resources of the environment and eliminate the enemies who stem your growth. Go forward in and over all the directions on the earth and around on the wings of anushtubh verses, work with and on the currents of wind and energy and dominate over the directions to create one world on the earth in a healthy environment.

#### 6. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Rshi)

अक्रेन्दद्गि स्तुनयंन्निव द्यौः क्षामा रेरिहद् वी्रुरुधः सम्ञजन्। सुद्यो जज्ञानो वि ही<u>मि</u>द्धोऽअख्यदा रोदंसी भानुना भात्यन्तः ॥६॥ Akrandadagni stanayanniva dyauḥ kṣāmā rerihad vīrudhaḥ samañjan. Sadyo jajñāno vi hīmiddho' akhyadā rodasī bhānunā bhātyantaḥ.

Agni roars like thunder in the sky and proclaims itself. Colourfully vitalizing the trees it caresses and blesses the earth with beauty and fruit. Properly lighted, it shines bright and immediately makes itself known. Between the earth and the heavens it blazes with its own splendour like the sun.

(Just as agni is radiant and benevolent with its own majesty, so should the ruler/President of the republic be brilliant with his own qualities of nature, character and actions and bless the people with his grace and benevolence. Only a person of benevolence and brilliance deserves to be the ruler.)

### 7. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

अग्नैऽभ्यावर्त्तिन्न्भि मा निर्वर्त्तस्वायुषा वर्च'सा प्रजया धनैन । सुन्या मेधया रुय्या पोषेण ॥७॥

Agne'bhyāvarttinnabhi mā nivarttasvāyuṣā varcasā prajayā dhanena. Sanyā medhayā rayyā poṣeṇa.

Agni, brilliant and blazing presence abiding before us, generous man of knowledge, come blessing us with health and longevity, lustre of life, children and family, wealth and prosperity, acquisition and fulfilment, discriminative intelligence, beauty and dignity of life, and all-round growth and progress.

#### 8. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Rshi)

अग्नेऽअङ्गिरः शृतं ते सन्त्वावृतेः सृहस्त्रं तऽउपावृतेः। अधा पोषेस्य पोषेण पुनेनों नुष्टमाकृ<u>धि</u> पुनेनों रृयिमा-कृधि ॥८॥

Agne'aṅgiraḥ śataṁ te santvāvṛtaḥ sahasraṁ ta' upāvṛtaḥ. Adhā poṣasya poṣeṇa punarno naṣṭamākṛdhi punarno rayimā kṛdhi.

Agni, lord of light, knowledge and power/Man of natural and material science, come and visit us a hundred times with your acts and gifts. And may the blessings of your visits and gifts be a thousandfold for us. With the strength and support of your promoters, recreate and supplement for us whatever we might have lost in knowledge or natural and material wealth. Rebuild and regain for us whatever honour and prestige we might have lost or compromised.

# 9. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

पुर्नरूजां निवर्त्तस्व पुर्नरग्नऽद्दृषायुषा । पुर्नर्नः पाह्यःहंसः ॥९॥

Punarūrjā nivarttasva punaragna' iṣāyuṣā. Punarnaḥ pāhyamhasaḥ.

Agni, brilliant power of light and knowledge/Man of knowledge and science, come, return your visits with the gifts of food and energy, health and age. Save us from sin and evil deeds again and again, and inspire us to do great things.

### 10. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

सुह रुय्या निर्वर्त्तस्वाग्ने पिन्वस्व धारया । <u>वि</u>श्वपन्या <u>वि</u>श्वतस्परि ॥१०॥ Saha rayyā nivarttasvāgne pinvasva dhāryā. Viśvapsnyā viśvataspari.

Agni, brilliant power/Enlightened sages, come with all the wealth, come with gifts of that language and that intelligence which holds for us all the means and materials of comfort and prosperity. Come, and help us grow in all directions of life.

### 11. (Agni Devata, Dhruva Rshi)

आ त्वोहार्षम्न्तरंभूर्धुव<u>स्ति</u>ष्ठाविचाचलिः । विश्रस्त्वा सर्वी वाञ्छन्तु मा त्वद्राष्ट्रमधिभ्रशत् ॥११॥

Ā tvāhārṣamantarabhūrdhruvastiṣṭhāvicācaliḥ. Viśastvā sarvā vāñchantu mā tvadrāṣṭramadhibhraśat.

Agni/Ruler of the land, we accept you and conduct you to the council as the ruler. Grace the seat of your office, be firm and stay inviolable. All the people accept and honour you. Let the land and the nation, under your control, never fail and fall to ruin.

### 12. (Varuna Devata, Shunahshepa Ŗshi)

उर्दुत्तमं वेरुण् पार्शम्स्मदविध्मं वि मध्यमश्रंश्रेथाय। अर्था वयमदित्य व्रते तवानीगसोऽअदितये स्याम॥१२॥

Uduttamam varuņa pāśamasmadavādhamam vi madhyamam śrathāya. Athā vayamāditya vrate tavānāgaso aditaye syāma.

Varuna, lord of freedom and bondage, Ruler of the land, power of law and liberty, loosen and untie our chains of bondage of the highest, medium and the lowest order and let them drop from us. And then O Sun, lord of majesty, we shall be free from evil, crime and sin and, dedicated to the vows of your discipline and law, we shall serve our land of inviolable freedom and integrity.

### 13. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

अग्रे बृहन्नुषसीमूर्ध्वोऽअस्थान्निर्जगुन्वान् तमेसो ज्यो<u>ति</u>षागीत्। अग्निर्भानुना रुशेता स्वङ्गुऽआ जातो विश्वा सद्मीन्यप्राः॥१३॥

Agre bṛhannuṣasāmūrdhvo' asthānnirjaganvān tamaso jyotiṣāgāt. Agnirbhānunā ruśatā svaṅga' ā jāto viśvā sadmānyaprāḥ.

Agni, the sun, great, first and foremost, positioned over and above the dawn, comes forth from the dark and rises with all its glory. Resplendent with its wonderful beams which adorn it like brilliant limbs of its personality, it expands over the regions of the world, dispels the darkness and illuminates them all over with its light. (So should the ruler, first and great among the brilliant people of the land, come forth with the greatness of his personality, illuminate the land and glorify all the people.)

### 14. (Jiva & Ishwara Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

हुःसः श<u>ुचि</u>षद्वसुरन्तरिक्षस्यद्धोतां वे<u>दि</u>षदितिथिर्दुरोणसत् । नृषद्वरसदृतसद्व्योमसद्ब्जा गोजाऽऋतजाऽअद्विजाऽऋतं बृहत् ॥१४॥

Hamsah sucisad vasurantariksasaddhotā vedisadatithirduronasat. Nṛṣad varasad ṛtasad vyomasadabjā gojā' ṛtajā' adrijā' ṛtam bṛhat.

Hansa is the great soul that destroys evil. It exists in purity. It lives in all and all live in it. It fills the skies and expresses in holy work. It is the giver and receiver of oblations in yajna. It sits in the vedi and in the earth. It is rambling around as a venerable visitor. It stays in the home and in the sky and all through the seasons. It rules over people and commands the commanders. It is with and above the best of people. It lives in truth and in virtuous conduct. It is in space and in the heart. It is in the waters and in the vitality of prana, and it creates the waters and the vitality. It activates the senses, moves the animals and magnetizes the earth. It creates the universal law and abides in it. It forms the mountains and the clouds and it showers with the rain. It is the truth and dynamic reality of existence, and it is great over all.

(It is the man of such an individual soul, inspired by the attributes of the great supreme soul, who deserves to be the ruler.)

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Trita Rshi)

सीद् त्वं मातुर्स्याऽउपस्थे विश्वन्यग्ने वयुननि विद्वान् । मैनां तपसा मार्चिषाऽभिशोचीर्न्तरंस्याथंशुक्रज्योति-विभाहि ॥१५॥

Sīda tvam māturasyā'upasthe viśvānyagne vayunāni vidvān. Mainām tapasā mā'rciṣā'bhi-śocīrantarasyām śukrajyotirvibhāhi.

Agni/Ruler/individual soul, you know all the ways of the world. Sit in the lap of this mother earth/mother-land/mother. Don't hurt her with the heat of your power and passion. Don't dazzle her with the beams of your knowledge. Light of knowledge and power of vitality, be in the heart of the mother and shine there with the light of life.

### 16. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

अन्तरंग्ने रुचा त्वमुखायाः सर्दने स्वे । तस्यास्त्वश्हरंसा तपुञ्जातेवेदः <u>शि</u>वो भेव ॥१६॥

Antaragne rucā tvamukhāyāḥ sadane sve. Tasyāstvam harasā tapañjātavedaḥ śivo bhava.

Omniscient Agni/All knowing wide-awake ruler of the land, brilliant with your own light in your place in the world/dominion, blazing with your power and glory, be good and kind to the people.

#### 17. (Agni Devata, Trita Ŗshi)

<u>शि</u>वो भृ्त्वा मह्यमग्नेऽअथौ सीद <u>शि</u>वस्त्वम् । <u>शि</u>वाः कृत्वा दिशः सर्वाः स्वं योनि<u>मि</u>हासेदः ॥१७॥

Śivo bhūtva mahyamagne atho sīda śivastvam. Śivaḥ kṛtvā diśaḥ sarvāḥ svaṁ yonimihāsadaḥ.

Agni, ruler of the land, having been good and kind to us, the people, sit at peace undisturbed. And then, having rendered all the regions of the land in all directions safe and secure in the good life, be comfortable with satisfaction in your own office of justice and governance.

### 18. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

द्विवस्परि प्रथमं जेज्ञेऽअग्निरस्मद् द्वितीयं परि जातवैदाः। तृतीयेमुप्सु नृमणाऽअजेस्त्रमिन्धीनऽएनं जरते स्वाधीः ॥१८॥

Divaspari prathamam jajñe' agnirasmad dvitīyam pari jātavedāḥ. Tṛtīyamapsu nṛmaṇā' ajasramindhāna enam jarate svādhīḥ.

Agni, the sun, first rises over the heavens. Then it rises over us all illuminating our world. Third, it

emerges in the pranic energies of nature, in the waters and in the mind of humanity — thus illuminating and activating everything and every mind from within. The pious and the devout people invoke, light and worship Agni, perpetual power, spirit and light of the world.

(Just as Agni is the power, spirit and light of the world, so should the ruler be. And so should he/she vitalize and illuminate the people, and so should the people adore him/her.)

### 19. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

विद्या तेऽअग्ने त्रेधा त्रयाणि विद्या ते धाम विभृता पुरुत्रा । विद्या ते नामे पर्मं गुहा यद्विद्या तमुत्सं यतऽ-आज्गन्थे ॥१९॥

Vidmā te'agne tredhā trayāṇi vidmā te dhāma vibhṛtā purutrā. Vidmā te nāma paramaṁ guhā yad vidmā tamutsaṁ yata' ājagantha.

Agni, light, energy and power of the world, let us know the three orders of the three powers of yours (heat, light and electricity). Lord of majesty, love and favourite of all, let us explore and know the various forms and places where you exist, which you support and which support you. Let us know that supreme name and the thing you are in the essence which is hidden in a mysterious cave. Let us discover the spring, the water and the cloud from where you issue forth in formal existence (so that we may be blest with the power and prosperity which follows the discovery and the applications).

#### 20. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Rshi)

समुद्रे त्वा नृमणाऽअप्स्वुन्तर्नृचक्षाऽईधे <u>दि</u>वो अग्नऽ-ऊर्धन् । तृतीये त्वा रजीस त<u>स्थि</u>वाछंसमपामुपस्थे महिषाऽअवर्धन् ॥२०॥

Samudre tvā nṛmaṇā'apsvantarnṛcakṣā'īdḥe divo agna'ūdhan. Tṛtīye tvā rajasi tasthīvām-samapāmupasthe mahiṣā' avardhan.

Agni, light and life of the world, a leader of thought among men, as I am, I discover and light you in the oceans. A visionary of humanity, I discover you in the foods, in the vapours and in the clouds. In the third region of the heavens of light, abiding in the solar sphere, in the dawn and in the heart of steam and flowing waters, great men discover, light and develop you.

### 21. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

अक्रेन्दद्गिन स्तुनयित्रिव द्यौः क्षामा रेरिहद् वी्रुक्धः समुञ्जन् । सुद्यो जज्ञानो वि ही<u>मि</u>द्धोऽअख्युदा रोदसी भानुनो भात्यन्तः ॥२१॥

Akrandadagni stanayanniva dyauḥ kṣāmā rerihad vīrudhaḥ samañjan. Sadyo jajñāno vi hīmiddho' akhyadā rodasī bhānunā bhātyantaḥ.

Agni, light and energy of life, roaring as lightning, reverberates in the skies with an explosion. Lighted well all-round and immediately blazing, it shines and illuminates everything. Between the heaven and the earth it shines with the beams of its own brilliance. The light reaches the earth, energizes the soil and emerges in the beauty of vegetation.

#### 22. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Rshi)

श्रीणामुंदारो ध्रुरुणो रयीणां मेनीषाणां प्रापंणः सोमेगोपाः। वसुः सूनुः सहसोऽअप्सु राजा विभात्यग्रेऽउषसमिधानः॥२२॥

Śrīṇāmudāro dharuṇo rayīṇām manīṣāṇām prārpaṇaḥ somagopaḥ. Vasuḥ sūnuḥ sahaso' apsu rājā vibhātyagra uṣasāmidhānaḥ.

Generous lord of the light and glory of life, spirit of the graces of nature, sustainer of wealth and beauty, source of desire and fulfilment, guardian of the sweetness, joy and greenery of the earth, haven and mainstay of the world, child of the very force and victory of life, brilliant in the dynamics of existence, He blazes in splendour before the dawns. Such is Agni. (Such should be the ruler.)

#### 23. (Agni Devata, Vatsapri Rshi)

विश्वस्य केतुर्भुवनस्य गर्भ्ऽआ रोदंसीऽअपृणाज्जायमानः। वीडुं चिदद्रिमभिनत् परायन् जना यद्गिनमयजन्त पञ्चे ॥२३॥

Viśvasya keturbhuvanasya garbha 'ā rodasī' apṛṇājjāyamānaḥ. Vīḍuṁ cidadrimabhinat parāyan janā yadagnimayajanta pañca.

Light of the world, going everywhere, seed of life, rising as the sun, illuminating the earth and heaven, breaker of the darkest cloud, hallowed and consecrated by the people and the energies of nature, such is Agni. (Such should be the ruler in his domain.)

#### 24. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

उ्शिक् पावको अर्तिः सुमेधा मर्त्ये ष्विग्निरमृतो नि धायि। इयित्ति धूममेरुषं भरिभ्रदुच्छुक्रेणे शोचिषा द्यामिनेक्षन् ॥२४॥ Uśik pāvako aratiḥ sumedha martyeṣvagniramṛto ni dhāyi. Iyartti dhūmamaruṣam bharibhraducchukreṇa śociṣā dyāminakṣan.

Immortal agni, lovely and lovable, pure and purifier, intelligent and self-conscious, a holy presence, is existent in men and women. The same throws up the fiery smoke upward and with instantaneous light illuminates the sun and heaven.

### 25. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

दृशानो रुक्मऽउट्यां व्यद्यौदुर्मर्षमायुः श्रिये रुचानः । अग्निरमृतौऽअभवद्वयौ<u>भि</u>र्यदेनुं द्यौरजनयत् सुरेताः ॥२५॥

Dṛśāno rukma'urvyā vyadyauddurmarṣamāyuḥ śriye rucānaḥ. Agniramṛto' abhavadvayobhiryadenaṁ dyaurajanayatsuretāḥ.

Agni, immortal light and vitality of existence, brilliant, golden glorious, explodes in heaven and illuminates everything with the earth. In love, as if, with the beauty of the world, it assumes various forms of self-assertive and inviolable life. And yet that Heavenly Power which creates this agni and brings it into existence is another, the Eternal Life of life and Light of light.

### 26. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

यस्तैऽअद्य कृणवेद्धद्रशोचेऽपूपं देव घृतवेन्तमग्ने । प्र तं नेय प्रत्रं वस्योऽअच्छाभि सुम्नं देवभेक्तं यविष्ठ॥२६॥

Yaste'adya kṛṇavadbhadraśoce'pūpaṁ deva ghṛtavantamagne. Pra taṁ naya prataraṁ vasyo' acchābhi sumnaṁ devabhaktaṁ yaviṣṭha.

Agni, brilliant and blissful lord of light, generous

and ever youthful, whosoever may well prepare and faithfully offer for you rich and sumptuous food as sacrifice to-day, shower on him/her the gift of your light and take that favourite of the gods across to the world of joy.

### 27. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

आ तं भेज सौश्रवसेष्वंग्नऽउव्यथऽउव्युऽआभेज शस्य-मनि । प्रियः सूर्ये प्रियोऽअग्ना भवात्युज्जातेने <u>भि</u>नद्-दुज्जनित्वैः ॥२७॥

Ā taṁ bhaja sauśravaseṣvagna'uktha'uktha ā bhaja śasyamāne. Priyaḥ sūrye priyo' agnā bhavātyujjātena bhinadadujjanitvaiḥ.

Men of knowledge, wisdom and expertise, celebrate agni and promote it among the famous and the prosperous. Sing of it in verses of praise on the auspicious and admirable occasions of yajna. It is dear to the men of heat and light and the sun. Promote it with the hopes and actions of your children. Promote it with the hopes and aspirations of those who are yet to be born.

# 28. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

त्वामंग्ने यजमानाऽअनु द्यून् विश्वा वसुं दिधरे वायीणि । त्वयां सह द्रविणिमच्छमाना व्रजं गोमन्तमुशिजो विवेवः ॥२८॥

Tvāmagne yajamānā' anu dyūn viśvā vasu dadhire vāryāṇi. Tvayā saha draviṇa-micchamānā vrajam gomantamuśijo vivavruḥ.

Agni, lord of fire and science, the experts of yajna dedicated to you, with the use of fire and your blessings,

daily pursue and achieve all the desired objects of the world. Men of reason, intelligence and will, desirous of wealth, choose for research and work on the cowshed and the cloud with the rays of the sun for the realisation of progress and prosperity.

### 29. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

अस्तव्यिग्निर्ग्थंसुशेवौवैश्वानुरऽऋषि<u>भिः</u> सोर्मगोपाः। अद्वेषे द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी हुवेम् देवो धत्त र्यिम्स्मे सुवीरम्॥२९॥

Astāvyagnirnarām suśevo vaiśvānarā'ṛṣibhiḥ somagopāḥ. Adveṣe dyāvāpṛthivī huvema devā dhatta rayimasme suvīram.

Agni, worshipped by seers and sages, is the darling of humanity, auspicious and adorable. Omnipresent, universal and all-commanding, it is the guardian and promoter of the means of life, peace and joy. We invoke the powers of earth and heaven — powers free of hate and jealousy and sources of bliss. Great men of the world, brilliant and generous, guardians of the peace and prosperity of life, generate and hold for us the wealth and power of life and polity which creates a great nation and fearless humanity.

### 30. (Agni Devata, Virupaksha Ŗshi)

स्मिधागिंन दुंवस्यत घृतैबों धयतातिथिम् । आस्मिन् हृव्या जुहोतन ॥३०॥

Samidhā'gnim duvasyata ghṛtairbodhayatātithim. Āsmin havyā juhotana.

(Agni is an 'atithi', a chance guest, which comes at its own will whenever it comes. Serve it with the best of offerings you have.)

Light and serve agni (fire) with fuel and fragrant materials. Wake it up, raise it with ghee and other sumptuous offerings as you would feed a venerable chance visitor. Offer the best of yajna into the fire.

(Like the fire of yajna, serve the man of light and knowledge with the best you can offer for food and gifts whenever such a venerable person happens to visit you.)

#### 31. (Agni Devata, Tapasa Ŗshi)

उद् त्वा विश्वे देवाऽअग्ने भरन्तु चित्तिभिः। स नौ भव शिवस्त्वःसुप्रतीको विभावसुः॥३१॥

Udu tvā viśve devā'agne bharantu cittibhiḥ. Sa no bhava śivastvam supratīko vibhāvasuḥ.

Agni, of lovely forms of manifestation and lord of infinite light and wisdom, may all the noble and generous people of the world serve and celebrate you with the best of intention, devotion and acts of worship. May Agni, light of the universe, be good and kind to us all. (May the man of knowledge and wisdom be good and kind to us all as such persons are agni in human form.)

#### 32. (Agni Devata, Tapasa Rshi)

प्रेदंग्ने ज्योतिष्मान् याहि <u>शि</u>वेभिर्चि<u>भिष्ट्वम्</u> । बृहद्भिर्भा<u>नुभिर्भास</u>न् मा हि<sup>र</sup>सीस्तुन्वा प्रजाः ॥३२॥

Predagne jyotişmān yāhi śivebhirarcibhişṭvam. Bṛhadbhirbhānubhirbhāsan mā himsīstanvā prajāḥ.

Agni, lord of light and life, come forth to bless us with the gracious beams of light and warmth of life. Burning and blazing with the mighty flames of fire, hurt not our people and our children.

(As Agni, so should the ruler and the commander of the army be mighty and blazing with splendour, always protective but never unjust and hurtful.)

### 33. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

अक्रेन्दद्गिन स्तुनयिन्नव द्यौः क्षामा रेरिहद् वी्रुरुधः सम्ञ्जन्। सद्यो जज्ञानो वि हीमि्द्धोऽअख्यदा रोदसी भानुना भात्यन्तः ॥३३॥

Akrandadagni stanayanniva dyauḥ kṣāmā rerihadvīrudhaḥ samañjan. Sadyo jajñāno vi hīmiddho akhyadā rodasī bhānunā bhātyantḥ.

Agni roars and thunders like lightning in the sky as it proclaims its presence on the earth. Joining every bit of life and vegetation, it inspires all forms of existence with passion and vitality and thus manifests itself, protecting and promoting life. And it goes on blazing with its mighty splendour from the earth below to the highest heaven.

(So does the scholar with his knowledge, the ruler with his power, and the commander with his force, shine and blaze all round, protecting, promoting and inspiring the nation and the environment with freedom, passion and enthusiasm).

### 34. (Agni Devata, Vasishtha Ḥshi)

प्रप्रायम्गिभीरृतस्ये शृण्वे वि यत्सूर्यो न रोचेते बृहद्धाः । अभि यः पूरुं पृतेनासु तस्थौ दीदाय दैव्योऽअतिथिः शिवो नेः ॥३४॥

Pra prāyamagnirbharatasya śṛṇve vi yatsūryo na rocate bṛhadbhāḥ. Abhi yaḥ pūrum pṛtanāsu tasthau dīdāya daivyo' atithiḥ śivo naḥ. This agni, ruler/commander of the forces, attends to the affairs of the state, and, distinguished with great knowledge and brilliance of character, shines forth like the sun. He stands firm every way by the state and the nation in the battles of life and defence. Dear and favourite of the good, intelligent and generous people, moving around among the people like a visitor, may he be good, kind and beneficent to us and shine.

# 35. (Apah Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

आपो देवीः प्रतिगृभ्णीत् भस्मैतत्स्योने कृणुध्वःसुरभाऽउं लोके । तस्मै नमन्तां जनेयः सुपत्नीर्मातेवं पुत्रं बिभृताप्स्वे-नत् ॥३५॥

Āpo devīḥ pratigṛbhṇīta bhasmaitatsyone kṛṇudhvam surabhā'u loke. Tasmai namantām janayaḥ supatnīrmāteva putram bibhṛtāpsvenat.

Celestial waters, receive this light of agni, this ray of light, this seed of life. Keep it and nourish it in some soft, fragrant and beautiful region of freedom. Wives of the most virtuous order of character, honour and bow to it to receive it. Bear it in the vapours of space as a mother bears a child in the womb.

# 36. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

अप्स्वग्ने सि<u>ध</u>ष्टव सौषधीरनुं रुध्यसे । गर्भे सन् जायसे पुनः ॥३६॥

Apsvagne sadhiṣṭava sauṣadhīranu rudhyase. Garbhe san jāyase punaḥ.

Agni, seed of life, the soul with the subtle and the causal body, your home is in the celestial waters of space. You love to grow in existence with the herbs, and thence, placed in the mother's womb, are born again.

#### 37. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

गर्भो'ऽअस्योषेधीनां गर्भो वनस्पतीनाम् । गर्भो विश्वस्य भूतस्याग्ने गर्भो'ऽअपामीस ॥३७॥

Garbho' asyoṣadhīnām garbho vanaspatīnām. Garbho viśvasya bhūtasyāgne garbho' apāmasi.

Agni, light of life, seed with the subtle and the causal body, you are a child of the herbs. You are a child of the plants and trees. You are a child of the entire forms of life in existence. You are a child of the waters of earth and heaven.

#### 38. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

प्रसद्य भस्मेना योनिमपश्चे पृ<u>थि</u>वीमेग्ने । स्रभुज्ये मातृ<u>भि</u>ष्ट्वं ज्योतिष्मान् पुन्रासेदः॥३८॥

Prasadya bhasmanā yonimapaśca pṛthivīmagne. Samsṛjya matṛbhiṣṭvam jyotiṣmān punarā"sadaḥ.

Soul, light of consciousness and seed of life, through the ashes of the funeral pyre you rise to a new home in the celestial waters of space. Then you come down to the earth to be with the forms of herbs. And then you come in to the mother's womb and are born again in a new body.

#### 39. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

पुनेरासद्य सर्वनम्पश्चे पृ<u>थि</u>वीमेग्ने । शेषै मातुर्यथोपस्थेऽन्तरंस्याथंशिवतेमः॥३९॥ Punarāsadya sadanamapaśca pṛthivīmagne. Śeṣe māturyathopasthe'ntarasyām śivatamaḥ.

Agni, soul with the desire and will to live in the forms of existence, again and again you come to find a place in the celestial waters of space. Again and again you descend to the earth to attain herbal forms of life. Then again you enter the mother's womb and rest there to grow as a part of her life within. When you are born, you sleep in her lap in peace and joy. Noble soul, be good to the mother, be the darling of her love, joy and fulfilment.

### 40. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

पुर्नरूजां निर्वर्त्तस्व पुर्नरग्नऽद्दृषायुषा । पुर्नर्नः पाह्यश्हेसः ॥४०॥

Punarūrja nivarttasva punaragna'iṣā"yuṣā. Punarnaḥ pāhyamhasaḥ.

Agni, come again with energy, come with food, come with health and vitality for a long age. Come again and again, save us from sin and evil.

# 41. (Agni Devata, Vatsapree Ŗshi)

सह रय्या निर्वर्त्तस्वाग्ने पिन्वस्व धारया । <u>वि</u>श्वपन्यां <u>वि</u>श्वतस्परि ॥४१॥

Saha rayyā nivarttasvāgne pinvasva dhārayā. Viśvapsnyā viśvataspari.

Agni, come with wealth and honour. Come with a shower of all round nourishment and universal energy to the point of satisfaction and satiation for all and help us grow, develop and progress. Come with food for body and mind.

#### 42. ((Agni Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

बोधां मेऽअस्य वर्चसो यविष्ठु मःहिष्ठस्य प्रभृतस्य स्वधावः । पीयिति त्वोऽअनुं त्वो गृणाति वुन्दारुष्टे तुन्वं वन्देऽअग्ने ॥४२॥

Bodhā me'asya vacaso yaviṣṭha mamhiṣṭhasya prabhṛtasya svadhāvaḥ. Pīyati tvo anu tvo gṛṇāti vandāruṣṭe tanvam vande agne.

Agni, intent listener, most youthful man/woman of independent and comfortable means, understand the sense and meaning of this great word of mine, important, worthy of attention and expressive of deep meaning with further implications. Let anyone denigrate you, let someone praise you, I am your admirer, and I appreciate and value your health of body and intelligence of mind.

#### 43. (Agni Devata, Somahuti Ŗshi)

स बोधि सूरिर्म्घवा वसुपते वसुदावन् । युयोध्युस्मद् द्वेषार्थंसि <u>वि</u>श्वकेर्मणे स्वाहां ॥४३॥

Sa bodhi sūrirmaghavā vasupate vasudāvan. Yuyodhyasmad dveṣāmsi viśvakarmaṇe svāhā.

Agni, man of wealth and honour, creator and generous giver of power and prosperity, intelligent lord of knowledge, know for us the truth of life and existence and, in truth of word and deed, fight out our negativities and eliminate our hostilities for the achievement of success in all the affairs of life.

#### 44. (Agni Devata, Somahuti Rshi)

पुर्नस्त्वाऽऽदित्या रुद्रा वसेवः सिम्धतां पुर्नर्ब्रह्माणी वसुनीथ युज्ञैः । घृतेन् त्वं तुन्वं वर्धयस्व सत्याः सेन्तु यजेमानस्य कामोः॥४४॥ Punastvā" dityā rudrā vasavaḥ samindhatām punarbrahmāṇo vasunītha yajñaiḥ. Ghṛtena tvam tanvam vardhayasva satyāḥ santu yajamānasya kāmāḥ.

Agni, creator and giver of wealth and honour, may the brahmacharis and scholars of the Vasu, Rudra and Aditya order light you up in the vedi again and again. May the devotees of the lord of existence and masters of the science of yajna promote your gifts with the performance of yajna. Agni, power of light and life, grow on in your operations with the oblations of ghee and fragrant materials so that the plans and ambitions of the yajamana be fulfilled.

#### 45. (Pitarah Devata, Somahuti Rshi)

अपेत बीत वि चे सर्पतातो येऽत्र स्थ पुराणा ये च नूतनाः। अदाद्यमोऽवसानं पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअक्र<u>िन्न</u>मं <u>पि</u>तरौ लोकमस्मै ॥४५॥

Apeta vīta vi ca sarpatāto ye'tra stha purāṇā ye ca nūtanāḥ. Adād yamo'vasānam pṛthivyā' akrannimam pitaro lokamasmai.

The teachers who are old and those who are new and the parents and other seniors who are here on the earth, all should realise and actualise for young aspirants the knowledge of this world. The judge of the aspirants' performance may grant them the certificate of completion and graduation in achievement. Hence keep away from Adharma (injustice and untruth), go on firmly with Dharma (truth and justice), and realise it without delay here and now.

#### 46. (Agni Devata, Somahuti Rshi)

सुंज्ञानेमिस कामुधरेणुं मियं ते कामुधरेणं भूयात् । अग्नेभिस्मस्यिग्नेः पुरीषमिस चितं स्थ परिचितंऽकर्ध्वचितः श्रयध्वम् ॥४६॥

Samjñānamasi kāmadharaṇam mayi te kāmadharaṇam bhūyāt. Agnerbhasmāsyagneḥ. purīṣamasi cita stha paricita' ūrdhvacitaḥ śrayadhvam.

Agni, man of knowledge, having passed through the crucibles of fire like ash, you are knowledge itself, full and complete like the orb of the sun and powerful like the force of electricity. May your plans, intentions and aspirations pass on to me as mine.

Be wide-awake, collect knowledge from all round, go forward and take it to the heights. Be cooperative, mutually dependent, collectively self-dependent. Take to knowledge and to the teachers.

## 47. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

अयःसोऽअग्निर्य<u>स्मि</u>न्त्सोम्मिन्द्रेः सुतं द्धे जुठरे वाव-शानः। सहस्त्रियं वाजमत्यं न सप्तिःसस्वान्त्सन्त्त्त्र्यसे जातवेदः ॥४७॥

Ayam so'agniryasmintsomamindrah sutam dadhe jaṭhare vāvaśānah. Sahasriyam vājamatyam na saptim sasavāntsantstūyase jātavedah.

This is that agni, vital heat of life, in which Indra, the sun, as if in love with life, places the nectar of life, Soma, like the distilled and delicious food for a thousand people. Life of life, Jataveda, generous giver as you are, you are worshipped by the devotees in your own right.

It is for the love of life that I absorb the same nectar of life into my body system. It is for the same love of life that I hold on to my darling wife and I enjoy my food and drink.

## 48. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

अग्ने यत्ते <u>दि</u>वि वर्चीः पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां यदौषधीष्वप्स्वा यंजत्र । येनान्तरिक्षमुर्वातृतन्थं त्वेषः स भानुरंर्ण्वो नृचक्षाः ॥४८॥

Agne yatte divi varcaḥ pṛthivyāṁ yadoṣadhīṣvapsvā yajatra. Yenāntarikṣamurvātatantha tveṣaḥ sa bhānurarṇavo nṛcakṣāḥ.

Agni, light of the universe, life of existence, power and presiding presence of the world, lord of yajna and friend of the yajniks, the glory that is yours shines in the heavens, vibrates in the earth, blooms in the herbs and breathes in the waters. It is the same by which the skies are pervaded and expanded. It blazes as the sun, it rolls as the oceans of space, and it watches our human performance as the universal eye.

(Let the scholar and the teacher attain the knowledge of the universal spirit, nature and life in existence and, like agni among human beings, impart the same to his/her disciples.)

## 49. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

अग्नै <u>दि</u>वोऽअर्णमच्छी जिगास्यच्छी देवाँ२॥ऽर्कचिषे धिष्णया ये । या रौचने प्रस्तात् सूर्यीस्य याश्चावस्तीदुप्-तिष्ठीन्तुऽआर्पः ॥४९॥

Agne divo arṇamacchā jigāsyacchā devāň'ūciṣe dhiṣṇyā ye. Ya rocane parastāt sūryasya yāścāvastādupatiṣṭhanta'āpaḥ.

Agni, man of knowledge and light of the world, your knowledge reaches unto the waters of heaven and you proclaim that knowledge to the bold and the best among intelligent people who impart it to their disciples. It covers the waters which float in the luminous sphere of the sun and studies the vapours and energy vibrant on this side of the sun and beyond.

## 50. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

पुरीष्यासोऽअग्नयेः प्रावणिभिः सजोषेसः। जुषन्ती यज्ञमदुहौऽनमीवाऽइषौ महीः॥५०॥

Purīṣyāso'agnayaḥ prāvaṇebhiḥ sajoṣasaḥ. Juṣantāṁ yajñamadruho' namīvā'iṣo mahīḥ.

All men and women of the world, experts in knowledge and blest with virtue, brilliant and energetic like agni (fire and electricity), living together with mutual love and shared qualities of enlightenment, free from hate, jealousy, fear and all physical and mental ailments, dedicate themselves to yajna (creative and constructive cooperative activities) and enjoy great plenty and prosperity of high order in life.

## 51. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

इडोमग्ने पुरुदःसंश्सृनिं गोः शेश्वत्तमश्हवेमानाय साध । स्यान्नेः सूनुस्तनेयो विजावाऽग्ने सा ते सुमृतिभूत्वस्मे ॥५१॥

Iḍāmagne purudamsam sanim goḥ śaśvattamam havamānāya sādha. Syānnaḥ sūnustanayo vijāvāgne sā te sumatirbhūtvasme.

Agni, light of life/brilliant man of knowledge, may your light, knowledge and intelligence be for our share. Create for us and help us create wealth of cows,

plenty of milk, food and energy, divine speech, vision and wisdom for all time for the sake of yajna and the yajniks. May we beget children capable of mighty deeds and achievements. And may the brilliant teacher bless our children with universal wealth of existence and the vision of divinity.

## 52. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

अयं ते योनिर्ऋत्वियो यतौ जातोऽअरौचथाः। तं जानन्नेग्नऽआ रोहाथा नो वर्धया रियम् ॥५२॥

Ayam te yonirṛtviyo yato jāto'arocathāḥ. Tam jānannagna'ā rohāthā no vardhayā rayim.

Agni, man of pure soul and brilliant character like light and fire, dear son, this is your place/home of birth where, born at the right auspicious time, you shine by your life and conduct. Know this, rise high and help us advance in wealth, prosperity, honour and happiness.

# 53. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

चिद<u>िस</u> तयो देवतयाङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवा सीद। परिचिद<u>िस</u> तयो देवतयाङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवा सीद।।५३॥

Cidasi tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda. Paricidasi tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

Son/Daughter, you are knowledgeable, well aware and intelligent. Stay firm in this place of yours sitting close with that noble soul like the breath of life. Master/Mistress you are all round versatile. Stay firm in your place sitting close with the noble spirit of your Dharma and Karma. Be firm with the spirit of omniscience, giver of all wealth and joy.

#### 54. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

लोकं पृण छिद्रं पृणाथों सीद ध्रुवा त्वम् । इन्द्राग्नी त्वा बृहुस्पतिरुस्मिन् योनवसीषदन् ॥५४॥

Lokam pṛṇa chidram pṛṇātho sīda dhruvā tvam. Indrāgnī tvā bṛhaspatirasmin yonāvasīṣadan.

Fill up, serve and complete this life. If there is any loophole, plug it. If there is any short-coming, overcome it, advance and excel. In this field of knowledge and action, may Indra and Agni, father and mother, nurture you with instruction and advice. May Brihaspati, the teacher, guardian of divine knowledge and good conduct, guide and confirm you in virtue. Be strong and stay firm in your place.

## 55. (Apah Devata, Priyamedha Rshi)

ताऽअस्य सूर्वदोहसः सोमेथ्रंश्रीण<u>न्ति</u> पृश्नेयः। जन्मेन्द्रेवानां विश<u>स्त्रिष्वा</u> रौचुने <u>दि</u>वः॥५५॥

Tā'asya sūdadohasaḥ somam śrīṇanti pṛśnayaḥ. Janmandevānām viśastriṣvā rocane divaḥ.

Blooming women of beauty and grace, wives of noble people, in this wonderful paradisal phase of their cultured home life, milk the dappled cows and prepare and season delicious foods with the dressing of soma. They create sweetness and joy in all the three phases of time, past, present and future, and are blest with noble and promising children.

# 56. (Indra Devata, Sutajetra Madhuchhanda Rshi) इन्द्रं विश्वाऽअवीवृधन्त्समुद्रव्यचस्ं गिर्रः ।

रुथीतेमःरुथीनां वाजीनाः सत्पितिं पतिम् ॥५६॥

Indram viśvā' avīvṛdhantsamudravyacasam giraḥ. Rathītamam rathīnām vājānām satpatim patim.

All the sacred voices of truth inspire and exalt Indra, man of power and glory, wide and rolling as the sea, supreme hero of the chariots and battles of life, protector of truth and Dharma, and promoter of life and its prosperity.

(The brahmacharis and brahmacharinis, who complete their education with the sacred voice of the Veda and the words of truth written and spoken by the Rishis, rise in life, and when they marry in the vaidic way, they raise families which grow in happiness and prosperity.)

## 57. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

सिन्दिःसं केल्पेथा॒छंसंप्रियौ रोचि्ष्णू सुमन्स्यमनि । इषुमूजीम्भि संवसनि ॥५७॥

Samitam sam kalpethām sampriyau rociṣṇū sumanasyamānau. Isamūrjamabhi samvasānau.

Wedded couple, two-in-one joined in love, brilliant in health and lustre, of equal and enlightened mind, decent and graceful in clothes and ornaments, both of you together plan, act and realise your goal in food, energy, prosperity, honour and glory.

#### 58. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

सं वां मनिछं<u>सि</u> सं व्रता सम् <u>चि</u>त्तान्याकेरम् । अग्नै पुरीष्या<u>धि</u>पा भेव त्वं नुऽइषुमूर्जुं यजेमानाय धेहि ॥५८॥

Sam vām manāmsi sam vratā samu cittānyākaram. Agne purīṣyādhīpā bhava tvam na iṣamūrjam yajamānāya dhehi. Wedded couple, I join you as two-in-one in life and sanctify you with identical thoughts, intentions and operations, identical vows of plans, actions and achievements, and identical memories, values and aspirations.

Agni, noble teacher, high-priest of yajna, be our super-guide and guardian. Create, hold and sustain for the yajamana couple nourishment, energy, honour and prosperity.

# 59. (Agni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

अग्ने त्वं पु<u>रीष्यो</u> र<u>यि</u>मान् पु<u>ष्टि</u>माँ२॥ऽअसि । शिवाः कृत्वा दिशः सर्वाः स्वं योनि<u>मि</u>हासेदः॥५९॥

Agne tvam purīṣyo rayimān puṣṭimāň asi. Śivāḥ kṛtvā diśaḥ sarvāḥ svam yonimihāsadaḥ.

Agni, Lord of knowledge, light and power of yajna, rich in spirit, science and materials, and presiding priest of all round growth, you are dedicated to the earth and the laws of life. Rise, move abroad and, having created peace and prosperity in all directions, come and grace your super-seat of guidance.

## 60. (Dampati Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

भवंतं नः समेनसौ सचेतसावरेपसौ । मा युज्ञश्हीश्सिष्टं मा युज्ञपेतिं जातवेदसौ <u>शि</u>वौ भवतमुद्य नेः ॥६०॥

Bhavatam naḥ samanasau sacetasāvarepasau. Mā yajñam himsiṣṭam mā yajñapatim jātavedasau śivau bhavatamadya naḥ.

Wedded couple, both of you be of good mind and thought toward us. Be of noble equanimity and blissful intention for us. Be free of pride, arrogance and negativity. Violate not yajna, nor Dharma, nor the yajnapati. Reborn as master and mistress of the knowledge of creation (as children of Agni), be good and kind to us right now.

## 61. (Patni Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

मातेवे पुत्रं पृ<u>ष्</u>यिवी पुरीष्यमाग्निश्वंस्वे योनीवभारुखा । तां विश्वैर्देव<u>ैर्ऋतु</u>भिः संविदानः प्रजापिति<u>र्वि</u>श्वकेर्मा वि मुञ्चतु ॥६१॥

Māteva putram pṛthivī purīṣyamagnim'sve yonāvabhārukhā. Tām viśvairdevairṛtubhiḥ samvidānaḥ prajāpatirviśvakarmā vi muñcatu.

Just as the earth like a mother holds the vital heat for the nourishment of life in her womb, so does a woman worthy of love and recognition hold a brilliant soul in her womb till maturity. May Lord Vishwakarma (maker of the world), father and guardian of His children (Prajapati), with gifts and nourishment from all the seasons and powers of nature, deliver her of a noble offspring.

#### 62. (Nirriti Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

असुन्वन्तमयंजमानमिच्छ स्तेनस्येत्यामन्<u>विहि</u> तस्केरस्य । अन्यमस्मिदिच्छ सा तऽड्डत्या नमो देवि निर्ऋते तुभ्ये-मस्तु ॥६२॥

Asunvantamayajamānamiccha stenasyetyāmanvihi taskarasya. Anyamasmadiccha sā ta' ityā namo devi nirṛte tubhyamastu.

Nir-riti, spirit of adversity, desire to catch the stingy and the miserly who does not perform the yajna and does not extract the soma for libations. Pursue the

thief and the smuggler and catch him on the way. Go to someone other than me. That is your desired object and action. Salutations to you, power of justice.

## 63. (Nirriti Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

नमः सु ते निर्ऋते तिग्मतेजोऽयस्मयं विचृता बन्धमेतम् । युमेन् त्वं युम्या संविदानोत्तमे नाकेऽअधिरोहयैनम् ॥६३॥

Namaḥ su te nirṛte tigmatejo'yasmayam vicṛtā bandhametam. Yamena tvam yamyā samvidānottame nāke'adhi rohayainam.

Power of eternal law, eternal felicity and adversity, your splendour is awful. You go with the law and are one with the law. Salutations to you. Undo the iron-chains of slavery and take this yajamana to the heights of heavenly bliss.

#### 64. (Nirriti Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

यस्यस्ति घोरऽआसञ्जुहोम्येषां बन्धानीमवसर्जीनाय । यां त्वा जनो भूमिरिति प्रमन्देते निर्ऋतिं त्वाहं परिवेद विश्वतेः ॥६४॥

Yasyāste ghora'āsañjuhomyeṣām bandhānāmavasarjanāya. Yām tvā jano bhūmiriti pramandate nirṛtim tvā'ham pariveda viśvataḥ.

Awful spirit of adversity, eternal felicity, everabiding with the law, I offer the oblations into your mouth/ in the yajna vedi for the breaking of the chains of existence. Ordinary folks play with you in a state of wanton negligence, feeling that you are the all forbearing earth. But I know you well for what you are, spirit of justice, as the mother of felicity as well as the power of retribution.

#### 65. (Yajamana Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

यं ते देवी निर्ऋतिराबुबन्ध पाशे ग्रीवास्विविचृत्यम् । तं ते विष्याम्यायुषो न मध्यादथैतं <u>पितुमिद्धि</u> प्रसूतः । नमो भूत्यै येदं चुकारे ॥६५॥

Yam te devī nirṛtirābabandha pāśam grīvāsvavicṛtyam. Tam te vi ṣyāmyāyuṣo na madhyādathaitam pitumaddhi prasūtaḥ. Namo bhūtyai yedam cakāra.

Yajamana, the inexorable chain which the spirit of adversity, in full justice, had tied round your throat for want of yajna, I undo from the centre of your life right away. Regenerated through yajna, eat of this holy food. The spirit of generosity has done this miracle. Salutations to the spirit of generosity.

## 66. (Agni Devata, Vishvavasu Ŗshi)

निवेशनः सङ्गर्मनो वसूनां विश्वां रूपाऽभिचेष्टे शर्चीभिः। देवऽईव सविता सत्यधर्मेन्द्रो न तस्थौ समरे पेथीनाम्॥६६॥

Niveśanaḥ saṅgamano vasūnāṁ viśvā rūpā'bhicaṣṭe śacībhiḥ. Deva'iva savitā satyadharmendro na tasthau samare pathīnām.

Who is a noble yajamana? A successful householder (grihasthi)? The man of vitality who takes a wife, makes a home, creates wealth and contributes to life like Savita, the creator; who watches and illuminates all forms of life on earth with his eyes like the sun, and manages various developments with his acts like Indra, the leader; who is firm in true Dharma and stands inviolable in the battles of the pathmakers of the world — such a man is the right yajamana and a noble house-holder.

#### 67. (Krishivala Kavayah Devata, Vishvavasu Ŗshi)

सीरा युञ्जन्ति क्वयो युगा वितन्वते पृथेक् । धीरा देवेषु सुम्नया ॥६७॥

Sīrā yuñjanti kavayo yugā vi tanvate pṛthak. Dhīrā deveṣu sumnayā.

Men of vision and intelligence use the plough and the yoke. The men of constancy among the brilliant and the generous separately as well as together devoutly in peace expand the beauty and graces of life and knowledge.

## 68. (Krishivala Kavaya Devata, Vishvavasu Ŗshi)

युनक्त् सीरा वि युगा तेनुध्वं कृते योनौ वपतेह बीर्जम् । गिरा चे श्रुष्टिः सर्भरा असेन्नो नेदीयऽइत्सृण्यः प्क्वमेयोत्। ६८

Yunakta sīra vi yugā tanudhvam kṛte yonau vapateha bījam. Girā ca śruṣṭiḥ sabharā asanno nedīya' it sṛṇyaḥ pakvameyāt.

Work with the plough and yoke the horses/bullocks. Expand the agriculture and its methods, tools and knowledge. Prepare the soil and sow the seed. In accordance with the knowledge of agriculture develop many kinds of produce of the richest order. And when the grains are ripe for harvesting, reap and bring the harvest home for all of us.

## 69. (Krishivala Devata, Kumaraharita Ŗshi)

शुनःसु फाला विकृषन्तु भूमिःशुनं कीनाशाऽअभियन्तु वाहै:। शुनौसीरा हृविषा तोशीमाना सुपिप्पलाऽओषधीः कर्त्तनास्मे ॥६९॥ Śunam su phālā vi kṛṣantu bhūmim śunam kīnāśā'abhi yantu vāhaiḥ. Śunāsīrā havīṣā tośamānā supippalā oṣadhīḥ kartanāsmai.

Let the plough-shares turn the soil well. Let the farmers merrily follow the bullocks while they till the land and sow the seeds. May the sun and the air supplemented by the oblations of rich materials bless the herbs and plants with delicious fruit and nourishing grain.

# 70. (Krishivala Devata, Kumaraharita Ŗshi)

घृतेन सीता मधुना समेज्यतां विश्वैर्देवैरनुमता मुरुद्धिः । ऊर्जस्वती पर्यसा पिन्वेमानास्मान्त्सीते पर्यसाभ्यावे-वृत्स्व ॥७०॥

Ghṛtena sītā madhunā samajyatām viśvairdevairanumatā Marudbhiḥ. Ūrjasvatī payasā pinvamānāsmāntsīte payasā'bhyā vavrtsva.

Let the furrow in the field, made by the ploughshare and levelled and refined by the leveller, accepted and approved by all the noble and generous people and vitalized by winds and rain, be enriched with water, ghee, sugar and honey. Energized and enriched thus with food, the field may yield for us a wealth of delicious nourishment.

## 71. (Krishivala Devata, Kumaraharita Ŗshi)

लाङ्गेलं पवीरवत्सुशेवेश्सोम्पित्सेरु । तदुद्वेपित् गामविं प्रफुर्व्यं च पीवेरीं प्रस्थावेद्रथ्वाहेनम् ॥७१॥

Lāṅgalaṁ pavīravat suśevaṁ somapitsaru. Tadudvapati gāmaviṁ prapharvyaṁ ca pīvarīṁ prasthāvadrathavāhanam. The plough, fitted with the share, symbol of peace and joy, a tool of soma—plenty, prosperity and happiness—drawn by horses or bullocks and held firmly by the hilt, turns up the crust of the kind and generous earth to make it ready for sowing.

## 72. (Mitra & others Devata, Kumaraharita Ŗshi)

कामं कामदुघे धुक्ष्व <u>मि</u>त्राय वर्रुणाय च । इन्द्रीया्श्विभ्यां पूष्णे प्रजाभ्यऽओषधीभ्यः ॥७२॥

Kāmam kāmadughe dhukṣva mitrāya varuṇāya ca. Indrāyāśvibhyām pūṣṇe prajābhya' oṣadhībhyaḥ.

Mother of fulfilment and source of satisfaction, generous earth/furrow of the field/holy cow, let the desires be fulfilled for friends, noble scholars and guests, persons of power and glory, the people, powers of health and pranic energies, and for the growth of herbs and trees.

#### 73. (Aghnya Devata, Kumaraharita Rshi)

विमुच्यध्वमघ्या देवयानाऽअगेन्म् तमेसस्पारमस्य । ज्योतिरापाम ॥७३॥

Vimucyadhvamaghnyā devayānā'aganma tamasaspāramasya. Jyotirāpāma.

Be free from poverty, ill-health and ignorance. Let us be rich with the holy inviolable cows for nourishment and prosperity. May we cross this darkness and attain to the light of the sun and the glory of life.

## 74. (Ashvins Devata, Kumaraharita Rshi)

सजूरब्दोऽअयंवोभिः सजूरुषाऽअरुणीभिः । सुजोषंसा-वृश्विना द॰सौभिः सजूः सूर्ऽएतंशेन सजूर्वै'श्वान्रऽइडया घृतेन् स्वाहो ॥७४॥

Sajūrabdo'ayavobhiḥ sajūruṣā' aruṇībhiḥ. Sajoṣasāvaśvinā damsobhiḥ śajūḥ sūra' etaśena sajūrvaiśvānara' iḍayā ghṛtena svāhā.

The year goes with the divisions of time, the dawn is one with the ruddy morning, the pranic energies express themselves in the actions of nature and of living beings, the sun shines and radiates light with its rays, the vital heat loves the earth, the libations of yajna and the voice of the Veda.

(So should the people live together with one another. So should the husband and wife live a common shared life, complementing and supplementing each other in an integrated life.)

## 75. (Vaidya Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

या ओषधीः पूर्वी जाता देवेभ्येस्त्रियुगं पुरा । मनै नु बुभूणामृहःशातं धामानि सप्त च ॥७५॥

Yā oṣadhīḥ pūrvā jātā devebhyastriyugam purā. Manai nu babhrūṇāmaham śatam dhāmāni sapta ca.

Earlier, three years before in the three seasons, whatever herbs such as soma etc. grew out of the earth with other natural powers such as water, air and sunlight, I should know: the hundred and seven varieties of these brown ones for the treatment of hundred and seven ailments which affect hundred and seven vital spots in the body.

#### 76. (Vaidya Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

शृतं वौऽअम्ब धामीनि सहस्रीमुत वो रुहैः । अधी शतक्रत्वो यूयिममं मैऽअगृदं कृत ॥७६॥

Śataṁ vo'amba dhāmāni sahasramuta vo ruhaḥ. Adhā śatakratvo yūyamimaṁ me'agadaṁ kṛta.

Mother earth, mother of herbs, hundreds are the places where the herbs grow, and thousands are the roots by which they grow into innumerable varieties. Then, O physicians of a hundred specialities of ailments and scholars of a hundred varieties of herbs, come you all and render this body and community of mine free from all disease.

## 77. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

ओषेधीः प्रतिमोदध्वं पुष्पेवतीः प्रसूर्वरीः । अश्वोऽइव सुजित्वरीर्वीरुधेः पारि<u>य</u>ण्णवः ॥७७॥

Oṣadhīḥ pratimodadhvaṁ puṣpavatīḥ prasūvarīḥ. Aśvā'iva sajitvarīrvīrudhaḥ pārayiṣṇvaḥ.

All of you men and women, herbs, creepers and plants such as soma, in full bloom, rich in fruit and medicine, fast and victorious over disease take you across all ailments and sorrow. Use them, be healthy and strong and, like the victorious men of horse, rejoice and be grateful to them.

## 78. (Chikitsu Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

ओषधीरिति मातर्स्तद्वी देवीरुप ब्रुवे । सनेयमश्वं गां वासीऽआत्मानं तर्व पूरुष ॥७८॥

Oṣadhīriti mātarastadvo devīrupa bruve. Saneyamaśvaṁ gāṁ vāsa'ātmānaṁ tava pūruṣa. Herbs and medicinal plants, as mothers, are of divine efficacy. They nourish and save like mothers. Hence I pray for you all: Lord of Life, Supreme Soul, may I by divine grace have the gift of horses, cows, clothes and home, and a healthy body.

## 79. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

अश्वत्थे वौ निषदेनं पूर्णे वौ वस्तिष्कृता । गोभाजुऽइत् किलासथु यत् सुनवेथु पूरुषम् ॥७९॥

Aśvatthe vo niṣadanaṁ parṇe vo vasatiṣkṛtā. Gobhāja' itkilāsatha yat sanavatha pūruṣam.

Men and women of the earth, you reside in a body which may or may not last till to morrow. Your life rests like a drop of dew on the leaf. Take the gifts of the earth and look after the soul in the body with herbs and medicines to live a full life.

#### 80. (Oshadhaya Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

यत्रौषधीः समग्मेत् राजीनः समिताविव । विप्रः सऽर्डच्यते <u>भिषग्रेक्षोहामीवचार्तनः ॥८०॥</u>

Yatrauṣadhīḥ samagmata rājānaḥ samitāviva. Vipraḥ sa'ucyate bhiṣag rakṣohāmīvacātanaḥ.

Wherever medicinal herbs such as soma grow, there go as brave warriors go to the battlefield against the enemy. That person of intelligence and expertise who fights disease and destroys the anti-life forces is called the physician, the person who cures.

## 81. (Vaidya Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

अश्वावृतीथंसोमावृतीमूर्जयन्तीमुदौजसम् । आवित्सि सर्वाऽओषधीरुस्माऽअरिष्टतातये ॥८१॥  $A \dot{s} v \bar{a} v a t \bar{i} m som \bar{a} v a t \bar{i} m \bar{u} r j a y a n t \bar{i} m u doja sam. \bar{A} vitsi sarva' o sadh \bar{i} r a sm \bar{a}' a r i statataye.$ 

Medicinal herb is that which is powerfully efficacious, nourishing and rejuvenating, strengthening and lustrously invigorating. Physician, know and find all such herbs for the health and immunity of the sick and the needy.

## 82. (Oshadhaya Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

उच्छुष्माऽओषेधीनां गावौ गोष्ठादिवेरते । धर्नः सनिष्यन्तीनामात्मानं तवे पूरुष ॥८२॥

Ucchuṣmā'oṣadhīnāṁ gāvo goṣṭhādiverate. Dhanam saniṣyantīnāmātmānaṁ tava pūruṣa.

O man, the invigorating power and fragrance of vitality of the herbs which are ever keen to give health and lustre to your body and soul issues forth from them just as cows issue forth from the cow-shed (anxious to feed their calves).

#### 83. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

इष्कृतिर्नामे वो माताथो यूयछंस्थ निष्कृतीः। सीराः पेत्रत्रिणी स्थन यदामयति निष्कृथ ॥८३॥

Iṣkṛtirnāma vo mātā'tho yuyam stha niṣkṛtīḥ. Sīrāḥ patatriṇī sthana yadāmayati niṣkṛtha.

Know the medicine which, as mother, serves your life with healing and, like the flowing streams, repay the debt by completing the development of the science of healing by herbs. Whatever causes disease and loss of health, remove from the paths of life.

## 84. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

अित विश्वाः परिष्ठा स्तेनऽईव व्रजमेक्रमुः। ओषेधीः प्राचुच्यवुर्यत्किं च तुन्वो रपः॥८४॥

Ati viśvāḥ pariṣṭhā stena'iva vrajamakramuḥ. Oṣadhīḥ prācucyavuryatkiṁ ca tanvo rapaḥ.

When a thief attacks a cowpen, he is challenged and warded off by the master. So do medicinal herbs, universal in their growth and presence, challenge whatever ailment attacks the body like sin and destroy the ailments.

#### 85. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

यदिमा वाजयेन्नहमोषेधीर्हस्तेऽआद्धे । आत्मा यक्ष्मस्य नश्यति पुरा जीवृगृभौ यथा ॥८५॥

Yadimā vājayannahamoşadhīrhasta'ādadhe. Ātmā yakṣmasya naśyati purā jīvagṛbho yathā.

When I refine and strengthen these medicines and hold them in my hand, the very root of the consumptive ailment grabbing the vitality of the sick person is destroyed.

#### 86. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

यस्यौषधीः प्रसर्प्थाङ्गमङ्गं पर्रुष्परुः । ततो यक्ष्मं विबोधध्वऽउग्रो मध्यमुशीरिव ॥८६॥

Yasyauṣadhīḥ prasarpathāṅgamaṅgaṁ paruṣparuḥ. Tato yakṣmaṁ vi bādhadhva'ugro madhyamaśīriva.

When the medicines spread over every part and every joint of the sick person, then, mighty and powerful, present in every cell of the body, they drive away the consumptive forces of disease, eliminating, as if, the enemy intruders of the body.

# 87. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Ŗshi)

साकं येक्ष्म प्र पेत चाषेण किकिदीविना । साकं वार्तस्य ध्राज्यां साकं नेश्य निहार्कया ॥८७॥

Sākam yakṣma pra pata cāṣeṇa kikidīvinā. Sākam vātasya dhrājyā sākam naśya nihākayā.

Physician, let the consumptive disease go off with every dose of medicine, with every new prescription, with every motion of the breath, and let it be eliminated along with the last trace of pain.

## 88. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

अन्या वौऽअन्यामेवत्वन्यान्यस्याऽउपीवत । ताः सवीः संविदानाऽइदं मे प्रावेता वर्चः॥८८॥

Anyā vo anyāmavatvanyānyasyā'upāvata. Tāḥ sarvāḥ saṁvidānā idaṁ me prāvatā vachaḥ.

Physicians, of your medicines, let one supplement and protect the other and let the other in turn support and protect the former. Let all of them be thus mutually agreeable in proper proportion. Keep this word of mine as true and hold on to it.

## 89. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Ḥshi)

याः फ्लिनीर्याऽअफ्लाऽअपुष्पा याश्चे पुष्पिणीः। बृह्स्पतिप्रसूतास्ता नौ मुञ्चन्त्वश्हीसः॥८९॥

Yāḥ phalinīryā' aphalā'apuṣpā yāśca puṣpiṇīḥ. Bṛhaspatiprasūtāstā no muñcantvamhasaḥ.

All the medicinal herbs which are rich in fruit

and those which are without fruit, those which are rich in flowers and those which are without flowers, all of them are created by the Lord Creator. Let all of them, with proper treatment and preparation by the physician, protect us and free us from disease and pain.

## 90. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

मुञ्चन्तुं मा शपृथ्याद्वशे वरुण्यादुत । अथो युमस्य पड्वीशात्सर्वस्माद् देवकि<u>ल्वि</u>षात् ॥९०॥

Muñcantu mā śapathyādatho varuṇyāduta. Atho yamasya paḍvīśāt sarvasmād devakilviṣāt.

May the physicians and the medicines protect us against ill-will, anathema and self-guilt. May they free us from water-borne diseases and those which are peculiar to the prosperous and the distinguished persons. May they release us from ailments caused by acts of indiscipline and breach of the rules of health and the good life. May they save us from all diseases caused by neglect or indulgence of the senses and the mind and those caused by frustration of the intellectuals.

## 91. (Vaidyas Devata, Bhishak Rshi)

अवपतेन्तीरवद<u>न्दि</u>वऽओषेधय्स्परि । यं जीवम्श्नवीमहै न स रिष्या<u>ति</u> पूर्रुषः ॥९१॥

Avapatantīravadan diva' oṣadhayaspari. Yam jīvamaśnavāmahai na sa riṣyāti pūruṣaḥ.

The medicinal herbs come from heaven, the region of light and life. So say the wise. The person who feeds upon them never comes to any suffering.

## 92. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Rshi)

याऽओषेधीः सोमेराज्ञीर्बेह्वीः शृतविचक्षणाः। तासमि<u>सि</u> त्वमुत्तमारं कामोय श\*हृदे ॥९२॥

Yā'oṣadhīḥ somarājñīrbahvīḥ śatavicakṣaṇāḥ. Tāsāmasi tvamuttamāraṁ kāmāya śaṁ hṛde.

Physician, of the many herbal medicines which are efficacious with a hundred properties and of which soma is the chief on top, you are the best judge for the peace of mind and achievement of the desired result.

#### 93. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

याऽओषेधीः सोमेराज्ञीर्विष्ठिताः पृ<u>थि</u>वीमन् । बृहुस्पतिप्रसूताऽअस्यै सं देत्त वीुर्युम् ॥९३॥

Yā'oṣadhīḥ somarājñīrvīṣṭhitāḥ pṛthivīmanu. Bṛhaspatiprasūtā'asyai saṁdatta vīryam.

The many herbal medicines with life-giving properties like soma, specially grown on the earth, are the blessed gifts of the Lord-giver of life, Brihaspati. Refined and vitalized by the physician, they may, we wish and pray, give health and vigour to this woman/man.

# 94. (Bhishaja Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

याश्चेदमुपशृण्वि<u>न्त</u> याश्चे दूरं परोगताः। सर्वीः सङ्गत्ये वीरुधोऽस्यै सं देत्त वीर्युम् ॥९४॥

Yāścedamupaśṛṇvanti yāśca dūraṁ parāgatāḥ. Sarvāḥ saṁgatya vīrudho'syai saṁdatta vīryam.

Men and women of medicine, these herbs of which you and others hear around us, or which are close by, or those which come from afar, all these herbs, plants, creepers and trees together, we wish and pray, may give her/him the gift of health and vitality.

## 95. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

मा वौ रिषत् ख<u>नि</u>ता यस्मै चाहं खर्नामि वः। द्विपाच्चतुंष्पादस्माकुःसर्वीमस्त्वनातुरम् ॥९५।

Mā vo riṣat khanitā yasmai cāham khanāmi vaḥ. Dvipāccatuṣpādasmākam sarvamastvanāturam.

Whoever digs you (roots/minerals) out, may he/she never injure/destroy you, nor should he/she come to any harm. Nor should the person for whom I (the physician) dig you out come to any harm. May all the bi-peds (humans) and all the quadrupeds (animals) of ours be free from suffering and disease.

## 96. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

ओषेधयः समेवदन्त सोमेन सह राज्ञा । यस्मै कृणोति ब्राह्मणस्तःराजन् पारयामसि ॥९६॥

Oṣadhayaḥ samavadanta somena saha rājña. Yasmai kṛṇoti brāhmaṇastam rājan pārayāmasi.

Herbs and medicines alongwith their chief, soma, power of vitality, say: O Soma, king of herbs, whoever the patient for whom the learned physician has prepared the cure, let us take the person across the pain of suffering.

## 97. (Bhishagvara Devata, Varuna Rshi)

ना<u>शियित्री</u> बलासुस्यार्श'सऽउपचितामिस । अथौ शतस्य यक्ष्मीणां पाकारोर्रसि नार्शनी ॥९७॥

Nāśayitrī balāsasyārśasa' upacitāmasi. Atho śatasya yakṣmāṇāṁ pākārorasi nāśanī.

Herbal medicine is a destroyer, sure cure, of phlegmatic consumption, piles, hemorrhoids, swellings, chronic sores and numerous types of pulmonary disease.

# 98. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

त्वां गेन्ध्रवाऽअंखन्ँस्त्वामिन्द्रस्त्वां बृह्स्पतिः। त्वामौषधे सोमो राजी विद्वान् यक्ष्मीदमुच्यत ॥९८॥

Tvām gandharvā' akhanaňstvāmindrastvām bṛhaspatiḥ. Tvāmoṣadhe somo rājā vidvān yakṣmādamucyata.

O Gandharva, herbal medicine, the singer and artist searches for and discovers you. So does Indra, man of power and virility, Brihaspati, man of universal Vaidic lore, Soma, man of peace and blessed virtue, the ruler and the scholar. They all search for, discover, use and benefit from herbal medicines and free themselves from consumptive ailments.

## 99. (Oshadhi Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

सहंस्व मेऽअरातीः सहंस्व पृतनायतः । सहंस्व सर्वं पाप्पानुःसहंमानास्योषधे ॥९९॥

Sahasva me'arātīḥ sahasva pṛtanāyataḥ. Sahasva sarvaṁ pāpmānaṁ sahamānāsyoṣadhe.

Herbal medicine challenges disease. It resists the anti-life forces and overthrows the enemies of good health: Let the medicine resist all that causes sin and disease. It resists, fights out, defeats and eliminates the negativities and builds up the vitality and invincibility of the system for longevity.

#### 100. (Vaidyas Devata, Varuna Rshi)

दीर्घायुस्तऽओषधे खिन्ता यस्मै च त्वा खनाम्यहम् । अथो त्वं दीर्घायुर्भृत्वा शृतवित्शा विरोहतात् ॥१००॥

Dīrghāyusta'oṣadhe khanitā yasmai ca tvā khanāmyaham. Atho tvaṁ dīrghāyurbhūtvā śatavalśa virohatāt.

Medicinal herb, may the person who searches, discovers, digs out and prepares the medicine be of long life. May the patient for whom I, the physician, prescribe, prepare and administer the medicine be of long life. May you (the herb) too be of long life and grow to rise into a hundred roots, shoots and branches.

#### 101. (Bhishaja Devata, Varuna Ŗshi)

त्वर्मुत्तमास्यौषधे तर्व वृक्षाऽउपस्तयः । उपस्तिरस्तु सोऽस्माकं योऽअस्माँ२॥ऽअभिदासीत ॥१०१॥

Tvamuttamāsyoṣadhe tava vṛkṣā'upastayaḥ. Upastirastu so'smākaṁ yo' asmāň' abhidāsati.

Herbal medicine/Physician, you are supreme. All the trees (such as peepal and banyan) are subordinate to you as sources of medicine. Anyone who tries to suppress us, any disease that might weaken us, let that be under our control. (Strengthen us with health, vitality and courage of spirit.)

#### 102. (Kah Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

मा मो हिश्सीज्जि<u>नि</u>ता यः पृ<u>थि</u>व्या यो वा दिवेश्सत्यर्धर्मा व्यानेट् । यश्चापश्चन्द्राः प्रथमो जुजान् कस्मै देवाये हुविषो विधेम ॥१०२॥ Mā mā himsijjanitā yaḥ pṛthivyā yo vā divam satyadharmā vyānaṭ. Yaścāpaścandrāḥ prathamo jajāna kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The Lord who is the creator of the earth, who is the lord of the universal law of truth, who is the first of all and creator of the air, waters and the moons, and who pervades the heavens, whom we worship with the best homage of fragrant oblations, that lord of life may never hurt us with disease and ill-health.

## 103. (Agni Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

अभ्यावेर्त्तस्व पृथिवि युज्ञेन पर्यसा सह । वृपां तैऽअग्निरि<u>षि</u>तोऽअरोहत् ॥१०३॥

Abhyāvartasva pṛthivi yajñena payasā saha. Vapām te'agniriṣito'arohat.

Come earth, revolving with yajna and water, milk and food, again and again, continuously. And may agni, vital life-generating heat of nature, activated by the Lord creator of life, bless your fertility and increase your power of production.

#### 104. (Agni Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

अग्ने यत्ते शुक्रं यच्चन्द्रं यत्पूतं यच्चे युज्ञियेम् । तहेवेभ्यो भरामसि ॥१०४॥

Agne yatte śukraṁ yaccandraṁ yatpūtaṁ yacca yajñiyam. Taddevebhyo bharāmasi.

Agni, vital energy of the universe, may we imbibe and internalize that power of your nature, character and function which is immaculate and generative, beautiful and blissful, pure and sacred, and worthy of service and worship through yajna for growth and development.

#### 105. (Vidvan Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

इषुमूर्ज'मृह<u>मि</u>तऽआद'मृतस्य योनिं' म<u>हि</u>षस्य धाराम् । आ मा गोषुं वि<u>श</u>त्वा तुनूषु जहांमि सेदिमनिराममीवाम् ॥१०५॥

Iṣamūrjamahamita' ādamṛtasya yonim mahiṣasya dhārām. Ā mā goṣu viśatvā tanūṣu jahāmi sedimanirāmamīvām.

From Lord Agni and the fire of yajna (spiritual, mental and physical) I receive and imbibe food for life and energy for action. I receive and internalize the fluent voice of the mother of truth and Dharma. May all this food, energy and spirit enter, vitalize and strengthen my body, mind and sense, and may it invigorate my cows with fertility.

With all this food, energy and vitality I'd fight out and eliminate all pain, suffering, disease and debility.

# 106. (Agni Devata, Pavakagni Ŗshi)

अग्ने तव् श्रवो वयो मिं भ्राजन्तेऽअर्चयौ विभावसो। बृह्रद्भानो शर्वसा वार्जमुक्थ्युं, दर्धासि दाशुषै कवे ॥१०६

Agne tava śravo vayo mahi bhrājante' arcayo vibhāvaso. Bṛhadbhāno śavasā vājamukthyam dadhāsi dāśuse kave.

Agni, lord of lustre, light of universal knowledge, man of supernal vision, let the adorable message of yours, youthful brilliance and splendid beams of light shine and radiate across the world. Whosoever celebrates you in yajna, you bless the yajamana giver with holistic nourishments and fullness of energy and vitality with additional food for yajna.

#### 107. (Vidvan Devata, Pavakagni Rshi)

पाव्वकर्वर्चाः शुक्रवेर्चाऽअनूनवर्चाऽउदियर्षि भानुना। पुत्रो मातरा विचरन्नुपविसि पृणक्षि रोदेसीऽउभे ॥१०७॥

Pāvakavarcāḥ śukravarcā'anūnavarcā'udiyarṣi bhānunā. Putro mātarā vicarannupāvasi pṛṇakṣi rodasī'ubhe.

Agni, lord of light and splendour, pure as fire, clear and bright as sunbeams, full and complete, rising to the heights with the sun and pervading the spaces protects the heaven and earth like the son protecting the father and mother.

(Similarly the young brahmachari or brahmacharini, roaming around the sacred premises of his/her institute, grows high in the light and lustre of knowledge, pure as fire, clear as sunbeams, full and complete, and rises high like the sun. He/she protects his/her father and mother as the sun protects the heaven and earth.)

#### 108. (Agni Devata, Pavakagni Rshi)

ऊर्जो नपाञ्जातवेदः सुशृस्ति<u>भि</u>र्मन्देस्व धी॒तिभिर्हितः। त्वेऽइषः सन्देधुर्भूरिवर्पस<u>श्चि</u>त्रोतेयो वामजीताः ॥१०८॥

Ūrjo napājjātavedaḥ suśastibhirmandasva dhītibhirhitaḥ. Tve' iṣaḥ sandadhurbhūrivarpasaścitrotayo vāmajātāḥ.

Agni, child and protector of energy, lord of wealth and intelligence, lover and well-wisher of all, invoked, lighted and raised with devotion and hymns of praise, receive the libations, rejoice and grow. People of various hue, wonderfully favoured and secure in life, children of love and beauty, and sweet and dear by nature, offer food

to you for growth and development.

(As fire is invoked with love and devotion and fed with libations, so should the child be fed, nourished and helped to grow by parents and teachers with all the love and faith at their command so that the child not only lives and learns but also rejoices while he/she lives and learns.)

# 109. (Agni Devata, Pavakagni Ŗshi)

इर्ज्यन्नेग्ने प्रथयस्व जन्तुभिर्म्मे रायोऽअमर्त्य । स देर्शृतस्य वर्षुषो विरोजिस पृणिक्षे सानुसिं क्रतुम् ॥१०९॥

Irajyannagne prathayasva jantubhirasme rāyo' amartya. Sa darśatasya vapuṣo vi rājasi pṛṇakṣi sānasiṁ kratum.

Immortal Agni/man of action, invoked/inspired and rising in glory, rejoicing with people, create and expand the wealth of life for us all. Shining in the beauty and grace of your form in life, protect, promote and perfect the yajna of life which brings happiness, prosperity and all the blessings of existence.

#### 110. (Vidvan Devata, Pavakagni Rshi)

डुष्कृर्त्तारमध्वरस्य प्रचेतस्ं क्षयन्तुःरार्थसो महः । रातिं वामस्य सुभगां महीमिषुं दर्धासि सानुसिःर्यिम् ॥११०॥

Iṣkartārmadhvarasya pracetasam kṣayantam rādhaso mahaḥ. Rātim vāmasya subhagām mahīmiṣam dadhāsi sānasim rayim.

Agni, lord of power and sustenance, you uphold who performs and promotes the yajnic programmes of creation, construction and development. You sustain the person who is intelligent and wide-awake. You protect the person who is settled in a peaceful home. You maintain the person who gives liberal amounts in charity. You are the preserver of the great and generous earth and its environment. You maintain a steady supply of food and energy. And it is you who protect and promote the ancient and traditional wealth of existence.

# 111. (Agni Devata, Pavakagni Ŗshi)

ऋतावनि महिषं विश्वदेशीतम्गिनःसुम्नाये दिधरे पुरो जनीः। श्रुत्केर्णःसप्रथस्तमं त्वा गिरा दैव्यं मानुषा युगा ॥१११॥

Ŗtāvānam mahiṣam viśvadarśatam agnim sumnāya dadhire puro janāḥ. Śrutkarṇam saprathastamam tvā girā daivyam mānuṣā yugā.

For the sake of peace, prosperity and joy, the people of former times have honoured and followed the human traditions of ages and you, Agni, lord of light and life, man of vision and excellence dedicated to Truth and Dharma, great, possessed of universal knowledge and experience, discreet listener and practical achiever and master of divine qualities of character.

## 112. (Soma Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

आप्यायस्व समेतु ते <u>वि</u>श्वतः सोम् वृष्ण्यम् । भवा वार्जस्य सङ्गथे ॥११२॥

Ā pyāyasva sametu te viśvataḥ soma Vṛṣṇyam. Bhavā vājasya saṅgathe.

Soma, ruler, man of grace and blessedness, rise and grow to excellence to win the glory of life. May the vitality, virility and grandeur of life come to you from all sides, and, in the battles of life and the nation, be great.

## 113. (Soma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

सं ते पर्याथं<u>सि</u> समुं यन्तु वाजाः सं वृष्ण्यान्यभिमा<u>ति</u>षाहः। आप्यार्यमानोऽअमृताय सोम <u>दि</u>वि श्रवांथंस्युत्तमानि धिष्व ॥११३॥

Sam te payāmsi samu yantu vājāh sam Vṛṣṇyānyabhimātiṣāhaḥ. Āpyāyamāno amṛtāya soma divi śravāmsyuttamāni dhiṣva.

Soma, man of peace, power and joy, may all delicious waters, milk and juices come to you. May all vigour, virility and vitality come to you. May all food, energy and means of speedy and powerful defence be yours to break down the pride of the enemy forces. Growing mighty and mightier, and rising towards heaven and immortality, hold on to the highest words, thoughts and visions as food for the mind and soul.

#### 114. (Soma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

आप्यायस्व मदिन्तम् सोम् विश्वेभिर्\*शुभिः । भवा नः सुप्रथस्तमः सखा वृधे ॥११४॥

Ā pyāyasva madintama soma viśvebhiramśubhiḥ. Bhavā naḥ saprathastamaḥ sakhā vṛdhe.

Soma, man of widest fame and highest honour, happiest at heart and creator of joy all round, rise and shine with the beams of your excellence and be friends so that we all together may rise and advance in all directions.

## 115. (Agni Devata, Vatsara Ŗshi)

आ ते वृत्सो मनो यमत्परमाच्चित्स्धस्थात् । अग्ने त्वां कामया <u>गि</u>रा ॥११५॥ Ā te vatso mano yamat paramāccit sadhasthāt. Agne tvāṅkāmayā girā.

Agni, lord of life, light and love, the devoted yajamana as a child of yours would divert his mind even from the most exciting places and, with the sweetest words of praise, come to concentrate on you as a calf runs to the mother cow even from the richest pasture.

## 116. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

तुभ्यं ताऽअङ्गिरस्तम् विश्वाः सुक्षितयः पृथेक् । अग्ने कामीय येमिरे ॥११६॥

Tubhyam tā aṅgirastama viśvāḥ sukṣitayaḥ pṛthak. Agne kāmayā yemire.

Agni, most brilliant power of the universe, the entire humanity, even though they might be very well placed in life, converge on you, each for the fulfilment of his/her own special desire.

(Just as the children of the Lord creator approach Him with prayers for the fulfilment of their desires, so do the people of the land, even though well-placed in life otherwise, approach the ruler for the fulfilment of their requests.)

## 117. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्निः प्रियेषु धार्मसु कामो भृतस्य भव्यस्य । सुम्राडेको विरोजित ॥११७॥

Agniḥ priyeṣu dhāmasu kāmo bhūtasya bhavyasya. Samrāḍeko vi rājati.

Agni, sole and sovereign lord of the world, loved and worshipped by all that is born and all that is yet to be born, rules and blazes in his glory across the dearest and most beautiful regions of the universe.

(Just as Agni, bright and blazing with His glory, is the lord of the universe, so that person alone is worthy of being the ruler of a country who is brilliant by virtue of his/her mind and character, unique in performance, loved and respected by all and shining across the present and the possible future in all regions of the land.)

इति द्वादशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XIII

## 1. (Agni Devata, Vatsara Ŗshi)

मियं गृह्णाम्यग्रेऽअग्निःरायस्पोषाय सुप्रजास्त्वायं सुवीर्याय। मामुं देवताः सचन्ताम् ॥१॥

Mayi gṛhṇāmyagre'agnim rāyaspoṣāya suprajāstvāya suvīryāya. Māmu devatāh sacantām.

First of all I dedicate my mind and soul to the Lord Almighty, Agni, lord of light and life, power and prosperity, and I instal the yajna-fire in my home for the gifts of vigour and valour, wealth and prosperity and a noble family. May all the divine powers, for sure, favour and bless me.

(Just as a house-holder or a student is dedicated to Agni, the Lord Almighty, and to agni, the yajna-fire, so too should he/she be dedicated to the agnis among the community, leading men and women of knowledge, wisdom and virtue who have specialised in various fields of knowledge and development.)

#### 2. (Agni Devata, Vatsara Ŗshi)

अपां पृष्ठम<u>िस</u> योनिर्ग्नेः संमुद्रम्भितः पिन्वेमानम् । वर्धमानो मृहाँ२॥ऽआ च पुष्केरे <u>दि</u>वो मात्रेया व<u>रि</u>म्णा प्रथस्व ॥२॥

Apām pṛṣṭhamasi yoniragneḥ samudramabhitaḥ pinvamānam. Vardhamāno mahāň' ā ca puṣkare divo mātrayā varimṇā prathasva.

Lord Almighty, infinite spirit and life of the universe, you are the centre-hold of waters and energy.

You are the original cause of heat and light. Surrounding and feeding the expansive oceans on earth and in space from all sides, you are great and ever greater in the intervening spaces between earth and heaven. And you reveal your glory by the measure and immensity of the light of heaven.

## 3. (Aditya Devata, Vatsara Ŗshi)

ब्रह्मं जज्ञानं प्रेथमं पुरस्ताद्वि सीमृतः सुरुचौ वेनऽआवः । स बुध्न्याऽउपमाऽअस्य विष्ठाः सतश्च यो<u>नि</u>मसंतश्च विवेः ॥३॥

Brahma jajñānam prathamam purastād vi sīmataḥ suruco vena'āvaḥ. Sa budhnyā'upamā' asya viṣṭhāḥ sataśca yonimasataśca vi vaḥ.

Brahma, infinite spirit of the universe, all-creator and omniscient, is the first and greatest reality of existence. Worthy of love and adoration, It is the highest object of desire for the wise. The great and glorious objects (such as the sun, the moon, the earth) which fill the skies in various regions of space are exemplary revelations of Its creative power.

In the beginning of creation, that Brahma, from the potential and law of Its own existence, invokes Prakriti, the original Nature which is the cause of all that is come into existence and also that which is yet to come into existence.

## 4. (Prajapati Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

हिर्ण्यग्भः समेवर्त्तताग्रे भूतस्य जातः पतिरेकेऽआसीत्। स दोधार पृथिवीं द्यामुतेमां कस्मै देवायं हविषा विधेम ॥४॥ Hiraṇyagarbhaḥ samavartatāgre bhūtasya jātaḥ patireka'āsīt. Sa dādhāra pṛthivīṁ dyāmutemāṁ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The One Lord of Light and the sole creator of lights such as the sun existed before creation (as He ever exists). He alone was and is the lord and sustainer of all forms of created being. He holds and sustains the earth and heaven and supports this whole universe. We worship the same one lord and offer Him homage with libations of fragrant materials.

## 5. (Ishwara Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

द्वप्सश्चेस्कन्द पृ<u>थि</u>वीमनु द्या<u>मि</u>मं च यो<u>नि</u>मनु यश्च पूर्वीः। समानं यो<u>नि</u>मनु संचर्रन्तं द्वप्सं जुहोम्यनु सप्त होत्राः ॥५॥

Drapsaścaskanda pṛthivīmanu dyāmimam ca yonimanu yaśca pūrvaḥ. Samānam yonimanu sañcarantam drapsam juhomyanu sapta hotrāḥ.

That eternal, perfect and primordial joy (Ananda) which blesses and coexists with the earth, the heaven and the original cause of existence, Prakriti, the same joy which universally subsists with its origin, the sole creator, I adore with all my breath of life (five pranas), mind and soul.

## 6. (Hiranyagarbha Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

नमोऽस्तु सृर्पेभ्यो ये के चे पृ<u>थि</u>वीमनु । येऽअन्तरिक्षे ये <u>दि</u>वि तेभ्यः सृर्पेभ्यो नर्मः ॥६॥

Namo'stu sarpebhyo ye ke ca pṛthivīmanu. Ye 'antarikṣe ye divi tebhyaḥ sarpebhyo namaḥ.

For all those that move in space, and those which move on the earth, which move in the regions of heaven and those which move about in the sky between earth and heaven, for all these moving forms of existence Nature has provided food, the means of sustenance.

## 7. (Hiranyagarbha Pevata, Hiranyagarbha Peshi)

याऽइषेवो यातुधानीनां ये वा वनस्पतीं १॥ऽरनी । ये वीवटेषु शेरेते तेभ्येः सुर्पेभ्यो नर्मः ॥७॥

Yā'iṣavo yātudhānānām ye vā vanaspatīň' ranu. Ye vāvaṭeṣu śerate tebhyaḥ sarpebhyo namaḥ.

For all the arrows of the enemies of life, and those who damage the herbs and trees, being poachers and parasites, and those who sleep and wait in the obscure paths for victims, for all these surreptitious forms of moving life, a challenge and a thunderbolt!

#### 8. (Surya Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

ये वामी रौचने <u>दि</u>वो ये वा सूर्यंस्य रिशमर्षु । येषामप्सु सर्दस्कृतं तेभ्यः सुर्पेभ्यो नर्मः ॥८॥

Ye vāmī rocane divo ye vā sūryasya raśmiṣu. Yeṣāmapsu sadaskṛtaṁ tebhyaḥ sarpebhyo namaḥ.

Or those negative forces that are in the heat of the solar region, or those in the rays of the sun, or those which have taken abode in the waters, to these moving forms of existence, a challenge to counter, overpower or destroy!

### 9. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कृणुष्व पाजः प्रसि<u>तिं</u> न पृथ्वीं याहि राजेवार्मवाँ२॥ऽइभेन। तृष्वीमनु प्रसितिं द्रूणानोऽस्ति<u>सि</u> विध्ये रक्षसस्तिपिष्ठैः ॥९॥ Kṛṇuṣva pājaḥ prasitim na pṛthvīm yāhi rājevāmavāň' ibhena. Tṛṣvīmanu prasitim drūṇāno'stā'si vidhya rakṣasastapiṣṭhaiḥ.

Agni, ruler, your influence is fast, far and wide. Increase your strength and power and make it felt. Go like a shot over the earth as a king with his attendant forces. Cast your net of law instantly against the destructive elements and punish them with inescapable consequences.

## 10. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

तर्व भ्रमासंऽआशुया पंतन्त्यनुस्पृश धृष्ता शोशुचानः। तपूर्श्रष्यग्ने जुह्वा पतुङ्गानसन्दितो विसृज् विष्वंगुल्काः॥१०॥

Tava bhramāsa'āśuyā patantyanuspṛśa dhṛṣatā śośucānaḥ. Tapūmṣyagne juhvā pataṅgā-nasandito vi sṛja viṣvagulkāḥ.

Agni (ruler, commander of the forces, lord of justice), the flames of your fire blaze with awe. Pure and purifying with might and daring, fall upon the forces which burn and destroy life and society, and with libations unrestrained, release a rain of lightning terror striking in all directions.

### 11. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

प्रति स्पशो विसृज् तूर्णितमो भवी पायुर्विशोऽअस्या अदेब्धः। यो नौ दूरेऽअघशिंश्सो योऽअन्त्यग्ने मार्किष्टे व्यथिरादेधर्षीत् ॥११॥

Prati spaśo visṛja tūrṇitamo bhavā pāyurviśo' asyā adabdhaḥ. Yo no dūre'aghaśamso yo' antyagne mā kiṣṭe vyathirā dadharṣīt.

Agni, instant in action, bold and inviolable, if

there is a tormentor or a wicked maligner or a supporter of sin and crime far or near against you or against us, release the forces to seize him and remove the obstacles. Be the protector and guardian of this people/community. Let none bully or terrorize you and us.

### 12. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

उदंग्ने तिष्ठ् प्रत्यातेनुष्व् न्युमित्राँ २॥ऽओषतात्तिग्महेते । यो नोऽअरोतिश्समिधान चुक्रे नीचा तं धेक्ष्यत्सं न शुष्कमम् ॥१२॥

Udagne tiṣṭha pratyā tanuṣva nyamitrāň' oṣatāttigmahete. Yo no'arātim samidhāna cakre nīcā tam dhākṣyatasam na śuṣkam.

Agni, lord of heat and light, leader of an advancing humanity, rise and grow. Let the light spread around. Wielder of the sharpest weapons and inviolable power, burn the enemies of life and human values. Blazing lord of fire and justice, if someone creates, supports or advances the selfish, ungenerous and ungracious forces, scorch him like a patch of dry shrubs.

## 13. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

ऊर्ध्वो भव प्रति <u>वि</u>ध्याध्यस्मदाविष्कृणुष्व दैव्यन्यग्ने । अवं <u>स्थि</u>रा तेनुहि यातुजूनां जामिमज<u>िमं</u> प्रमृणी<u>हि</u> शत्रून्। अग्नेष्ट्वा तेजसा सादयामि ॥१३॥

Ūrdhvo bhava prati vidhyādhyasmadāviṣkṇuṣva daivyānyagne. Ava sthirā tanuhi yātujūnām jāmimajāmim pra mṛṇīhi śatrūn. Agneṣṭvā tejasā sādayāmi.

Agni, lord of light and power, leader of humanity, rise and stay on top. Counter and ward off the enemies

of mankind. Develop the best things which our saints and scholars have discovered and invented. Resist and reduce the strength of the opponents to nil. Eliminate the natural, traditional and customary enemies of society. I instal you in your seat with the baptism of light and fire.

## 14. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

अग्निर्मूर्द्धा <u>दि</u>वः कुकुत्पतिः पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअयम् । अपाछं. रेतोछंसि जिन्वति । इन्द्रेस्य त्वौजेसा सादयामि ॥१४॥

Agnirmūrdhā divaḥ kakutpatiḥ pṛthivyā'ayam. Apām retāmsi jinvati. Indrasya tvaujasā sādayāmi.

This Agni, the sun, is the chief and summit of heaven. It is the father and sustainer of the earth and its life. It vitalizes and refreshes the waters of life for the earth and her children. So should you be, Ruler of the land. I anoint and consecrate you with the radiant power of Indra, the sun.

### 15. (Agni Devata, Trishira Ŗshi)

भुवों युज्ञस्य रजेसश्च नेता यत्रो नियुद्धिः सर्चसे <u>शि</u>वाभिः। <u>दि</u>वि मूर्द्धाने दिधषे स्वर्षां <u>जि</u>ह्वामेग्ने चकृषे हव्य-वाह्म ॥१५॥

Bhuvo yajñasya rajasaśca netā yatrā niyudbhiḥ sacase śivābhiḥ. Divi mūrdhānaṁ dadhiṣe svarṣāṁ jihvāmagne cakṛṣe havyavāham.

Agni is the leader and mover of the earth and its life, of the motions of wind and energy in the middle sphere, and of the cosmic yajna of creation. And there everywhere it is one with the blissful dynamics of existence. As it sends up its flames of fire bearing the light and fragrance of yajna, it holds its head high and wields the light of the sun in heaven.

(Similarly, O king, be the leader of the nation's life on earth and the dignity and dynamics of the polity. Be the path-maker of the policies of peace, justice and happiness and hold your head high with words of enlightenment, creativity and joy for the people.)

### 16. (Agni Devata, Trishira Ŗshi)

धुवासि ध्रुकणास्तृता <u>वि</u>श्वकेर्मणा । मा त्वा समुद्रऽ-उर्द्वधीन्मा सुपुर्णोऽव्यथमाना पृ<u>थि</u>वीं दृश्ह ॥१६॥

Dhruvāsi dharuṇāstṛtā viśvakarmaṇā. Mā tvā samudra'udvadhīnmā suparṇo'vyathamānā pṛthivīṁ dṛmha.

Spirit of the human nation, polity of the world, you are the centre-hold of dharma, enlightenment and peace, created, completed and blest by the Lord-maker of the world, Vishvakarma. Let not the seas hurt you. Let not the sky, sun and moon and the clouds hurt you. Unhurt, free and peaceful, develop, beautify and beatify the earth.

## 17. (Prajapati Devata, Trishira Ŗshi)

प्रजापितिष्ट्वा सादयत्वपां पृष्ठे सेमुद्रस्येमेन् । व्यचेस्वर्तों प्रथेस्वर्तों प्रथेस्व पृ<u>थि</u>व्यसि ॥१७॥

Prajāpatiṣṭvā sādayatvapam pṛṣṭhe samudrasyeman. Vyacasvatīm prathasvatīm prathasva pṛthivyasi.

Spirit of humanity, mother of the commonwealth, lady of the polity, be open, free and accommodative, be expansive and celebrated. And may the creator of life, father of humanity, Prajapati, establish you with His blessings on the currents of rivers, on the paths of the seas, and over the currents of air in the sky.

## 18. (Agni Devata, Trishira Ŗshi)

भूरं<u>सि</u> भूमिर्स्यदितिरसि <u>वि</u>श्वधीया विश्वस्य भुवेनस्य धुत्री । पृ<u>षि</u>वीं येच्छ पृ<u>षि</u>वीं दृंश्ह पृ<u>षि</u>वीं मा हिंश-सी: ॥१८॥

Bhūrasi bhūmirasyāditirasi viśvadhāyā viśvasya bhuvanasya dhartrī. Pṛthivīṁ yaccha pṛthivīṁ dṛmha pṛthivīṁ mā himsīḥ.

Agni, light of the universe, vitality of nature, you are the being and existence, you are the mother-support, whole, inviolable, all sustaining and all-nourishing, centre-hold and wielder of all the regions of the world. Sustain, guide and raise the world, develop and expand the life on earth. Do not hurt the earth nor violate the life of her children. (As Agni is the life and support of the earth, so is the woman the mother of the home.)

### 19. (Agni Devata, Trishira Rshi)

विश्वस्मै प्राणायोपानायं व्यानायोदानायं प्रतिष्ठायै चरित्रीय। अग्निष्ट्वाभिपोतु मुह्या स्वस्त्या छुर्दिषा शन्तमेन तयो देवतयाङ्गिरुस्वद् ध्रुवा सींद ॥१९॥

Viśvasmai prāṇāyāpānāya vyānāyodānāya pratiṣṭhāyai caritrāya. Agniṣṭva'bhi pātu mahyā svastyā chardiṣā śantamena tayā devatayā'-ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

Lady of the home, may Agni, lord of light and life/your husband, the presiding presence of the home,

fully protect and support you in every way for all the energy of life, prevention of suffering, best manners and behaviour, inner strength, dignity and recognition and virtuous conduct. In a state of perfect peace and well-being, with all the joys of life in a good home, stay firm and secure with Agni, the lord of life, and your husband, like Prakriti with Purusha and the light of the dawn with the day.

## 20. (Patni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

काण्डोत्काण्डात्प्ररोहेन्ती पर्रुषः परुष्स्परि । एवा नो दूर्वे प्रतेनु सहस्रेण शृतेने च ॥२०॥

Kāṇḍāt kāṇḍāt prarohantī paruṣaḥ paruṣaspari. Evā no dūrve pra tanu sahasreṇa śatena ca.

Lady of the home, delicate and graceful as the durva grass, just as the grass grows from one section of the stalk to another, from one knot of joint to another, so you too, grow in life, and let us grow and help us advance in life a hundred-fold and from thereon a thousand fold.

## 21. (Patni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

या शृतेने प्रतुनोषि सहस्रीण <u>वि</u>रोहंसि । तस्यस्ति देवीष्टके <u>वि</u>धेमे हुविषा वृयम् ॥२१॥

Yā śatena pratanoşi sahasreṇa virohasi. Tasyāste devīṣṭake vidhema haviṣā vayam.

Lady light of the home, root and foundation of the yajna of family life, as you grow a hundred-fold and then you rise a thousand-fold, O noble and generous mother, we offer you love and reverence in homage with the best fragrant offerings.

### 22. (Agni Devata, Indragani Rshis)

यास्तेऽअग्ने सूर्ये रुचो दिवेमातुन्वन्ति रृष्टिमिभैः। ताभिनोऽअद्य सवीभी रुचे जनीय नस्कृधि ॥२२॥

Yāste'agne sūrye ruco divamātanvanti raśmibhiḥ. Tābhirno'adya sarvābhī ruce janāya naskṛdhi.

Agni, those lights of yours which, in the solar region, illuminate the heavenly spaces with the sunbeams, with all those lights to-day bless us with enlightenment for the sake of our people.

(As Agni illuminates the heavens with the light of the sun, so should the teachers of men and women enlighten them with the light of their knowledge. What is the secret of Agni turning into light, and into light of the sun?)

#### 23. (Brihaspati Devata, Indragani Rshis)

या वो देवाः सूर्ये रुचो गोष्वश्वेषु या रुचेः। इन्द्राग्नी ताभिः सर्वीभी रुचे नो धत्त बृहस्पते ॥२३॥

Yā vo devāḥ sūrye ruco goṣvaśveṣu yā rucaḥ. Indrāgnī tābhiḥ sarvābhī rucaṁ no dhatta brhaspate.

Divine powers of nature, your energy and vitality illuminates the sun and vitalizes the lives of animals like cows and horses. It also works in the motions of objects and the perceptions of the senses.

O Brihaspati, Lord omniscient of this mighty universe, may the heat and light of natural energy invest our vitality with all that power and energy.

Brihaspati, noble teacher and master of

knowledge and education, may our teachers like Indra and Agni in-form and in-vest our deep interest in life and nature with the hidden secrets of light, power and sensation as expressions of one universal natural energy (Prakriti).

### 24. (Prajapati Devata, Indragani Rshis)

विराड् ज्योतिरधारयत् स्वराड् ज्योतिरधारयत् । प्रजापितष्ट्वा सादयतु पृष्ठे पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्या ज्योतिष्मतीम् । विश्वस्मै प्राणायीपानाये व्यानाय विश्वं ज्योतिर्यच्छ । अग्निष्टेऽधिप<u>ति</u>स्तयो देवतेयाङ्गिरुस्वद् ध्रुवा सीद ॥२४॥

Virāḍ jyotiradhārayat svarāḍ jyotiradhārayat. Prajāpatiṣṭvā sādayatu pṛṣṭhe pṛthivyā jyotiṣmatīm. Viśvasmai prāṇāyāpānāya vyānāya viśvaṁ jyotiryaccha. Agniṣṭe'dhipatistayā devatayā' ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

The cosmic forms of the universe bear the light of the Lord. Self-luminant stars such as the sun bear the light as their own.

O lady of light and knowledge, noble teacher and torch-bearer, may the father of created beings, Prajapati, instal you in your seat on the face of the earth. Give full light of knowledge to others for the sake of full energy, safeguard against suffering, and all good qualities of nature, character and action. Agni, lord of light and life, is your master and guardian. Stay firm and secure with that noble and gracious lord as the soul with the body, Prakriti with Purusha and the light of dawn with the day.

### 25. (Ritava Devata, Indragani Rshis)

मधुश्च माधवश्च वासन्तिकावृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽसि कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापऽओषेधयः कल्पेन्तामग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्येष्ट्याय सन्नेताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावीपृथिवीऽरुमे । वासेन्तिकावृतूऽअिभकल्पेमानाऽइन्द्रे-मिव देवाऽअिभसंविशन्तु तया देवतेयाङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥२५॥

Madhuśca mādhavaśca vāsantikāvṛtū' agnerantaḥ śleṣo'si kalpetāṁ dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa' oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmagnayaḥ pṛthaṁmama jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye'agnayaḥ samanaso'ntarā dyāvāpṛthivī'ime. Vāsantikāvṛtū' abhikalpamānā'indramiva devā' abhisaṁviśantu tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

Chaitra is a honey-sweet month. Vaishakha is a month of honey-sweets. These are the months of spring. Both these, born of agni, are closely connected to summer. May the earth and heaven be favourable to us for the gift of excellence, may the waters be favourable, may the herbs and trees be favourable, may all the orders of agni (heat and light each), committed to its own law and function, be favourable to us. May all the forms of vital fire in earth and heaven, integrated and mutually harmonious, supporting and energizing the two spring months like all the powers of nature serving and working for the omnipotent lord Indra, bless and vitalize us in all ways.

Just as the earth and heaven abide firm and secure with the Supreme Lord of the universe, just as the spring months abide by the vital fire of earth and heaven, so should we all abide firm and secure by the lord of the universe, nature and spring, as breath abides by life, as Prakriti abides by Purusha, and as part abides by the whole.

### 26. (Kshatrapati Devata, Savita Ŗshi)

अषोढा<u>सि</u> सहमाना सहस्वारातीः सहस्व पृतनायतः । सहस्रवीर्या<u>सि</u> सा मा जिन्व ॥२६॥

Aṣāḍhā'si sahamānā sahasvārātīḥ sahasva pṛtanāyataḥ. Sahasravīryā'si sā mā jinva.

Ruling power, Shakti, you are tolerant, challenging and invincible. Challenge the mean, the ungenerous and the destructive forces. Face, fight and defeat those who are bent upon violence. You have the strength and prowess of a thousand powers. Be good to me, be good and gracious to all.

#### 27. (Vishvedeva Devata, Gotama Rshi)

मधु वार्ताऽऋतायते मधु क्षर<u>न्ति</u> सिन्धेवः । माध्वीर्नः सन्त्वोषधीः ॥२७॥

Madhu vātā'ṛtāyate madhu kṣaranti sindhavaḥ. Mādhvīrnah santvosadhīh.

The winds blow cool and sweet as honey. The streams and ocean-currents flow cool and sweet as honey. May the herbs and trees be as sweet and pleasant as honey. (Let us too be good and sweet in our conduct as the winds, the streams and the herbs and trees, observing the law and ethics of value.)

#### 28. (Vishvedeva Devata, Gotama Rshi)

मधु नक्तंमुतोषसो मधुमृत्पार्थिवःश्जः । मधु द्यौरंस्तु नः पिता ॥२८॥

Madhu naktamutoṣaso madhumat pārthivam rajaḥ. Madhu dyaurastu naḥ pitā.

May the nights and the dawn be honey-sweet, soothing and inspiring. May the dust of mother-earth be sweet and fragrant. And may the light of the sun be honey-sweet and kind as father for us all. (Let us too follow the honey-sweets of nature in life.)

### 29. (Vishvedeva Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

मधुमान्नो वनस्यतिर्मधुमाँ२॥ऽअस्तु सूर्यः । माध्वीर्गावौ भवन्तु नः ॥२९॥

Madhumānno vanaspatirmadhumāň' astu sūryaḥ. Mādhvīrgāvo bhavantu naḥ.

May the herbs with their juices and the trees with their fruit be honey-sweet for us. May the sun be kind, sweet and invigorating. May the cows be sweet and rejuvenating as honey with their milk. May the saints, scholars, seniors and teachers be kind and affectionate as the sun, the mother earth and the mother cow.

### 30. (Prajapati Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अपां गम्भेन्त्सीद् मा त्वा सूर्योऽभितोप्सीन्माग्निवैंश्वान्रः। अच्छिन्नपत्राः प्रजाऽअनुवीक्षस्वानुं त्वा <u>दि</u>व्या वृष्टिः सचताम् ॥३०॥

Apām gambhantsīda mā tvā sūryo'bhi tāpsīn mā'gnirvaiśvānaraḥ. Acchinnapatrāḥ prajā' anuvīkṣasvānu tvā divyā vṛṣṭiḥ sacatām.

Be in the centre of the waters deep as in the clouds so that the heat of the sun may not injure you nor the earthly heat, Vaishwanara, hurt you. Look round so that the people, free and fully protected from heat, are favourable to you. May the showers of celestial rain bless you.

#### 31. (Varuna Devata, Gotama Rshi)

त्रीन्त्समुद्रान्त्समसृपत् स्वर्गान्पां पतिर्वृष्भऽइष्टकानाम् । पुरीषुं वसीनः सुकृतस्ये लोके तत्रे गच्छ यत्र पूर्वे परेताः॥३१॥

Trīntsamudrāntsamasṛpat svargānapām patirvṛṣabha' iṣṭakānām. Purīṣam vasānaḥ sukṛtasya loke tatra gaccha yatra pūrve paretāḥ.

The master controller of pranic energies of life, through karma, crosses the three oceans of time and space leading to the paradisal abode of the blessed in the sphere of the sun. Abiding with the Spirit of the universe he/she brightens up the earth and showers it with all the objects of sweetness and desire.

Man/Woman on earth, go thither to the region of the blessed where your noble ancestors have gone. (And that is the spring of the life of supernal joy.)

### 32. (Dyavaprithivi Devatas, Gotama Ŗshi)

मही द्यौः पृ<u>ष्थि</u>वी चे नऽड्डमं युज्ञं मिमिक्षताम् । <u>पि</u>पृतां नो भरीमभिः ॥३२॥

Mahī dyauḥ pṛthivī ca na'imam yajñam mimikṣatām. Pipṛtām no bharīmabhiḥ.

May the great earth and high heaven bless and promote this yajna of our life. So may they and our parents join and bless our yajna of the household with their active blessings.

#### 33. (Vishnu Devata, Gotama Rshi)

विष्णोः कमीणि पश्यत् यतौ व्रतानि पस्पृशे । इन्द्रस्य युज्यः सखो ॥३३॥

Viṣṇoḥ karmāṇi paśyata yato vratāni paspaśe. Indrasya yujyaḥ sakhā. Behold the great acts of the omnipresent lord of the universe, Vishnu, acts like the creation, sustenance and dissolution of the world. Therein I see the essence, the ultimate blueprint of the discipline and actions for living. He is the great friend and lover of the human soul. He is the giver of bliss.

### 34. (Jataveda Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

ध्रुवासि ध्रुणेतो जज्ञे प्रथममेभ्यो योनिभ्योऽअधि जात-वेदाः। स गायत्र्या त्रिष्टुभानुष्टुभा च देवेभ्यौ हृव्यं वहतु प्रजानन् ॥३४॥

Dhruvāsi dharuņeto jajñe prathamamebhyo yonibhyo' adhi jātavedāḥ. Sa gāyatryā triṣṭubhānuṣṭubhā ca devebhyo havyaṁ vahatu prajānan.

Mother of the universe, Prakriti, firm and inviolable power, bearer of the world's forms in existence as you are, it was through your oceanic womb that Agni, the omniscient creative consciousness first manifested Itself. And He, knowing and manifesting through everything born, moved the materials of the cosmic yajna to the evolutionary powers of nature and communicated the cosmic knowledge through gayatri, trishtup and anushtup verses to the visionary sages.

(In the context of the home, grihastha, the wife is the Prakriti-like centre-hold of the organisation and the mother of the familial creation. The husband is agni, jataveda, father and yajamana of the home-yajna.)

#### 35. (Jataveda Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

ड्रषे राये रमस्व सहंसे द्युम्नऽकुर्जेऽअपेत्याय । सम्राडसि स्वराडसि सारस्वतौ त्वोत्सौ प्रावंताम् ॥३५॥ Iṣe rāye ramasva sahase dyumna'ūrje'apatyāya. Samrāḍasi svarāḍasi sārasvatau tvotsau prāvatām.

Master/Mistress of the home, you are the ruler, brilliant, self-enlightened and self-disciplined. Be steadfast, live well and abide in the home for the sake of food, energy, courage, wealth, honour and children. May the noble and gracious Brahmanas and the learned and eloquent scholars guide and protect you in your homely world.

### 36. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

अग्ने युक्ष्वा हि ये तवाश्वीसो देव साधर्वः । अरुं वहन्ति मन्यवै ॥३६॥

Agne yukṣvā hi ye tavāśvāso deva sādhavaḥ. Araṁ vahanti manyave.

Agni, lord of power and science, those horses of yours which are swift and accurate to carry you to the target of your ardour and ambition like an arrow and thunder bolt, are wonderful. Lord of speed, rise and yoke the horses to your chariot.

### 37. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

युक्ष्वा हि देवहूर्तमाँ२॥ऽअश्वाँ२॥ऽअग्ने र्थीरिव । नि होता पूर्व्यः सेदः ॥३७॥

Yukṣvā hi devahūtamāň'aśvāň'agne rathīriva. Ni hotā pūrvyaḥ sadaḥ.

Agni, lord of light and power, veteran leader and generous man of yajna, rise and yoke to the chariot of your mission the horses/powers trained by the gods and, like a glorious ruler and expert master, take your seat

on the chariot.

## 38. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

सम्यक् स्रेवन्ति स्रितो न धेर्नाऽअन्तर्ह्दा मर्नसा पूयमोनाः। घृतस्य धारोऽअभिचोकशीमि हिर्णययौ वेतसो मध्येऽ-अग्नेः ॥३८॥

Samyak sravanti sarito na dhenā' antarhṛdā manasā pūyamānāḥ. Ghṛtasya dhārā' abhi cākaśīmi hiraṇyayo vetaso madhye' agneḥ.

Like streams, soft, sweet and ceaseless glides the flow of words distilled and purified by the heart and mind within. And I, wrapped in gold, in the midst of the light and fire of Agni, turned to a flute of reed, hear the murmur of the showers of benediction.

### 39. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

ऋचे त्वां रुचे त्वां भासे त्वा ज्योतिषे त्वा । अभू<u>दि</u>दं विश्वस्य भुवनस्य वाजिनम्ग्नेवैंश्वान्रस्यं च ॥३९॥

Rce tvā ruce tvā bhāse tvā jyotiṣe tvā. Abhūdidam viśvasya bhuvanasya vājinam agnervaiśvānarasya ca.

To you Agni, lord of knowledge and speech, thanks and salutations for the knowledge of truth, love and lustre of life, light of science, and brilliance of justice and rectitude! By virtue of you alone, this soul has become aware of the entire world and of the universal presence of agni, the vital energy of life and nature active in the earthly sphere. By virtue of Agni alone this scholar and teacher can propagate this knowledge of reality among the people around.

### 40. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

अग्निज्योतिषा ज्योतिष्मान् रुक्मो वर्च'सा वर्च'स्वान् । सहस्रदाऽअसि सहस्रोय त्वा ॥४०॥

Agnirjyotiṣā jyotiṣmān rukmo varcasā varcasvān. Sahasradā' asi sahasrāya tvā.

Agni, Lord of light and life, agni, man of science, is brilliant with the light of knowledge, illustrious with the lustre and splendour of power, golden lovable and blissful, and giver of a thousand gifts. We do homage to you for the innumerable gifts of prosperity, comfort and happiness.

## 41. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

आदित्यं गर्भं पर्यसा समेङ्धि सहस्र्रस्य प्रतिमां विश्व-रूपम् । परिवृङ्धि हरसा माभि मेछंस्थाः शतायुषं कृणुहि चीयमोनः ॥४१॥

Ādityam garbham payasā samandhi sahasrasya pratimām viśvarūpam. Parivṛndhi harasā mā'bhi mamsthāḥ śatāyuṣam kṛṇuhi cīyamānaḥ.

With oblations of milk, honour the rising sun which holds in its womb and reveals innumerable forms and images of the world. With the heat, light and fragrance of the fire, ward off a host of ailments and grow. Growing in health and knowledge, help people to live a hundred years. Never never be proud.

# 42. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

वार्तस्य ज़ूतिं वर्रुणस्य ना<u>भि</u>मश्वं जज्ञानःसं<u>रि</u>रस्य मध्ये । शिशुं नदीनाथंह<u>रि</u>मद्रिबुध्नमग्ने मा हि<sup>र</sup>सीः पर्मे व्योमन् ॥४२॥ Vātasya jūtim varuņasya nābhimaśvam jajñānam sarirasya madhye. Śiśum nadīnām harimadribudhnamagņe mā himsīh parame vyoman.

Agni, universal power, man of knowledge and power, hurt not the velocity of the wind and the centre of the water and vapours. Hurt not anything that is creative and procurative in the midst of the world. Injure not the produce of rivers, the clouds and anything grown on the mountains. Kill not the birds and aquatic creatures. Kill not anything that saves from suffering and evil.

## 43. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

अर्जस्त्रमिन्दुंमरुषं भुर्ण्युम्गिनमीडे पूर्वचित्तिं नमीभिः। स पर्वभिर्ऋतुशः कल्पमानो गां मा हिस्सीरदितिं <u>वि</u>रार्जम्॥४३॥

Ajasramindumaruṣam bhuraṇyumagnimīḍe pūrvacittim namobhiḥ. Sa parvabhirṛtuśaḥ kalpamāno gām mā himsīraditim virājam.

I worship Agni, eternal power, bright and fiery, lord of peace and bliss, and giver of health and vigour.

With all means and materials I study and develop the power of fire and electricity collected and developed by the ancients. I proceed season by season, planning and achieving stage by stage.

Agni, man of science and power, do not kill, destroy or injure the productive cow, the creative earth so bright and unviolated, and the restorative environment.

### 44. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

वर्क्त्रीं त्वष्टुर्वर्रुणस्य ना<u>भि</u>मविं जज्ञानाछंरजेसः परेस्मात्। महीछंसाहस्त्रीमस्रेरस्य मायामग्ने मा हि<sup>र</sup>सीः पर्मे व्योमन् ॥४४॥

Varūtrīm tvaṣṭurvaruṇasya nābhimavim jajñānām rajasaḥ parasmāt. Mahīm sāhasrīmasurasya māyāmagne mā himsīḥ parame vyoman.

Agni, man of knowledge and power, do not injure, do not destroy, the protective power of the sun, the binding power of water, the lightning energy of the cloud born of regions beyond the sky, and the great, generous and regenerative earth, giver of a thousand blessings.

### 45. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

योऽअग्निर्ग्नेरध्यजीयत् शोकित्पृ<u>श</u>िव्याऽउत वी <u>दि</u>वस्परि। येने प्रजा <u>वि</u>श्वकेमां जुजान् तमेग्ने हेड्: परि ते वृणक्तु ॥४५॥

Yo agniragneradhyajāyata śokāt pṛthivyā'uta vā divaspari. Yena prajā viśvakarmā jajāna tamagne heḍaḥ pari te vṛṇaktu.

Agni, man of science and power, the vital fire and creative energy that was born of the flames of the cosmic yajna of Agni, Lord of life and light, illuminates the wide world and heaven, and with it Vishwakarma, the Lord Maker of all forms, makes the various forms of life in existence. May your passion for knowledge and power spare that creative energy from hurt and damage.

### 46. (Surya Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

चित्रं देवानामुदंगादनीकं चक्षुर्मित्रस्य वरुणस्याग्नेः । आप्रा द्यावापृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअन्तरिक्षुःसूर्यीऽआत्मा जर्गतस्तुस्थुषेश्च ॥४६॥

Citram devānāmudagādanīkam cakṣurmitrasya varuṇasyāgneḥ. Ā prā dyāvāpṛthivī antarikṣam sūrya ātmā jagatastasthuṣaśca.

The Lord Supreme Creator is the wonderful life and splendour of the gods, universal powers of nature. He is the Eye, light and vitality, of the sun, the oceans of waters, and agni, the vital fire. He pervades and fills the heaven, the earth and the middle regions of the universe. He is the sole universal sun, the soul of the moving and the unmoving world and, like the sun, manifests Himself — ever risen, ever rising, never setting.

### 47. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

इमं मा हिंश्सीर्द्विपादं पृशुश्सेहस्त्राक्षो मेथाय ची्यमानः । मयुं पृशुं मेथमग्ने जुषस्व तेने चिन्वानस्तन्वो निषीद । मयुं ते शुगृच्छतु यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृच्छतु ॥४७॥

Imam mā himsīrdvipādam pasum sahasrākṣo medhāya cīyamānaḥ. Mayum pasum medhamagne juṣasva tena cinvānastanvo niṣīda. Mayum te sugṛcchatu yam dviṣmastam te sugṛcchatu.

Agni/Ruler/Noble man or woman, growing and progressing in happiness, watchful with the vision of a thousand eyes, hurt not the humans, kill not the animals. Love and look after the wild as well as the domestic animals, both holy and serviceable. Working and progressing by that animal wealth, feel settled, be at

peace with yourself. Let your concern address the wild animals, or let it be directed to those who hurt us.

### 48. (Agni Devata, Virupa Ŗshi)

इमं मा हिंश्सीरेकशेफं पृशुं केनिक्रदं वाजिनं वाजिनेषु । गौरमरिण्यमनुं ते दिशा<u>मि</u> तेने चिन्वानस्तन्वों निषीद । गौरं ते शुगृंच्छतु यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृंच्छतु ॥४८॥

Imam mā himsīrekasapham pasum kanikradam vājinam vājinesu. Gauramāranyamanu te disāmi tena cinvānastanvo nisīda. Gauram te sugrechatu yam dvismastam te sugrechatu.

Do not kill this one-hoofed animal, fastest among the fast, roaring in the battles. I advise you, turn your attention to the white, yellow and brown animals, the wild ones, and growing by this animal wealth, sit at peace with yourself. Let your concern address the wild animals. Let it be directed to those who hurt us.

### 49. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

इमःसाहस्त्रःशतधारमुत्सं व्यच्यमानःसिरस्य मध्ये । घृतं दुहानामदितिं जनायाग्ने मा हिंश्सीः परमे व्योमन् । गवयमारण्यमन् ते दिशामि तेने चिन्वानस्तन्वो निषीद । गवयं ते शुगृच्छतु यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृच्छतु ॥४९॥

Imam sāhasram śatadhāramutsam vyacyamānam sarirasya madhye. Ghṛtam duhānāmaditim janāyāgne mā himsīḥ parame vyoman. Gavayamāranyamanu te diśāmi tena cinvānastanvo niṣīda. Gavayam te śugṛcchatu yam dviṣmastam te śugṛcchatu.

Agni, enlightened ruler, in the world even in the

best of places, do not kill the cow and the bull, infinitely useful, and spring of a hundred streams and showers of milk and ghee for the people. It is holy and worthy of protection and development. I advise you, turn your attention to the wild cow and the bull and other animals. Growing and developing the economy with animal and forest wealth, feel settled with yourself and your land. Let your attention be directed to the wild cow and the forest wealth. Let your concern take on those who hurt us.

### 50. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

ड्रममूर्णायुं वर्रुणस्य नाभि त्वचं पशूनां द्विपदां चतुष्पदाम्। त्वष्टुः प्रजानां प्रथमं जनित्रमग्ने मा हिश्सीः पर्मे व्योमन्। उष्ट्रमार्ण्यमन् ते दिशामि तेने चिन्वानस्तन्वो निषीद । उष्ट्रं ते शुगृंच्छतु यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृंच्छतु ॥५०॥

Imamūrņāyum varuņasya nābhim tvacam paśūnām dvipadām catuṣpadām. Tvaṣṭuḥ prajānām prathamam janitramagne mā himsīḥ parame vyoman. Uṣṭramāraṇyamanu te diśāmi tena cinvānastanvo niṣīda. Uṣṭram te śugṛcchatu yam dviṣmastam te śugṛcchatu.

Agni, noble ruler, in the wonderful world of the Supreme Lord, do not hurt, do not kill the sheep and other such animals, one of the first creations of Twashta, the maker of the world, and source of comfort and providers of woollen cover to the human beings and the animals. I point out to the wild camel and other wild animals. Growing and developing the economy with that animal wealth, be at peace with yourself in your land. Let your concern turn to the camel. Let it be directed to those who burt us.

### 51. (Agni Devata, Virupa Rshi)

अजो ह्यग्नेरजेनिष्ट् शोकात्सोऽअंपश्यज्जनितार्मग्रे । तेनं देवा देवतामग्रेमायँस्तेन रोहंमायन्नुप् मेध्यांसः । शर्भमार्ण्यमन् ते दिशामि तेनं चिन्वानस्तन्वो निषीद । शर्भं ते शुगृंच्छतु यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृंच्छतु ॥५१॥

Ajo hyagnerajaniṣṭa śokāt so'apaśyajjanitāramagre. Tena devā devatāmagramāyaňstena rohamāyannupa medhyāsaḥ. Śarabhamāraṇyamanu te diśāmi tena cinvānastanvo niṣīda. Śarabhaṁ te śugṛcchatu yaṁ dviṣmastaṁ te śugṛcchatu.

The unborn individual soul was born in this world from the flame of the Supreme Lord's cosmic yajna of creation. It grew conscious and had a vision of the creator right there. By virtue of the vision and grace of the Lord, the pious souls, purified by the vision, realise the divine powers and rise to the heights of existence. Agni, noble ruler/noble man, I point out to the wild sharabha (fabulous antelope of the snowy forest, mightier than the lion and the elephant). Like that, defend yourself and grow, and growing thereby, be happy and feel satisfied and settled by yourself. Let your concern address the sharabha. Let your concern be directed to those who hurt us.

## 52. (Agni Devata, Ushana Rshi)

त्वं येविष्ठ दाशुषो नॄँः पोहि शृणुधीः गिर्रः । रक्षा तोकमुत त्मना ॥५२॥

Tvam yaviṣṭha dāśuṣo nṛňḥ pāhi śṛṇudhī giraḥ. Rakṣā tokamuta tmanā.

Young man/woman of superlative energy and

character, listen to the voice of Divinity. Protect and promote the people who give with faith and generosity. With your very heart and soul, protect and promote the child — human, animal and all.

## 53. (Apah Devata, Ushana Rshi)

अ्पां त्वेमेन्त्सादयाम्य्पां त्वोद्येन्त्सादयाम्य्पां त्वा भस्मेन्त्सादयाम्य्पां त्वा ज्योतिषि सादयाम्य्पां त्वायेने सादयाम्यण्वे त्वा सर्दने सादयामि समुद्रे त्वा सर्दने सादयामि । सिर्रे त्वा सर्दने सादयाम्य्पां त्वा क्षये सादयाम्य्पां त्वा सिष्ठिष सादयाम्य्पां त्वा सर्दने सादयाम्य्पां त्वा सुधस्थे सादयाम्य्पां त्वा योनौ सादयाम्य्पां त्वा पुरीषे सादयाम्य्पां त्वा पार्थिस सादयामि । गाय्त्रेणे त्वा छन्दंसा सादयामि त्रैष्टुंभेन त्वा छन्दंसा सादयामि जार्गतेन त्वा छन्दंसा सादयाम्यानुष्टुभेन त्वा छन्दंसा सादयामि पाङ्केन त्वा छन्दंसा सादयामि ॥५३॥

Apām tvemantsādayāmyapām tvodmantsādayāmyapām tvā bhasmantsādayāmyapām tvā jyotiṣī sādayāmyapām tvā'yane sādayāmyarņave tvā sadane sādayāmi samudre tvā sadane sādayāmi. Sarire tvā sadane sādayāmyapām tvā kṣaye sādayāmyapām tvā sadhiṣi sādayāmyapām tvā sadane sādayāmayapām tvā sadhasthe sādayāmyapām tvā yonau sādayāmyapām tvā purīṣe sādayāmyapām tvā pāthasi sādayāmi. Gāyatreṇa tvā chandasā sādayāmi traiṣṭubhena tvā chandasā sādayāmi jāgatena tvā chandasā sādayāmyānuṣṭubhena tvā chandasā sādayāmi pāntkena tvā chandasā sādayāmi.

For the protection of life and the production and management of energy, I place/initiate you:

in the waterways management, and study of the

source of water, the spatial wind;

in the movement of water into the herbs;

in the concentration of energy in ash;

in the flash of light in lightning;

in the currents of energy in the sky, and the orbits of the stars and planets;

in the source and centre of pranic energy, and concentrations of air in space;

in the secret motions of the mind, and the depths of the sea;

in the power and source of speech, and storms of heaving oceans in space;

in the faculty of vision and the science of light;

in the faculty of hearing and the transmission of sound;

in the science of radiation and the solar region, the source of energy;

in the sources of energy in the middle regions;

in the original sources of energy, the universal ocean of motion of the Rajas mode of Nature (Prakriti);

in the sands of earth and rivers and the waste materials;

in water, air and food, the sources of vital energy.

I initiate you with the visions of nature and spirit contained in the gayatri verses, I initiate you with the pure knowledge contained in the trishtup verses,

I initiate you with the knowledge contained in the inspiring jagati verses,

I initiate you with the knowledge contained in

the enlightening anushtup verses,

I initiate you with the knowledge contained in the clear exhilarating pankti verses of the Veda.

## 54. (Pranas Devatas, Ushana Ŗshi)

अयं पुरो भुवस्तस्यं प्राणो भौवायनो वसन्तः प्राणायनो गायत्री वासन्ती गायत्र्ये गायत्रं गायत्रादुंपाछंशुरुंपाछं-शोस्त्रिवृत्त्रिवृतौ रथन्तरं वसिष्ठऽऋषिः प्रजापितगृहीतया त्वया प्राणं गृह्णाम प्रजाभ्यः ॥५४॥

Ayam puro bhuvastasya prāņo bhauvāyano vasantaḥ prāṇāyano gāyatrī vāsantī gāyatryai gāyatram gāyatrādupāmsurupāmsostrivṛt trivṛto rathantaram vasiṣṭha' ṛṣiḥ prajāpatigṛhītayā tvayā prāṇam gṛhṇāmi prajābhyaḥ.

This Agni, universal spirit, is the first and foremost in existence, the eastern horizon of the world. Its offspring is prana, vital energy, life-breath of existence. The offspring of prana is spring. The song of spring is gayatri, joy. Joy is the music of spring from gayatri, the gayatra saman, soft, sweet and low. From gayatra, the upanshu, the receiver of soma, ladle for libation. And from the upanshu, creation of trivrit, the person dedicated to trivrit, threefold integrated Dharma of knowledge, action and prayer. From trivrit, the successful man, sociable, visionary and saviour.

Woman of knowledge, virtue and love, blest by Prajapati, lord of creation, alongwith you I receive the vital energy of prana for the sake of children and family.

### 55. (Prajapati Devata, Ushana Rshi)

अयं दक्षिणा <u>वि</u>श्वकंमां तस्य मनौ वैश्वकर्मणं ग्रीष्मो मोन्सस्त्रिष्टुब्ग्रैष्मी <u>त्रि</u>ष्टुभेः स्वारम् । स्वारादेन्तर्या<u>मो</u>ऽ-न्तर्यामात्पेञ्चद्शः पेञ्चद्शाद् बृहद् भरद्वीज्ऽऋषिः प्रजापेतिगृहीतया त्वया मनौ गृह्णामि प्रजाभ्येः ॥५५॥

Ayam dakṣiṇā viśvakarmā tasya mano vaiśvakarmaṇam grīṣmo mānasastriṣṭubgraiṣmī triṣṭubhaḥ svāram. Svārādantaryāmo'ntaryāmāt pañcadasaḥ pañcadasād bṛhad bharadvāja'ṛṣiḥ prajāpatigṛhītayā tvayā mano gṛhṇāmi prajābhyaḥ.

On the right (south) is the spirit and power of the divine, Vishwakarma, like vayu, wind and electric energy, the divine agency by which is accomplished every action and movement of the world. The offspring of Vishwakarma is the mind, desire and action. The offspring of mind is summer. Trishtup meter is the expression of summer. From trishtup is born swara-sama of heat and lustre as the mid-day. From swara comes the antaryama, the silent libation of soma with self-control. From antaryama comes/is born the fifteen-phase stoma (pancha-dasha-stoma), expression of joy and hilarity. From pancha-dasha stoma comes Brihat-saman, the great saman song of jubilation and celebration. The seer expert of Brihat-saman is Bharadwaja, man of full knowledge and prosperity.

Woman of knowledge, virtue and love, blest by Prajapati, alongwith you I receive mana, mind, that is, love and desire for the sake of family and community.

### 56. (Prajapati Devata, Ushana Rshi)

अयं प्रचाद् विश्वव्यंचास्तस्य चक्षुंवेंश्वव्यच्सं वर्षा-श्चाक्षुच्यो जर्गती वार्षी जर्गत्याऽऋक्संम्म् ऋक्संमाच्छुक्रः शुक्रात्संप्तद्शः संप्तद्शाद्वैरूपं ज्मदंग्निर्ऋषिः प्रजापति-गृहीतया त्वया चक्षुंगृह्णामि प्रजाभ्यः ॥५६॥

Ayam paścad viśvavyacāstasya cakṣurvaiśvavyacasam varṣāścākṣuṣyo jagatī vārṣī jagatyā' ṛksamam. Ŗksamācchukraḥ śukrāt saptadaśaḥ saptadaśādvairūpam jamadagnirṛṣiḥ prajāpatigṛhītayā tvayā cakṣurgṛhṇāmi prajābhyaḥ.

In the west (on the back) this sun is the divine power that illuminates and covers the whole world with light. The offspring of the sun is the light and the vision of the eye. The product of light and heat is the rain. The joy of rain is expressed in the jagati verse. In jagati metre are composed the Rik-samans. From the joy of Rik-Samans is born 'shukra', the lustre and vitality of life. From shukra is born the sapta-dasha (seventeen) stoma and the seventeen faculty subtle body. From this seventeen-element living life is born the diversity of living forms, of which the seer and visionary expert is jamadagni, man of light and lustre.

Woman of knowledge, virtue and love blest by Prajapati, along with you I receive light and vision for family and the people.

## 57. (Prajapati Devata, Ushana Rshi)

इदमुत्तरात् स्वस्तस्य श्रोत्रेश्सौवश्शरच्छ्रौत्र्यनुष्टुप् शार्द्य-नुष्टुर्भऽ ऐडमैडान्मन्थी मन्थिनेऽएकविश्शऽएकविश- शाद् वैराजं विश्वामित्रऽऋषिः प्रजापितगृहीतया त्वया श्रोत्रं गृह्णामि प्रजाभ्येः ॥५७॥ Idamuttarāt svastasya śrotram sauvam śaracchrautryanuṣṭup śāradyanuṣṭubha'aiḍm aiḍān manthī manthina' ekavimśa' ekavimśad vairājam viśvāmitra' ṛṣiḥ prajāpatigṛhītayā tvayā śrotram gṛhṇami prajābhyaḥ.

On the north is this spirit of bliss and joy. The instrument of joy is the ear, and sharad, autumn, is the season for ear and music. The metre for sharad is anushtup. In anushtup is composed the aida-saman which is the song of beauty and sweetness. From aida is the 'manthi', churner, who churns out hilarity and virility. From manthis comes the twenty-one part stoma which constitutes an integrated programme of twenty one branches of learning. From twenty one stoma comes vairaja saman, a body of knowledge, of which the seermaster is Vishwamitra, friend of the whole world.

Woman of knowledge, virtue and love, blest by Prajapati, alongwith you I receive the ear and the voice that gives me the songs of joy and virility for the sake of the family and the community.

### 58. (Prajapati Devata, Ushana Rshi)

इयमुपरि मृतिस्तस्यै वाङ्मात्या हेम्न्तो वाच्यः पुङ्किःहैं मृन्ती पुङ्क्त्यै निधनेव<u>न्नि</u>धनेवतऽआग्रयणऽआग्रयणात् त्रिणव-त्रय<u>स्त्रिःशौ त्रिणवत्रयस्त्रिःशाभ्योध्धंशाक्वररैवते वि</u>श्वकेर्म्ऽ-ऋषिः प्रजापेतिगृहीतया त्वया वाचे गृह्णामि प्रजाभ्येः॥५८॥

Iyamupari matistasyai vānmātyā hemanto vācyaḥ panktirhaimantī panktyai nidhanavan-nidhanavata'āgrayaṇa'āgrayaṇat triṇavatrayastrimśau triṇavatrayastrimśābhyām śākvararaivate viśvakarma ṛṣiḥ prajāpatigṛhītayā tvayā vācam gṛhṇāmi prajābhyḥ.

Up above is this intelligence. From intelligence and for it is speech. With speech goes the season of 'hemanta', winter, and pankti is the metre for hemanta. Nidhanavat, the choric finale of a saman about hemanta, winter-song, is composed in pankti metre. From nidhanavat, the finale, is born the agrayana, first soma libation in agnishtoma yajna for the attainment of plenty of wealth and knowledge. From agrayana, there are twelve and thirty three saman hymns of praise. From these twelve and thirty three, we have shakvara and rewata, means to wealth, honour and power. The person who is an expert visionary of these hymns is a master of all arts and actions leading to wealth, power and honour.

Woman of knowledge, virtue and love, blest by Prajapati, alongwith you I receive the gift of speech (knowledge, wisdom and expertise) for the sake of children, family and the community.

इति त्रयोदशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XIV

#### 1. (Ashvinis Devata, Ushana Ŗshi)

ध्रुविक्षितिर्ध्रुवयौनिर्ध्रुवासि ध्रुवं यो<u>नि</u>मासीद साधुया । उख्यस्य केतुं प्रेथमं जुषाणाश्विनाध्वर्यू सोदयता<u>मि</u>ह त्वी ॥१॥

Dhruvakṣitirdhruvayonirdhruvā'si dhruvam yonimāsīda sādhuyā. Ukhyasya ketum prathamam juṣāṇā'śvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā.

Lady of the house, your family and community is settled and strong. Your home is settled and secure. You yourself are firm and inviolable. Settle in peace and security firmly in your home, observing the duties of the household and tasting the first flavours of the heart. May the Ashwins (guides of the day) and the adhvaryus (guides of the familial yajna), teachers and advisors see you firmly settled.

## 2. (Ashvinis Devata, Ushana Ŗshi)

कुला्यिनी घृतवेती पुरेन्धिः स्योने सींद् सदेने पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः । अभि त्वौ रुद्रा वसेवो गृण<u>न्त</u>्विमा ब्रह्मं पीपि<u>हि</u> । सौभेगाया्शिवनीध्वर्यू सीदयतामिह त्वौ ॥२॥

Kulāyinī ghṛtavatī purandhiḥ syone sīda sadane pṛthivyāḥ. Abhi tvā rudrā vasavo gṛṇāntvimā brahma pīpihi saubhagāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā.

Gentle lady, sweet and decent, blest with a noble family, abundance of milk and honey, and the wealth of a generous mind, take your abode in a beautiful comfortable home on the earth. May the scholars and men of justice and generosity appreciate and praise you without reservation. Be generous and kind to these people of knowledge and wisdom for the sake of conjugal bliss and prosperity. May the Ashwinis (guiding stars of the day) and adhvaryus (guides of the home yajna) bless you with a happy and prosperous home and family life.

### 3. (Ashvinis Devata, Ushana Ŗshi)

स्वैर्दक्षैपितेह सींद देवानीछंसुम्ने बृहते रणीय । <u>पि</u>तेवैधि सूनवऽआ सुशेवी स्वावेशा तन्वा, संविशस्वाश्विनीध्वर्यू सोदयता<u>मि</u>ह त्वी ॥३॥

Svairdakṣairdakṣapiteha sīda devānām sumne bṛhate raṇāya. Pitevaidhi sūnava'ā suśevā svāveśā tanvā samviśasvāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā.

Noble woman, like a master controller of his personal powers and expertise and guardian of his people, settle here in this noble family for the great joys and battles of life. As a father protects and promotes his child, so, happy with your self and serving your family, live and advance in your life's mission.

Master controller and promoter of faculties of intelligence, settle here with all your virtues and expertise for the peace and joy of the noble people. Noble woman, come like a father to the child and live in peace and comfort, comely and graceful, happy with yourself and serving the family.

### 4. (Ashvinis Devata, Ushana Rshi)

पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः पुरीषम्स्यप्सो नाम् तां त्वा विश्वेऽअभिगृणन्तु देवाः। स्तोमेपृष्ठा घृतवेती्ह सींद प्रजावेदस्मे द्र<u>वि</u>णा येजस्वाश्विनाध्वर्यू सोदयता<u>मि</u>ह त्वो ॥४॥ Pṛthivyāḥ purīṣamasyapso nāma tāṁ tvā viśve abhi gṛṇantu devāḥ. Stomapṛṣṭhā ghṛtavatīha sīda prajāvadasme draviṇā"- yajasvāśvinā'-dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā.

Noble lady of the house, you are the protector of the earth (fulfilment of this earthly home). You are sweet and liquid as the waters of life. May all the noble and enlightened people appraise, approve and honour you whole heartedly. Blest with plenty and prosperity of means and materials, keen lover of ritual hymns and yajna sessions, take your rightful place here. Blest with progeny, wealth and honour, win for us the best of life and joy. May the saints and sages of light and the guides of yajna consecrate you here in this home.

## 5. (Ashvinis Devata, Ushana Rshi)

अदित्यास्त्वा पृष्ठे सोदयाम्यन्तरिक्षस्य धर्त्रीं <u>विष्टम्भेनीं विशामधिपत्नीं</u> भुवेनानाम् । <u>क</u>र्मिर्द्रप्सोऽअपामिस <u>वि</u>श्वकेमी तऽऋषिरश्विनाध्वर्यु सोदयतामिह त्वो ॥५॥

Adityāstvā pṛṣṭhe sādayāmyantarikṣasya dhartrīm viṣṭambhanīm diśāmadhiptnīm bhuvanānām. Ūrmirdrapso'apāmasi viśvakarmā ta' ṛṣiraśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā.

On the floor of this earth (in this home) I seat and consecrate you, lady of the inner world of the heart, firm support of the home-life in all directions, mistress and presiding presence of all the residences. You are the ripples of joy on the streams of life. Indeed you are conceived and created by Vishwakarma, the cosmic artist. May the Ashwinis, torch bearers of life, and the adhvaryus, experts of yajnic life, guide and sanctify you here.

### 6. Grishma Ritu Devata, Ushana Rshi)

शुक्रश्च शुचिश्च ग्रैष्मवृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽसि कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापुऽओषेधयः कल्पेन्तामुग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्येष्ठ्याय सर्व्रताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावी-पृथिवीऽङ्गमे । ग्रैष्मवृतूऽअभिकल्पेमानाऽ इन्द्रेमिव देवाऽ-अभिसंविशन्तु तयो देवतयाङ्गिरुस्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥६॥

Śukraśca śuciśca graişmāvṛtū'agnerantaḥśleṣo'si kalpetām dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa'
oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmasgnayaḥ pṛthan mama
jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye' agnayaḥ samanaso'ntarā dyāvāpṛthivī' ime. Graiṣmāvṛtū' abhikalpamānā indramiva devā abhisamviśantu tayā
devatayā'ngirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

Jyeshtha and Ashadha are the two months of summer. Two-month summer, you are a temporal offspring of the internal (essential) power of agni, universal fire. May all the modes of agni, each with its natural power, be favourable to me toward honour and excellence. May the earth and heaven be favourable and make it (honour and excellence) possible. May the waters be favourable. May the herbs and trees make it possible. May all the forms of agni, heat, light, electricity, etc., working in earth and the heaven toward one end and maturing the summer season, be firm and steady in nature. Just as all the devas, powers of nature, subserve Indra, the essential and central energy of nature and life, so should the two months of summer faithfully and inviolably serve the power of agni as part subserves the whole.

### 7. (Vasus & Others Devata, Vishvedeva Rshis)

सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्देवैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधिर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्वस्भिः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधिर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनाऽध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजू रुद्रैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधेर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्रादित्यैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधेर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्रादित्यैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधेर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्विश्वैदेवैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधेर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा सजूर्ऋतुभिः सजूर्विधाभिः सजूर्विश्वैदेवैः सजूर्देवैवीयोनाधेर्ग्नये त्वा वेश्वान्रयाशिवनध्वर्यू सादयतामिह त्वा ॥७॥

Sajūrṛtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrdevaiḥ sajūrdevairvayonādhairagnaye tvā vaiśvānarāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā sajūrṛtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrvasubhiḥ sajūrdevairvayonādhairagnaye tvā vaiśvānarāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā sajūrṛtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrudraiḥ sajūrdevairvayonādhairagnaye tvā vaiśvānarāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā sajūrṛtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrādityaiḥ sajūrdevairvayonādhairagnaye tvā vaiśvānarāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā sajūrṛtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrviśvairdevaiḥ sajūrrtubhiḥ sajūrvidhābhiḥ sajūrviśvairdevaiḥ sajūrdevairvayonādhairagnaye tvā vaiśvānarāyāśvinā'dhvaryū sādayatāmiha tvā

Noble man, gentle lady, be in tune with the seasons and the waters, receiving the blessings of nature and breathing the generous vitalities of pranic energy. May the leading lights of life and the guides of the yajna

of home life establish you in this home and consecrate you to Agni, the Spirit of life pervasive in and on the earth.

Noble man, gentle lady, love the seasons, love the waters of the earth and sky, love all the eight Vasus (supports of life), and love all the heavenly gifts of life's vitality. May the path-makers of life and the geniuses of the advancement of humanity establish you in this home for the service of Agni, Lord of life who blesses all his creatures with all they need for total fulfilment.

Noble man, gentle lady, favourite of the seasons, blest with the vitalities of mind and energy, favoured by all the eleven Rudra supports of life-breath, and supported by all the enlightened people of divine knowledge, may the torch-bearers of the day and the experts of yajna establish and bless you here in this home in the service of Agni, lord of light and knowledge, for the happiness and prosperity of humanity.

Noble man, gentle lady, friend of the seasons, master of mind and intellect, favourite of the sun round the year, friend and associate of the scholars and teachers of science, may the leading lights of the day and the specialists of the constructive projects consecrate you here in this life in the service of Agni, Lord of light and prosperity, for the enlightenment and advancement of society.

Noble man of knowledge and education, generous lady of enlightenment, be friends with the seasons, support the creative and constructive programmes, join all the brilliant and generous leaders, cooperate with the powers that promote life and

happiness. May the leading lights of knowledge and progress and the leaders of social yajna consecrate you in this home and dedicate you to Agni, Lord of life and light, for the well-being of all the earth's children and the environment.

# 8. (Dampati Devate, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

प्राणम्मे पाह्यपानम्मे पाहि व्यानम्मे पाहि चक्षुर्म ऽ उर्व्या विभ<u>िष्</u>ति श्रोत्रेम्मे श्लोकय । अपः पिन्वौषधीर्जिन्व द्विपादेव चतुष्पात्पाहि <u>दि</u>वो वृ<u>ष्टि</u>मेर्रय ॥८॥

Prāṇam me pāhyapānam me pāhi vyānam me pāhi cakṣurma' urvyā vibhāhi śrotram me ślokaya. Apaḥ pinvauṣadhīrjinva dvipādava catuṣpāt pāhi divo Vṛṣṭimeraya.

With the earth and the environment, protect and strengthen my pranic energy, protect and strengthen the apana air going down and out, protect and strengthen my vyana air circulating in the body-system. Give the divine light to my eye, the divine voice to my ear. Protect and promote the waters. Refresh and promote the greenery. Protect the bipeds (humans and birds). Protect the four-footed (animals). Bring the showers of rain from heaven.

# 9. (Prajapati & Others Devata, Vishvedeva Rshis)

मूर्धा वर्यः प्रजापितिश्छन्दः क्ष्त्रं वयो मर्यन्दं छन्दी विष्ट्मभो वयोऽधिपतिश्छन्दी विश्वकम्मा वर्यः परमेष्ठी छन्दी वस्तो वयो विबलं छन्दो वृष्ण्वियो विशालं छन्दः पुरुषो वर्यस्तन्द्रं छन्दी व्याघ्रो वयोऽनीधृष्टं छन्देः सिंश्हो वर्यश्छदिश्छन्देः पष्ठ्वाद् वयो बृह्ती छन्देऽउक्षा वर्यः क्कुप् छन्देऽऋष्भो वर्यः स्तोबृहती छन्देः ॥९॥

Mūrdhā vayaḥ prajāpatiśchandaḥ kṣatraṁ vayo mayandaṁ chando viṣṭambho vayo'dhipatiśchando viśvakaramā vayaḥ parameṣṭhī chando vasto vayo vibalaṁ chando vṛṣṇirvayo viśālaṁ chandaḥ puruṣo vayastandraṁ chando vyāghro vayo'nādhṛṣṭaṁ chandaḥ siṁho vayaśchadiśchandaḥ paṣṭhavāḍ vayo bṛhatī chanda'ukṣā vayaḥ kakup chanda rṣabho vayaḥ satobṛhatī chandah.

Like Prajapati, protector and sustainer of His children, try to attain the holiest qualities of knowledge, Dharma and peace of mind.

Get to the Kshatriya class of regal virtues, justice, honour, magnanimity and courtesy.

Like the guardian and supporter of the people, cultivate the economic values of freedom, justice, liberality and humility.

Like Vishwakarma, maker of the world and lord of His creatures, try to be free and win the love of the people.

Like a master of social and political activities, try to be a strong and independent expert of all sociopolitical developments.

Like a mighty generous leader, be an independent harbinger of freedom, joy and prosperity.

Like a great man of action and endeavour, take initiative in lovable action, family bonding and strong individuality.

Like a tiger among men, be a man of invincible force and inviolable protection.

Like the royal lord of excellence, be a man of

light, regality, prowess and prosperity.

Like a carrier of historic burdens, be a man of strength, greatness and endurance.

Like the cloud laden with vapours, be strong and generous, go round in all the quarters and bring showers of joy.

Like a flood of life-giving waters, come with a living message of freedom, holiness, fertility and growth.

#### 10. (Vidvans Devata, Vishvadeva Rshi)

अनुड्वान्वयः पुङ्किश्छन्दौ धेनुर्वयो जर्गती छन्दुस्त्र्यविर्वयस्त्रि-ष्टुप् छन्दौ दित्यवाड् वयौ विराट् छन्दः पञ्च<u>ावि</u>र्वयौ गायत्री छन्दैस्त्रिवृत्सो वयेऽ उष्णिक् छन्दैस्तुर्येवाड् वयौऽनुष्टुप् छन्दैः ॥१०॥।

Anaḍvān vayaḥ paṅktiśchando dhenurvayo jagatī chandastryavirvayastriṣṭup chando dityavāḍvayo virāṭ chandaḥ pañcāvirvayo gāyatrī chandastrivatso vaya' uṣṇik chandasturyavāḍvayo'nuṣṭup chandḥ.

Like the bull, be a man of strength, open, free and productive.

Like the cow, be generous and create joy and fulfilment all-round.

Like the trinity of life-support and the cow, sheep and goat, be generous, a man of knowledge, action and worship, and be blest with progeny.

Like the carrier of harvested grain, be a man of plenty and joy unbounded.

Like a master controller of the five senses, sing

ecstatic songs of yajna and have the joy of scientific knowledge.

Like a holy man of knowledge, action and worship, find the blessings of strength with freedom from suffering.

Like a visionary of the four Vedas and master of the four states of consciousness, be blest with knowledge, worship and divine communion.

# 11. (Indragni Devate, Vishvedeva Rshis)

इन्द्रीग्नीऽअव्येथमानामिष्टेकां दृश्हतं युवम् । पृष्ठेन द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअन्तरिक्षं च विबोधसे ॥११॥

Indrāgnī'avyathamānāmiṣṭakāṁ dṛmhatāṁ yuvam. Pṛṣṭhena dyāvāpṛthivī'antarikṣaṁ ca vi bādhase.

May Indra and Agni (the sun and universal electric energy), both of you, firm up the unshaken foundation of the yajna of earthly life. And may the heaven and the earth between themselves bind and hold the middle regions of the sky.

(The husband and wife both should strengthen the foundations of home-life-yajna beyond disturbance and, with their intelligence and character, bind their love and yajnic life in stability.)

## 12. (Vayu Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

विश्वकेमां त्वा सादयत्वन्तिरक्षस्य पृष्ठे व्यचेस्वतीं प्रथेस्वती-मन्तिरक्षं यच्छान्तिरक्षं दृःहान्तिरक्षं मा हिंश्सीः । विश्वेसमै प्राणायोपानाये व्यानायोदानाये प्रतिष्ठायै चरित्राय । वायुष्ट्वाभिपोतु मह्या स्वस्त्या छर्दिषा शन्तेमेन तयो देवतेयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवा सींद ॥१२॥ Viśvakarmā tvā sādayatvantarikṣasya pṛṣṭhe vyacasvatīṁ prathasvatīmantarikṣaṁ yacchāntarikṣaṁ dṛṁhāntarikṣaṁ mā himsīḥ. Viśvasmai prāṇāyāpānāya vyānāyodānāya pratiṣṭhāyai caritrāya. Vāyuṣṭva'bhipātu mahyā svastyā chardiṣā śantamena tayā devatayā' ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

May Vishwakarma, lord maker of the world/your husband, seat you firmly on top of the sky. Do not pollute, do not injure, the sky. Growing expansive, encompassing, enrich the sky, strengthen the sky for the sake of prana, apana, vyana and udana energy, and for honour and strength of character.

May Vayu, wind and universal energy/your husband, protect and promote you in all ways with great good fortune, light, peace and well-being. Stay firm with that divine power like the breath of life.

# 13. (Dishah Devata, Vishvadeva Rshi)

राज्यं<u>सि</u> प्राची दि<u>ग्विरार्डसि</u> दक्षिणा दिक् सम्रार्डसि प्रतीची दिक् स्वराडस्युदीची दिगधिपत्यसि बृहती दिक् ॥१३॥

Rājñyasi prācī dig virāḍasi dakṣiṇā dik samrāḍasi pratīcī dik svarāḍasyudīcī digadhipatnyasi brhatī dik.

You are the mistress of the rising light of the east. You are the lady of universal light of the south direction. You are the noble and peaceful power of light in the west. You are the self-refulgent light of the north. You are the great lady of the top and foundation of the homeland, the great sustaining mother earth of the family.

## 14. (Vayu Devata, Vishvedeva Rshis)

विश्वकेमां त्वा सादयत्वन्तरिक्षस्य पृष्ठे ज्योतिष्मतीम् । विश्वस्मै प्राणायापानायं व्यानायं विश्वं ज्योतिर्यच्छ । वायुष्टेऽधिपतिस्तयां देवतयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवा सीद ॥१४॥

Viśvakarmā tvā sādayatvantarikṣasya pṛṣṭhe jyotiṣmatīm. Viśvasmai prāṇāyāpānāya vyānāya viśvaṁ jyotiryaccha. Vāyuṣṭe'dhipatistayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

Lady of light (mistress of the house), may Vishwakarma, lord of noble actions/your husband consecrate you on top of the sky for the sake of total prana, apana and vyana energy (of family life). Receive universal light and radiate the light of joy and peace. Vayu/your husband, is your lord sustainer. Stay firm with that divine power, dear as the breath of life, and be steadfast as the light of the sun.

## 15. (Ritava Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

नर्भश्च नभ्स्यश्च वार्षिकावृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽसि कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापऽओषेधयः कल्पेन्ताम्ग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्यैष्ठ्याय सम्रेताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावी-पृथिवीऽड्रमे । वार्षिकावृतूऽअभिकल्पेमानाऽइन्द्रेमिव देवाऽ-अभिसंविशन्तु तया देवतयाङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥१५॥

Nabhaśca nabhasyaśca vārṣikāvṛtū agnerantaḥ-śleṣo'si kalpetām dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmagnayaḥ pṛthaṅmama jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye' agnayaḥ samanaso'-ntarā dyāvāpṛthivī' ime. Vārṣikāvṛtū' abhikalpamānā' indramiva devā' abhisaṁviśantu tayā devatavā'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

Cloudy Shravana and misty humid Bhadra, two

months of the rainy season, you are touched at heart by the passion of Agni. May heaven and earth be favourable to us for the gift of excellence, may the waters be favourable, may the herbs and trees be favourable, may all the orders of agni (heat and light), each committed to its own law and function, be favourable to us. May all the vital fires in earth and heaven, integrated and harmonious, supporting and energizing the months of rains, like the power of nature serving the omnipotent lord, Indra, bless and vitalize us in all ways.

Just as earth and heaven abide by God, as rains abide by vital fire, so should we abide by the Lord, nature, and the rains like life and breath, Prakriti and Purusha, and part and the whole.

## 16. (Ritava Devata, Vishvedeva Rshis)

इषश्चोर्जश्चे शार्दावृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽसि कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापऽओषधयः कल्पेन्तामग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्यैष्ठ्याय सर्वताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावी-पृथिवीऽङ्मे । शार्दावृतूऽअभिकल्पेमानाऽ इन्द्रेमिव देवाऽ-अभिसंविशन्तु तयो देवतेयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥१६॥

Iṣaścorjaśca śāradāvṛtū'agnerantaḥśleṣo'si kalpetām dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa' oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmagnayaḥ pṛthaṅmama jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye' agnayaḥ samanaso'-ntarā dyāvā-pṛthivī'ime. Sāradavṛtū abhikalpamānā'indra-miva devā' abhisaṁviśantu tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

The lovely Ashwin and vigorous Kartika are months of the autumn season. You have the warmth of agni at heart. May the earth and heaven, the waters, the herbs and trees, and all the orders of agni (heat and light),

each according to its own law and function, be favourable to us for the gift of excellence. May all the vital fires in earth and heaven, integrated and harmonious, energizing the months of autumn like powers of nature serving the Lord, Indra, bless and vitalize us in all ways.

Just as heaven and earth abide by God, as autumn abides by agni, so should we abide by the Lord, nature and autumn like life with breath, Prakriti with Purusha and part with the whole.

## 17. (Rtavo Devata, Vishvadeva Rshi)

आर्युर्मे पाहि प्राणं में पाह्यपानं में पाहि व्यानं में पाहि चक्षुर्मे पाहि श्रोत्रं में पाहि वार्चम्मे पिन्व मनौ में जिन्वात्मानम्मे पाहि ज्योतिर्मे यच्छ ॥१७॥

Āyurme pāhi prāṇaṁ me pāhyapānaṁ me pāhi vyānaṁ me pāhi cakṣurme pāhi śrotraṁ me pāhi vācaṁ me pinva mano me jinvā tmānaṁ me pāhi jyotirme yaccha.

Light and Law of the Universe, protect my life. Energize my breath. Clear and strengthen my cleansing system and eliminate the wastes. Strengthen the circulation of energy in my body. Protect and sharpen my eye. Protect and sensitize my ear. Guard and enliven my speech. Regenerate and broaden my mind. Save and strengthen my soul. Give me light, give me the light to see and realize.

# 18. (Chhandans Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

मा च्छन्देः प्रमा च्छन्देः प्रतिमा च्छन्दोऽअस्त्रीवय्रश्छन्देः पुङ्किश्छन्देऽउष्णिक् छन्दो बृह्ती छन्दोऽनुष्टुप् छन्दो <u>वि</u>राट् छन्दो गायुत्री च्छन्दे<u>स्त्रिष्टु</u>प् च्छन्दो जर्गती च्छन्देः ॥१८॥ Mā chandaḥ prama chandaḥ pratima chando' asrīvayaśchandaḥ paṅktiśchanda'uṣnik chando bṛhatī chando'nuṣṭup chando virāṭ chando gāyatrī chandas triṣṭup chando jagatī chandaḥ.

Measure is the secret of happiness. Reason is the measure of intelligence. Freedom is the condition of truth incarnate. Practical science is the means of strength, prosperity and brightness. Five-fold yoga is the giver of light. Nature is the sustenance of life. Attachment to pleasure is bhoga (sufferance). The light of knowledge is science. The protector of gayatri is its realization. The well-being of body, mind and soul is happiness. The dynamics of existence lies in omnipotence.

And these are the themes of Vaidic verses.

# 19. (Prithivi & Others Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

पृ<u>थि</u>वी च्छन्दोऽन्तरिक्षुं छन्दो द्यौश्छन्दः समाश्छन्दो नक्षेत्रा<u>णि</u> च्छन्दो वाक् छन्दो मनुश्छन्देः कृषिश्छन्दो हिर्रणयं छन्दो गौश्छन्दोऽजाच्छन्दोऽश्वृश्छन्देः ॥१९॥

Pṛthivī chando'ntarikṣaṁ chando dyauścahndaḥ samāśchando nakṣatrāṇi chando vāk chando manaśchandaḥ kṛṣiśchando hiraṇyaṁ chando gauśchando 'jācchando'svaśchandaḥ.

Earth is the seat of freedom. Sky is the symbol of joy. Light is knowledge and science. Year is the understanding and measure of time. Stars are free in their orbits. Speech is the medium of truth. Mind is the seat of honesty. Farming is the source of production. Gold leads to pleasure. Cow is the mother of joy and plenty. Goat gives joy. Horse loves freedom. Know this and follow.

And these are the themes of Vaidic verses.

# 20. (Agni & Others Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

अग्निर्देवता वातो देवता सूर्यो देवता चुन्द्रमा देवता वसेवो देवता रुद्रा देवता<u>दि</u>त्या देवता मुरुतो देवता विश्वे देवा देवता बृह्स्पतिर्देवतेन्द्रो देवता वरुणो देवता ॥२०॥

Agnirdevatā vāto devatā sūryo devatā candramā devatā vasavo devtā rudrā devatā "dityā devatā maruto devatā viśve devā devatā bṛhaspatir-devatendro devatā Varuņo devatā.

Agni (fire) is a divine power and value. It is a god. Vayu (air) is god. Sun is god. Moon is god. Vasus (sustainers of life) are divine. Rudras (powers of law and justice) are divine. The winds are divine. Vishwedevas, the great, brilliant and generous powers of the world, are divine. Lord of the great universe is God. Indra (universal energy) is divine. Varuna (universal waters) are divine.

Know the divine powers and inculcate their qualities in your character and conduct.

# 21. (Vidushi Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

मूर्द्<u>धांसि</u> राड् ध्रुवासि ध्रुरुणी धर्<u>ट्यसि</u> धर्रणी । आयुषे त्वा वर्चीसे त्वा कृष्यै त्वा क्षेमीय त्वा ॥२१॥

Mūrdhā' si rāḍ dhruvā' si dharuṇā dhartryasi dharaṇī. Āyuṣe tvā varcase tvā kṛṣyai tvā kṣemāya tvā.

Noble woman of knowledge and virtue, you are brilliant on top and firm, the support, sustenance and foundation of life like the earth. I accept and honour you for the sake of life and health, light and lustre, food and farming, and protection and presence of the home.

## 22. (Vidushi Devata, Vishvadeva Rshis)

यन्त्री राड् युन्त्र्यसि यमेनी ध्रुवासि धरित्री । इषे त्वोर्जे त्वा रय्यै त्वा पोषाय त्वा लोकं ताऽइन्द्रम्॥२२॥

Yantrī rāḍ yantryasi yamanī dhruvā'si dharitrī. Iṣe tvorje tvā rayyai tvā poṣāya tvā lokam tā indram.

Gentle lady, faultlessly discipline0d and brilliant, going by rule and leading others to rule, you are firm and sustaining like the earth. I accept and honour you for food and energy and for wealth and nourishment.

## 23. (Yajna Devata, Vishvedeva Rshis)

आशुस्त्रिवृद्धान्तः पञ्चद्दशो व्योमा सप्तद्दशो ध्रुरुणेऽ-एकिविश्शः प्रतूर्तिरष्टाद्दशस्तपो नवद्शोऽभीवृत्तः संविश्शो वर्चो द्वाविश्शः सम्भरणस्त्रयोविश्शो योनिश्चतुर्विश्शो गर्भाः पञ्चिवश्शऽओर्जस्त्रिण्वः क्रतुरेकितिश्शः प्रतिष्ठा त्रैयस्त्रिश्शो ब्रुध्नस्य विष्टपं चतुस्त्रिश्शो नाकः षट्तिश्शो विवृत्तोऽष्टा-चत्वारिश्शो ध्रत्रं चतुष्टोमः ॥२३॥

Āśustrivṛd bhāntaḥ pañcadaśo vyomā saptadaśo dharuṇa'ekavimśaḥ pratūrtiraṣṭādaśastapo navadaśo'bhīvarttaḥ savimśo varco dvāvimśaḥ sambharaṇastrayovimśo yoniścaturvimśo garbhāḥ pañcavimśa' ojastriṇavaḥ kraturekatrimśaḥ pratiṣṭhā trayastrimśo bradhnasya viṣṭapam catustrimśo nākaḥ ṣaṭtrimśo vivartto' ṣtācatvārimśo dhartram catuṣṭomaḥ.

In the year round of yajna there is the spontaneous hymn (song) of the threefold stoma sacred for the purity of body, mind and speech. There is the fifteen part song of light and the moon, the seventeen part song for the sky and the year. There is the twenty-one part stoma for stability, eighteen part song of fast motion, nineteen part song of austerity and discipline, twenty part song of open conduct, twentytwo part song of brilliance, twentythree part song of sustenance, twentyfour part song of union and discussion, twentyfive part song of procreation, twentyseven part song of prowess and lustre, thirtyone part song of karma and intelligence, thirtythree part song of stability, thirtyfour part song of the height of heaven and divinity, thirtysix part song of paradisal bliss, fortyeight part song of the modes of existence, and four stage song of celebration in chatushtoma yajna in the year.

# 24. (Medhavinah Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

अग्नेर्भागोऽसि दीक्षायाऽआधिपत्यं ब्रह्मं स्पृतं त्रिवृत्-स्तोमः। इन्द्रंस्य भागोऽसि विष्णोराधिपत्यं क्ष्रत्रश्रंस्पृतं पेञ्चद्श स्तोमेः। नृचक्षंसां भागोऽसि धातुराधिपत्यं जनित्रेश्वंस्पृतःसंप्तदश स्तोमेः। मित्रस्यं भागोऽसि वर्रणस्याधिपत्यं दिवो वृष्टिर्वातं स्पृतऽएकिविःश स्तोमेः ॥२४॥

Agnerbhāgo'si dīkṣāyā' ādhipatyam brahma spṛtam trivṛtstomaḥ Indrasya bhāgo'si viṣṇorādhipatyam kṣatram spṛtam pañcadaśa stomḥ. Nṛcakṣasām bhāgo'si dhāturādhipatyam janitram spṛtam saptadaśa stomḥ. Mitrasya bhāgo 'si varuṇasyādhipatyam divo vṛṣṭirvāta spṛta' ekavimśa stomaḥ.

You are a part of Agni, lord giver of life and protection, wholly under the direction and control of your dedication to the lord. With the observance of Trivrit (three part) stoma, you inculcate, protect and

promote the Brahmana character of society.

You are a part of Indra, lord of energy and power, wholly under the direction and control of Vishnu, the omnipresent lord of the world. With the observance of Panchadasha (fifteen part) stoma, you inculcate, protect and promote the power and prowess (Kshatriya character) of the community.

You are a part of the intelligent and wide-awake observers of the people, totally under the direction and control of the lord and ruler of humanity. With the observance of Saptadasha (seventeen part) stoma, you inculcate, protect and promote the economic power of the people.

You are a part of Mitra, sun and universal energy, totally under the direction and control of Varuna, the universal water power. With the observance of Ekavinsha (twenty-one part) stoma, you attract and promote the wind and rain from the region of the sun.

## 25. (Vasus & Others Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

वसूनां भागोऽसि रुद्राणामाधिपत्यं चतुष्पात् स्पृतं चेतुर्विःश स्तोमेः। आदित्यानी भागोऽसि मरुतामाधिपत्यं गभी स्पृताः पञ्चिवःश स्तोमः। अदित्ये भागोऽसि पूष्णऽआधिपत्यमोजे स्पृतं त्रिण्व स्तोमेः। देवस्ये सिवतुर्भागोऽसि बृहस्पते-राधिपत्यः समीचीर्दिशे स्पृताश्चेतुष्टोम स्तोमेः ॥२५॥

Vasūnām bhāgo'si rudrāṇāmādhipatyam catuṣpāt spṛtam caturvimsa stomaḥ. Adityānām bhāgo'si marutāmādhipatyam garbhā spṛtāḥ pañcavimsa stomaḥ. Adityai bhāgo'si pūṣṇa ādhipatyamoja spṛtam triṇava stomaḥ. Devasya saviturbhāgo'si bṛhaspaterādhipatyam samīcīrdisa spṛtāscatuṣṭoma stomaḥ.

You are a part of the Vasus, eight sustaining abodes of life, under care and control of the Rudras, protectors of life. With the observance of Chaturvinsha (twenty four part) stoma you love and protect the animal wealth of the world.

You are a part of the Adityas, the suns and stars of the universe, under care and favour of the Maruts, powers of wind and sky. With the observance of Panchavinsha (twenty five part) stoma, you protect and promote the maternal power of women.

You are a part of Aditi, earth and sky, under control and favour of the powers of health and nutrition in nature. With the observance of Trinava (twenty seven part) stoma you protect and advance the lustre and glory of the people.

You are a part of Savita, Lord creator and sustainer of life, under care and control of Brihaspati, lord and master of the wide world. With the observance of Chatushtoma yajna you protect, develop and safeguard all the directions of space.

#### 26. (Ribhavah Devata, Vishvadeva Rshi)

यवानां भागोः ऽस्ययेवानामाधिपत्यं प्रजा स्पृताश्चेतु-श्चत्वारि श्श स्तोर्मः। ऋभूणां भागोऽसि विश्वेषां देवानामा-धिपत्यं भूतर्थंस्पृतं त्रेयसित्र शास्तोर्मः ॥२६॥

Yavānām bhāgo'syayavānamādhipatyam prajā spṛtāścatuścatvārimśa stomaḥ. Rbhūṇām bhāgo'si viśveṣam devānāmādhipatyam bhūtam spṛtam trayastrimśa stomaḥ.

You are a part and master of mixed materials with full power over the separate materials for consumption

in the cold season. With observance of the chatushchatwarinsha (fortyfour part) stoma you protect and promote all the species of life.

You are a part of the intelligent and wise experts of art and technology with full power and love over all the brilliant and generous nobles of the world. With observance of the Trayastrinsha (thirtythree part) stoma, protect and promote all the living beings.

# 27. (Ritavah Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

सहंश्च सहस्यश्च हैमेन्तिकावृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽसि कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापऽओषधयः कल्पेन्तामग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्यैष्ठ्याय सर्वताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावी-पृथिवीऽङ्गमे । हैमेन्तिकावृतूऽअिकल्पेमानाऽइन्द्रेमिव देवाऽ-अिभसंविशन्तु तया देवत्रेयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥२७॥

Sahaśca sahasyaśca haimantikāvṛtū' agnerantaḥśleṣo'si kalpetām dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmagnayaḥ pṛthaṅmama jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye' agnayaḥ samanaso'ntarā dyāvāpṛthivī'ime. Haimantikāvṛtū' abhikalpamānā' indramiva devā' abhisaṁviśantu tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

The stimulating Margashirsha and invigorating Pausha are the months of Hemanta (winter).

You are the innermost love and power of Agni, universal fire of life. May the heaven and earth be favourable, may the waters invigorate, may the herbs rejuvenate, and may all the modes of vital fire, each true to its nature and function, strengthen us for honour and excellence. Just as the powers of nature join to serve

Indra, universal divine energy, so may all the orders of agni in heaven and earth, integrated and cooperative, strengthening the winter months, join to bless us in the search and endeavour for excellence.

May the winter months of nature and humanity stay firm with that universal power of Agni like the breath of life with Spirit.

## 28. (Ishvara Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

एकेयास्तुवत प्रजाऽअधीयन्त प्रजाप<u>ित</u>रिधपितरासी<u>ति</u>सृभिरस्तुवत ब्रह्मासृज्यत् ब्रह्मण्एस्प<u>ति</u>रिधपितरासीत्
पञ्चिभरस्तुवत भूतान्यसृज्यन्त भूतानां प<u>ति</u>रिधपितरासीत्
सप्तिभिरस्तुवत सप्त ऋषयोऽसृज्यन्त धातािधपितरासीत् ॥२८॥

Ekayā'stuvata prajā' adhīyanta prajāpatiradhipatirāsīt tisṛbhirastuvata brahmāsṛjyata brahmaṇaspatiradhipatirāsīt pañcabhirastuvata bhūtānyasṛjyanta bhūtānām patiradhipatirāsīt saptabhirastuvata sapta ṛṣayo' sṛjyanta dhātā'dhipatirāsīt.

The Lord of the universe, creator and protector of His children is Ishwara. Worship Him with one, sincere voice of the heart and soul. He created and revealed the universal knowledge of the Vedas for His children, and He is the Lord and protector of that knowledge too. Worship Him with three, reason, will and emotion. He created the five elements of nature. He is the Lord and protector of these elements. Worship Him with five, body, mind, intellect, memory and consciousness. Saptarshis (five currents of primary pranic energy, mahat tattva, i.e., creative nature, and ahankara, self-consciousness) were created by Him. He

is the ruler and sustainer of the seven. Worship Him with seven, five currents of secondary pranas (energy) and your will and endeavour.

# 29. (Ishvara Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

न्वभिरस्तुवत पितरोऽसृज्यन्तादितिरिधेपत्यासीत् । एकाद्रश-भिरस्तुवतऽऋतवोऽसृज्यन्तार्त्त्वाऽअधिपतयऽआसन् । त्रयोद्दशभिरस्तुवत् मासोऽअसृज्यन्त संवत्सरोऽिधेपितरासीत्। पञ्चद्रशभिरस्तुवत क्षुत्रमेसृज्यतेन्द्रोऽिधेपितरासीत् सप्तद्श-भिरस्तुवत ग्राम्याः प्रशवोऽ सृज्यन्त बृह्स्पित्रिधिपित-रासीत् ॥२९॥

Navabhirastuvata pitaro'sṛjyantā'ditiradhipatnyāsīt. Ekādaśabhirastuvata'ṛtavo'sṛjyantārtavā'adhipataya'āsaň. Trayodaśabhirastuvata māsā'asṛjyanta saṁvatsaro'dhipatirāsīt. Pañcadaśabhirastuvata kṣatramasṛjyatendro'dhipatirāsīt. Saptadaṣabhirastuvata grāmyāḥ paśavo'sṛjyanta bṛhaspatiradhipatirāsīt.

Worship Him with nine faculties of prana and mind who created the paternal and protective forces of nature and the earth which is the supreme mother of His children.

Worship with eleven faculties (ten pranic energies and the soul) Him who created the seasons with their characteristic ruling properties.

Worship with thirteen faculties (ten pranas, two commitments-one for values and one against disvalues — and the soul) Him who created the twelve months with their presiding year.

Worship with fifteen faculties (five pranas, five senses, two commitments one soul, mind and reason/

intellect) Him who created the socio-political order of governance with Indra, the supreme ruler of the order.

Worship with seventeen faculties (five pranas, five senses, two commitments, one soul, mind, reason/intellect, hands and feet) Him who created the domestic animals and the economic order with Brihaspati as the head of the economic (Vaishya) class.

# 30. (Jagadishvara Devata, Vishvadeva Ŗshi)

न्वद्शभिरस्तुवत शूद्रार्यावसृज्येतामहोरात्रेऽअधिपत्नीऽ-आस्ताम्। एकेविःशत्यास्तुवृतैकेशफाः पृशवोऽसृज्यन्त् वरुणोऽधिपतिरासीत् । त्रयोविःशत्यास्तुवत क्षुद्राः पृशवोऽ-सृज्यन्त पूषाधिपतिरासीत्। पञ्चेविःशत्यास्तुवतार्ण्याः पृशवोऽसृज्यन्त वायुरधिपतिरासीत् सुप्तविःशत्यास्तुवत् द्यावीपृथिवी व्यैतां वसेवो रुद्राऽअदित्याऽअनुव्यायुँस्तऽ-एवाधिपतयऽआसन् ॥३०॥

Navadaśabhirastuvata śudrāryāvasṛjyetāmahorātre'adhipatnī'āstām. Ekavimsatyāstuvataikaśaphāḥ paśavo'sṛjyanta varuṇo'dhipatirāsīt. Trayovimśatyāstuvata kṣudrāḥ
paśavo'sṛjyanta pūṣā'dhipatirasīt. Pañcavimśatyā'stuvatā"raṇyāḥ paśavo' sṛjyanta
vāyuradhipatirāsīt. Saptavimśatyā'stuvata
dyāvāpṛthivī vyaitām vasavo rudrā'ādityā'anuvyāyansta' evādhipataya'āsan.

With nineteen (ten pranas, five elements, mind, reason/intellect, memory and self-consciousness), worship Him who created the educated and the uneducated all, with the day-and-night cycle of time for work and rest as the power of control over work and rest.

With twenty one (functions and faculties of the human body, mind and soul), worship Him who created the undivided hoofed animals with Varuna, water and the night, being the presiding power for the animals.

With twenty three (parts of animals' bodies), worship Him who created the little animals and insects with the natural sources of nutriment as the presiding power.

With twenty five (parts of small animals' bodies) worship Him who created the wild animals of the forest with wind and speed as the presiding power.

With twenty-seven (qualities of the wild animals), worship Him who created the heaven and the earth which are universal, and who also created the eight Vasus, eleven Rudras and the twelve Adityas existent within the heaven and earth and presiding over the life and nature in heaven and earth.

## 31. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvadeva Rshis)

नविविश्शत्याऽस्तुवत् वन्स्पतेयोऽसृज्यन्त सोमोऽधिपितरासीत्। एकेत्रिश्शतास्तुवत प्रजाऽअसृज्यन्त यवाश्चायेवाश्चा-धिपतयऽआस्न् । त्रयेस्त्रिश्शताऽस्तुवत भृतान्येशाम्यन् प्रजापेतिः परमेष्ठ्यधिपितरासीत् ॥३१॥

Navavimsatyā'stuvata vanaspatayo'sṛjyanta somo'dhipatirāsīt. Ekatrimsatā 'stuvata prajā' asṛjyanta yavāścāyavāścādhipataya' āsaň. Trayastrimsatā'stuvata bhūtānyasāmyan prajāpatiḥ parameṣṭhyadhipatirāsīt.

With twenty nine properties of the herbs and trees, worship Him who created the herbs and trees with Soma as their chief and presiding power.

With thirtyone parts and properties of the created world of nature, worship Him who created the elemental and the compound materials of nature and life with these very elements and forms being the presiding presences of existence.

With thirty three properties of the elements of nature, worship Him in whose creation Prajapati, the father of His creatures, is the Supreme Lord, and into whom all the forms and elements of existence recede in peace and silence for the night of annihilation.

इति चतुर्दशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XV

# 1. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

अग्ने जातान् प्रणुदा नः सपत्तान् प्रत्यजातान्नुद जातवेदः। अधि नो ब्रूहि सुमनाऽअहेड्ँस्तवे स्याम् शर्में <u>स्त्रि</u>वर्रूथऽ-उद्भौ ॥१॥

Agne jātān praņudā naḥ sapatnān pratyajātān nuda jātavedaḥ. Adhi no brūhi sumanā' aheḍaňstava syāma śarmaňstrivarūtha udbhau.

Agni, Lord omniscient and protector of life and society, throw out the adversaries arisen against our life. Keep off the negative forces not yet arisen but impending against us all. Kind at heart and favourable, speak to us from above and grant our prayer so that, secure from triple suffering, happy and advancing under your care and love, all may live in a home of triple bliss.

# 2. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

सहंसा जातान् प्रणुंदा नः सपत्नान् प्रत्यजीतान् जातवेदो नुदस्व। अधि नो ब्रूहि सुमनस्यमीनो वयथ्रंस्यीम् प्रणुंदा नः सुपत्नीन् ॥२॥

Sahasā jātān praņudā naḥ sapatnān pratyajātāñ jātavedo nudasva. Adhi no brūhi sumanasyamāno vayam syāma praņudā naḥ sapatnān.

Agni, Lord omniscient of the life of existence, throw off the enemies of humanity come up with force. Counter the negative forces lying and waiting in ambush, not coming up openly. Kind at heart and generous of thought for us, speak to us from above so

that we may be able every way to repulse the open as well as the covert enemies of life and humanity.

# 3. (Dampati Devate, Parameshthi Rshi)

षोड्शी स्तोम्ऽओजो द्रविणं चतुश्चत्वारिःश स्तोमो वर्चो द्रविणम् । अग्नेः पुरीषम्स्यप्सो नाम् तां त्वा विश्वैऽ-अभिगृणन्तु देवाः। स्तोमेपृष्ठा घृतवेती्ह सींद प्रजावेद्समे द्रविणा येजस्व ॥३॥

Şoḍaśī stoma'ojo draviṇaṁ catuścatvāriṁśa stomo varco draviṇam. Agneḥ purīṣamasyapso nāma tāṁ tvā viśve' abhigṛṇantu devāḥ. Stomapṛṣṭhā ghṛtavatīha sīda prajāvadasme draviṇā yajasva.

Gentle lord of the home, and charming lady of the house far from greed and grabbing, generously cooperative with the rejuvenating forces of nature, you are dedicated and loyal servants of Agni. May all the generous saints and scholars appreciate and praise you for your noble work. Dedicated to hymns of divinity and yajna, generous in prosperity and charity, settle in this sweet home. Give us the wealth of life and the gift of a blessed family.

## 4. (Vidvans Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

एव्श्छन्दो वरिव्श्छन्देः श्रम्भूश्छन्देः परिभूश्छन्देऽ-आच्छच्छन्दो मन्श्छन्दो व्यच्श्छन्दः सिन्धुश्छन्देः समुद्रश्छन्देः सिर्रं छन्देः कृकुष्छन्देस्त्रिकुकुप् छन्देः काव्यं छन्दोऽअङ्कुपं छन्दोऽक्षरेपिङ्किश्छन्देः प्दपिङ्किश्छन्दो विष्टारपिङ्किश्छन्देः क्षुरश्छन्दो भ्रज्श्छन्देः॥४॥ Evaschando varivaschandaḥ sambhūschandaḥ paribhūschanda' ācchacchando manaschando vyacaschandaḥ sindhuschandaḥ samudra-schandaḥ sariram chandaḥ kakup chandastrikakupchandaḥ kāvyam chando' aṅkupam chando'kṣarapaṅktischandaḥ padapaṅkti-schando viṣṭārapaṅktischandaḥ kṣuraschandaḥ bhrajaschandaḥ.

Movement is life. Knowledge is thrill. Excellence is great, truth is excellence. Peace is great. Self mastery is sovereignty. Industry is prosperity. Protection against evil is security. Mind and thought is light. Generosity is exhilarating. Fluidity is majesty. Magnanimity, liquidity and transparency is gentleness. Universal reputation is honour. Divine knowledge, noble performance and honest prayer is glory. Poetry is ecstasy. Straight behaviour like liquid movement is satisfaction. The path to eternity is bliss. The way of the world is joy. The directions of space are exciting. The razor's edge is the challenge of life. The splendour of existence is rapture.

## 5. (Vidvansa Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

आच्छच्छन्देः प्रच्छच्छन्देः संयच्छन्दौ वियच्छन्दौ बृहच्छन्दौ रथन्तरञ्छन्दौ निकायश्छन्दौ विवधश्छन्दो गिर्श्छन्दो भ्रज्श्छन्दोः स्रथंस्तुप् छन्दौऽनुष्टुप् छन्दऽएवश्छन्दो वरिवश्छन्दो वयश्छन्दौ वयस्कृच्छन्दो विष्पर्द्धाश्छन्दौ विशालं छन्दैश्छिदिश्छन्दौ दूरोहुणं छन्दैस्तुन्द्रं छन्दौऽअङ्काङ्कं छन्दैः ॥५॥

Ācchacchandaḥ pracchacchandaḥ samyacchando viyacchando bṛhacchando rathantarañchando nikāyaśchando vivadhaśchando giraśchando bhrajaśchandaḥ samstup chando'- nuṣṭupchanda'evaśchando varivaśchando vayaśchando vayaskṛcchando viṣpardhā-śchando viṣālaṁ chandaśchadiśchando dūrohaṇaṁ chando' aṅkāṅkaṁ chandaḥ.

Prevention of evil is light. Fight against evil is courage. Self-control is bravery. Variety of choice is versatility. Ascendancy to the heavens is freedom. The path to success is the right choice. The windfalls of attainment are lovely. Meditation on the sky reveals the bonds of piety. Voice is revelation. Light is illumination. Speech is expression of word, meaning and reality. Thought is reflection on meaning and reality. Effort and achievement on earth is meaningful. Excellence is valuable. Life is a boon. The life-force is irresistible. Emulation and competition is legitimate. Great action is glory. Cover and protection is nobility. Rising against difficulty is perseverance. Freedom is the breath of life. Faith and ascertainment is inviolable joy.

## 6. (Vidvan Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

र्शिमनां स्त्याय स्त्यं जिन्व प्रेतिना धर्मणा धर्मं जिन्वान्वित्या दिवा दिवं जिन्व सिन्धनान्तिरिक्षेणान्तिरिक्षं जिन्व प्रति-धिनां पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्या पृ<u>ष्यि</u>वीं जिन्व विष्ट्रम्भेन वृष्ट्या वृष्टिं जिन्व प्रवयाऽह्वाहंजिन्वानुया रात्र्या रात्रीं जिन्वोशिजा वस्तृभ्यो वसूञ्जिन्व प्रकेतेनांदित्येभ्यंऽआदित्याञ्जिन्व ॥६॥

Raśminā satyāya satyam jinva pretinā dharmaṇā dharmam jinvānvityā divā divam jinva sandhinā' natarikṣeṇāntarikṣam jinva prati-dhinā pṛthivyā pṛthivīm jinva viṣṭambhena vṛṣtyā vṛṣtim jinva pravayā'hnā'harjinvānuyā rātryā rātrīm jinvo-śijā vasubhyo vasūñjinva praketenādityebhya 'ādityāñjinva.

Love truth for the sake of truth with the light of truth in action.

Protect Dharma for the promotion of Dharma with the observance of Dharma in practice.

With research and advancement into knowledge of the nature of light, advance the knowledge of the regions of the sun.

With research into the sky as the conjunction of earth and heaven, advance the knowledge of the sky for the sustenance of life.

With knowledge of the earth and its relation with life, advance the knowledge of earth science for life.

With the knowledge of rain and the sustenance of life by rain, advance the knowledge of water, evaporation and rain and promote rain for the sake of life.

With the knowledge of the light of the day, know the light and day and advance the knowledge of cosmography.

With the knowledge of night following the day, advance the knowledge of the day and night cycle.

With the desire for the beauty of living, advance the knowledge of the Vasus (abodes of the sustenance of life) for the sake of the Vasus and better sustenance.

With the knowledge of the planets and the sun in their respective orbits in the galaxy, advance the knowledge of the sun and stars in relation to planets and life.

### 7. (Vidvansa Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

तन्तुंना रायस्पोषेण रायस्पोषं जिन्व सःसपेंणे श्रुतायं श्रुतं जिन्वैडेनौषधी<u>भि</u>रोषधीर्जिन्वोत्तमेनं तनूभिस्तनूर्जिन्व वयो-धसाधीतेनाधीतं जिन्वा<u>भि</u>जिता तेजेसा तेजो जिन्व ॥७॥

Tantunā rāyaspoṣeṇa rayaspoṣaṁ jinva saṃ-sarpeṇa śrutāya śrutaṁ jinvaidenauṣadhī-bhiroṣadhīrjinvottamena tanūbhistanūrjinva vayodhasādhītenādhītaṁ jinvābhijitā tejasā tejo jinva.

By health, wealth and prosperity, increase health, wealth and prosperity in an ascending order.

By a continuous process promote communication and knowledge for the development of communication, information and vaidic knowledge.

By the development of food, herbs and trees, develop the science of medicine.

By the observance of good conduct and Dharma, develop smart bodies and by smart bodies develop strong bodies and better health.

By health and vigour and by life-sustaining reading, promote life-sustaining knowledge and education.

By victorious prowess and lustre, advance and promote life-protecting courage, prowess and lustrous dignity.

# 8. (Prajapati Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

प्र<u>ति</u>पर्दसि प्र<u>ति</u>पर्दे त्वानुपर्दस्यनुपर्दे त्वा । सम्पर्दसि सम्पर्दे त्वा तेजीऽसि तेजेसे त्वा ॥८॥ Pratipadasi pratipade tvā 'nupadasyanupade tvā sampadasi sampade tvā tejo 'si tejase tvā.

You are the first find on the homeward journey. I love and accept you for constant companionship at every step. You are the support and confirmation of every step I take. I honour you for support and self-assurance. You are the real wealth of life, I love you as the prize of earthly existence. You are the light and lustre of life. I honour and prize you for light and glory.

# 9. (Prajapati Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

त्रिवृदंसि त्रिवृते त्वा प्रवृदंसि प्रवृते त्वा विवृदंसि विवृते त्वा स्वृदंसि स्वृते त्वाऽऽक्रमोऽस्याक्रमायं त्वा संक्रमोऽसि संक्रमायं त्वोत्क्रमोऽस्युत्क्रमाय त्वोत्क्रान्तिर्स्युत्क्रान्त्यै त्वा-धिपतिनोर्जोर्जं जिन्व ॥९॥

Trivṛdasi trivṛte tvā pravṛdasi pravṛte tvā vivṛdasi vivṛte tvā savṛdasi savṛte tvā "kramo" syākramāya tvā samkramo si samkramāya tvotkramo syutkramāya tvotkrāntirasyutkrāntyai tvā dhipatinorjorjam jinva.

You know the threefold world of matter (tamas), motion (rajas) and mind (sattva). I love and respect you for the threefold world of nature. You are the power of initiative. I follow you for the sake of initiative. You are the versatile man of all-round action. I accept you for the variety of action. You are the man of constant Dharma. I dedicate myself to you for the observance of Dharma. You are the great leap forward in life. I follow you for the great leap forward. You are the man of balanced and comprehensive progress. I dedicate myself to you for balanced and comprehensive progress. You are the man of onward advance. I follow you for the

advance upward. You are for change and ascendance in life. I admire and follow you for growth in the higher direction.

Lady of the house, dedicate yourself to the head of the family and with vigour and enthusiasm, advance the power and excellence of the family.

## 10. (Vasavah Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

राज्यंसि प्राची दिग्वसंवस्ते देवाऽअधिपतयोऽग्निहेंतीनां प्रतिधत्तां त्रिवृत्त्वा स्तोमः पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्याश्ंश्रयत्वाज्यंमुक्थम-व्यथायै स्तभ्नातु रथन्तरः साम् प्रतिष्ठित्याऽअन्तरिक्षऽ-ऋषयस्त्वा प्रथम्जा देवेषुं दिवो मात्रया विर्मणा प्रथन्तु विध्तां चायमधिपतिश्च ते त्वा सर्वे संविदाना नार्कस्य पृष्ठे स्वर्गे लोके यर्जमानं च सादयन्तु ॥१०॥

Rājñyasi prācī digvasavaste devā'adhipatayo'-gnirhetīnām pratidhartā trivṛttvā stomaḥ pṛthivyām śrayatvājyamukthamavyathāyai stabhnātu rathantaram sāma pratiṣṭhityā' antarikṣa' ṛṣayastvā prathamajā deveṣu divo mātrayā varimṇā prathantu vidhartā cāyamadhipatiśca te tvā sarve samvidānā nākasya pṛṣṭhe svarge loke yajamānam ca sādayantu.

You are the queen refulgent like the East direction. All the Vasu havens of life are your divine protectors. Agni, Lord of flames and wielder of the thunderbolt, wards off your adversities. May the Trivrit stoma hymns settle you on the earth. May the yajna libations of ghee and Uktha hymns firmly stabilise you against disturbance. May the Rathantara Sama hymns expand your honour to the skies. May the foremost Rishis, saints and scholars spread your honour and reputation with the measure of your heavenly excellence among the

noblest people.

May this lord of yours and the Lord sustainer of the world and all those powers who know, together in unison, establish you and the yajamana on the heights of the heavenly regions of bliss.

# 11. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

विराडं सि दक्षिणा दिग्रुद्रास्ते देवाऽअधिपतयुऽइन्द्रो हेतीनां प्रेतिधृत्तां पञ्चदुशस्त्वा स्तोमेः पृ<u>धि</u>व्याखंश्रीयतु प्रऽ- उंगमुक्थमव्यीथाये स्तभ्नातु बृहत्साम् प्रतिष्ठित्याऽअन्तरिक्षुऽ- ऋषेयस्त्वा प्रथम्जा देवेषु <u>दि</u>वो मात्रीया विर्मणा प्रथन्तु विधृत्तां चायमिधपतिश्च ते त्वा सर्वे संविदाना नाकस्य पृष्ठे स्वर्गे लोके यजमानं च सादयन्तु ॥११॥

Virāḍasi dakṣiṇā dig rudrāste devā'adhipataya' indro hetīnām pratidhartā pañcadaśastvā stomaḥ pṛthivyām śrayatu pra'ugamukthamavyathāyai stabhnātu bṛhatsāma pratiṣṭhityā' antarikṣa'ṛṣayastvā prathamajā deveṣu divo mātrayā varimṇā prathantu vidhartā cāyamadhipatiśca te tvā sarve samvidānā nākasya pṛṣṭhe svarge loke yajamānam ca sādayantu.

You are the reigning lady of light like the South direction. All the Rudra powers of love and justice are your divine protectors. Indra, lord of power and the thunderbolt, keeps off your adversaries. May the Panchadasha (fifteen part) stoma of Rks settle you on the earth. May the Pre-uga Uktha hymns firmly secure you against fear and disturbance. May the Brihat-Sama hymns and karma extend your honour to the skies. May the foremost Rshis, saints and scholars spread your honour and fame with the measure of your heavenly excellence among the noblest people.

May this lord of yours and the Lord sustainer of the world and all those powers who know, together in unison, establish you and the yajamana on the heights of the heavenly regions of bliss.

## 12. (Adityas Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

सम्राडिस प्रतीची दिगादित्यास्ते देवाऽअधिपतयो वर्तणो हेतीनां प्रतिधृत्तां सेप्तद्शस्त्वा स्तोमेः पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याश्ंश्रेयतु मरुत्वतीयेमुक्थमव्येथाये स्तभ्नातु वैरूपःसाम् प्रतिष्ठित्याऽ- अन्तरिक्षऽऋषेयस्त्वा प्रथम्जा देवेषु दिवो मात्रेया विर्मणा प्रेथन्तु विधृत्तां चायमिधेपतिश्च ते त्वा सर्वे संविदाना नाकस्य पृष्ठे स्वर्गे लोके यजमानं च सादयन्तु ॥१२॥

Samrādasi pratīcī dig adityāste devā'adhipatayo varuņo hetīnam pratidhartā saptadaśastvā stomaḥ pṛthivyām śrayatu marutvatīyamukthamavyathāyai stabhnātu vairūpam sāma pratiṣṭhityā' antarikṣa' ṛṣayastvā prathamajā deveṣu divo mātrayā varimṇā prathantu vidhartā cāyamadhipatiśca te tvā sarve samvidānā nākasya pṛṣṭhe savarge loke yajamānam ca sādayantu.

You are the lady of brilliance and bliss like the soothing light of the Western direction. All the twelve Adityas, stars of light and powers of energy, are your divine protectors. Varuna, Lord of waters and controller of evil, wards off your suffering. May the Saptadasha (seventeen part) stoma settle you on the earth. May the Marutvatiya Uktha and the libations firmly stabilize you against doubt and disturbance. May the Vairupa Sama hymns extend your honour to the skies. May the foremost Rshis, saints and scholars spread your honour and fame with the measure of your heavenly excellence

among the noblest people.

May this lord of yours and the Lord sustainer of the world and all those powers that know, together in unison, establish you and the yajamana on the heights of the heavenly regions of bliss.

## 13. (Maruts Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

स्वराड्स्युदीची दिङ् मुरुतस्ते देवाऽअधिपतयः सोमी हेतीनां प्रितिधुर्त्तेकिविश्शस्त्वा स्तोमः पृथिव्याश्रंश्रेयतु निष्केवल्य-मुक्थमव्येथाये स्तभ्नातु वैराजश्साम् प्रतिष्ठित्याऽअन्तरिक्षुऽ-ऋषयस्त्वा प्रथम्जा देवेषु दिवो मात्रेया विर्मणा प्रथन्तु विध्तां चायमिधपितश्च ते त्वा सर्वे संविदाना नाकस्य पृष्ठे स्वर्गे लोके यजमानं च सादयन्तु ॥१३॥

Svarāḍasyudīcī diṅmarutaste devā'adhipatayaḥ somo hefināṁ pratidhartaikaviṃśastvā stomaḥ pṛthivyāṃ śrayatu niṣkevalyamuktham-avyathāyai stabhnātu vairājaṃ sāma pratiṣṭhityā' antarikṣa'ṛṣayastvā prathamajā deveṣu divo mātrayā varimṇā prathantu vidharttā cāyam-adhipatiśca te tvā sarve saṁvidānā nākasya pṛṣṭhe svarge loke yajamānaṁ ca sādayantu.

You are self-refulgent like the light of the North. The Maruts, powers of wind and storm, are your divine protectors. Soma, moon, lord of peace and beauty, is your saviour against violence and evil. May the Ekavinsha (twentyone part) stoma settle you on the earth. May the Nishkevalya Uktha firmly stabilize you in love and faith against disturbance. May the Vairaja Sama hymns and related Karma carry your honour and fame to the skies. May the foremost Rishis, saints and sages spread your honour and reputation with the

measure of your heavenly excellence among the noblest people.

May this lord of yours and the Lord sustainer of the world and all those powers that know, together in unison, establish you and the yajamana on the heights of the heavenly regions of bliss.

# 14. (Vishvedevah Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

अधिपत्यसि बृह्ती दिग्वश्वे ते देवाऽअधिपतयो बृह्स्पतिर्हेतीनां प्रतिधृक्तां त्रिणवत्रयस्त्रिःशौ त्वा स्तोमौ पृश्विव्याशंश्रीयतां वैश्वदेवाग्निमारुतेऽउक्थेऽअव्यथाये स्तभ्नीताशंशाक्वररैवृते सामेनी प्रतिष्ठित्याऽ अन्तरिक्षऽ-ऋषेयस्त्वा प्रथम्जा देवेषु दिवो मात्रया विग्मणा प्रथन्तु विधृक्तां चायमिधपितिश्च ते त्वा सर्वे संविदाना नाकस्य पृष्ठे स्वर्गे लोके यजमानं च सादयन्तु ॥१४॥

Adhipatnyasi bṛhatī dig viśve te devā'adhipatayo bṛhaspatirhetīnām pratidharttā triṇavatrayastrimśau tvā stomau pṛthivyām śrayatām vaiśvadevāgnimārute'ukthe'avyathāyai stabhnītam śākvararaivate sāmanī pratiṣṭhityā' antarikṣa'ṛṣayastvā prathamajā deveṣu divo mātrayā varimṇā prathantu vidharttā cāyamadhipatiśca te tvā sarve samvidānā nākasya pṛṣṭhe svarge loke yajamānam ca sādayantu.

You are the supreme mistress of the home like great directions in the upper spaces. All the divine powers and nobilities are your protectors. Brihaspati, lord of the wide world, is your guardian against all pain and suffering. May the Trinava (twentyseven part) and Trayastrinsha (thirtythree part) stoma hymns settle you on the earth. May the Vaishvadevagni and Maruta Uktha

hymns firmly stabilize you against doubt and disturbance. May the Shakvara and Raivata Sama hymns extend your honour and fame to the skies. May the foremost Rishis, saints and sages spread your honour and reputation with the measure of your heavenly excellence among the noblest people.

May this lord of yours and the Lord sustainer of the world and all those powers that know well, together in unison, establish you and the yajamana on the heights of the heavenly regions of bliss.

#### 15. (Vasanta Ritu Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अयं पुरो हरिकेशः सूर्यंरि<u>श्म</u>स्तस्यं रथगृत्सश्च रथौजाश्च सेनानीग्रामण्यौ । पु<u>ञ्जिक</u>स्थला चं क्रतुस्थला चांप्सरसौ। दुङ्क्ष्णवः पशवौ हेतिः पौर्रुषेयो वृधः प्रहेतिस्तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नोऽवन्तु ते नो मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः ॥१५॥

Ayam puro harikeśaḥ sūryaraśmistasya rathagṛtsaśca rathaujāśca senānīgrāmaṇyau. Puñjikasthalā ca kratusthalā cāpsarasau. Dankṣṇavaḥ paśavo hetiḥ pauruṣeyo vadhaḥ prahetistebhyo namo astu te no' vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ.

Yonder front in the east rises the sun like a king investing everything with green by its rays. Like the king's commander of his forces and the chief of his city, are the two months of spring, Chaitra and Baisakha, months of enlightened joy and joyful glory. The rays of the sun collectively for all and separately for specific ritual are currents of energy for life on the earth.

The mordacious creatures and animals are

weapons of wild nature against which human weapons of defence ought to be made and used.

May the rays of the sun in spring and the powers of defence save us. May they be good and efficacious to us. Thanks and salutations to them. All those cruel forces which violate our life and all such forces which we oppose, all these we deliver unto the judgement of the powers and the spirit of nature.

## 16. (Grishma Ritu Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अयं दक्षिणा विश्वकेर्मा तस्ये रथस्वनश्च रथेचित्रश्च सेनानीग्रामण्यो । मेनका चे सहजन्या चोप्सरसौ यातुधानी हेती रक्षां छंसि प्रहेतिस्तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नोऽवन्तु ते नो मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः॥१६॥

Ayam dakşinā viśvakarmā tasya rathasvanaśca rathecitraśca senānīgrāmanyau. Menakā ca sahajanyā cāpsarasau yātudhānā hetī rakṣāmsi prahetistebhyo namo'astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ.

On the right from the south rides in his chariot this Summer Wind, Vishwakarma, versatile power for all activities. Like the king's commander of the forces and the chief of his city, with the roar of the chariot wheels and the variegated colour of his banner, are the summer months of Jyeshtha and Ashadha. The special guests of the wind and the general currents of it are double waves of energy for life on the earth.

Mordacious forces are the danger to life. Watchful defence is the counteraction. Thanks and salutations to the powers of defence. May they be kind and efficacious to us. All those that violate our life and

all those we oppose, we deliver unto the judgement of the powers of defence and the Spirit of nature.

## 17. (Varsha Ritu Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अयं पृश्चाद् विश्वव्येचास्तस्य रथप्रोतृश्चासंमरथश्च सेनानी-ग्रामण्यौ । प्रम्लोचेन्ती चानुम्लोचेन्ती चाप्सरसौ । व्याघ्रा हेतिः सर्णाः प्रहेतिस्तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नौऽवन्तु ते नौ मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वेष्टि तमेषां जम्भे दक्ष्मः ॥१७॥

Ayam paścād viśvavyacāstasya rathaprotaścāsamarathaśca senānīgrāmanyau. Pramlocantī cānumlocantī cāpsarasau vyāghrā hetiḥ sarpāḥ prahetistebhyo namo'astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ.

At the back in the West is this rain power of Agni, universal electric energy. Like a king's commander of the forces and the chief of his city, are the two months of rain, Shravana and Bhadrapada, with the charming beauty of the clouds and the awful majesty of lightning. The power to nourish the vegetation and the ripening touch to the crops are the two currents of its energy.

Mordacious animals such as the tiger are dangerous. Creatures such as the snake are still more dangerous. Against them the thunderbolt for defence and man-made plans.

May the powers of safety and defence save us. May they be good and kind to us. All those that violate our life and all those we oppose, we deliver unto the judgement of the powers of defence and the spirit of nature.

#### 18. (Sharad Ritu Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अयमुंत्तरात् संयद्वेसुस्तस्य तार्क्यश्चारिष्टनेमिश्च सेनानी-ग्रामण्यौ । विश्वाची च घृताची चाप्सरसावापी हेतिर्वातः प्रहेतिस्तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नोऽवन्तु ते नो मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वेष्टि तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः ॥१८॥

Ayamuttarāt samyadvasustasya tārkṣyaścāriṣṭanemiśca senānīgrāmaṇyau. Viśvācī ca ghṛtācī cāpsarasāvāpo hetirvātaḥ prahetistebhyo namo'astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no deveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmah.

On the North side is this season of autumn, generous associate of yajna. Like a king's commander of his forces and the chief of his city, are the months of Ashwin and Kartik, one the sharpest stimulant of intelligence, the other an antidote to pain and disease. The peace that pervades everywhere in nature and the power that blesses all with cool and soothing waters, milk and butter are two modes of its power.

Waters are the boon. Breezes are the greater boon. Thanks and salutations to the powers. May they save us. May they be kind and blissful to us.

All those that violate our life and all those that we oppose, we deliver unto the judgement of the powers of defence and the spirit of nature.

# 19. (Hemanta Ritu Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

अयमुपर्युवांग्वसुस्तस्यं सेन्जिच्चं सुषेणेश्च सेनानीग्रामण्यौ। उर्वशी च पूर्विचित्तिश्चाप्सरसोववस्फूर्जीन् हेतिर्विद्युत्प्रहेति-स्तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नौऽवन्तु ते नौ मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चं नो द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः ॥१९॥ Ayamuparyarvāgvasustasya senajicca suṣeṇaśca senānīgrāmaṇyau. Urvaśī ca pūrvacittiścāpsarasāvavasphūrjan hetirvidyut prahetistebhyo namo'astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yaṁ dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣāṁ jambhe dadhmaḥ.

This on top, after rains and autumn, is the winter season, treasure-giver of wealth. Like a king's commander of the forces and the chief of his city, are the two months of Marga-Shirsha and Pausha, one like a lord of the hosts, the other victorious. The spirit of great love and freedom and the spirit of winsome beauty of the heart are two powers of the season. The roar of thunder is the weapon and lightning is another and greater one.

Salutations to the winter months and their gifts and powers. May they save us. May they be good and auspicious. Whoever violates our life and whoever we oppose in defence, we deliver unto the judgement of the powers of defence and the spirit of nature.

## 20. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्निर्मूर्द्धा <u>दिवः</u> कुकुत्पतिः पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्याऽअयम् । अपाछंरेत्रांछंसि जिन्वति ॥२०॥

Agnirmūrdhā divaḥ kakut patiḥ pṛthivyā' ayam. Apām retāmsi jinvati.

In winter, this Agni, shining supreme as the lord of space between the earth and heaven like the sun, rules and illuminates the directions and inspires the vitalities of life with new energy.

अयम्गिः संहुस्त्रिणो वार्जस्य शृतिन्स्पतिः । मूर्धा कुवी रंयीणाम् ॥२१॥

Ayamagniḥ sahasriṇo vājasya śatinaspatiḥ. Mūrdhā kavī rayinām.

This Agni, Lord of eternal vision, rules the world on top of everything. Possessed of infinite virtues, giver of countless joys, He is the lord of food, energy and the wealth of the world.

### 22. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

त्वामेग्ने पुष्केरादध्यर्थर्वा निरमन्थत । मूर्ध्नो विश्वेस्य वाघतः ॥२२॥

Tvāmagne puṣkarādadhyatharvā niramanthata. Murdhno viśvasya vāghataḥ.

Agni (heat and electricity), Atharva, scholar highpriest of scientific yajna of energy, churns you out of the sky on top of the world to bring down the energy to the earth.

#### 23. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

भुवो यज्ञस्य रजेसश्च नेता यत्रो <u>नियुद्धिः</u> सर्चसे <u>शि</u>वाभिः। <u>दि</u>वि मूर्धानं दिधषे स्वषां <u>जि</u>ह्वामेग्ने चकृषे हव्य-वाहम् ॥२३॥

Bhuvo yajñasya rajasaśca netā yatrā niyudbhiḥ sacase śivābhih. Divi mūrdhānaṁ dadhiṣe svarṣāṁ jihvāmagne cakṛṣe havyavāham.

Agni, leading power of yajna, the earth and the sky, you raise your tongue of flames bearing the fragrance of yajna libations over there and, one with

the blissful catalytic process of consumption and creation, you hold in heaven the top light of the world, the sun, which rains the showers of joy on the earth.

## 24. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

अबोध्यग्निः समिधा जनानां प्रति धेनुमिवायतीमुषासम् । यह्वाऽ ईव प्र वयामुज्जिहानाः प्र भानवेः सिस्त्रते नाक-मच्छे ॥२४॥

Abodhyagniḥ samidhā janānām prati dhenumivāyatīmuṣāsam. Yahvā'iva pra vayāmujjihānāḥ pra bhānavaḥ sisrate nākamaccha.

The fire wakes up and rises by the samits (fuel) offered by the devotees, and, just as a restless calf runs to the mother cow coming in the twilight of the dawn (or evening), so do the flames eagerly rise to the heaven (emanating peace, prosperity and happiness).

### 25. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अवीचाम क्वये मेध्याय वची वृन्दार्र वृष्भाय वृष्णे । गविष्ठिरो नर्मसा स्तोमेमुग्नौ <u>दिवी</u>व रुक्ममुरुव्यञ्चेम-श्रेत् ॥२५॥

Avocāma kavaye medhyāya vaco vandāru vṛṣabhāya vṛṣṇe. Gaviṣṭhiro namasā stomamagnau divīva rukmamuruvyañcamaśret.

Just as the man established in the Word offers hymns of praise with libations to the holyfire, just as the light in the sun-rays does homage to the splendour of the all-illuminant sun in heaven, so do we offer words of praise in celebration to Agni, lord of light and vision, worthy of reverence and worship, lord of strength and power, who showers rains of bliss over the earth and her children.

## 26. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अय<u>िम</u>ह प्रेथमो धीयि धातृ<u>भि</u>हींता यिजेष्ठोऽअध्वरेष्वीड्येः। यमप्नेवानो भृगेवो विरुह्मचुर्वनेषु <u>चित्रं वि</u>भ्वं <u>वि</u>शे-विशे ॥२६॥

Ayamiha prathamo dhāyi dhātṛbhirhotā yajiṣṭho' adhvareṣvīḍyaḥ. Yamapnavāno bhṛgavo virurucurvaneṣu citram vibhvam viśe viśe.

This agni here, first and foremost power of nature, lighted and established in the vedi by dedicated saints and sages, is worthiest of reverence and esteem. It is most valuable for development through creative and constructive acts of yajna. Present as it is, wonderful and universal, in the rays of the sun and currents of energy, the most intelligent and versatile men of genius develop it for the general good of the people.

# 27. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

जनस्य गोपाऽअंजनिष्ट् जागृंविर्गिनः सुदक्षः सुविताय नव्यंसे । घृतप्रतीको बृह्ता दिविस्पृशां द्युमद्विभाति भर्तेभ्यः शुचिः ॥२७॥

Janasya gopā'ajaniṣṭa jāgṛviragniḥ sudakṣaḥ suvitāya navyase. Ghṛtapratīko bṛhatā divispṛśā dyumad vibhāti bharatebhyaḥ śuciḥ.

Agni (fire and electricity), pure and sacred, protector of the people, ever wakeful, versatile and generous, source and symbol of plenty and prosperity, came into existence for new and newer good and excellence of the people, and shines brilliant with heaven-touching grandeur.

त्वामंग्नेऽअङ्गिरसो गुहा हितमन्विवन्दञ्छिश्रियाणं वने-वने। स जायसे मुख्यमानः सही महत् त्वामाहुः सहसस्पुत्र-मिङ्गरः ॥२८॥

Tvāmagne'aṅgiraso guhā hitamanvavindañchiśriyāṇaṁ vane vane. Sa jāyase mathyamānaḥ saho mahat tvāmāhuḥ sahasas-putramaṅgiraḥ.

Agni, fire, universal light of life, saints and scholars search for you and discover your presence hidden in the heart, abiding in every current of energy. Such as you are, churned out of nature you rise, and they find you mighty, great and awful child of the Wind, dear as the very breath of life.

## 29. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

सर्खायः सं वेः सम्यञ्चमिष्छंस्तोमं चाग्नये । वर्षिष्ठाय क्षितीनामूर्जो नप्वे सहस्वते ॥२९॥

Sakhāyaḥ saṁ vaḥ samyañcamiṣaṁ stomaṁ cāgnaye. Varṣiṣṭhāya kṣitīnamūrjo naptre sahasvate.

Friends, offer properly and accurately the exact homage and libations to the darling of your people and settlements, Agni, generous giver, powerful protector and the dearest child of omnipotence.

## 30. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

सः समिद्युवसे वृष्त्रग्ने विश्वन्यर्यऽआ । इडस्पदे समिध्यसे स नो वसून्याभेर ॥३०॥

Sam samidyuvase vṛṣanngne viśvānyarya ā. Iḍaspade samidhyase sa no vasūnyā bhara. Agni, powerful lord of light and wealth, you join with all in love wholly and completely. You rise and shine in your rightful holy place on the earth. Generous lord, shower on us the wealth of the world from all sides.

## 31. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

त्वां चित्रश्रवस्तम् हर्वन्ते <u>वि</u>क्षु जन्तर्वः । शोचिष्केशं पुरुप्रियाग्ने हृव्याय् वोढेवे ॥३१॥

Tvām citraśravastama havante vikṣu jantavaḥ. Śociṣkeśam purupriyāgne havyāya voḍhave.

Agni, most wondrous lord of food and energy, dearest to all, blazing with light like the sun, people in all nations from all walks of life invoke you and offer libations for the attainment of food, energy and comfort in life.

## 32. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

एना वौऽअगिंन नर्मसोर्जो नर्पातमाहुवे । प्रियं चेतिष्ठमर्तिश्रंस्वेध्वरं विश्वेस्य दृतम्मृतेम् ॥३२॥

Enā vo'agnim namasorjo napātamāhuve. Priyam cetisṭhamaratim svadhvaram viśvasya dūtamamrtam.

For your sake, I invoke, explore and worship (develop) with the offering of this holy food (investment) Agni, creative and illuminative power of the world, universal energy, inviolable, dear and generous, most perceptively responsive, relentlessly active, guardian power of non-violent constructive acts of love, and immortal lord of the dynamics of existence.

विश्वेस्य दृतम्मृतं विश्वेस्य दृतम्मृतेम् । स योजतेऽअरुषा <u>वि</u>श्वभोजसा स दुंद्रवृत् स्वाहुतः ॥३३॥

Viśvasya dūtamamṛtam viśvasya dūtamamṛtam. Sa yojate'aruṣā viśvabhojasā sa dudravat svāhutaḥ.

I invoke the immortal Agni, universal power of light (in the form of the sun); I invoke the immortal Agni, universal power of fire (in the form of vitality); it joins with universal creative generosity for total nourishment, it unites with love overcoming all hate and anger, and, piously called upon, it responds and hastens to help and bless us.

### 34. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

स दुंद्रवृत् स्वाहुतः स दुंद्रवृत् स्वाहुतः । सुब्रह्मा युज्ञः सुशर्मी वसूनां देवःराधो जनानाम् ॥३४॥

Sa dudravat svāhutaḥ sa dudravat svāhutaḥ. Subrahmā yajñaḥ suśamī vasūnāṁ devam rādho janānām.

That Agni, faithfully invoked in yajna, immediately stirs and rises. That same Agni, called up with love and sacrifice, responds spontaneously, it comes and blesses through the yajna.

Attended by noble devotees, yajna is a great karmic act which is a divine embodiment of the wealth of humanity and the mother earth.

## 35. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्ने वार्जस्य गोमेतुऽईशानः सहसो यहो । अस्मे धैहि जातवेदो म<u>हि</u> श्रवेः ॥३५॥ Agne vājasya gomata'īśānaḥ sahaso yaho. Asme dhehi jātavedo mahi śravaḥ.

Agni, light of omniscience, child of omnipotence, witness of all that is born, lord of food and energy, controller of the masters of cows, earth and all that moves, bless us with all that is great and glorious.

## 36. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

सऽईधानो वर्सुष्कृविर्गिनरीडेन्यौ <u>गि</u>रा । रेवद्स्मभ्यं पुर्वणीक दीदिहि ॥३६॥

Sa'idhāno vasuṣkaviragnirīḍenyo girā. Revadasmabhyaṁ purvaṇīka dīdihi.

That same Agni, bright and blazing, home of existence, visionary of the universe, celebrated with the divine Word, manifesting in infinite forms, shines and reveals the light for us as the wealth of the world.

### 37. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

क्ष्र्पो राजन्नुत त्मनाग्ने वस्तोरुतोषसः। स तिग्मजम्भ रुक्षसो दहु प्रति ॥३७॥

Kṣapo rājannuta tmanā'gne vastorutoṣasaḥ. Sa tigmajambha rakṣaso daha prati.

That same Agni, bright and blazing, thunderous force of relentless justice, power operative with your essential light and spirit in the day, in the night and at the dawn, burn with the same fiery essence the evil, the night walkers, daylight robbers and the darkness at dawn.

### 38. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

भुद्रो नौऽअग्निराहुंतो भुद्रा रातिः सुंभग भुद्रोऽअध्वरः। भुद्राऽउत प्रशस्तयः ॥३८॥ Bhadro no'agnirāhuto bhadrā rātih subhaga bhadro' adhvarah. Bhadrā' uta praśastayah.

Man of grace and yajna, may the Agni, invoked and raised, be gracious. May the oblations, charities and investments be positive and productive. May our yajna and creative ventures be constructive and fruitful. May our appreciations and appraisals be valuable and enlightening.

# 39. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

भुद्राऽउत प्रशस्तयो भुद्रं मनेः कृणुष्व वृत्रतूर्ये । येना सुमत्सु सासहः ॥३९॥

Bhadrā'uta praśastayo bhadram manaḥ kṛṇuṣva vṛtratūrye. Yenā samatsu sāsahaḥ.

Man of knowledge, expertise and grace, may all our projects and appraisals be favourable. Do your best so that in our battles against covers of darkness and evil our mind be firm and undisturbed, and then in our battles of life we may endure and be victorious at the end.

## 40. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

येनो समत्सु सासहोऽवं स्थिरा तेनुहि भूरि शधीताम् । वनेमो तेऽअभिष्टिभिः ॥४०॥

Yenā samatsu sāsaho' va sthirā tanuhi bhūri śardhatām. Vanemā te' abhiṣṭibhiḥ.

The spirit by which the forces endure in battles and win, with that spirit strengthen and expand to the full our forces and powers so that we grow firm and inviolable. May we benefit from your gracious gifts, win our battles and enjoy in life.

अगिंन तं मेन्ये यो वसुरस्तुं यं यन्ति धेनर्वः । अस्तुमर्वीन्तऽ-आशवोऽस्तुं नित्यासो वाजिनुऽइषेथ्धंस्तोतृभ्युऽआ भेर ॥४१॥

Agnim tam manye yo vasurastam yam yanti dhenavaḥ. Astamarvanta'āśavo' stam nityāso vājina' iṣam stotṛbhya' ā bhara.

I know the Agni that is the hearth and home of existence. Homeward go the cows. The fastest coursers betake to home. The hero, the chariot, the feathered eagle, the stallion, all go home to rest without fail, all by nature. That is the home for me.

That same Agni, mother of the home for all, is the ultimate haven. Mother mine, keep for the yajnic children food for life, energy for action, and light for the life divine.

# 42. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

सोऽअग्नियों वसुर्गृणे सं यमायन्ति धेनवेः । समर्वीन्तो रघुद्रवः सःसुजातासेः सूरयऽइषेथ्धंस्तोतृभ्यऽआ भरे ॥४२॥

So'agniryo vasurgṛṇe saṁ yamāyanti dhenavaḥ. Samarvanto raghudruvaḥ saṁ sujātāsaḥ sūraya 'iṣaṁ stotṛbhya 'ā bhara.

Agni is that who is the treasure, home and haven for all in existence. Him I celebrate in song. In Him the words of song find their meaning. Saints of wisdom, geniuses of science most responsive, men of vision most fortunately born, all have their recourse there. Lord of light and life, bear and bring the food, release the energy, and reveal the light of divinity for the celebrants.

डभे सुश्चन्द्र सृर्पिषो दवीं श्रीणीषऽआसि । उतो नुऽउत्पुपूर्याऽडुक्थेषु शवसस्पतुऽइषेथ्धंस्तोतृभ्युऽआ भर्र ॥४३॥

Ubhe suścandra sarpiṣo darvī śrīṇīṣa'āsani. Uto na' utpupūryā'uktheṣu śavasaspata'iṣam stotṛbhya'ā bhara.

Graceful power of heat, light and knowledge, you burn two ladles of ghee in the mouth (vedi of yajna) and diffuse the light and fragrance in the air through the cross currents of the wind. Lord of strength and power of creation, fill the stores of food with grain for us and the minds with knowledge for those who offer oblations and chant the hymns of praise in yajna.

Brilliant holy Sire of knowledge and power, just as the holy fire burns two ladlefuls of ghee in the vedi to diffuse the light and fragrance in the air, similarly you hold for us the two-fold knowledge of nature and spirit to disseminate it among the disciples who come to the school of yajna for education and sing the songs of the Vedas in praise of Agni, omniscient Lord of light and knowledge. Fill our minds with knowledge and the power of knowledge.

## 44. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्ने तम्ह्याश्वं न स्तोमैः क्रतुं न भृद्रश्<u>हेदि</u>स्पृशीम् । ऋध्यामी तुऽओहैः ॥४४॥

Agne tamadyāśvam na stomaiḥ kratum na bhadram hṛdispṛśam. Ŗdhyāmā ta' ohaiḥ.

Agni, lord of light and knowledge, like the horse broke in to perfection by training, like the holy yajna completed and perfected with the hymns of divine worship, may we now receive that knowledge and virtue which touches the heart and, with you close by us and revelations of that sacred knowledge, come to prosperity and perfection.

### 45. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अधा ह्यग्ने क्रतीर्भद्रस्य दक्षस्य साधोः । रथीर्ऋतस्य बृह्तो बुभूर्थ ॥४५॥

Adhā hyagne kratorbhadrasya dakṣasya sādhoḥ. Rathīrṛtasya bṛhato babhūtha.

Agni, lord of light and knowledge, be the sure and unfailing pioneer of noble and creative yajnic work. Be the guide, guardian, defender and leader of the good, efficient and pious people, and prophet of the great truth and universal law of existence.

# 46. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

एभिनों ऽअर्केभंवां नो अर्वाङ् स्वर्ण ज्योतिः । अग्ने विश्वेभिः सुमनाऽअनीकैः ॥४६॥

Ebhirno' arkairbhavā no arvān svarņa jyotiḥ. Agne viśvebhiḥ sumanā anīkaiḥ.

Agni, lord of the golden light of omniscience, in response to these songs of ours in praise of divinity, be pleased at heart and, with all your glory and majesty, come and reveal yourself before us.

## 47. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्निः होतारं मन्ये दास्वन्तं वसुः सूनुः सहंसो जातवेदसं विष्रं न जातवेदसम् । यऽक्रर्ध्वयां स्वध्वरो देवो देवाच्यां कृपा । घृतस्य विभ्रा<u>ष्टि</u>मनुं विष्ट शोचिषाऽऽजुह्वांनस्य सर्पिषं: ॥४७॥ Agnim hotāram manye dāsvantam vasum sūnum sahaso jātavedasam vipram na jātavedasam. Ya' ūrdhvayā svadhvaro devo devācyā kṛpā. Ghṛtasya vibhrāṣṭimanu vaṣṭi śociṣā "juhvānasya sarpiṣaḥ.

I know Agni, lord of yajna, receiver and dispenser of libations, generous, treasure home of wealth and the world, child of omnipotence, existent with all that is. I know It as intimately as I know an inspired sage of all knowledge standing face to face.

I know the kind and brilliant lord of love and yajna who, with high blazing activity worthy of celebration in divine speech, illuminates and disseminates the splendour of ghrta and the fragrance of vapours through the flames arising from oblations into the fire.

### 48. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्ने त्वं नोऽन्तेमऽउत त्राता शिवो भेवा वरूथ्यः । वसुर्ग्निर्वसुश्रवाऽअच्छो नक्षि द्युमत्तेमःर्ययन्दोः । तं त्वो शोचिष्ठ दीदिवः सुम्नायं नृ्नमीमहे सर्खिभ्यः ॥४८॥

Agne tvam no' antama' uta trātā śivo bhavā varūthyaḥ. Vasuragnirvasuśravā' acchā nakṣi dyumattamam rayim dāḥ. Tam tvā śociṣṭha dīdivah sumnāya nūnamīmahe sakhibhyaḥ.

Agni, closest you are at hand, most intimate. Be good and kind, redeemer and protector, a very home of supersecurity for all of us.

Agni is the omnipresent home of all, treasure of peace and wealth, brilliant leader and pioneer, most refulgent of all, generous giver of prosperity. Here I

attain to the lord.

Lord most blazing, power of splendour and majesty as you are, we pray to you, in faith, for peace and prosperity for ourselves and all our friends.

### 49. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

येन्ऽऋषेयस्तपेसा स्त्रमायन्निन्धीनाऽञ्जिग्निश्वंस्वेराभरेन्तः । तस्मिन्नहं निदेधे नाकैऽञ्जग्नि यमाहुर्मनेव स्तीर्ण-बर्हिषम् ॥४९॥

Yena' ṛṣayastapasā satramāyannindhānā' agnim svarābharantaḥ. Tasminnaham ni dadhe nāke 'agnim yamāhurmanava stīrṇabarhiṣam.

By the austerity of discipline and action the seers come to the sessions of yajna and, lighting and exploring the agni, attain to ages of joy and happiness. By the same discipline, in similar session, at the same level of blissful existence, I commit myself to the pursuit of the same agni which people say pervades the skies.

## 50. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

तं पत्नी<u>भि</u>रनुंगच्छेम देवाः पुत्रैभ्रांतृंभिरुत वा हिरंण्यैः । नाकं गृभ्णानाः सुकृतस्यं लोके तृतीये पृष्ठेऽअधि रोचने <u>दि</u>वः ॥५०॥

Tam patnībhiranu gacchema devāḥ putrairbhrātṛbhiruta vā hiraṇyaiḥ. Nākam gṛbhṇāṇāḥ sukṛtasya loke tṛtīye pṛṣṭhe'adhi rocane divaḥ.

Powers of light and joy, dedicating ourselves in prayer and action to the same Agni, may we attain to the highest and most beloved region of the beautiful world of bliss and noble pursuits with our wives, children, brothers and all our wealth and prosperity.

आ वाचो मध्येमरुहद् भुरुण्युर्यमुग्निः सत्प<u>ति</u>श्चेकितानः। पृष्ठे पृ<u>ष्</u>थिव्या निहितो दविद्युतदधस्पदं कृणुतां ये पृतुन्यवः ॥५१॥

Ā vāco madhyamaruhad bhuraṇyurayamagniḥ satpatiścekitānaḥ. Pṛṣṭhe pṛthivyā nihito davidyutadadhaspadam kṛṇutām ye pṛtanyavaḥ.

This Agni, power of knowledge, active and wide-awake, supporter and protector of the true and the good life, well-established on the face of the earth, lighted and raised, blazes and, in the middle of the chant, ascends to the heights of the skies.

If there be any forces that wish to fight the true and the good in life, may the same Agni keep them down and out.

# 52. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Ŗshi)

अयम्ग्निर्वारतेमो वयोधाः संहस्त्रियौ द्योततामप्रयुच्छन् । विभ्राजमानः सरिरस्य मध्यऽउप प्र यहि <u>दि</u>व्यानि धामे ॥५२॥

Ayamagnirvīratamo vayodhāḥ sahasriyo dyotatāmaprayucchan. Vibhrājamānaḥ sarirasya madhya' upa pra yāhi divyāni dhāma.

This Agni, power of fire and manliness, bravest of all, young and fresh lord of health and age, mighty a thousand fold, shines relentlessly without let up. Glorious on the earth and in the midst of the sky, he inspires and graces wonderful places and positions.

सम्प्रच्येवध्वमुपे सम्प्रयाताग्ने पृथो देवयानान् कृणुध्वम् । पुनेः कृण्वाना <u>पितरा</u> युवानान्वातार्थसीत् त्व<u>यि</u> तन्तु-मेतम् ॥५३॥

Sampracyavadhvamupa samprayātāgne patho devayānān kṛṇudhvam. Punaḥ kṛṇvānā pitarā yuvānānvātāmsīt tvayi tantumetam.

Ye men and women all, move together, go close to Agni by the paths of divinity for light and knowledge. Create new paths for the future.

Agni, light the paths for humanity. Only in your presence under your guidance can young people as parents follow Dharma under the discipline of piety and continue the yajna and the life-line.

### 54. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

उद्बुध्यस्वाग्ने प्रति जागृहि त्विमिष्टापूर्ते सःसृजेथाम्यं च। अस्मिन्त्स्थस्थेऽअध्युत्तरिस्मिन् विश्वे देवा यजमानश्च सीदत ॥५४॥

Udbudhyasvāgne prati jagṛhi tvamiṣṭāpūrte sam sṛjethāmayam ca. Asmintsadhasthe'adhyuttarasmin viśve devā yajamānaśca sīdata.

Agni, lord of light and yajna, wake up and arise in response to the invocation and, in return, awaken and guard the yajamana. Create, together, the desire and will to do the acts necessary as duty and the acts desirable by choice for the sake of complete self-fulfilment. May all the powers of divinity, all the noble people and the yajamana dwell in this auspicious house in this life and after, ever rising higher and higher.

येन वहंसि सहस्रं येनोग्ने सर्ववेदसम् । तेनेमं युज्ञं नौ नयु स्वर्देवेषु गन्तवे ॥५५॥

Yena vahasi sahasram yenāgne sarvavedasam. Tenemam yajñam no naya svardeveṣu gantave.

Agni, leading power of light and action, by knowledge and karma you bear a hundred burdens of the business of existence through the whole range of duties set out in the Vedas. Carry us too in this yajna of life and lead us into the state of bliss among the noblest souls of the world.

### 56. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अयं ते योनिर्ऋित्वयो यतो जातोऽअरोचथाः। तं जानन्नग्नऽआ रोहाथां नो वर्धया रियम् ॥५६॥

Ayam te yonirṛtviyo yato jāto'arocathāḥ. Tam jānannagna'ā rohāthā no vardhayā rayim.

Agni, fire and power of life, this home of yajna is your seat of action in accordance with the time and season. From here emerging, you shine and illuminate the world around. Knowing this, proceed and rise, and develop the wealth of life for us.

# 57. (Shishirartu Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

तपेश्च तप्स्यृश्च शैशिरावृतूऽअग्नेरेन्तःश्लेषोऽिस कल्पेतां द्यावीपृथिवी कल्पेन्तामापुऽओषेधयः कल्पेन्तामग्नयः पृथुङ् मम् ज्येष्ठ्याय सर्वताः । येऽअग्नयः समेनसोऽन्तरा द्यावी-पृथिवीऽङ्कमे । शैशिरावृतूऽअिभकल्पेमानाऽइन्द्रीमव देवाऽ-अिभसंविशन्तु तयो देवतेयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥५७॥ Tapaśca tapasyaśca śaiśirāvṛtū' agnerantaḥ-śleṣo'si kalpetām dyāvāpṛthivī kalpantāmāpa' oṣadhayaḥ kalpantāmagnayaḥ pṛthaṅmama jyaiṣṭhyāya savratāḥ. Ye' agnayaḥ samanaso'-ntarā dyāvāpṛthivī'ime. Śaiśirāvṛtū abhikalpamānā'indramiva devā'abhiśaṁviśantu tayā devatayā 'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

Margashirsha and Phalguna (January-February and February-March) are the months of winter season, cold, cool and pleasant. You are the lovely warmth of the inner-most heart of Agni's fire.

May the heaven and earth be auspicious, may the waters be fresh and invigorating, may the herbs and trees be revitalized and rejuvenating, may all the modes of fire, heat, light, lightning, etc., each committed and constant in its quality and character, be favourable and blissful to me for growth in excellence.

May all the vital fires abiding in earth and heaven, integrated and harmonious, supporting and energizing the months of the winter season like the powers of nature serving the omnipotent lord, Indra, bless and vitalize us in all ways.

Man of yajna and lady of the house of yajna, both of you joining the months of the season be firm and stay fast with the lord of nature as breath and life together.

## 58. (Learned Woman Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

प्रमेष्ठी त्वां सादयतु <u>दि</u>वस्पृष्ठे ज्योतिष्मतीम् । विश्वंसमे प्राणायापानायं व्यानाय विश्वं ज्योतिर्यच्छ । सूर्य्स्तेऽ-धिप<u>ति</u>स्तयां देवतयाऽङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवा सींद ॥५८॥ Parameṣṭhī tvā sadayatu divaspṛṣṭhe jyotiṣmatīm. Viśvasmai prāṇāyāpānāya vyānāya viśvam jyotiryaccha. Sūryaste'dhipatistayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruvā sīda.

Lady of knowledge and vision, may the Lord Supreme establish you on top of celestial light for the attainment of full and complete energy of prana, apana and vyana, cross-currents of energy and universal vitality. Spread the universal light of knowledge around for others. Your husband like the sun, brilliant and refulgent, is your lord and protector. Stay firm and secure, steadfast with that noble man like the breath of life.

### 59. (Indragni Devate, Parameshthi Rshi)

लोकं पृण <u>छिद्रं</u> पृणाथी सीद ध्रुवा त्वम् । इन्द्राग्नी त्वा बृहस्पतिरस्मिन् योनीवसीषदन् ॥५९॥

Lokam pṛṇa chidram pṛṇātho sīda dhruvā tvam. Indrāgnī tvā bṛhaspatirasminyonāvasīṣadan.

Noble lady of the house, fulfil this life. Fill up the holes, complete and perfect the life and stay firm and stead-fast in this home. May Indra, lord of excellence, Agni, lord of light, and Brihaspati, lord of knowledge, establish you happily in this family home.

# 60. (Apah, Devata, Priyamedha Rshi)

ताऽअस्य सूर्वदोहसः सोमेछंश्रीण<u>न्ति</u> पृश्नेयः । जन्मेन्द्रेवानां विश<u>स्त्रिष्वारोचने दिवः ॥६०॥</u>

Tā'asya sūdadohasaḥ somam śrīṇanti pṛśnayaḥ. Janmandevānām viśastriṣvārocane divaḥ.

The people of this land, intelligent, varied, pursuing the origin of life and the powers of nature,

and dedicated to the light of heaven in threefold activity of knowledge, action and meditation proclaim the glory and magnanimity of this creator of peace and prosperity who presides over the community.

## 61. (Indra Devata, Madhucchhanda Rshi)

इन्द्रं विश्वोऽअवीवृधन्त्समुद्रव्येचस्ं गिर्रः । रुथीतेमःरुथीनां वाजीनाः छंसत्पतिं पतिम् ॥६१॥

Indram viśvā avīvṛdhantsamudravyacasam giraḥ. Rathītamam rathīnām vājānām satpatim patim.

May all the voices exhort and strengthen Indra, leader and president of the land, great and deep as the ocean, bravest of the brave warriors in the battles of progress, promoter of truth and goodness, and protector of life and the human nation.

## 62. (Agni Devata, Vasishtha Ḥshi)

प्रोथ्दश्वो न यवसेऽ<u>वि</u>ष्यन्यदा महः संवरणाद्व्यस्थीत् । आर्दस्य वातोऽअर्नु वाति शोचिरधे स्म ते व्रजनं कृष्ण-मेस्ति ॥६२॥

Prothadaśvo na yavase 'viṣyanyadā mahaḥ samvaraṇādvyasthāt. Ādasya vāto' anuvāti śociradha sma te vrajanam kṛṣṇamasti.

Agni, ruler of the land, just as a horse arises eager for the grass, so whenever you are challenged, you arise from a state of deep peace and, determined for the protection of your people, stand firm and unshakable. Your clarion call and your brilliance rallies the people round and, electrified, they follow you in every movement.

### 63. (Vidushi Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

आयोष्ट्वा सदेने सादयाम्यवंतश्छायायाधःसमुद्रस्य हृदये। रृश्मीवर्तीं भास्वतीमा या द्यां भास्या पृ<u>धि</u>वीमोर्वन्त-रिक्षम् ॥६३॥

Āyoṣṭvā sadane sādayāmyavataśchāyāyām samudrasya hṛdaye. Raśmīvatīm bhāsvatīmā yā dyām bhāsyā pṛthivīmor-vantarikṣam.

Learned woman, lady light of the home, mistress of sunbeams shining in heaven, illuminate the earth and fill the wide skies with brilliance. I place you in the house of your husband — long live he! I set you in the soothing shade of your protective man, in the very core of his heart deep in love as the bottomless sea.

### 64. (Paramatma Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रमेष्ठी त्वां सादयतु दिवस्पृष्ठे व्यचस्वतीं प्रथस्वतीं दिवं यच्छ् दिवं दृःह् दिवं मा हिंश्सीः । विश्वसमे प्राणायापानायं व्यानायोदानायं प्रतिष्ठायं चरित्राय । सूर्यं स्त्वाभिपातु मह्या स्वस्त्या छुर्दिषा शन्तमेन तयां देवतयाङ्गिरस्वद् ध्रुवे सीदतम् ॥६४॥

Parameṣṭhī tvā sādayatu divaspṛṣṭhe vyacasvatīm prathasvatīm divam yaccha divam dṛmha divam mā himsīḥ. Viśvasmai praṇāyāpānāya vyānāyodānāya pratiṣṭhāyai caritrāya. Sūryastvābhipātu mahyā svastyā chardiṣā śantamena tayā devatayā'ṅgirasvad dhruve sīdatam.

Lady light of the home, growing in generosity as the earth, rising in virtue as the sky, may the Lord Supreme establish you firmly in your heavenly home for full realisation of the joy of living, freedom from suffering, attainment of knowledge, noble strength of character, honour and dignity and high performance of duty. Emanate the light of love and justice. Promote Dharma and piety. And do not pollute the heavens, do not damage the light of learning.

May the Sun, supreme light of the world, wholly protect you and bless you with great good fortune, peace of mind and the light of truth.

Noble man and virtuous wife, may both of you stay firm and steadfast with that supreme God of life and the universe as with the breath of life.

### 65. (Vidwan Devata, Madhucchhanda Rshi)

सहस्रस्य प्रमासि सहस्रस्य प्रतिमासि सहस्रस्योन्मासि साहुस्रोऽसि सहस्राय त्वा ॥६५॥

Sahasrasya pramāsi sahasrasya pratimā'si sahasrasyonmā'si sāhasro'si sahasrāya tvā.

Learned man, you are the master of a thousand facts of life and nature. You are the measure of a thousand confirmations of knowledge. You are the reference and judge for a thousand doubts and questions. You are the lord and authority over a thousand problems of science and existence. May the Lord Omniscient of existence grant you your rightful place in the world for a thousand achievements.

इति पञ्चदशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XVI

1. (Rudra Devata, Parameshthi Kutsa Ŗshi)

नर्मस्ते रुद्र मुन्यवेऽउतो तुऽइषवे नर्मः । बाहुभ्यामुत ते नर्मः ॥१॥

Namaste rudra manyava'uto ta'iṣave namaḥ. Bāhubhyāmuta te namaḥ.

Rudra, lord of justice and retribution /Ruler of the land, salutations to you for your righteous passion against the evil and the wicked. And salutations to you for your arrows and armaments. Salutations to you for your mighty arms (that wield the armaments).

Thunderbolt to your enemies for their anger against you! Food and support for you! Salutations to your mighty arms to wield the thunderbolt!

2. (Rudra Devata, Parameshthi Kutsa Ŗshi)

या ते रुद्र <u>शि</u>वा तुनूरघोरापीपकाशिनी । तयी नस्तुन्वा शन्तेमया गिरिशन्ताभिचीकशीहि ॥२॥

Yā te rudra śivā tanūraghorā 'pāpakāśinī. Tayā nastanvā śantamayā giriśantābhi cākaśīhi.

Rudra, lord of justice, love and peace, lord sublime of the clouds and the mountains, commanding veneration and admiration, the manifestation of your presence is auspicious and blissful, free from fear and magnificent without a shade of sin and darkness. With that same gracious manifestation of your divinity, emanate the blessings of peace and mercy for us.

#### 3. (Rudra Devata, Parameshthi Kutsa Rshi)

यामिषुं गिरिशन्त हस्ते <u>बि</u>भर्ष्यस्तवे । <u>शि</u>वां गिरित्र तां कुंरु मा हि<sup>५</sup>१सीः पुरुषं जर्गत् ॥३॥ Yāmişum girisanta haste bibharşyastave. Śivām giritra tam kuru ma himsīḥ puruṣam jagat.

Lord of the showers of clouds, master of mountains of the challenges of existence, the arrow (arm) you hold in hand to shoot upon the enemy, make that an instrument of peace, benevolence and liberation.

Saviour of showers and protector of knowledge, do not damage the living world of nature nor hit the world of humanity.

## 4. (Rudra Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

शिवेन वर्चसा त्वा गिरिशाच्छी वदामसि । यथी नः सर्वेमिज्जगेदयुक्ष्मःसुमनाऽअसेत् ॥४॥

Śivena vacasā tvā giriśācchā vadāmasi. Yathā naḥ sarvamijjagadayakṣmam sumanā'asat.

Rudra, life of the clouds and spirit of the mountain breeze, we praise you and pray to you in words of faith and fidelity so that by your gifts and grace we may be at peace in the heart and this whole world be free from depression and consumptive diseases.

## 5. (Ekarudra Devata, Brihaspati Ŗshi)

अध्येवोचदिधव्कता प्रेथमो दैव्यौ <u>भि</u>षक् । अहीँ<sup>\*</sup>श्च सर्वीञ्जम्भयन्त्सर्वीश्च यातुधान्योऽधराचीःपर्रा सुव ॥५॥

Adhyavocadadhivaktā prathamo daivyo bhiṣak. Ahīňśca sarvāñ jambhayantsarvāsca yātudhānyo' dharācīḥ parāsuva. Rudra, lord of life, chief advisor and divine physician, speak to us on matters of health and, destroying all the snake-like deadly germs and viruses, root out all the debilitating and fatal diseases.

## 6. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

असौ यस्ताम्रोऽअंरुणऽउत बभ्रः सुमङ्गलः । ये चैनःरुद्राऽ-अभितौ <u>दिक्षु श्रि</u>ताः संहस्त्रशोऽवैषा्छंहेर्डऽईमहे ॥६॥

Asau yastāmro'aruṇa'uta babhruḥ sumaṅgalaḥ Ye cainam rudrā'abhito dikṣu śritāḥ sahasraśo'vaiṣām heḍa'īmahe.

And the sun which is copper red, bright red and reddish brown (in the morning, in the day and toward the evening) is auspicious and efficacious. And the thousands of heavenly bodies, planets and satellites, etc., sustained around in all the directions, we pray, be good and protective for all of us.

# 7. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

असौ योऽवसर्पंति नीलंग्रीवो विलोहितः । उतैनं गोपाऽ-अदृश्रन्नदृश्रन्नदहार्यः स दृष्टो मृंडयाति नः ॥७॥

Asau yo'vsarpati nīlagrīvo vilohitaḥ. Utainam gopā' adṛśrannadṛśrannudahāryaḥ sa dṛṣṭo mṛḍayāti naḥ.

And the sun which is descending dark-necked behind the clouds like a peacock and reddish toward the evening is auspicious and efficacious. The cowherds see it, the water-carriers see it, and seen thus it acts as a healing power for us.

#### 8. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

नमोऽस्तु नीलग्रीवाय सहस्राक्षायं मी॒ढुषे । अथो येऽअस्य सत्वानोऽहं तेभ्योऽकरुं नमः॥८॥

Namo'stu nīlagrīvāya sahasrākṣāya mīḍhuṣe. Atho ye'asya satvāno'haṁ tebhyo'karaṁ namah.

Salutations to the blue-necked power of the healing sun. Salutations to the lord of the light of a thousand eyes. Salutation to the lord of the rain showers of health. And to those powers, too, which are floating around as planets and satellites bearing the essence of its healing power, we offer our salutations in homage.

## 9. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रमुञ्च धन्वेन्स्त्वमुभयो्रात्न्योंर्ज्याम् । याश्चे ते हस्तुऽइषवुः परा ता भगवो वप ॥९॥

Pramuñca dhanvanastvamubhayorārtnyorjyām. Yāśca te hasta'iṣavaḥ parā tā bhagavo vapa.

Glorious lord of power and defence, stretch and release the string at the two ends of the bow and shoot the arrows which are in your hand at the target yonder.

## 10. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

विज्यं धर्नुः कप्रदिनो विश्रेल्यो बार्णवाँ२॥ऽउत । अनेशन्नस्य याऽइषेवऽआभुरस्य निषङ्गधिः ॥१०॥

Vijyam dhanuḥ kapardino viśalyo bāṇavāň' uta. Aneśnnasya yā'iṣava'ābhurasya niṣaṅgadhiḥ.

May the awful bow of the lord of braided hair never be without the string. May his arrows never be without the point. May his arms be never destroyed. May his armoury never be void of arms.

### 11. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

या ते हेतिमीं ढुष्टम् हस्ते बभूवं ते धर्नुः। तयास्मान् विश्वतस्त्वमयक्ष्मया परिभुज ॥११॥

Yā te hetirmīḍhuṣṭma haste babhūva te dhanuḥ. Tayā'samān viśvatastvamayakṣmayā paribhuja.

Lord of the richest showers of health and joy, the thunderbolt that is in your hand and the mighty bow, with these weapons of defence against suffering, protect us all round and promote our health and prosperity.

### 12. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

परि ते धन्वेनो हेतिर्स्मान्वृणक्तु <u>वि</u>श्वतेः। अथो यऽईषुधिस्तवारेऽअस्मन्निधे<u>हि</u> तम् ॥१२॥

Pari te dhanvano hetirasmān vṛṇaktu viśvataḥ. Atho ya'iṣudhistavāre'asmannidhehi tam.

Lord of the bow, may the strike of your missile spare us and protect us from all sides. And your armoury in which you keep the missiles, keep it far from us to direct it on the enemy.

### 13. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अवृतत्य धनुष्ट्वश्सहंस्त्राक्ष् शतेषुधे । निशीर्यं शृल्यानां मुखां <u>शि</u>वो नः सुमनां भव ॥१३॥

Avatatya dhanuṣṭvam sahasrākṣa śateṣudhe. Niśīrya śalyānām mukhā śivo naḥ sumanā bhava.

Lord of a thousand eyes, wielder of a hundred arms, having sharpened the points of the arrows, having bent the bow and stretched the string, pleased and kind at heart, be good and gracious to us.

### 14. (Rudra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

नमस्तऽआयुधायानीतताय धृष्णवे । उभाभ्योमुत ते नमो बाहुभ्यां तव धन्वेने ॥१४॥

Namasta'āyudhāyānātatāya dhṛṣṇave. Ubhābhyāmuta te namo bāhubhyām tava dhanvane.

Salutations to the warrior. Salutations to the force at rest in readiness. Salutations to the determined commander. Salutations to you, man of the bow, for both your arms of valour.

### 15. (Rudra Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

मा नो मुहान्तेमुत मा नोऽअर्भुकं मा नुऽउक्षेन्तमुत मा नेऽउ<u>क्षि</u>तम् । मा नो वधीः <u>पितरं</u> मोत मातरं मा नेः <u>प्रि</u>यास्तुन्<u>त्रो</u> रुद्र रीरिषः ॥१५॥

Mā no mahāntamuta mā no'arbhakam mā na' ukṣantamuta mā na'ukṣitam. Mā no vadhīḥ pitaram mota mātaram mā naḥ priyāstanvo rudra rīriṣaḥ.

Rudra, commander of the army, strike not our seniors, nor our children, nor our young married men, nor the nation in the womb. Kill not our father, nor mother, nor our dear ones. Strike not our women, the sick, the delicate and the weak. They must not suffer any harm or injury.

#### 16. (Rudra Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

मा नेस्तोके तनेये मा नुऽआयुंषि मा नो गोषु मा नोऽअश्वेषु रीरिषः । मा नौ वीरान् रुद्र भामिनौ वधीर्ह्विष्मेन्तः सदमित् त्वौ हवामहे ॥१६॥ Mā nastoke tanaye mā'na āyuşi mā no goşu mā no'aśveşu rīrişaḥ. Mā no vīrān rudra bhāmino vadhīrhavişmantaḥ sadamit tvā havāmahe.

Rudra, strike not the babies, nor the children, damage not life, kill not our cows, nor our horses. Kill not our darling young people, handsome and so brave are they. Carrying libations of love and faith we always invoke you and pray.

### 17. (Rudra Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमो हिर्रण्यबाहवे सेनान्ये <u>दिशां</u> च पतेये नमो नमो वृक्षेभ्यो हरिकेशेभ्यः पश्रुनां पतेये नमो नमेः शृष्यञ्जिराय त्विषीमते पथीनां पतेये नमो नमो हरिकेशायोपवीतिने पुष्टानां पतेये नमेः ॥१७॥

Namo hiraṇyabāhave senānye diśāṁ ca pataye namo namo vṛkṣebhyo harikeśebhyaḥ paśūnāṁ pataye namo namaḥ śaṣpiñjarāya tviṣīmate pathīnāṁ pataye namo namo harikeśāyopavītine puṣṭānām pataye namaḥ.

Salutations to Rudra, warrior of the golden arms of steel. Salutations to the lord protector of the nation in all directions. Love and care for the trees of green foliage. All hail to the lord protector and promoter of animals. All reverence and faith for the light of justice and controller of wild passion. Salutations to the protector of travellers, and promoter of the highways. Love and reverence for the golden-haired wearer of the sacred thread initiated in learning. Salutations to the protector and promoter of the young and strong rising generation.

#### 18. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमी बभ्लुशार्य व्याधिनेऽन्नानां पर्तये नमो नमी भ्वस्ये हेत्ये जगतां पर्तये नमो नमो रुद्रायाततायिने क्षेत्राणां पर्तये नमो नमेः सूतायाहेन्त्यै वनानां पर्तये नमेः ॥१८॥

Namo babhluśāya vyādhine'nnānām pataye namo namo bhavasya hetyai jagatām pataye namo namo rudrāyātatāyine kṣetrāṇām pataye namo namḥ sūtāyāhantyai vanānām pataye namaḥ.

Salutations to Rudra, brown breaker of the enemies. Salutations to the protector and promoter of food. Salutations to the saviour warrior of existence. Salutations to the lord of the moving worlds. Exhortations to the warrior up in arms. Salutations to the regions of the world. Salutations to the pioneer of love and leader of humanity. Salutations to the lord protector of the forests.

### 19. (Rudra Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमो रोहिताय स्थपतेये वृक्षाणां पतेये नमो नमी भुवन्तये वारिवस्कृतायौषधीनां पतेये नमो नमी मन्त्रिणे वाणिजाय कक्षाणां पतेये नमो नमेऽउच्चैघीषायाक्रन्दयेते पत्तीनां पतेये नमेः ॥१९॥

Namo rohitāya sthapataye vṛkṣāṇām pataye namo namo bhuvantaye vārivaskṛtāyauṣadhīnām pataye namo namo mantriņe vāṇijāya kakṣāṇām pataye namo nama'uccairghoṣāyākrandayate pattīnam pataye namaḥ.

Salutations to Rudra, red-haired lover and promoter of art and architecture. All hail to the lord protector of trees. Salutations to the lord of the

expanding world and creator of wealth. Salutations to the lord of herbs and medicine. Salutations to the thoughtful planner, and the powers of commerce and industry. Salutations to the lord of woods and plantations. Salutations to the mighty roar against the enemies of life. Salutations to the lord protector of the pedestrians, wayfarers and the foot-soldiers.

### 20. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नर्मः कृत्स्नायतया धार्वते सत्वेनां पर्तये नमो नमः सहमानाय निव्याधिनऽआव्याधिनीनां पर्तये नमो नमौ निष्डङ्गिणै ककुभार्य स्तेनानां पर्तये नमो नमौ निचेरवे परिचरायारण्यानां पर्तये नर्मः ॥२०॥

Namaḥ kṛtsnayatayā dhāvate satvanām pataye namo namaḥ sahamānāya nivyādhina'āvyādhinīnam pataye namo namo niṣaṅgiṇe kakubhāya stenānām pataye namo namo nicerave paricarāyāraṇyānām pataye namaḥ.

Salutations to the lord industrious of total growth. Salutations to the lord protector of assets. Salutations to the lord of challenge, endurance and victory. Salutations to the supersessor of challenging emergencies. Salutations to the lord of full armour in readiness. Salutations to the lord of hope and optimism. Salutations to the controller of thieves and corruption. Salutations to the lord of relentless work and development. Salutations to the lord of love and service of life and humanity. Salutations to the lord of forests and forest life.

#### 21. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमो वञ्चते परिवञ्चते स्तायूनां पर्तये नमो नमो निष्किणऽइषुधिमते तस्केराणां पर्तये नमो नमेः सृकायिभ्यो जिघार्थंसद्भ्यो मुष्णतां पर्तये नमो नमोऽसिमद्भ्यो नक्तं चर्रद्भयो विकृन्तानां पर्तये नमेः ॥२१॥

Namo vañcate parivañcate stāyūnām pataye namo namo niṣaṅgiṇa'iṣudhimate taskarāṇām pataye namo namaḥ sṛkāyibhyo jighāmsadbhyo muṣṇatām pataye namo namo'simadbhyo naktañcaradbhyo vikṛntānām pataye namaḥ.

Salutations to the controller of thugs, superthugs and clandestine robbers. Salutations to the lord of constant watch and deployment of missiles. Salutations to the lord eliminater of smugglers. Constant watch over the killer men of the lance and thunderbolt to them. Salutations to the controller of swindlers. Watch and punishment to the swordsmen night walkers. All hail to the challenger and controller of national disunity, division and defilement.

# 22. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नर्मऽउष्णीिषणे गिरिच्रायं कुलुञ्चानां पतेये नमो नर्मऽइषुमद्भ्यो धन्वाियभ्येश्च वो नमो नर्मऽआतन्वानेभ्यः प्रतिद्धानिभ्यश्च वो नमो नर्मऽआयच्छद्भ्योऽस्यद्भ्यश्च वो नर्मः ॥२२॥

Nama uṣṇīṣiṇe giricarāya kuluñcānām pataye namo nama'iṣumadbhyo dhanvāyibhyaśca vo namo nama'ātanvānebhyaḥ pratidadhānebhyaśca vo namo nama'āyacchadbhyo'-syadbhyaśca vo namaḥ.

Salutations to the village chief of the turban of

distinction. Salutations to the chief of the mountainers. Salutations to the controller of the antisocial mischief. Salutations to the men of the arrow and the missile. Salutations to the men of the bow and the carrier rocket. Salutations to you again and again. Salutations to those who advance the line of defence and security. Salutations to the forces of offence in defence. Salutations to the keepers of law and order. Salutations to the marksmen who take on the target.

### 23. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमी विसृजद्भ्यो विद्ध्येद्ध्यश्च वो नमो नर्मः स्वपद्ध्यो जाग्रेद्ध्यश्च वो नमो नमः शयनिभ्यऽआसीनेभ्यश्च वो नमो नमुस्तिष्ठेद्ध्यो धार्वद्ध्यश्च वो नर्मः ॥२३॥

Namo visrjadbhyo vidhyadbhyaśca vo namo namaḥ svapadbhyo jāgradbhyaśca vo namo namaḥ śayānebhya'āsīnebhyaśca vo namo namastiṣṭhadbhyo dhāvadbhyaśca vo namaḥ.

Salutations to those who shoot at evil. Salutations to those who strike down the evil. Salutations to you all. Care and caution for those who sleep. Exhortation to those who wake. Salutations to all of you. Care for those who rest. Appreciation for those who sit in position. Salutations to those who stand fast. Cheers for those who run for humanity.

#### 24. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नर्मः सुभाभ्येः सुभापितिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमोऽश्वेभ्योऽश्वे-पतिभ्यश्च वो नमो नर्मऽआव्याधिनीभ्यो विविध्यन्तीभ्यश्च वो नमो नमुऽउगेणाभ्यस्तृःहृतीभ्यश्च वो नर्मः ॥२४॥ Namaḥ sabhābhyaḥ sabhāpatibhyaśca vo namo namo'śvebhyo'śvapatibhyaśca vo namo nama āvyādhinībhyo vividhyantībhyaśca vo namo nama ugaṇābhyastṛmhatībhyaśca vo namaḥ.

Salutations to the councils of governance and administration. Salutations to the heads of councils. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the cavalry. Salutations to the cavalry commanders. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the forces of defence. Salutations to the forces in action. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the forces in reserve for reinforcement. Salutations to the advancing and routing forces. Salutations to you all.

### 25. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमीं गुणेभ्यों गुणपितिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो व्रातेभ्यो व्रातपितभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो गृत्सेभ्यो गृत्सपितिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो विरूपेभ्यो विश्वरूपेभ्यश्च वो नर्मः ॥२५॥

Namo ganebhyo ganapatibhyaśca vo namo namo vrātebhyo vrātapatibhyaśca vo namo namo gṛtsebhyo gṛtsapatibhyaśca vo namo namo virūpebhyo viśvarūpebhyaśca vo namah.

Salutations to the heads of autonomous communities. Salutations to the heads of autonomous communities. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the dominions. Salutations to the heads of dominions. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the guilds of expert professionals. Salutations to the heads of expert associations. Salutations to the mixed and multiform communities. Salutations to the heads of multicultural communities. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the international associations. Salutations to you all.

### 26. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमः सेनाभ्यः सेनानिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो र्थिभ्योऽ-अर्थेभ्यश्च वो नमो नमेः क्ष्न्नभ्यः सङ्ग्रहीतृभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो मृहद्भ्योऽअर्भुकेभ्यश्च वो नमेः ॥२६॥

Namaḥ senābhyaḥ senānibhyaśca vo namo namo rathibhyo'arathebhyaśca vo namo namaḥ kṣattṛbhyaḥ saṅgṛhītṛbhyaśca vo namo namo mahadbhyo arbhakebhyaśca vo namaḥ.

Salutations to the armies. Salutations to the commanders of the armies. Salutations to the fighters on rathas, tanks and warplanes. Salutations to the warriors without the rathas (warriors on foot). Salutations to you all. Salutations to the warriors and the administrators. Salutations to the supply corps. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the seniors, veterans and the great. Salutations to the small, the young and the recruits. Salutations to you all.

### 27. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नम्स्तक्षेभ्यो रथकारेभ्येश्च वो नमो नमः कुललिभ्यः कम्मिरिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमौ निषादेभ्यः पुञ्जिष्ठेभ्यश्च वो नमो नमेः श्वनिभ्यो मृग्युभ्येश्च वो नमेः ॥२७॥

Namastakṣabhyo rathakārebhyaśca vo namo namaḥ kulālebhyaḥ karmārebhyaśca vo namo namo niṣādebhyaḥ puñjiṣṭhebhyaśca vo namo namaḥ śvanibhyo mṛgayubhyaśca vo namaḥ.

Salutations to the wood carvers and craftsmen. Salutations to the manufacturers of vehicles. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the manufacturers of ceramics. Salutations to the metallurgists. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the hill and forest rangers. Salutations to

the fishermen and pisciculturists. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the dog-squads and the canine experts. Salutations to the hunters and the experts of wild animals. Salutations to you all.

### 28. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमः श्वभ्यः श्वपेतिभ्यश्च वो नमो नमो भ्वायं च रुद्रायं च नमः श्वायं च पशुपतये च नमो नीलग्रीवाय च शितिकण्ठाय च ॥२८॥

Namaḥ śvabhyaḥ śvapatibhyaśca vo namo namo bhavāya ca rudrāya ca namaḥ śarvāya ca paśupataye ca namo nīlagrīvāya ca śitikaṇṭhāya ca.

Food for the dogs, recognition and incentive for the breeders and trainers of dogs. Salutations to you all. Salutations to the lord creator of the world. Homage to the lord of maintenance with justice and retribution. Salutations to the ultimate destroyer. Salutations to the lord protector of the animals. Salutations to the lord of the blue clouds. Salutations to the lord of the mighty voice of thunder.

#### 29. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नर्मः कपुर्दिने च् व्युप्तकेशाय च् नर्मः सहस्राक्षायं च शतर्धन्वने च् नमो गिरिश्यायं च शिपि<u>वि</u>ष्टायं च् नमो मी॒ढुष्टंमाय् चेषुंमते च ॥२९॥

Namaḥ kapardine ca vyuptakeśāya ca namaḥ sahasrākṣāya ca śatadhanvane ca namo giriśayāya ca śipiviṣṭāya ca namo mīḍḥuṣṭamāya ceṣumate ca.

Homage to the lord of braided hair. Salutations

to the sage of shaven hair. Salutations to the lord of vision of a thousand eyes. Salutations to the wielder of a hundred bows. Homage to the sagely mountain dweller. Salutations to the protector and promoter of the animal wealth. Salutations to the lord supreme of showers for life. Salutations to the lord of arrows.

#### 30. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमों हुस्वायं च वामनायं च नमों बृह्ते च वर्षीयसे च नमों वृद्धायं च स्वृधें च नमोऽग्रयाय च प्रथमायं च॥३०॥

Namo hrasvāya ca vāmanāya ca namo bṛhate ca varṣīyase ca namo vṛddhāya ca savṛdhe ca namo'gryāya ca prathamāya ca.

Food and support for the child and the little darling. Salutations for the great and for the generous man of years. Reverence for the old and love for the youth growing together. Exhortation for the pathmaker and for the first among pioneers of initiative.

#### 31. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नर्मऽआशवे चाजिराये च नमः शोद्रयाय च शीभ्याय च नम्ऽकर्म्याय चावस्वन्याय च नमौ नादेयाये च द्वीप्याय च ॥३१॥

Nama' āśave cājirāya ca namaḥ śīghryāya ca sībhyāya ca nama' ūrmyāya cāvasvanyāya ca namo nadeyāya ca dvīpyāya ca.

All hail to men of instant response and to the men of spontaneous action. Cheers for the fast worker and incentive for the modes of speedy motion. Exhortation to the powers of rapid progress and to men of roaring business. All hail to the river projects and to the island explorers.

#### 32. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमीं ज्येष्ठायं च किन्छायं च नमेः पूर्वजायं चापर्जायं च नमों मध्यमायं चापगुल्भायं च नमों जघुन्याय च बुध्न्याय च ॥३२॥

Namo jyeṣṭhāya ca kaniṣṭhāya ca namaḥ pūrvajāya cāparajāya ca namo madhyamāya cāpagalbhāya ca namo jaghanyāya ca budhnyāya ca.

All hail to the oldest and the youngest. Honour and respect to the traditional and the modern. Full recognition and support for the average medium and the simple novice. All support for the lowest worker and reverence for the wise and generous.

#### 33. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमः सोभ्याय च प्रतिस्याय च नमो याम्याय च क्षेम्याय च नमः श्लोक्याय चावसान्याय च नमऽउर्व्याय च खल्याय च ॥३३॥

Namaḥ sobhyāya ca pratisaryāya ca namo yāmyāya ca kṣemyāya ca namaḥ ślokyāya cāvasānyāya ca nama urvaryāya ca khalyāya ca.

Salutations to the prosperous and the virtuous. Salutations to the dispensers of justice and the preservers of happiness and welfare. Salutations to the scholar of vaidic voice and to the competent man of accomplishment. Salutations to the man commanding respect among the nobles, and to the master of creating means and materials for good living.

### 34. (Rudras Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

नमो वन्याय च कक्ष्याय च नमेः श्रवायं च प्रतिश्रवायं च नमेऽआशुर्षेणाय चा्शुरंथाय च नमः शूराय चावभेदिने च ॥३४॥

Namo vanyāya ca kakṣyāya ca namaḥ śravāya ca pratiśravāya ca nama āśuṣeṇāya ca-śurathāya ca namaḥ śūrāya cāvabhedine ca.

Food and protection for the forest habitations and those living close thereby. Salutations to the reputed man of the Veda and to his listener disciple. Salutations to the warrior of the army on the fastest move and the commander on the fastest vehicle. Salutations to the brave soldier who breaks through the defences of the enemy.

## 35. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमों बिल्मिने च कव्चिने च नमों वृमिणे च वर्ष्वथिने च नमेः श्रुतायं च श्रुतसेनायं च नमों दुन्दुभ्याय चाहन्न्याय च ॥३५॥

Namo bilmine ca kavacine ca namo varmine ca varūthine ca namah śrutāya ca śrutasenāya ca namo dundubhyāya cāhananyāya ca.

Salutations to the warrior with the helmet. Salutations to the knight in armour. Salutations to the soldier in the bunker. Salutations to the force manning the fort of defence. Salutations to the reputed hero. Salutations to commander of the famous army. Exhortation to the drummer. Bravo to the martial man of music.

#### 36. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

नमों धृष्णवें च प्रमृशायं च नमों निष्किं चेषुधिमतें च नर्मस्तीक्ष्णेषेवे चायुधिनें च नर्मः स्वायुधायं च सुधन्वने च ॥३६॥

Namo dhṛṣṇave ca pramṛśāya ca namo niṣaṅgiṇe ceṣudhimate ca namastīkṣṇeṣave cāyudhine ca namaḥ svāyudhāya ca sudhanvane ca.

Salutations to the bold and fearless. Salutations to the shrewd and reflective man of thought and deliberation, and to the kind and the courteous. Salutations to the man of the sword and to the hero of the pointed arrow and quiver. Salutations to the man of mighty warriors of invincible arms. Salutations to the wielder of superweapons and to the man of the mighty bow.

## 37. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमः स्त्रत्याय च पथ्याय च नमः काट्याय च नीप्याय च नमः कुल्याय च सर्स्याय च नमो नादेयाय च वैशन्ताय च ॥३७॥

Namaḥ srutyāya ca pathyāya ca namaḥ kātyāya ca nīpyāya ca namaḥ kulyāya ca sarasyāya ca namo nādeyāya ca vaiśantāya ca.

All hail and support for those who live by the side-walks, springs and trails. Welcome and hospitality for the travellers on the high roads and all support for the keepers of the roads. Care and caution for the mountain pass and the foot-hills and all support for those who live thereby. All love and care and reverence for streams and lakes, rivers and rivulets, pools and tanks, and all hail and hospitality for the users and keepers of

these. Salutations, exhortations and cheers to those who love and live by these!

### 38. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमः कूप्याय चावट्याय च नमो वीध्याय चातुप्याय च नमो मेघ्याय च विद्युत्याय च नमो वर्ष्यीय चावर्ष्याय च ॥३८॥

Namaḥ kūpyāya cāvaṭyāya ca namo vīdhryāya cātapyāya ca namo meghyāya ca vidyutyāya ca namo varṣyāya cāvarṣyāya ca.

Salutations to the specialist of well construction. Salutations to the drilling geologist. Salutations to the scientist explorer of the clear blue sky in the sunlight. Salutations to the expert of solar heat and energy. Salutations to the technologist of cloud formation. Salutations to the scientist and technologist of lightning and electricity. Salutations to the scholar and scientist of rain and water management. Salutations to the scientist of drought and drought management.

#### 39. (Rudras Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नमो वात्याय च रेष्म्याय च नमो वास्तव्याय च वास्तुपाये च नमः सोमाय च रुद्राये च नमस्ताम्रायं चारुणाये च ॥३९॥

Namo vātyāya ca reṣmyāya ca namo vāstavyāya ca vāstupāya ca namaḥ somāya ca rudrāya ca namastāmrāya cāruṇāya ca.

Salutations to the expert of wind and storm. Salutations to the scientist of cloud burst and thunder. Salutations to the specialist of surplus and waste management. Salutations to the man of housing and

architecture. Salutations to the expert of health and power. Salutations to the minister of justice and equity. Salutations to the powers of security against violence and crime. Salutations to the promoters of Dharma and the good life.

40. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Reshi) नर्मः शङ्गवे च पशुपतेये च नर्मऽ उग्रायं च भीमार्यं च नर्मोऽ ग्रेवधार्यं च दूरेवधार्यं च नर्मो हुन्त्रे च हनीयसे च नर्मो वृक्षेभ्यो हरिकेशेभ्यो नर्मस्तारार्य ॥४०॥

Namaḥ śaṅgave ca paśupataye ca nama ugrāya ca bhīmāya ca namo'grevadhāya ca durevadhāya ca namo hantre ca hanīyase ca namo vṛkṣebhyo harikeśebhyo namastārāya.

Salutations to the lord of peace and protector of living beings. Salutations to the lord of power and awe. Salutations to the powers of preventive strike and consequent elimination. Punishment to the killer and the destructive terrorist. Water and care for the trees of green foliage. Salutations to the saviour from suffering.

41. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नर्मः शम्भ्वायं च मयोभ्वायं च नर्मः शङ्करायं च मयस्करायं च नर्मः शिवायं च शिवतराय च ॥४१॥

Namaḥ śambhavāya ca mayobhavāya ca namaḥ śaṅkarāya ca mayaskarāya ca namaḥ śivāya ca śivatarāya ca.

Salutations to the lord of peace, and to the lord giver of peace and joy in life. Salutations to the lord of prosperity, and to the lord giver of prosperity. Salutations to the lord of peace, prosperity and grace, and to the lord giver of peace, prosperity and grace more and ever more.

42. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नमः पायीय चावार्याय च नमः प्रतरंणाय चोत्तरंणाय च नम्स्तीर्थ्याय च कूल्याय च नमः शष्याय च फेन्याय च ॥४२॥

Namaḥ pāryāya cāvāryāya ca namaḥ pratarṇāya cottaraṇāya ca namastīrthyāya ca kūlyāya ca namaḥ śaṣpyāya ca phenyāya ca.

Salutations to the lord across the river, and to him this side of the flow. And salutations to the captain who steers all across the seas, and to him who steers across and above. And salutations to him who is both the guide and the goal and to him who awaits us on the shore. And salutations to him who shines green in vegetation, and to him who floats with the foam.

43. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नर्मः सिकृत्याय च प्रवाह्याय च नर्मः किःशालायं च क्षयणायं च नर्मः कप्दिने च पुल्स्तये च नर्मऽइरिण्याय च प्रप्थ्याय च ॥४३॥

Namaḥ sikatyāya ca pravāhyāya ca namaḥ kimśilāya ca kṣayaṇāya ca namaḥ kapardine ca pulastaye ca namaʾiriṇyāya ca prapathyāya ca.

Homage to the gold in the sand, and to him who flows with the flow. And homage to him who plays with the pebbles, and to him who dwells in the tranquil harbour. Homage to the lord of the braided hair and to him who shines with glossy hair. Homage to the lord of the desert and to the protector of the wandering sages.

44. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi)

नमो व्रज्याय च् गोष्ठ्याय च् नम्स्तल्प्याय च् गेह्याय च् नमो हृदुय्याय च निवेष्याय च नमः काट्याय च गह्वरेष्ठाय च ॥४४॥

Namo vrajyāya ca goṣṭhyāya ca namastalpyāya ca gehyāya ca namo hṛdayyāya ca niveṣyāya ca namaḥ kātyāya ca gahvareṣṭhāya ca.

Homage to the lord of the meadow and to the warmth of the cow-shed. Homage to the angels of the bed and to the inmates of the home. Homage to the spirit in the heart and to the lord of human settlements. Homage to the mountain mysteries and to the spirit of the darkest caves.

45. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi)

नमः शुष्क्यीय च हरित्याय च नमः पाछंस्व्याय च रजस्याय च नमो लोप्यीय चोलप्याय च नम्ऽऊर्व्यीय च सूर्व्यीय च ॥४५॥

Namaḥ śuṣkyāya ca harityāya ca namaḥ pāmsavyāya ca rajasyāya ca namo lopyāya colapyāya ca nama ūrvyāya ca sūrvyāya ca.

Homage to the spirit of the desert breeze and vibrations of the greens. Homage to the life of the dust and atoms of fragrance in the flowers. Homage to the spirit of the invisible and the softness of the grass. Homage to the lord of ocean fire and the fire of annihilation.

46. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नर्मः पूर्णायं च पर्णश्वायं च नर्मऽउद्गुरमीणाय चाभिष्नते च नर्मऽआखिद्ते च प्रखिद्ते च नर्मऽइषुकृद्ध्यो धनुष्कृद्ध्येश्च वो नमो नमो वः किरिकेश्यो देवानाः हृदयेश्यो नमो विचिन्वत्केश्यो नमो विक्षिण्त्केश्यो नर्मऽआनिहृतेश्यः ॥४६॥

Namaḥ parṇāya ca parṇaśadāya ca nama' udguramāṇāya cābhighnate ca nama' ākhidate ca prakhidate ca nama' iṣukṛdbhyo dhanuṣ-kṛdbhyaśca vo namo namo vaḥ kirikebhyo devānām hṛdayebhyo namo vicinvatkebhyo namo vikṣiṇatkebhyo nama' ānirhatebhyaḥ.

Homage to the spirit of the green leaves and to the fall of the leaves. Homage to the clarion call of action and to the destroyer of evil. All help and sustenance to the wearied and the oppressed. Homage to the makers of arrows and missiles and to the makers of bows and firing rockets. Homage to the noble hearts and the sparkling showers of their grace. Homage to the powers of discrimination between good and evil. Homage to the destroyers of oppression and to the upliftment and redemption of the fallen and the destitute.

47. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) द्रापेऽअन्ध्रसस्पते दरिद्व नीलेलोहित । आसां प्रजानिमेषां पश्रुनां मा भेर्मा रोङ् मो च नुः किं चनार्ममत् ॥४७॥

Drāpe' andhasaspate daridra nīlalohita. Āsām prajānāmeṣām paśūnām mā bhermā ron mo ca naḥ kiñcanāmamat.

Redeemer of the fallen, lord of food and sustenance, saviour of the poor and down-trodden, lord

of growth and greenery, cause no fear to these people and these animals. Cause no ailment or injury. Let none of us suffer any disease or damage.

48. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) इमा ऋद्रायं त्वसें कप्दिनें क्ष्यद्वीराय प्र भरामहे मृतीः । यथा शमसंद् द्विपदे चतुष्यदे विश्वं पुष्टं ग्रामेऽअस्मिन्नेनातु-रम् ॥४८॥

Imā rudrāya tavase kapardine kṣayadvīrāya pra bhāramahe matīḥ. Yathā śamasad dvipade catuṣpade viśvam puṣṭam grāme'asminnanāturam.

All our thoughts and intentions, all our songs and devotion, and all our man-power we hold and dedicate to Rudra, awful lord of the knotted hair, commander of our young and brave heroes, so that there may be peace and well-being among our people and our animals (bipeds and quadrupeds), and life in this whole habitable world may be healthy, strong and free from want and suffering.

49. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) या ते रुद्र शिवा तुनूः शिवा विश्वाहां भेषुजी । शिवा रुतस्य भेषुजी तयां नो मृड जीवसे ॥४९॥

Yā te rudra śivā tanūḥ śivā viśvāhā bheṣajī. Śivā rutasya bheṣajī taya no mṛḍa jīvase.

Rudra, lord of health and well-being, your auspicious presence in body and mind, your knowledge and approach is gracious, a panacea for all ailments, universal antidote to suffering and disease. With that healing touch bless us with good health and happiness for life.

50. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) परि नो रुद्रस्य हेतिर्वृ'णक्तु परि त्वेषस्य दुर्मृतिरघायोः । अर्व <u>स्थि</u>रा मुघर्वद्भयस्तनुष्व मीद्वस्तोकाय तनयाय मृड ॥५०॥

Pari no rudrasya hetirvṛṇaktu pari tveṣasya durmatiraghāyoḥ. Ava sthirā maghavadbhyastanuṣva mīḍhvastokāya tanayāya mṛḍa.

May the thunderbolt of Rudra spare us. May the evil disposition of the sinful and the angry keep off from us. May the generous lord giver of life and prosperity elevate the intelligence and constancy of the munificent yajnics and be kind and gracious to our children and our youth.

51. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi)
मीर्ढुष्टम् शिवंतम <u>शि</u>वो नेः सुमना भव । प्रमे वृक्षऽ-आर्युधं निधाय कृ<u>त्तिं</u> वसान्ऽआर्चर् पिनांकृम्बिभ्रदा गिहि ॥५१॥

Mīḍhuṣṭama śivatama śivo naḥ sumanā bhava. Parame vṛkṣa' āyudhaṁ nidhāya kṛttiṁ vasāna' ācara pinākaṁ bibhradā gahi.

Most generous lord, most gracious, be good at heart and kind toward us all. Taking up the arms, wearing the corslet, holding the great bow, come and take on the mighty force of the enemies of life.

52. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) विकिरिद्व विलोहित नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु भगवः। यास्ते सहस्र्रेश्हेतयोऽन्यंमस्मन्निवंपन्तु ताः॥५२॥

Vikiridra vilohita namaste' astu bhagavaḥ. Yāste sahasram hetayo' nyamasman nivapantu tāḥ.

Salutations to you, Rudras, lords lustrous and glorious, shooting arrows to destroy evil. And the thousand thunderbolts you wield, they may spare us and fall elsewhere on mischief far away from us.

## 53. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) सहस्त्रीणि सहस्त्रशो बाह्वोस्तवे हेतर्यः ।

तासामीशानो भगवः पराचीना मुखा कृधि ॥५३॥

Sahasrāṇi sahasraśo bāhvostava hetayaḥ. Tāsāmīśāno bhagavaḥ parācīnā mukhā kṛdhi.

Lord of majesty and ruler of the world, hundreds and thousands are the arms and powers in your hands. Turn their shaft and direction away and elsewhere far from us.

## 54. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Ŗshi)

असंख्याता सहस्रा<u>णि</u> ये <u>रु</u>द्राऽअ<u>धि</u> भूम्याम् । तेषांथं सहस्रयोजुनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥५४॥

Asamkhyātā sahasrāṇi ye rudrā'adhi bhūmyām. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

Thousands are the Rudras (life-sustaining powers) and countless are the Rudras (pranis, living forms) which are on the earth. We use their powers and properties in a thousand ways and, (in cyclic order) extend their powers and properties a thousand fold over vast areas of space.

## 55. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) अस्मिन् मेहत्युर्ण्वेु,ऽन्तरिक्षे भ्वाऽअधि ।

तेषां सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥५५॥

Asmin mahatyarṇave'ntarikṣhe bhavā' adhi. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi. Countless are the Rudra powers in this great ocean of the sky between the earth and heaven. We use their powers and properties in a thousand applications and in cyclic order, extend their powers and properties a thousand-fold over vast areas in space.

56. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नीलंग्रीवाः शितिकण्ठा दिवेश्रुद्राऽउपेश्रिताः। तेषांश्रं सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥५६॥

Nīlagrīvāḥ śitikaṇṭhā divam rudrā'upaśritāḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

Blue-necked and white-throated, countless are the Rudra powers of life and sustenance which abide in heaven and the light of the sun. We use their energies and powers in a thousand ways for a thousand purposes and, in a positive circle, extend their powers and properties a thousand-fold over vast areas of space.

57. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) नीलंग्रीवाः शितिकण्ठाः शर्वाऽअधः क्षंमाचराः। तेषां सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥५७॥

Nīlagrīvāḥ śitikaṇṭhāḥ śarvā'adhaḥ kṣamācarāḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

Blue-necked, white-throated are the violent powers and ferocious creatures which roam around on the earth. We counter and throw off their powers and forces countless leagues away from us with the bows we stretch to shoot the arrows.

58. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) ये वृक्षेषु शृष्पिञ्जरा नीलग्रीवा विलौहिताः। तेषार्थं सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥५८॥

Ye vṛkṣeṣu śaṣpiñjarā nīlagrīvā vilohitāḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

We counter the Rudra powers, blue-necked, white throated, yellowish red, bright and green like blades of grass, which grow on trees as parasites, and, stretching our bows for the arrows (with insecticides etc.,) render their deadly action ineffective over vast areas of the earth.

# 59. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) ये भूतानामधिपतयो विशिखासीः कपर्दिनीः। तेषार्थं सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वीनि तन्मसि ॥५९॥

Ye bhūtānāmadhipatayo viśikhāsaḥ kapardinaḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

The powers who are protectors, promoters and guardians of living beings, sanyasis and brahmacharis with shaven heads or wearing unshorn hair, we help and serve, and, with all our power and means, we extend their activities over vast areas of the earth.

# 60. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) ये पृथां प<u>िथ</u>रक्षयऽऐलबृदाऽआयुर्युर्धः । तेषार्थः सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥६०॥

Ye pathām pathirakṣhaya'ailabṛdā'āyuryudhaḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

The Rudras, noble people, who guard and promote the moral and spiritual highways of life, who maintain and develop the national highways and protect the travellers, who develop the resources of the earth, and who struggle for the betterment of life and age, we support and serve with all our might and extend their

powers a thousand fold over vast areas of the earth.

61. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) ये तीर्थानि प्रचरन्ति सुकाहिस्ता निषक्षिणीः। तेषि सहस्त्रयोजनेऽव धन्वीनि तन्मसि ॥६१॥

Ye tīrthāni pracaranti sṛkāhastā niṣaṅgiṇaḥ. Teṣām sahasrayojane' va dhanvāni tanmasi.

We do homage to the Rudras, sacred presences who cleanse the mind and sanctify the soul, heroes who go round wielding the thunderbolt and the bow and quiver in defence of humanity. We support and serve them with all our might and extend their power a thousand fold over vast areas of the earth.

62. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) येऽन्नेषु विविध्ये<u>न्ति</u> पात्रेषु पिबेतो जनीन् । तेषार्थं सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वानि तन्मसि ॥६२॥

Ye'nneşu vividhyanti pātreşu pibato janān. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

The infectious germs and viruses in food and drink and in the cooking and dining ware which, in various ways, afflict the people through eating and drinking, we fight with all our might, and we eliminate their deadly power and presence over a vast area of the earth and the environment.

63. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi) यऽएतार्वन्तश्च भूयीछंसश्च दिशों रुद्रा वित<u>स्थि</u>रे । तेषांछं सहस्रयोजनेऽव धन्वीनि तन्मसि ॥६३॥

Ya'etāvantaśca bhūyāmsaśca diśo rudrā vitasthire. Teṣām sahasrayojane'va dhanvāni tanmasi.

And Rudra powers (of beneficence, affliction and retribution in nature) conceived and realized so far and even more exist variously in all the directions (on the earth, in the sky and in heaven). We deal with their arms and armaments appropriately with all our might and mind in faith (worshipping, extending, negating or fighting and eliminating) in a thousand ways over vast areas of time and space.

64. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Ŗshi)

नमीं उस्तु रुद्रेभ्यो ये <u>दि</u>वि येषां वर्षमिषवः । तेभ्यो दश प्राचीर्दशं दक्षिणा दशं प्रतीचीर्दशोदीचीर्दशोध्वाः। तेभ्यो नमोऽअस्तु ते नोऽवन्तु ते नो मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वेष्टि तमेषां जम्भे दथाः ॥६४॥

Namo'stu rudrebhyo ye divi yeṣām varṣamiṣavaḥ. Tebhyo daśa prācīrdaśa dakṣiṇā daśa pratīcīrdaśodīcīrdaśordhvāḥ. Tebhyo namo'astu te no' vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo Yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ.

Homage to the Rudras that abide in heaven. Rain is their power and gift to life. To them our salutations with folded hands with ten fingers joined, with ten senses and ten pranas. For them the ten directions east, ten directions south, ten directions west, ten directions north, and ten directions above; all these for them to pervade and operate. Salutations to them! May they protect us! May they bless us! Whosoever we hate, whosoever hate us, him we deliver unto their power for judgement and redress.

65. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नमीऽस्तु रुद्रेभ्यो युऽन्तरिक्षे येषां वातुऽइषेवः । तेभ्यो दश् प्राचीर्दशे दक्षिणा दशे प्रतीचीर्दशोदीचीर्दशोध्वाः। तेभ्यो नमीऽअस्तु ते नौऽवन्तु ते नौ मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वेष्टि तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः ॥६५॥

Namo'stu rudrebhyo ye'ntarikṣe yeṣām vāta iṣavaḥ Tebhyo daśa prācīrdaśa dakṣiṇā daśa pratīcīrdaśodīcīrdaśordhvāḥ. Tebhyo namo'astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ.

Homage to the Rudras that abide in the skies. Wind and air is their power and gift to life. To them our salutations with folded hands with the fingers joined, with ten senses and the pranas. For them the ten directions east, ten directions south, ten directions west, ten directions north, and ten directions above; all these for them to pervade and operate. Salutations to them! May they protect us! May they bless us! Whosoever we hate, whosoever hate us, him we deliver unto their power for judgement and redress.

66. (Rudras Devata, Parameshthi Prajapati Va Deva Rshi) नमीऽस्तु रुद्रेभ्यो ये पृ<u>श</u>िव्यां येषामञ्जमिषेवः । तेभ्यो दश प्राचीर्दश द<u>क्षि</u>णा दश प्रतीचीर्दशोदीचीर्दशोर्ध्वाः। तेभ्यो नमीऽअस्तु ते नौऽवन्तु ते नौ मृडयन्तु ते यं द्विष्मो यश्चे नो द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> तमेषां जम्भे दध्मः ॥६६॥

Namo' stu rudrebhyo ye pṛthivyām yeṣāmannamiṣavaḥ. Tebhyo daśa prācīrdaśa dakṣiṇā daśa pratīcīrdaṣodīcīrdaśordhvāḥ. Tebhyo namo' astu te no'vantu te no mṛḍayantu te yam dviṣmo yaśca no dveṣṭi tameṣām jambhe dadhmaḥ. Homage to the Rudras that abide on the earth. Food and energy is their power and gift to life. To them our salutations with folded hands with ten fingers joined, with ten senses and ten pranas. For them the ten directions east, ten directions south, ten directions west, ten directions north, and ten directions above; all these for them to pervade and operate. Salutations to them! May they protect us! May they bless us! Whosoever we hate, whosoever hate us, him we deliver unto their power for judgement and redress.

इति षोडशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XVII

#### 1. (Maruts Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अश्मन्नूर्जं पर्वंते शिश्रियाणामुद्ध्यऽओषंधीभ्यो वनुस्पर्ति-भ्योऽअधि सम्भृतं पर्यः । तां नुऽइष्टमूर्जं धत्त मरुतः सः-रगुणाऽअश्मस्ते क्षुन् मियं तुऽऊर्ग् यं द्विष्मस्तं ते शुगृंच्छतु॥१॥

Aśmannūrjam parvate śiśriyāṇāmadbhya' oṣadhībhyo vanaspatibhyo'adhi sambhṛtam payaḥ. Tām na'iṣamūrjam dhatta marutaḥ samrarāṇā'aśmanste kṣūn-mayi ta'ūrgyam dviṣmastam te śugṛcchatu.

O Maruts (men and women), kind and generous powers, hold for us the energy and power contained in the mountain ranges of the clouds and the sky, and hold for us that energy and juices distilled from waters, herbs and trees, and bless us with that food and energy. Voracious eater, fire of yajna, may your hunger and energy be in me too, and may your displeasure reach someone we hate (i.e., none).

## 2. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

इमा मेऽअग्नुऽइष्टेका धेनवेः सुन्त्वेको च दर्श च दर्श च शतं चे शतं चे सहस्रं च सहस्रं चायुतं चायुतं च नियुतं च नियुतं च प्रयुतं चार्बु'दं च न्युर्बुदं च समुद्रश्च मध्यं चान्तेश्च परार्द्धश्चैता मेऽअग्नुऽइष्टेका धेनवेः सन्त्व-मुत्रामुष्मिं ल्लोके ॥२॥

Imā me'agna'iṣṭakā dhenavaḥ santvekā ca daśa ca daśa ca śataṁ ca śataṁ ca sahasraṁ ca sahasraṁ cāyutaṁ cāyutaṁ ca niyutaṁ ca niyutaṁ ca prayutaṁ cārbudaṁ ca nyarbudaṁ

ca samudraśca madhyam cāntaśca parārdhaścaitā me'agna iṣṭakā dhenavaḥ santvamutrāmuṣmiňlloke.

Agni, fire-lord of yajna, may these bricks of my altar (vedi), wanted values of life, one and all, be generous and productive and grow ten times in geometrical progression: May one grow to ten, and ten to one hundred (shatam), and one hundred to one thousand (sahasram), and one thousand to ten thousand (ayutam), and ten thousand to hundred thousand (one lac, niyutam), and hundred thousand to a million (prayutam), and one million to hundred million (arbudam), and hundred million to a billion (arba, nyarbudam), and one billion to ten billion (one kharba), and ten billion to a hundred billion (one nikharba), and hundred billion to a trillion (mahapadma), and one trillion to ten trillion (one shanku), and ten trillion to hundred trillion (one samudra), and hundred trillion to quadrillion (one madhyam), and one madhyam to ten madhyam (anta, ten quadrillion), and one anta to ten anta (hundred quadrillion), parardha. And these bricks, wanted values, be, like cows, the givers of fulfilment to me in this life and beyond, in this world and beyond.

### 3. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Ŗshi)

ऋतवे स्थऽऋतावृधेऽऋतुष्ठा स्थेऽऋतावृधेः । घृतश्च्युतौ मधुश्च्युतौ विराजो नामे कामदुघाऽअक्षीयमाणाः ॥३॥

Ŗtava stha'ṛtāvṛdha'ṛtuṣṭhā stha'ṛtāvṛdhaḥ. Ghṛtaścyuto madhuścyuto virājo nāma kāmadughā'akṣīyamāṇāḥ.

Ladies of the home brilliant as yajna fire, holy as truth and universal law, reflecting the plenty and purity of distilled ghee and overflowing with the sweetness of honey, you are surely treasures of fulfilment beyond decay. Be vibrant as spring, stay inviolable as the cycle of the seasons and add to the sanctity of the laws of life.

## 4. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

समुद्रस्य त्वावंक्याग्ने परिव्ययामसि । पावकोऽअस्मभ्ये<u>श्</u>यावो भव ॥४॥

Samudrasya tvā'vakayāgne pari vyayāmasi. Pāvako' asmabhyam śivo bhava.

Agni, brilliant power, we stand round and cover you as the shaivala grass of the sea. Cleanser and purifier of life, be good and gracious to us.

## 5. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

हिमस्यं त्वा जुरायुणाग्ने परि व्ययामसि । पावुकोऽअस्मभ्ये<u>श्शि</u>वो भेव ॥५॥

Himasya tvā jarāyuṇā'gne pari vyayāmasi. Pāvako'asmabhyam śivo bhava.

Agni, brilliant power, we cover you round as fire and clothing round the frosty cold of the season. Come, cleanser and purifier of life, and be kind and gracious to us.

### 6. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

उप ज्मन्नुपे वेत्रसेऽवंतर नुदीष्वा । अग्ने <u>पित्तम</u>पाम<u>िस</u> मण्ड<u>ूकि ताभिरागेहि</u> सेमं नौ युज्ञं पोवकवर्णः<u>शि</u>वं कृधि ॥६॥

Upa jmannupa vetase' va tara nadīṣvā. Agne pittamapāmasi maṇḍūki tābhirā gahi semam no yajñam pāvakavarṇam śivam kṛdhi. Agni, clad in the brilliant flames of light, come upon the earth, descend in the midst of the earth's abundance. Descend into the streams of life. Since you are the life and lustre of the waters, come with that life and lustre. Come and bless this yajna of our home with peace and prosperity.

## 7. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अपामिदं न्ययेनश्समुद्रस्यं निवेशनम् । अन्याँस्तेऽअस्मत्तंपन्तु हेतयः पावकोऽअस्मभ्येश्शिवो भव ॥७॥

Apāmidam nyayanam samudrasya niveśanam. Anyānste'asmattapantu hetayaḥ pāvako' asmabhyam śivo bhava.

This home is the abode of peace as the sky is the abode of waters. It is an abode of the depth of life as the deep ocean is. May Agni, lord of yajna and life and lustre of the waters be kind and gracious to us in this home of yajna, and may the heat of his passion and displeasure be directed elsewhere away from us.

## 8. (Agni Devata, Vasuyu Ŗshi)

अग्ने पावक रोचिषां मुन्द्रयां देव <u>जि</u>ह्वयां । आ देवान्वेक्षि यिक्षं च ॥८॥

Agne pāvaka rociṣā mandrayā deva jihvayā.  $\bar{A}$  devān vakṣi yakṣi ca.

Agni, generous lord of light, purifier and sanctifier of life, with your brilliant and exhilarating tongue of flames you call the noble yajnic devotees together and proclaim to them the truths of eternity.

### 9. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

स नेः पावक दी<u>दि</u>वोऽग्ने देवाँ२॥ऽ<u>इ</u>हार्वह । उपे यज्ञरहविश्चे नः ॥९॥

Sa nāḥ pāvaka dīdivo'gne devāň' ihāvaha. Upa yajñam haviśca naḥ.

Agni, power of light and lustre, purifier and sanctifier of life, you graciously call the noble powers of nature and humanity together here close to our yajna and let us all share the gifts of the fragrance of libations.

## 10. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

पावकया य<u>श्चि</u>तयेन्त्या कृपा क्षामेन् रुरुचऽउषसो न भानुना । तूर्वन्न यामन्नेतिशस्य नु रण्ऽआ यो घृणे न ततृषाणोऽअजर्रः ॥१०॥

Pāvakayā yaścitayantyā kṛpā kṣāman ruruca' uṣaso na bhānunā. Tūrvan na yāmannetaśasya nū raṇa' ā yo ghṛṇe na tatṛṣāṇo' ajaraḥ.

Agni, lord of light and power, commander of the army, with his cleansing, enlightening and splendid force, shines on the earth like the dawn blazing with the light of the sun. And young, unaging, unexhausted, hastening apace on the course of his chariot, thirsting for victory in the heat of the battle, blazes with his own glory.

## 11. (Agni Devata, Lopamudra Ŗshi)

नर्मस्ते हरसे शोचिषे नर्मस्तेऽअस्त्वर्धिषे । अन्याँस्ते अस्मत्तपन्तु हेतयः पावकोऽअस्मभ्यःशिवो भेव ॥११॥

Namaste harase śocișe namaste'astvarcișe. Anyāňste asmattapantu hetayaḥ pāvako' asmabhyam śivo bhava.

Salutations to Agni, lord of light and justice, radiant and pure, divine and adorable, and saviour from pain and suffering. Lord sanctifier of life and nature, be good and gracious to us. And may the heat of your passion and punishment for sin and injustice fall upon others far from us, i.e. different from real human nature and character.

## 12. (Agni Devata, Lopamudra Ŗshi)

नृषदे वेडेप्सुषदे वेड् ब<u>र्हि</u>षदे वेड् वेन्सदे वेट् स्वर्विदे वेट् ॥१२॥

Nṛṣade veḍ apsuṣade veḍ barhiṣade veḍ vanasade veṭ svarvide veṭ.

Homage to Agni, lord present in and presiding over humanity. Homage to the lord present in and ruling over the waters. Homage to the lord governing within and over the business of society. Homage to the lord present in and ruling over the forests. Homage to the lord creator and giver of the joy of life.

## 13. (Prana Devata, Lopamudra Ŗshi)

ये देवा देवानी यज्ञियां यज्ञियानाश्रंसंवत्स्रीण्मुपं भागमा-सते । अहुतादौ ह्विषो यज्ञेऽअस्मिन्स्वयं पिबन्तु मधुनो घृतस्य ॥१३॥

Ye devā devānām yajňiyā yajňiyānām samvatsarīṇamupa bhāgamāsate. Ahutādo haviṣo yajñe 'asmintsvayam pibantu madhuno ghṛtasya.

Pranas (Sanyasis, those who are the life-breath of the spirit of society), those who are noblest among the nobles, adorable among those who adore Agni in yajna, serve and receive their part of the annual sessions of yajna, and, free from the performance of yajna before meals, themselves receive and enjoy the honey-sweets and drinks of the libations in this yajna.

## 14. (Prana Devata, Lopamudra Ŗshi)

ये देवा देवेष्वधि देवत्वमायन्ये ब्रह्मणः पुरऽपुतारौऽअस्य। येभ्यो नऽऋते पर्वते धाम किञ्चन न ते <u>दि</u>वो न पृ<u>शि</u>व्याऽअ<u>धि</u> स्नुषु ॥१४॥

Ye devā deveṣvadhi devatvamāyan ye brahmaṇaḥ pura'etāro' asya. Yebhyo na'ṛte pavate dhāma kiñcana na te divo na pṛthivyā 'adhi snuṣu.

Pranas, life-breath of the spirit of humanity, souls who have attained the state of divine grace among the nobles, who walk in the very presence of this Lord of the universe, without whom nowhere in the world anything moves nor is anything sanctified, they are not confined to any particular region of heaven, nor to any particular region of the earth, they are universal, everywhere.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Lopamudra Rshi)

प्राण्वाऽअपान्दा व्यन्दा वर्चोदा विरिवोदाः । अन्याँस्तैऽ-अस्मत्तपन्तु हेतयेः पावकोऽअस्मभ्ये<u>ःशि</u>वो भव ॥१५॥

Prāṇadā'apānadā vyānadā varcodā varivodāḥ. Anyāňste'asmattapantu hetayaḥ pāvako' asmabhyam śivo bhava.

Agni, Lord of light and power, you are the giver of vital energy, means of the removal of impurity and waste, universal knowledge, lustre of life and the light of truth and Dharma. Be good and gracious to us, lord purifier and sanctifier of life and soul, and let your displeasure and punishment befall somewhere else far away from us.

16. (Agni Devata, Bharadwaja Rshi)

अग्निस्तिग्मेने शोचिषा यासिद्विश्वं न्युत्रिणीम् । अग्निनों वनते रियम् ॥१६॥

Agnistigmena śociṣā yāsadviśvaṁ nyatriṇam. Agnirno vanate rayim.

Agni, lord giver of light, knowledge and power, with its incessant waves of light and warmth ripens and begets all good nourishing foods for us. The same agni with the power of electric energy begets all the wealth for us. (So may the man of knowledge and scientific power produce food and wealth for humanity.)

17. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) यऽद्रमा विश्वा भुवेनाि जुह्बदृषिहीता न्यसीदिता नेः । सऽआशिषा द्रविणाि च्छमानेः प्रथम्च्छदवेराँ २॥ऽ-आविवेश ॥१७॥

Ya'imā viśvā bhuvanāni juhvadṛṣirhotā nyasīdat pitā naḥ. Sa'āśiṣā draviṇamicchamānaḥ prathamacchadavarāň āviveśa.

Our father, Vishvakarma, omniscient lord and cosmic sacrificer (yajamana), consumes all these worlds into His own fire of cosmic yajna and remains. And then He, self-moved by His own will to create the profuse variety of existence, projects and pervades the first evolutes and later continues the expansion and self pervasion on and on.

18. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Ḥshi) किछंस्विदासीद<u>धि</u>ष्ठानेमारम्भेणं कत्मत् स्वित्कथा-सीत्। यतो भूमिं जनर्य<u>न्वि</u>श्वकेर्मा वि द्यामौणींन्महिना विश्वचेक्षाः ॥१८॥ Kim svid āsīdadhiṣṭhānamārambhaṇam katamat svit kathā sīt. Yato bhūmim janayan viśvakarmā vi dyāmaurṇonmahinā viśvacaksāḥ.

What is the ultimate stay of the universe? What is the original cause of the creation? What sort? From which Vishvakarma, omnipresent seer who pervades the universe, created the earth and then heaven with His mighty potential?

19. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi)

<u>वि</u>श्वतंश्चक्षु<u>रु</u>त <u>वि</u>श्वतोमुखो <u>वि</u>श्वतोबाहु<u>रु</u>त <u>वि</u>श्वतंस्पात् । सं बाहुभ्यां धर्मित सं पतंत्रैर्द्यावाभूमी जनर्यन्
देवऽएकः॥१९॥

Viśvataścakṣurta viśvatomukho viśvatobāhuruta viśvataspāt. Sam bāhubhyām dhamati sam patatrairdyāvābhūmī janayan deva'ekaḥ.

Vishvakarma, the one absolute self-effulgent lord of the universe, with universal eye to watch, and universal mouth to reveal the Word, and universal arms for action, and universal feet for omnipresence, having created the heaven and earth from dynamic particles of Prakriti, keeps the universe in constant motion with his mighty arms of omnipotence.

20. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Ḥshi) किः <u>स्विद्वनं</u> कऽड स वृक्षऽआंस यतो द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी निष्ट-तक्षुः। मनीषिणो मनसा पृच्छतेदु तद्यद्ध्यतिष्ठ्द्धवनानि धारयन् ॥२०॥

Kimsvidvanam ka'u sa vṛkṣa'āsa yato dyāvāpṛthivīniṣṭatakṣuḥ. Manīṣiṇo manasā pṛcchatedu tadyad adhyatiṣṭhad bhuvanāni dhārayan. What is that original cause, that lovely tree, from which the lord maker shaped the heaven and earth and the whole dynamic world? Men of intelligence and conscientious mind ask the men of wisdom and vision: Who is that lord who holds and sustains the regions of the world and presides over all these and yet remains the sole lord above the universe?

21. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) या ते धामीनि परमाणि याऽवमा या मध्यमा विश्वकर्मन्नुतेमा। शिक्षा सर्खिभ्यो ह्विषि स्वधावः स्वयं येजस्व तन्वं वृधानः ॥२१॥

Yā te dhāmāni paramāṇi yā'vamā yā madhyamā viśvakarmannutemā. Śikṣā sakhibhyo haviṣi svadhāvaḥ svayaṁ yajasva tanvaṁ vṛdhānaḥ.

Vishvakarma, lord of your own omnipotence, lord of nature, heaven and earth, maker of the universe, enlighten us, your friends and devotees, about the worlds of your own creation, the highest, the lowest and youngest, and the middle ones. Lord of food and energy, expanding the material world of existence, you yourself provide for sustenance with constant inputs into the systemic growth of the universe.

22. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) विश्वेकर्मन् ह्विषो वावृधानः स्वयं येजस्व पृ<u>थि</u>वीमुत द्याम् । मुह्यन्त्वन्येऽअभितः सपत्नीऽङ्कास्माकं मुघवां सूरि-रस्तु ॥२२॥

Viśvakarman haviṣā vāvṛdhānaḥ svayam yajasva pṛthivīmuta dyām. Muhyantvanye' abhitaḥ sapatnā'ihāsmākam maghavā sūrirastu.

Vishvakarma, lord maker of the universe, exalted

by the celebration and offerings of yajna, bless the earth and heaven with your presence. May the others, enemies of life and progress all round, fail. And may Indra, lord of power and glory, of wealth and learning, be the harbinger of knowledge and wisdom.

23. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) वाचस्पतिं विश्वकिर्माणमूतये मनोजुवं वाजेऽअद्या हुवेम। स नो विश्विनि हर्वनानि जोषद्विश्वशिम्भूरवसे साधु-केर्मा ॥२३॥

Vācaspatim viśvakarmāṇamūtaye manojuvam vāje'adyā huvema. Sa no viśvāni havanāni jāṣad viśvaśambhūravase sādhukarmā.

For our protection and progress in the battle of life to day we invoke Vishvakarma, lord of knowledge and speech, universal master of all karma working at speed faster than that of mind. May he, beneficent lord of unfailing action, kind and generous to all, be pleased to listen to our invocation and grant our prayers for protection and progress.

24. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi)

विश्वंकर्मन् हुविषा वर्द्धंनेन त्रातार्मिन्द्रंमकृणोरवध्यम् । तस्मै विशः समेनमन्त पूर्वीर्यमुग्रो <u>वि</u>हव्यो यथासेत् ॥२४॥

Viśvakarman haviṣā vardhanena trātāramindramakṛṇoravadhyam. Tasmai viśaḥ samanamanta pūrvīrayamugro vihavyo yathā' sat.

Vishvakarma, lord President of the total activity of humanity/the nation, with the growth and advancement arising from the developmental activities of the people working with yajnic dedication in unison,

we pray, appoint Indra, a man of power and glory as minister for defence who should be an inviolable defender of the world/the land, so that all the people bow to him in acceptance and reverence and (with that universal support) he becomes mighty and formidable in action.

25. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Ḥshi) चक्षुंषः <u>पि</u>ता मनेसा हि धीरौ घृतमेनेऽअजनुन्नम्नेमाने । युदेदन्ताऽअद्देदृहन्त पूर्वऽआदिद् द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअप्रथे-ताम् ॥२५॥

Cakṣuṣaḥ pitā manasā hi dhīro ghṛtamene' ajanannamnamāne. Yadedantā adadṛhanta pūrva'ādid dyāvāpṛthivī aprathetām.

When the ruler, Vishvakarma, is of calm and resolute mind, loves and protects men of vision and justice, and promotes the creation of food and wealth, and when the people bow to him in obedience and act in unison like parts of one organism, then only the people and the government strengthen each other and grow like the earth and heaven of yore together.

26. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) विश्वकंम्मा विमेनाऽआद्विहीया धाता विधाता परमोत सन्दृक् । तेषां मिष्टानि समिषा मेदनि यत्रा सप्तऽऋषीन् परऽएकंमाहः ॥२६॥

Viśvakarmā vimanā'ādvihāyā dhātā vidhātā paramota sandṛk. Teṣāmiṣṭāni samiṣā madanti yatrā sapta' ṛṣīn para' ekamāhuḥ.

Vishvakarma is the one lord maker of the world, sole treasure-home of universal knowledge, present in

the universal variety of existence, creator and sustainer of the universe, all-seeing universal presence and supreme reality, whom the wise sages call one and absolute, wherein the humans with their five senses, mind and intelligence rejoice and wherein they realise their supreme ambitions.

27. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) यो ने: पिता जिन्ता यो विधाता धार्मानि वेद भुवनानि विश्वा । यो देवानी नामधाऽएकऽएव तश्सम्प्रश्नं भुवना यन्त्यन्या॥२७॥

Yo naḥ pitā janitā yo vidhātā dhāmāni veda bhuvanāni viśvā. Yo devānām nāmadhā'eka'eva tam sampraśnam bhuvanā yantyanyā.

Vishvakarma is the lord who is our father and creator, law-giver and sustainer, who knows all the regions of the universe, who is one and absolute yet holds the names of all the powers of nature and His own potential. In Him enter all the worlds, and He is the eternal question and mystery for all the conscientious souls.

28. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Rshi) तऽआयंजन्त द्रविण्रश्समस्माऽऋषयः पूर्वे' जरितारो न भूना । असूर्ते सूर्ते रजीस निषत्ते ये भूतानि समकृणविन-मानि ॥२८॥

Ta'āyajanta dravīṇām samasmā'ṛṣayaḥ pūrve jaritāro na bhūnā. Asūrte sūrte rajasi niṣatte ye bhūtāni samakṛṇvannimāni.

They are the Rishis, visionaries of Divinity, who, like celebrants in worship, have offered songs and

libations of rich materials to Lord Vishvakarma and who, residing in known as well as in unknown worlds, have directed and attracted the mind and soul of living beings to the lord.

## 29. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

पुरो <u>दि</u>वा पुरऽएुना पृ<u>थि</u>व्या पुरो देवे<u>भि</u>रसुरैुर्यदस्ति । क<u>श्स्वि</u>द् गर्भं प्रथमं देध्रऽआपो यत्रे देवाः समपेश्यन्त पूर्वे ॥२९॥

Paro divā para'enā pṛthivyā paro devebhirasurairyadasti. Kamsvid garbham prathamam dadhra'āpo yatra devāḥ samapasyanta pūrve.

The Lord Supreme, Brahma, is beyond the heavens, beyond this earth, beyond the gods of nature and beyond the evil and the lifeless. He is the One wherein the life-force bears the first grand and mysterious seed of the universe and whom the primordeal visionaries of divinity see directly as if face to face.

#### 30. (Vishvakarma Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

तमिद् गभी प्रथमं देध्रऽआपो यत्रे देवाः समर्गच्छन्त विश्वे। अजस्य नाभावध्येकमिपैतं यस्मिन्विश्वा<u>नि</u> भुवनानि तुस्थुः ॥३०॥

Tamid garbham prathamam dadhra'āpo yatra devāḥ samagacchanta viśve. Ajasya nābhā-vadhyekamarpitam yasmin viśvāni bhuvanāni tasthuḥ.

Therein surely the life-force bore that first seed of the universe wherein all the powers of nature and the visionary souls find their repose. He is the one sole lord seated at the centre of the mother force, Prakriti, and he is the lord presiding over existence, wherein reside all the worlds of the universe.

## 31. (Vishvakarma Pevata, Vishvakarma Pekata)

न तं विदाथ् यऽद्रमा ज्जानान्यद्युष्माक्मन्तरं बभूव । नीहारेण् प्रावृता जल्प्या चासुतृपेऽउक्थ्रशासंश्चरन्ति ॥३१॥

Na taṁ vidātha ya'imā jajānānyadyuṣmākamantaraṁ babhūva. Nīhāreṇa prāvṛtā jalpyā cāsutṛpa'ukthaśāsaścaranti.

You don't know Him who has created all these worlds. He is different and distant from you all, and yet within you all. People sunk in darkness roam around quoting scripture but serving their own selfish ends with empty words void of vision.

## 32. (Vishvakarma Devata, Bhuvanputro Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

विश्वकेर्मा ह्यजेनिष्ट देवऽआदिद् गन्धर्वोऽअभवद् द्वितीयः। तृतीयः पिता जेनितौषधीनामुपां गर्भं व्यवधात्पुरुत्रा ॥३२॥

Viśvakarmā hyajaniṣṭa deva'ādidgandharvo' abhavad dvitīyaḥ. Tṛtīyaḥ pitā janit-ausadhīnāmapāṁ garbhaṁ vyadadhāt purutrā.

Lord Vishvakarma, creator of the world, self-effulgent lord of light and life, first manifested in existence. Then after that was born the sun which holds the earth. The third was the cloud which, in its womb, holds the waters, offspring of the sky and the winds, vital air, and generates and sustains the herbs and trees in many ways.

#### 33. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

आृशुः शिशांनो वृष्भो न भीमो घेनाघृनः क्षोभेणश्चर्षणी्-नाम् । सुंक्रन्देनोऽनि<u>मिषऽ</u>एकवी्रः शृतःसेनोऽअजयत्साक-मिन्द्रेः ॥३३॥

Āśuḥ śiśāno vṛṣabho na bhīmo ghanāghanaḥ kṣobhaṇaścarṣaṇīnām. Saṁkrandano'nimiṣa' ekavīraḥ śatam senā'ajayat sākamindraḥ.

He alone is Indra, worthy to be commander of the army, who is swift and instant in action and wields blazing deadly weapons in readiness, who roars with strength like a bull and strikes fear, terror and panic in the enemy force, who is constantly watchful and a fearless challenger, who is a matchless hero, rallies the force at the call and with us comes out victorious over a hundred armies of the enemy.

#### 34. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

संक्रन्देनेनानि<u>मिषेणे जि</u>ष्णुनो युत्कारेणे दुश्च्यवनेने धृष्णुनो । तदिन्द्रेण जयत् तत्सेहध्वं युधौ नर् इषुंहस्तेन् वृष्णो ॥३४॥

Samkrandanenānimiṣeṇa jiṣṇunā yutkāreṇa duścyavanena dhṛṣṇunā. Tadindreṇa jayata tatsahadhvam yudho nara iṣuhastena vṛṣṇā.

Ye men of war, challenge, engage and defeat that enemy force and be victorious with that commander, Indra, bold and daring, alert and watchful, thirsting for victory, master of tactical deployment and engagement of forces, informidable, fully armed and overwhelming the enemy with a rain of arrows/bullets/missiles.

### 35. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

सऽइषुंहस्तैः स निष्किङ्गिभिर्वशी सःस्त्रेष्टा स युध्ऽइन्द्रौ गणेने । सःसृष्टजित् सोमपा बोहुशर्ध्युग्नुधन्वा प्रतिहिता-भिरस्तो ॥३५॥

Sa'iṣuhastaiḥ sa niṣaṅgibhirvaśī saṃsraṣṭā sa yudha'indro gaṇena. Saṃsṛṣṭajit somapā bāhuśardhyugradhanvā pratihitābhirastā.

That warrior, router of the enemy, Indra, self-controlled, lover of exhilarating soma and defender of peace, creator and commander of the army, strong of arm, wielder of mighty weapons and awful marksman, supported by his well-selected and well-deployed army highly equipped with arms and armaments, defeats the collective forces of the enemies.

#### 36. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

बृहंस्पते परिदीया रथेन रक्षोहामित्रौं२॥ऽअपबार्धमानः । प्रभुञ्जन्त्सेनाः प्रमृणो युधा जयन्नस्माकंमेद्ध्यिता रथा-नाम् ॥३६॥

Bṛhaspate pari dīyā rathena rakṣohā 'mitrāň' apabādhamānaḥ. Prabhañjantsenāḥ pramṛṇo yudhā jayannasmākamedhyavitā rathānām.

Brihaspati, commander of the mighty army, destroyer of the wicked, repulsing the enemy, routing his force and causing havoc all round by your chariot, you come out victorious over the violent and the evil in the battle. Be the protector and defender of our chariots and the wheels of the nation's economy.

## 37. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

बलुविज्ञायः स्थिविरः प्रवीरः सहैस्वान् वाजी सहैमानऽ-उग्रः। अभिवीरोऽअभिसेत्वा सहोजा जैत्रेमिन्द्र रथमातिष्ठ गोवित् ॥३७॥

Balavijñāyaḥ sthaviraḥ pravīraḥ sahasvān vājī sahamana' ugraḥ. Abhivīro'abhisatvā sahojā jaitramindra rathamātiṣṭha govit.

Indra, expert of army management, veteran tactician, admirable soldier, steadfast and resolute fighter, man of patience and endurance, mighty and victorious, fast and terrible, hero of heroes, admiration of the great and intelligent, lustrous and powerful, honoured by the victorious, master of effective communication and reconnaissance of territory, take to your chariot and ride across the earth, over the seas and into the skies.

## 38. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

गोत्रभिदं गोविदं वर्ज्रबाहुं जयेन्त्रमञ्मे प्रमृणन्त्रमोजेसा । इमःसंजाताऽअनु वीरयध्वमिन्द्रेःसखायोऽअनु सःरभ-ध्वम् ॥३८॥

Gotrabhidam govidam vajrabāhum jayantamajma pramṛṇantamojasā. Imam sajātā'anu vīrayadhvamindram sakhāyo'anu sam rabhadhvam.

Friends, countrymen, children of mother earth, with all your might and main, follow this Indra, commander of the army, hand in hand. Join him in battle and display your valour and heroism with him who is a master of tactical code of signals and reconnaissance of enemy territory, wields the thunderbolt in hand,

breaks through the enemy lines, routs the forces, destroys the enemy and wins the battle.

#### 39. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

अभि गोत्रा<u>णि</u> सहंसा गाहंमानोऽद्यो वी्रः शतमंन्यु-रिन्द्रेः । दुश्च्यवनः पृतनाषाडयुध्योः,ऽस्माकःसेना अवतु प्र युत्सु ॥३९॥

Abhi gotrāṇi sahasā gāhamāno'dayo vīraḥ śatamanyurindraḥ. Duścyavanaḥ pṛtanāṣāḍ-ayudhyo'smākam senā avatu pra yutsu.

Indra, valiant commander, relentless warrior of a hundred fold righteous ardour, penetrating deep into enemy defences with his strength of armour, irresistible, invincible, victor of enemy forces, may direct and defend our army and lead it to victory.

# 40. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

इन्द्रेऽआसां नेता बृह्स्पतिर्दक्षिणा यज्ञः पुरऽएतु सोर्मः। देवसेनानीमभिभञ्जतीनां जर्यन्तीनां मुरुतौ युन्त्वग्रेम् ॥४०॥

Indra'āsām netā bṛhaspatirdakṣiṇā yajñaḥ pura' etu somaḥ. Devasenānāmabhibhañjatīnām jayantīnām maruto yantvagram.

The commander of those noble and enlightened armies which break down and conquer the forces of evil in life is Indra, a man of power and grandeur; he is Brihaspati, a man of grandeur, knowledge and magnanimity; he is Soma, the man of magnanimity, peace and joy; he is the candid expert on the right side of the nation; he is the clarion call for unity and progress, and he is the first among all to take the lead in advance in a crisis. At his call the Maruts, commandos of the first order, must storm the citadel of the enemy.

#### 41. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

इन्द्रेस्य वृष्णो वर्रुणस्य राज्ञऽआ<u>दि</u>त्यानी मुरुताछंशद्धीऽ-उग्रम् । मुहामेनसां भुवनच्यवानां घोषौ देवानां जर्यतामुदी-स्थात् ॥४१॥

Indrasya Vṛṣṇo varuṇasya rājña' ādityānām marutām śarddha ugram. Mahāmanasām bhuvanacyavānām ghoṣo devānām jayatāmudasthāt.

The battle cry of the bold and fierce army consisting of brilliant, stormy, magnanimous, noble and victorious soldiers of the powerful, virile and celebrated ruler should rise high to the sky shaking the enemy with fright.

### 42. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

उद्धर्षय मघवन्नायुधान्युत्सत्वेनां मामकानां मनिष्ठंसि । उद् वृत्रहन्वाजिनां वाजिनान्युद्रथीनां जयेतां यन्तु घोषीः ॥४२॥

Uddharşaya maghavannāyudhānyutsatvanām māmakānām manāňsi. Udvṛtrahan vājinām vājinānyudrathānām jayatām yantu ghoṣāḥ.

Lord of power and glory, destroyer of the darkest enemy clouds, refine and sharpen the arms and armaments of our forces, boost the morale of our soldiers, accelerate the speed and raise the fire power of our horses and rockets, and let the roar of our victorious tanks and chariots rise to the skies and rend the clouds.

# 43. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

अस्माक् मिन्द्वः समृतेषु ध्वजेष्वस्माकं याऽइषेवस्ता जेयन्तु। अस्माकं वीराऽउत्तरे भवन्त्वस्माँ २॥ऽउं देवाऽअवता हवेषु ॥४३॥ Asmākamindraḥ samṛteṣu dhvajeṣvasmākaṁ yā' isavastā jayantu. Asmākaṁ vīrā' uttare' bhavantvasmāň u devā 'avatā haveṣu.

When the flags fly high and the battle rages, may our leader and commander, Indra, and our arms and arrows be victorious. May our valiant warriors win and live happy ever after. May the noble scholars and sages and the warriors and tacticians protect us through the challenges and battles of life and life's values.

# 44. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

अमीषां चित्तं प्रतिलोभयन्ती गृहाणाङ्गान्यप्वे परेहि । अभि प्रे<u>हि</u> निर्द'ह हुत्सु शोकैरुन्धेनामित्रास्तमेसा सचन्ताम् ॥४४॥

Amīṣām cittam pratilobhayantī gṛhāṇāṅgānyapve parehi. Abhi prehi nirdaha hṛtsu śokairandhenāmitrāstamasā sacantām.

Valiant women's corps, dazzling and bewildering the mind of those enemies, engage their troops in action and overthrow them far. Advancing deep into their ranks, burn them at heart and afflict them so that they may regret and lie low covered with darkness and sorrow.

# 45. (Ishu Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

अवसृष्टा परापत् शरेव्ये ब्रह्मसःशिते । गच्छामित्रान् प्रपद्यस्व मामीषां कञ्चनोच्छिषः॥४५॥

Avasṛṣṭā parā pata śaravye brahmasamśite. Gacchāmitrān pra padyasva mā'mīṣām kancanocciṣaḥ.

Valiant women's corps, trained by the military experts of the Vedas, commanded and exhorted by the

leader, shooting like an arrow, go far and fall upon the enemies. Go deep and take them all, do not spare any one of them.

## 46. (Yoddha Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

प्रेता जर्यता नर्ऽइन्द्रौ वः शर्मी यच्छतु । उग्रा वेः सन्तु बाहवौऽनाधृष्या यथासेथ ॥४६॥

Pretā jayatā nara'indro vaḥ śarma yacchatu. Ugrā vaḥ santu bāhavo' nādhṛṣyā yathā'satha.

Valiant warriors, go, advance and win. May Indra grant you victory and joy. May your arms be strong and bold so that no one may be able to challenge you and you remain free and invincible.

## 47. (Marutah Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

असौ या सेना मरुतः परेषामुभ्यैति नुऽओर्जसा स्पर्द्ध'माना। तां गूहत् तमसापेव्रतेन यथामीऽअन्योऽअन्यन्न जानन् ॥४७॥

Asau yā senā marutaḥ pareṣāmabhyaiti na'ojasā spardhamānā. Tāṁ gūhata tamasā'pavratena yathā'mī'anyo'anyanna jānan.

Warriors, intelligent, bold and fierce, yonder is that army of the others, rivals, which marches upon us out of jealousy to surround and overcome us with all their might. Cover that with repellent smoke in utter darkness so that they may fail even to perceive each other.

### 48. (Indra Brihaspati, etc., Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

यत्रं बाणाः सम्पतन्ति कुमारा विशिखाऽईव । तन्नऽइन्द्रो बृहस्पतिरदितिः शर्मं यच्छतु विश्वाहा शर्मं यच्छतु ॥४८॥ Yatra bāṇāḥ sampatanti kumārā viśikhā'iva. Tanna'indro bṛhaspatiraditiḥ śarma yacchatu viśvāhā śarma yacchatu.

Where the arrows strike all round and young soldiers fall like children shorn of hair at play, there Indra, lord of power and glory, and Brihaspati, lord of this great world, and the Great Council of Mother Earth itself may grant us peace. May they grant us peace and well-being for all time.

# 49. (Soma Varuna Devah Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

ममीणि ते वर्मणा छादयामि सोमेस्त्वा राजामृतेनानुं-वस्ताम् । उरोर्वरीयो वर्मणस्ते कृणोतु जर्यन्तं त्वानुं देवा मेदन्तु ॥४९॥

Marmāṇi te varmanā chādayāmi somastvā rājā'mṛtenānuvastām. Urorvarīyo varuṇaste kṛṇotu jayantaṁ tvā'nu devā madantu.

Noble warrior, victorious hero, I cover your vital limbs with a protective armour. May Soma, lord of health and well-being, ruler of all, wrap you round in happiness and immortality. May Varuna, lord supreme, grant you honour greater than greatness itself. May all the noble powers of the earth bless you with joy, victorious one.

#### 50. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

उदैनमुत्तरां न्याग्नै घृतेनाहुत । रायस्पोषेण सःसृज प्रजयां च बहुं कृधि ॥५०॥

Udenamuttarām nayāgne ghṛtenāhuta. Rāyaspoṣeṇa sam sṛja prajayā ca bahum kṛdhi.

Agni, lord of life and progress, invoked and

worshipped with libations of ghee and fragrant materials, take this yajamana, ruler, victor, to higher and higher states of honour and glory. Bless him with the wealth of life and good health. Let him rise and grow with a good family and noble children.

#### 51. (Indra Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

इन्द्रेमं प्रेत्रां नेय सजातानीमसद्धशी । समेनुं वर्चीसा सृज देवानी भागुदाऽअसत् ॥५१॥

Indremam pratarām naya sajātānāmasadvasī. Samenam varcasā sṛja devānām bhāgadā'asat.

Indra, lord of power and glory, take this warrior victor to that high state of ethics and policy whereby he may rise to organise, control and rule over his fellow citizens, children of the mother land. Bless him with the light and lustre of life and learning so that he is able to do his duty to the noble people, powers of nature and God.

# 52. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

यस्यं कुर्मो गृहे हृविस्तमंग्ने वर्द्धया त्वम् । तस्मै देवाऽअधि ब्रुवन्नयं च ब्रह्मणस्पतिः॥५२॥

Yasya kurmo gṛhe havistamagne vardhayā tvam. Tasmai devā'adhi bruvannayaṁ ca brahmaṇaspatiḥ.

Agni, lord of light and learning, lead the man in whose home we perform the yajna to the high road of progress and prosperity. Let the noblest people speak high of him and to him. And so may this scholar of the Vedas speak to him and about him.

### 53. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

उद् त्वा विश्वे देवाऽअग्ने भरंन्तु चित्तिभिः। स नौ भव <u>शि</u>वस्त्वःसुप्रतीको <u>वि</u>भावेसुः॥५३॥

Udu tvā viśve devā'agne bharantu cittibhiḥ. Sa no bhava śivastvam supratīko vibhāvasuḥ.

Agni, lord of power and glory, may all the noble people of the land with their heart and soul accept, approve, support and raise you to the heights. And you too, so high and noble, a very image of nobility and magnanimity, be good and kind to us.

### 54. (Disha directions Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

पञ्च दिशो दैवीर्य्ज्ञमेवन्तु देवीरपामितं दुर्मितं बार्धमानाः। रायस्पोषे युज्ञपेतिमाभजेन्ती रायस्पोषेऽअधि युज्ञोऽ-अस्थात् ॥५४॥

Pañca diśo daivīryajñamavantu devīrapāmatim durmatim bādhamānāḥ. Rayaspoṣe yajñapatimābhajantī rāyaspoṣe'adhi yajño'asthāt.

May all the five directions of space replete with the celestial generosity of nature protect and promote yajna. May the intelligent and pious women, brahmacharinis and wives of saints and scholars, preventing and dispelling ignorance and evil genius, supporting and serving the yajnapati in the growth of health and wealth, protect and promote yajna in the household.

May the yajna and the household be established in good health, wealth and progress in well-being.

#### 55. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

सिमद्धेऽअग्नाविधे मामहानऽउक्थपेत्रऽईड्यो गृभीतः। तुप्तं घुर्मं परिगृह्यायजन्तोुर्जा यद्यज्ञमयंजन्त देवाः ॥५५॥

Samiddhe'agnāvadhi māmahāna'ukthapatra' īḍyo gṛbhītaḥ. Taptaṁ gharmaṁ parigṛhyāyajantorjā yadyajñamayajanta devāḥ.

That yajna, adorable, praiseworthy, flying high on the wings of Vaidic verses, accepted and honoured of yore, which the ancient sages performed with libations of boiled ghee into the flaming fire, that same yajna, noble people, you also accept and perform with the same devotion and enthusiasm.

### 56. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

दैव्याय धुर्त्रे जोष्ट्रे देवश्रीः श्रीमेनाः शतपयाः । पुरिगृह्ये देवा युज्ञमीयन् देवा देवेभ्यौऽअध्वर्यन्तौऽअस्थुः ॥५६॥

Daivyāya dhartre joṣṭre devaśrīḥ śrīmanāḥ śatapayāḥ. Parigṛhya devā yajñamāyan devā devebhyo'adhvaryanto'asthuḥ.

Noble people sit with the noble people round the fire, performing yajna for the noble people in honour of the divine powers.

Let the noble people take to the noble yajamana, a man endowed with wealth of virtue, generosity of heart and plenty of sumptuous food and drink, and let them perform the yajna in honour of the heavenly lord, sustainer of the world and loving father of his children.

# 57. (Yajna Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

वीतः हिवः शिमितः शिमिता यजध्यै तुरीयौ यज्ञो यत्रे ह्व्यमेति। ततौ वाकाऽआशिषौ नो जुषन्ताम् ॥५७॥ Vītam haviḥ śamitam śamitā yajadhyai tūrīyo yajño yatra havyameti. Tato vākā'āśiṣo no juṣantām.

The dynamic and blissful libations of fragrant materials, offered by the peace-loving yajamana into the yajna fire for the highest yajna of the fourth (turiya) order where the libations ultimately reach, from there the Vaidic voices and the blessings of yajna come and reach us.

# 58. (Agni Devata, Apratiratha Ŗshi)

सूर्यर<u>िश्म</u>र्हरिकेशः पुरस्तात्स<u>वि</u>ता ज्यो<u>ति</u>रुदेयाँ २॥ऽअजेस्त्रम्। तस्ये पूषा प्रेस्ववे याति <u>वि</u>द्वान्त्सम्पश्यन्विश्वा भुवेनानि गोपाः॥५८॥

Sūryaraśmirharikeśaḥ purastātsavitā jyotirudayāň' ajasram. Tasya pūṣā prasave yāti vidvāntsampaśyan viśvā bhuvanāni gopāḥ.

Savita, lord creator, clothed in sun-rays, radiating the golden-green emanations (waves) of light is the light that arose at the dawn of creation. Lord omniscient, protector and sustainer, He goes on and on watching the worlds of existence.

In His creation, the man of science too goes on watching and watching, collecting the endless light of knowledge about the worlds of the universe.

#### 59. (Aditya Devata, Vishvavasu Rshi)

विमानेऽएष <u>दि</u>वो मध्येऽआस्तऽआप<u>प्रि</u>वात्रोदंसीऽ-अन्तरिक्षम् । स <u>वि</u>श्वाचीर्भिचेष्टे घृताचीरन्तरा पूर्वमपेरं च केतुम् ॥५९॥ Vimāna'eṣa divo madhya'āsta'āpaprivān rodasī' antarikṣam. Sa viśvācīrabhicaṣṭe ghṛtācīrantarā pūrvamaparaṁ ca ketum.

This sun, traversing like a divine car, remains in the midst of the regions of light and illuminates the heaven, the earth and the sky. It is the sustainer of the world, source treasure of waters, and watches and illuminates before, after and in-between (past, present and future).

### 60. (Aditya Devata, Apratiratha Rshi)

उक्षा संमुद्रोऽअंकृणः सुंपूर्णः पूर्वं'स्य योनिं <u>पितु</u>राविवेश । मध्ये <u>दि</u>वो निहितः पृ<u>ष्टिन</u>रश्मा विचेक्रमे रजसस्पा-त्यन्तौ ॥६०॥

Ukṣā samudro'aruṇaḥ suparṇaḥ pūrvasya yonim piturā viveśa. Madhye divo nihitaḥ pṛśniraśmā vi cakrame rajasaspātyantau.

The sun, seminal fertilizer of life, ocean of spatial waters, scarlet red at dawn, lord of manifold splendour, illuminator of the firmament, sustained in the midst of heaven, travels in space sustaining and binding the ends of the spheres and moving towards the womb of its original mother, eternal energy, from whence it came into being.

# 61. (Indra Devata, Madhuchhanda Sutajeta Ŗshi)

इन्द्रं विश्वोऽअवीवृधन्समुद्रव्येचसुं गिरेः। रुथीतेमःरुथीनां वाजोनाुश्ंसत्प<u>तिं</u> पतिम् ॥६१॥

Indram viśvā'avīvṛdhantsamudravyacasam giraḥ. Rathītamam rathīnām vājānām satpatim patim.

Wider than oceans of space, supreme over the commanding and blissful powers of existence, lord sustainer of the universal energies and nourishments, lord ordainer of the truth and reality of the world and Himself the supreme reality, all the voices of nature, humanity and divinity celebrate the only one omnipotent sovereign power, Indra.

#### 62. (Yajna Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

देवहूर्यज्ञऽआ चे वक्षत्सुम्नुहूर्यज्ञऽआ चे वक्षत् । यक्षदुग्निर्देवो देवाँ२॥ऽआ चे वक्षत् ॥६२॥

Devahūryajña'ā ca vakṣat sumnahūryajña'ā ca vakṣat. Yakṣadagnirdevo devāň'ā ca vakṣat.

Yajna is the divine power which calls forth the noblest powers and people to the congregation. May it raise the voice of truth and give us the divine message and save us from untruth. Yajna stimulates life with pleasure and well-being. May it inspire us with pleasure and well-being. The fire of yajna and the lord of light feeds the powers of nature. May it augment and enrich the treasures of the environment and bless us with the same divine gifts.

#### 63. (Indra Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

वार्जस्य मा प्रस्वऽर्उद्ग्राभेणोर्दग्रभीत् । अर्धा सुपत्नानिन्द्रौ मे निग्राभेणार्धराँ२॥ऽअकः॥६३॥

Vājasya mā prasava'udgrābheņodagrabhīt. Adhā sapatnānindro me nigrābheņādharāň' akah.

May Indra, lord creator of nourishment and energy and giver of knowledge, elevate me to the heights of virtue with inspiration and ambition. And may he, for me, devalue the negative forces of jealousy and enmity with depression to the lowest depths towards elimination.

## 64. (Indragni Devate, Vidhriti Ŗshi)

उद्ग्राभं चे निग्राभं च ब्रह्मं देवाऽअवीवृधन् । अधां सुपत्नानिन्द्राग्नी में विषुचीनाुन्व्यस्यताम् ॥६४॥

Udgrābham ca nigrābham ca brahma devā' avīvṛdhan. Adhā sapatnānindrāgnī me viṣūcīnān vyasyatām.

May the powers of life strengthen and expand our capacity to rise high, and our capability to resist depression toward the fall. And may Indra, divine power, and Agni, divine light, throw out far off our dispersive tendencies and our jealousies and enmities.

#### 65. (Agni Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

क्रमध्वम्गिनना नाकमुख्यश्हस्तेषु बिभ्रेतः। <u>दि</u>वस्पृष्ठश्स्वेर्गृत्वा <u>मि</u>श्रा देवेभिराध्वम् ॥६५॥

Kramadhvamagninā nākamukhyam hasteṣu bibhrataḥ. Divaspṛṣṭham svargatvā miśrā devebhirādhvam.

By virtue of Agni, lord of knowledge, light and energy, act and rise to the heights of joy, holding the gifts of yajna in your hands. In the company of the noblest people, favoured by the generous powers of nature, reach the heavens of bliss and establish yourselves in the regions of light.

### 66. (Agni Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

प्राचीमनुं प्रदिशं प्रेहिं विद्वानुग्नेरंग्ने पुरोऽअंग्निर्भवेह । विश्वाऽआशा दीद्यांनो वि भाह्यूर्जं नो धेहि द्विपदे चतुष्पदे ॥६६॥

Prācīmanu pradiśam prehi vidvānagneragne puro' agnirbhaveha. Viśva'āśā dīdyāno vi bhāhyūrjam no dhehi dvipade catuṣpade.

Agni, man of knowledge and power, go ahead and move eastward to the rising sun. In front of Agni, lord of light and power, be agni yourself, a brilliant man of the front rank here and now. Shine, and around yourself illuminate the environment and create food and energy for our fellow humans and our animals.

### 67. (Agni Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअहमुद्-तरिक्षुमार्रुहम्नतरिक्षादिवमार्रुहम्। दिवो नाकस्य पृष्ठात् स्वज्योतिरगामुहम् ॥६७॥

Pṛthivyā'ahamudantarikṣamāruham antarikṣāddivamāruham. Divo nākasya pṛṣṭhāt svarjyotiragāmaham.

(With the knowledge of science and the discipline of yoga) I rise from the earth to the skies. From the skies, I rise to the regions of light, the sun. From the regions of the sun, lord of life and joy, I rise to the heavens, the regions of eternal bliss and light divine.

### 68. (Agni Devata, Vidhriti Rshi)

स्वर्यन्तो नापेक्षन्तऽआ द्याछंरोहन्ति रोदंसी । यज्ञं ये विश्वतोधारुःसुविद्वाछंसो वितेनिरे ॥६८॥

Svaryanto nāpekṣanta'ā dyām rohanti rodasī. Yajnam ye viśvatodhāram suvidvāmso vitenire. Those virtuous men of knowledge who perform yajna and expand it, yajna which sustains the whole world, they expect nothing of the material world and, through yoga, rise above the earth and heaven and ascend to the regions of bliss and light divine.

### 69. (Agni Devata, Vidhriti Ŗshi)

अग्ने प्रेहि प्रथमो देवयतां चक्षुर्देवानामुत मर्त्यीनाम् । इयेक्षमाणाः भृगुभिः सजोषाः स्वर्यन्तु यर्जमानाः स्वस्ति॥६९॥

Agne prehi prathamo devayatām cakṣurdevānāmuta martyānām. Iyakṣamāṇā bhṛgubhiḥ sajoṣāḥ svaryantu yajamānāḥ svasti.

Agni, man of knowledge and yajna, you are the first among men on way to godliness. You are the eye for the average humans as you have the vision of the men of divinity.

May the people of faith and love full of devotion dedicated to yajna and performing yajna with men of knowledge and vision of divinity enjoy peace and happiness and ascend to the heaven of bliss and life divine.

# 70. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

नक्तोषासा समेनसा विरूपे धापयेते शिशुमेकेश्समीची । द्यावाक्षामा रुक्मोऽअन्तर्विभाति देवाऽअग्नि धारयन् द्रविणोदाः ॥७०॥

Naktoṣāsā samanasā virūpe dhāpayete śiśumekam samīcī. Dyāvākṣāmā rukmo' antarvibhāti devā'agnim dhārayan draviņodāḥ.

Just as the mother and the nurse, different of character and status but of equal mind and common purpose, nurse one baby, so do the night and dawn, different in form as darkness and light but harmonious and equal of purpose, nurse one new born, the sun, Agni. The brilliant sun blazes between the earth and heaven as the source of light and symbol of cosmic yajna. Dedicated people who offer libations of holy materials sustain the yajna fire in honour of cosmic Agni for light and nourishment.

### 71. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

अग्ने सहस्राक्ष शतमूर्द्धञ्छ्तं ते प्राणाः सहस्रं व्यानाः । त्वश्साहस्त्रस्य रायऽई'शिषे तस्मै ते विधेम् वाजीय स्वाहो ॥७१॥

Agne sahasrākṣa śatamūrdhañchataṁ te prāṇāḥ sahasraṁ vyānāḥ. Tvam sāhasrasya rāya īśiṣe tasmai te vidhema vājāya svāhā.

Agni, lord of a thousand eyes and hundred heads, hundred fold are your pranic energies of life, thousand-fold are your energies of action and volition in living beings and in nature. Thousand-fold is the wealth of the world you create and govern. To this generous lord of life and energy we offer our homage with libations into the fire with total dedication, without reservation.

# 72. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

सुपुर्णोऽसि गुरुत्मीन् पृष्ठे पृ<u>ष्</u>विव्याः सीद । भासान्तरिक्ष्मापृण् ज्योतिषा दिवमुत्तभान् तेजेसा दिश्ऽउद्दृश्ह ॥७२॥

Suparņo'si garutmān pṛṣṭhe pṛthivyāḥ sīda. Bhāsā'ntarikṣamā pṛṇa jyotiṣā divamuttabhāna tejasā diśa'uddṛňha.

Agni, lord of light and life, magnanimous of nature, settle on the face of the earth and bless it with

life. Fill the sky with light. Illuminate the heaven with light and glory. Enrich the directions of space with life and splendour.

# 73. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

आजुह्वीनः सुप्रतीकः पुरस्तादग्ने स्वं यो<u>नि</u>मासीद साधुया। अस्मिन्स्धस्थेऽअध्युत्तर<u>स्मि</u>न् विश्वे देवा यर्जमानश्च सीदत ॥७३॥

Ājuhvānaḥ supratīkaḥ purastādagne svaṁ yonimāsīda sādhuyā. Asmintsadhasthe' adhyuttarasmin viśve devā yajamānaśca sīdata.

Agni, lord of light and life, invoked and invited in yajna, splendid and gracious in form, come and settle in your own seat in front, in the east. The yajamana and all the noble souls may sit and grace this home now as well as later. May Agni shower divine grace upon us, the yajamana, and all the noble souls in this life and hereafter.

# 74. (Savita Devata, Kanva Ŗshi)

ताथंस<u>िवतुर्वरेणयस्य चित्रामाहं</u> वृणे सुमृतिं <u>वि</u>श्वजन्याम्। यामस्य कण्वो अदुहृत्प्रपीनाथंसहस्त्रधारां पर्यसा मृहीं गाम् ॥७४॥

Tām saviturvareņyasya citrāmā'ham vṛṇe sumatim viśvajanyām. Yāmasya kaṇvo aduhatprapīnām sahasradhārām payasā mahīm gām.

I dedicate myself to this chosen Lord Savita's rich, generous and wonderful divine intelligence which gives a thousand showers of universal knowledge and which the man of vision distils from the mother knowledge of the Vedas just like milk from the great mother cow.

# 75. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

विधेमं ते पर्मे जन्मन्नग्ने विधेम् स्तोमैरवरे स्थस्थे । यस्माद्योनेरुदारिथा यजे तं प्र त्वे ह्वीछंषि जुहुरे समिद्धे ॥७५॥

Vidhema te parame janmannagne vidhema stomairavare sadhasthe. Yasmādyonerudārithā yaje tam pra tve havīňṣi juhure samiddhe.

Agni, supreme of manifestation in the highest region of existence, we honour and worship you. In this world, in this home, this side of that supreme region we celebrate and worship you. The place you emerge from, and the state whence you arise, we sanctify and love to join. And when you are ablaze in flames of glory, we offer fragrant libations in honour and homage to you.

### 76. (Agni Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रेद्धौऽअग्ने दीदिहि पुरो नोऽर्जस्त्रया सूर्म्या यविष्ठ । त्वाछंशश्वेन्तुऽउपयन्ति वार्जाः ॥७६॥

Preddho agne dīdihi puro no' jasrayā sūrmyā yaviṣṭha. Tvām śaśvanta'upayanti vājāḥ.

Agni, brilliant and most youthful power, arise in flames and blaze with incessant waves of light right in front of us. And may a perpetual line of worshipful devotees and a continuous flow of fragrant food come to you in homage.

# 77. (Agni Devata, Parameshthi Rshi)

अग्ने तम्द्याश्वन्न स्तोमैः क्रतुन्न भृद्रःहि<u>दि</u>स्पृशीम् । ऋध्यामी तऽओहैः ॥७७॥

Agne tamadyāśvanna stomaiḥ kratunna bhadram hṛdispṛśam. Ŗdhyāmā ta'ohaiḥ.

Agni, like a beautiful horse, like a darling ambition nursed in the heart, like a blissful yajna sustained with holy chants, we celebrate you in the fire and perpetuate you with homage, and we pray we too may advance in life and virtue.

#### 78. (Vishvakarma Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

चित्तिं जुहो<u>मि</u> मनेसा घृतेन् यथां देवाऽ<u>इ</u>हागमेन्वीति-होत्राऽऋतावृधः। पत्ये विश्वस्य भूमेनो जुहोमि <u>वि</u>श्वकर्मणे <u>वि</u>श्वाहादाभ्यःहविः ॥७८॥

Cittim juhomi manasā ghṛtena yathā devā' ihāgaman vītihotrā'ṛtāvṛdhaḥ. Patye viśvasya bhūmano juhomi viśvakarmaṇe viśvāhā' dābhyam haviḥ.

With concentrated mind and thought I offer homage to Agni with libations in the fire, so that the noblest people, lovers of yajna and promoters of truth, come here (and join in homage for advancement. And in company) every day I offer sacred and intrepidable libations of havi to Vishvakarma, lord maker and sustainer of the great good universe.

# 79. (Agni Devata, Saptarshi Rshis)

सप्त तेंऽअग्ने समिर्धः सप्त जिह्नाः सप्तऽऋषेयः सप्त धार्म प्रियाणि । सप्त होत्राः सप्तधा त्वां यजन्ति सप्त योनी्रापृणस्व घृतेनु स्वाहां ॥७९॥

Sapta te'agne samidhaḥ sapta jihvāḥ sapta' ṛṣayaḥ sapta dhāma priyāṇi. Sapta hotrāḥ saptadhā tvā yajanti sapta yonīrā pṛṇasva ghṛtena svāhā.

Agni, seven are the samidhas (sticks of sacred

fuel) whereby you rise and shine. Seven are your tongues of flame whereby you devour the food. Seven are the Rishis, visionaries of knowledge and piety who invoke you for homage. Seven are your darling places, contexts, wherein you love to shine and play. Seven are the priests who seven-ways do homage and seven-fold extend your blessings. Seven are the places, vedis, where from you manifest and grow. Fill all these places with ghee and your blessings, grow and prosper and let us too grow and prosper. This is the divine voice.

# 80. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshis Rshis)

शुक्रज्योतिश्च <u>चि</u>त्रज्योतिश्च सृत्यज्योतिश्च ज्योति-ष्माँश्च । शुक्रश्चेऽऋतुपाश्चात्येःहाः ॥८०॥

Śukrajyotiśca citrajyotiśca satyajyotiśca jyotismāńśca. Śukraśca 'rtapāścātyamhāḥ.

Lord of pure light, and lord of wondrous light, and lord of the light of truth, and lord of light and the lord light itself, lord pure and immaculate, and the lord protector of truth, the Law and the cosmic yajna of existence and the lord sinless of infinite virtue is He.

(May the Maruts, heroes of the speed of lightning, grace our yajna).

# 81. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshi Rshis)

ई्दुङ् चन्यादुङ् चे सदुङ् च प्रतिसदृङ् च । मितश्च सम्मितश्च सभराः ॥८१॥

Īdṛṅ cānyādṛṅ ca sadṛṅ ca pratisadṛṅ ca. Mitaśca sammitaśca sabharāḥ.

Men of single vision, men of others' (objective) vision, men of comprehensive vision, men of discreet

vision, men of measure, men measured around by all, and men who support and sustain all — they are the men, they are the Maruts who succeed at top speed.

#### 82. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshis Rshis)

ऋतश्चे सत्यश्चे ध्रुवश्चे ध्रुरुणेश्च । धृर्ता चे विधुर्ता चे विधार्यः॥८२॥

Rtaśca satyaśca dhruvaśca dharuṇaśca. Dhartā ca vidhartā ca vidhārayaḥ.

The man of the knowledge of truth and law, the man of reality dedicated to truth, the man stable and steadfast, the man support-column of the stable and steadfast, the man who bears and forbears, the man who bears and forbears the variety of reality, and the man of versatility who faces all and bears all in a variety of ways — this man is one of the Maruts who move at top speed.

# 83. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshi Rshis)

ऋतुजिच्चे सत्यजिच्चे सेनुजिच्चे सुषेणेश्च । अन्तिमित्रश्च दूरेऽअमित्रश्च गुणः॥८३॥

Retajicca satyajicca senajicca susenaśca. Antimitraśca dūre 'amitraśca ganah.

The man master of the Law and reality, master of the truth of reality, master of his forces, the man with close friends around and the man whose enemies are few and far — this is the man, one of the Maruts, who wins at top speed, with his comrades.

### 84. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshis Rshis)

र्डुदृक्षांसऽएतादृक्षांसऽऊ षु णेः सदृक्षांसः प्रतिसदृक्षासऽ-एतेन । मितासंश्च सम्मितासो नोऽअद्य सर्थरसो मरुतो युज्ञेऽअस्मिन् ॥८४॥

Idṛkṣāsa'etādṛkṣāsa'ū ṣu ṇaḥ sadṛkṣāsaḥ pratisadṛkṣāsa'etana. Mitāsaśca sammitāso no'adya sabharaso maruto yajñe'asmin.

Men of this character and vision, men of similar character and vision, men of comprehensive character and vision, men of equal character and vision for everyone, men of balanced mind and men of definiteness and ascertainment in all matters — these are the Maruts among humanity who may, to-day, come and join this yajna of ours.

### 85. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshi Rshis)

स्वतंवाँश्च प्रघासी चे सान्तपुनश्चे गृहमेधी चे । क्रीडी चे शाकी चौज्जेषी ॥८५॥

Svatavāňsca praghāsī ca sāntapanasca gṛhamedhī ca. Krīḍī ca śākī cojjeṣī.

The man inherently valiant and firmly rooted, who maintains good health with nourishments, who endures and gives a hot pursuit to the enemy, who is dedicated to the home, who loves sports, is powerful, and who is ambitious to win, such a man is Marut, a live wire. May the Maruts join our yajna.

#### 86. (Maruts Devata, Saptarshis Rshis)

इन्द्वं दैवीिर्विशो मुरुतोऽनुंवर्त्मानोऽभवन्यथेन्द्वं दैवीिर्विशो मुरुतोऽनुंवर्त्मानोऽभवन् । एविमिमं यजमानं दैवीश्च विशो मानुषीश्चानुंवर्त्मानो भवन्तु ॥८६॥ Indram daivīrvišo maruto'nuvartmāno'bhavan yathendram daivīrvišo maruto'nuvartmāno'bhavan. Evamimam yajamānam daivīšca višo mānuṣīścānuvartmāno bhavantu.

The noble scholars of virtue and wisdom, the distinguished citizens and the smartest warriors should follow Indra, in the manner in which all noble scholars, noble citizens and smart warriors ought to follow Indra, the ruler of the land.

All the noble scholars, noble citizens and the smartest warriors should follow Indra, the ruler of the universe.

Similarly all the noble scholars, distinguished citizens and the average people should follow this yajamana.

(The ruler too should act and behave in a noble manner so that all the noble scholars, distinguished citizens and the average people follow him spontaneously and faithfully.)

#### 87. (Agni Devata, Saptarshis Rshis)

ड्रमःस्तन्मूर्जंस्वन्तं धयापां प्रपीनमग्ने सिर्रस्य मध्ये । उत्सं जुषस्व मधुमन्तमर्वन्त्समुद्रियःसदेनुमाविशस्व ॥८७॥

Imam stanamūrjasvantam dhayāpām prapīnamagne sarirasya madhye. Utsam juṣasva madhumantamarvantsamudriyam sadanamāviśasva.

Agni, lord of light and power, in the midst of this world, drink of this nature's motherly breast of energy replete with the nectar of life. Foremost among the fastest heroes, drink deep at this fountain head of honey-

sweets. Enter this oceanic house of yajna, (expand and go round the world).

### 88. (Agni Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

घृतं मिमिक्षे घृतमस्य योनिर्घृते श्चितो घृतम्वस्य धामे । अनुष्वधमावह मादयस्व स्वाहाकृतं वृषभ विक्ष ह्व्यम् ॥८८॥

Ghṛtaṁ mimikṣe ghṛtamasya yonirghṛte śrito ghṛtamvasya dhāma. Anuṣvadhamāvaha mādayasva svāhākṛtaṁ vṛṣabha vakṣi havyam.

I wish to mix and go deep into water/ghee for offering it into the fire. Fire arises from water/ghee, which is its birth-place. It is latent in water/ghee. Water/ghee is its place of rest. Prepare the materials for the libation and call up Agni. Generous power of rain shower, prepare the materials for the offering and make us all rejoice. (The indication is to prepare the waters and produce fire/energy from this rich source.)

### 89. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

समुद्रादृर्मिर्मधुमाँ२॥ऽ उदोर्दुपाछंशुना समेमृत्तत्वमीनट्। घृतस्य नाम् गुह्यं यदस्ति जिह्वा देवानीम्मृतस्य नाभिः॥८९

Samudrādūrmirmadhumāň'udāradupāmśunā samamṛtatvamānat. Ghṛtasya nāma guhyam yadasti jihvā devānāmamṛtasya nābhiḥ.

Honey waves of energy arise from the sea/vedi and, mixing with the rays of the sun, ascend to a state of divine vitality. These rising waves are tongues of the gods (divine powers of nature), and the central birth-place of nectar. These are the mystical names of the mysterious but still scientific powers of ghrta/the sea through the process of yajna.

#### 90. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

वयं नाम् प्रब्नेवामा घृतस्यास्मिन् युज्ञे धौरयामा नमीभिः । उपं ब्रह्मा शृणवच्छस्यमोनं चर्तुःशृङ्गोऽवमीद् गौरऽ-एतत् ॥९०॥

Vayam nāma pra bravāmā ghṛtasyāsmin yajñe dhārayāmā namobhiḥ. Upa brahmā śṛṇavacchasyamānam catuḥṣṛṅgo'vamīd gaura'etat.

In this yajna we chant and meditate upon the mystical name of 'yajna', of ghee, waters and the spirit of fertility, and with all reverence, salutations, faith and holy offerings, observe, perform and internalize yajna as name and as the creative act that it is. May Brahma, the presiding priest, man of the Vedas and generous teacher, hear the celebrated name and expound its meaning and value to others.

# 91. (Yajna Purusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

चत्वा<u>रि</u> शृङ्<u>का</u> त्रयोऽअस्य पादा द्वे शीर्षे सप्त हस्तांसोऽअस्य। त्रिधा बद्धो वृष्भो रौरवीति महो देवो मर्त्याँ२॥ऽ आविवेश॥९१॥

Catvāri śṛṅgā trayo'asya pādā dve śirṣe sapta hastāso'asya. Tridhā baddho vṛṣabho roravīti maho devo martyāň'ā viveśa.

(i). Yajna is a purusha, a living person, a metaphor. Just as a person is a living human being, and he/she has a name which is identical with the person, so is yajna, a living act and a name, and the name-word is identical with the act. (1) This person, the living act of yajna, has four heads, the four Vedas. It has three legs/sessions: morning, mid-day and evening. It has two heads, the prayaniya ceremony (inauguration), and the udayaniya

ceremony (valediction or conclusion). It has seven arms in the form of seven chhandas, gayatri and other metres. It is tied three-ways, structured in three parts: Mantra, the original vedic texts, Brahmana, expositions containing rules and explanations, and kalpa, rules of ritual performance. It is Vrishabha, that which showers joy and prosperity. It roars with the voice of the Vedas. It is great, it is brilliant and divine, and it is seated in the deepest layers of the human mind.

(ii). Now the name 'Yajna', the word in language: It has four heads: Nama, nouns or substantives, Akhyata, the roots and verbs, Upasarga, the affixes, and Nipata, particles, indeclinables and irregulars. It has three legs: past, present and future tenses. It has two heads: the eternal Word and the structured words of language in use, and the word and its meaning (signification). It has seven arms: the seven cases and case endings or case forms. It is tied three ways: in the mind/intellect, in the chest, and in the throat/mouth. It is a Vrishabha, it showers the thoughts and emotions in communication, and it roars through the medium of sound. It is great, it is rich and brilliant and it is seated in the deepest layers of the human mind.

(This mantra gives a comprehensive abstract of the linguistic structure of any language, and on the basis of this abstract a universal grammar of human language, any form of it, can be written.)

### 92. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

त्रिधा हितं पणिभिर्गुह्यमानं गवि देवासौ घृतमन्वे-विन्दन् । इन्द्रऽएकः सूर्ये एक्रज्जजान वेनादेके श्ख्यधया निष्टतक्षः॥९२॥ Tridhā hitam paṇibhirguhyamānam gavi devāso ghṛtamanvavindan. Indra' ekam sūrya' ekam jajāna venādekam svadhayā niṣṭatakṣuḥ.

The mystique of yajna/ghee/waters, three-way hidden and three-way studied in quietude by knowledgeable people, the visionaries sought and found it in the cow, the Veda and nature. One was found and revealed by Indra, specialist of electric energy, one by the specialist of solar energy, and one was received from the scholars of the Vedas and enacted with oblations by the devotees of yajna.

### 93. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

एताऽअर्ष<u>न्ति</u> हृद्योत्समुद्राच्छ्तत्रेजा <u>रि</u>पुणा नाव्**चक्षे ।** घृतस्य धारोऽअभिचोकशीमि हिर्ण्ययो वेत्सो मध्येऽ-आसाम् ॥९३॥

Etā'arṣanti hṛdyāt samudrācchatavrajā ripuṇā nāvacakṣe. Ghṛtasya dhārā'abhicākaśīmi hiraṇyayo vetaso madhya'āsām.

These waves of cosmic energy, these vibrations of the cosmic boom of the Word, issue from the oceanic depths of the Eternal Mind. In countless streams they flow all round, not even an enemy can deny them. And I, a soul wrapped in golden hue, stand in the midst of these waves like a reed and feel the power and the beatitude blowing through me.

### 94. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

सम्यक् स्रवन्ति स्रितो न धेनाऽअन्तर्ह्दा मनसा पूयमानाः। एतेऽअर्षन्त्यूर्मयौ घृतस्य मृगाऽईव क्षिपुणोरीषमाणाः ॥९४॥

Samyak sravanti sarito na dhenā'antarhṛdā manasā pūyamānāḥ. Ete'arṣantyūrmayo ghṛtasya mṛgā'iva kṣipaṇorīṣamāṇāḥ. These waves of divine energy, vibrations of the divine voice issue forth from yajna and, purified by the mind in faith, flow serene and quiet like streams through the heart within, away from the fluctuations of the outer world, as deer fly away from the fear of a tiger/hunter.

# 95. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

सिन्धौरिव प्राध्वने शूंघनाशो वार्तप्रमियः पतयन्ति यहाः। घृतस्य धार्राऽअरुषो न वाजी काष्ठी <u>भि</u>न्दन्नूर्मि<u>भिः</u> पिन्वमानः॥९५॥

Sindhoriva prādhvane śūghanāśo vātapramiyaḥ patayanti yahvāḥ. Ghṛtasya dhārā'aruṣo na vājī kāṣṭhā bhindannūrmibhiḥ pinvamānaḥ.

The mighty streams of ghrita, waves of cosmic energy and vibrations of yajnic voice, issue forth (from the divine) and flow incessantly (into the universe) as the turbulent streams of a river blown upon by the wind hasten through their course and fall into the sea, or, as a fearless troop of horse breaking through the enemy defences goes forth to victory winning over the field with the speed of its motion in the heat of action.

#### 96. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अभिप्रेवन्त समेनेव योषीः कल्याण्यः स्मर्यमानासोऽ-अग्निम् । घृतस्य धारीः समिधौ नसन्त ता जुषाणो हर्यति जातवैदाः ॥९६॥

Abhi pravanta samaneva yoṣāḥ kalyāṇyaḥ smayamānāso'agnim. Ghṛtasya dhārāḥ samidho nasanta tā juṣāṇo haryati jātavedāḥ.

Just like young women of equal mind and pleasing, noble and generous, smiling in festive mood, the streams of ghrita (ghee) flow from all round and join Agni to feed the holy fuel. And Agni, pleased with the offering, blazes with heat and light.

So do the waves of energy and the vibrations of the divine voice of yajna meet the dedicated man who happily receives them and shines with the light of knowledge.

#### 97. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

क्-न्याऽइव वहृतुमेत्वाऽउऽअञ्ज्यञ्जानाऽअभिचाक-शीमि । यत्र सोर्मः सूयते यत्रे युज्ञो घृतस्य धाराऽअभि तत्पवन्ते ॥९७॥

Kanyā'iva vahatumetavā'u añjyañjānā'abhi cākaśīmi. Yatra somaḥ sūyate yatra yajño ghṛtasya dhārā'abhi tat pavante.

Just as a lovely maiden dressed in luxurious finery at her wedding goes to meet her groom, so do the streams of ghrita flow from all sides to meet Agni where yajna is performed and soma is generated for the light and energy of life.

I perceive the flow of light and energy and I feel blest.

### 98. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

अभ्यूर्षत सुष्टुतिं गर्व्यमाजिमस्मासुं भुद्रा द्रविणानि धत्त । इमं युज्ञं नेयत देवता नो घृतस्य धारा मधुमत्पवन्ते ॥९८॥

Abhyarṣata suṣṭutiṁ gavyamājimasmāsu bhadrā draviṇāni dhatta. Imaṁ yajñaṁ nayata devatā no ghṛtasya dhārā madhumat pavante.

Powers of Divinity, bless us with creditable praise, plenty of food and drink and knowledge, and victory in the battles of life. Bless us with auspicious and excellent wealths of the world. Carry this yajna of ours to a noble finale. Let the honey streams of ghrita

flow to Agni in our homes.

### 99. (YajnaPurusha Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

धार्मन्ते विश्वं भुवेनमधि <u>श्</u>रितम्न्तः संमुद्गे हृद्युन्तरायुषि । अपामनीके स<u>िम</u>थे यऽआभृतस्तमेश्याम् मधुमन्तं तऽ-ऊर्मिम् ॥९९॥

Dhāmam te viśvam bhuvanamadhi śritamantaḥ samudre hṛdyantarāyuṣi. Apāmanīke samithe ya' ābhṛtastamaśyāma madhumantam ta'ūrmim.

Yajna Purusha, Agni, Lord of the universe, in your domain, under your law and power rests the entire world of existence. In this domain, whatever is contained in the oceans of space, in the splendour of the skies, in the heart, in life, in yajna, to that we may attain. May we have the taste of the honey-sweets of that cosmic yajna, may we have the feel of that universal energy.

इति सप्तदशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XVIII

#### 1. (Agni Devata, Devas Rshis)

वार्जश्च मे प्रस्वश्चं में प्रयंतिश्च में प्रसितिश्च में धीतिश्चं में क्रतुश्च में स्वरंश्च में श्लोकंश्च में श्रवश्चं में श्रुतिश्च में ज्योतिश्च में स्वश्च में युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥१॥

Vājaśca me prasavaśca me prayatiśca me prasitiśca me dhītiśca me kratuśca me svaraśca me ślokaśca me śravaśca me śrutiśca me jyotiśca me svaśca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yajna, by the Grace of God, by virtue of our joint action, by virtue of my own performance: food is mine and energy is mine; prosperity is mine and the way to prosperity is mine; effort is mine and the will to effort is mine; management is mine and preservation is mine; faith is mine and firmness is mine; vision is mine and resolution is mine; freedom is mine and discipline is mine; praise is mine and the tongue is mine; the heard is mine and the spoken is mine; shruti (Veda) is mine and Smriti (law and tradition) is mine; light is mine and illumination is mine; joy is mine and supreme bliss is mine; all these may grow, all these be favourable; all these be auspicious for all, by yajna.

#### 2. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Rshis)

प्राणश्चे मेऽपानश्चे मे व्यानश्च मेऽसुंश्च मे चित्तं चे मुऽआधीतं च मे वाक् चे मे मनश्च मे चक्षुंश्च मे श्रोत्रं च मे दक्षंश्च मे बलं च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥२॥ Prāṇaśca me' pānaśca me vyānaśca me' suśca me cittaṁ ca ma'ādhītaṁ ca me vāk ca me manaśca me cakṣuśca me śrotraṁ ca me dakṣaśca me balaṁ ca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yajna, by the Grace of God, by the blessings and goodwill of the community, and by virtue of my own discipline: my life and the breath of life, the outgoing air and systemic cleansing, the joints and suppleness of the body, my will to live and the spirit of joy, my mind and my memory, my resolution and meditation, my speech and listening, my thought and self-image, my eye and love of direct truth, my ear and search for confirmation, my expertise and my smartness, my strength and prowess, all these may grow, be favourable and auspicious for all, by yajna.

## 3. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

ओर्जश्च में सहंश्च मऽआत्मा चे में तुनूश्चे में शर्मी च में वर्मी च मेऽङ्गीनि च मेऽस्थीनि च में पर्रूछंषि च में शरीराणि च मुऽआर्युश्च में जुरा चे में युज्ञेनी कल्पन्ताम् ॥३॥

Ojaśca me sahaśca ma' ātmā ca me tanūśca me śarma ca me varma ca me' ṅgāni ca me' sthīni ca me parūňṣi ca me śarīrāṇi ca ma' āyuśca me jarā ca me yajñena kalpantām.

My vigour and my power, my victory and my moral courage, my soul and my potential, my body and health, my home and my family, my defence and my weapons, my limbs and their functions, my bones and my blood, my generation and my vitality, the bodies and health of my people, my life and longevity, my old age and self-dependence, all these may grow, be good

and auspicious, for me and for all by yajna, observance of Dharma, law and joint and individual discipline.

# 4. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

ज्यैष्ठ्यं च मुऽआधिपत्यं च मे मुन्युश्चं में भामेश्च मेऽमेश्च मेऽम्भेश्च मे जेमा च मे मिहमा च मे विरामा च मे प्रिश्यमा च मे विर्षिमा च मे द्राधिमा च मे वृद्धं च में वृद्धिश्च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥४॥

Jyaiṣṭhyaṁ ca ma' ādhipatyaṁ ca me manyuśca me bhāmaśca me'maśca me'mbhaśca me jemā ca me mahimā ca me varimā ca me prathimā ca me varṣimā ca me drāghimā ca me vṛddhaṁ ca me vṛddhiśca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yajna, joint action and observance of Dharma and law, community and participative discipline of my freedom: my fame and my wealth, my self-rule and my ruler, my passion and my love of peace, my righteous anger and moral discipline, my honour and my sense of justice, my waters and my fruitfulness, my valour and my victories, my grandeur and my reputation, my greatness and my conduct, my expansion and my domain, my seniority and my humility, my loftiness and my depth, my riches and sense of values, my growth and sense of limitations, all these may be strong and firm, grow and be good for me and for all, by yajna.

# 5. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

सत्यं चे मे श्रद्धा चे में जर्गच्च में धर्न च में विश्वं च में महंश्च में क्रीडा चे में मोदंश्च में जातं चे में जिन्ह्यमणिं च में सूक्तं चे में सुकृतं चे में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥५॥ Satyam ca me śraddhā ca me jagacca me dhanam ca me viśvam ca me mahaśca me krīḍā ca me modaśca me jātam ca me janiṣyamāṇam ca me sūktam ca me sukṛtam ca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yaina, Grace of God and observance of Dharma: Truth is mine and the good of all is mine to work for, faith is mine and the reason and basis of faith is mine, the dynamic world is mine and the sense of change is mine, the wealth is mine and the sense of value is mine, all life is mine and all its opportunities are mine, glory is mine and the respect for glory is mine, fun is mine and games are mine, joy of the world is mine and the freedom of liberation is mine, all that is born is mine and I am for it, all that is being created is for me and I am for it, all that will be created will be for me and I shall be for it, all that has been said well is for me and I am for it, all that has been well done is for me and I am for it, all these and all my good words, thoughts and deeds may grow and be firm and favourable for me and for all by virtue of yajna.

# 6. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

ऋतं चे मेऽमृतं च मेऽयुक्ष्मं च मेऽनीमयच्च मे जीवातुंश्च मे दीर्घायुत्वं चे मेऽनिमृत्रं च मेऽभयं च मे सुखं चे मे शर्यनं च मे सूषाश्चे मे सुदिनं च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम्॥६॥

Rtam ca me'mṛtam ca me'yakṣmam ca me'nāmayacca me jīvātuśca me dīrghāyutvam ca me' namitram ca me' bhayam ca me sukham ca me śayanam ca me sūṣāśca me sudinam ca me yajñena kalpantām.

My knowledge and practice of truth and Dharma,

my immortal spirit and meditation, my freedom from illness and exercise, my freedom from suffering and my medication, my vitality and tonics, my longevity and yoga, my freedom from enmity and love for all, my freedom from fear and self-confidence, my joy and means of comfort, my sleep and freedom from tension, my beautiful dawn and early prayers, my happy day and good fortune, may all these grow, be firm and favourable for all and for me by yajna, corporate action and the Grace of God.

### 7. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Rshis)

युन्ता चे में धुर्ता चे में क्षेमेश्च में धृतिश्च में विश्वं च में महेश्च में सुंविच्चे में ज्ञात्रं च में सूश्चे में प्रसूश्चे में सीरं च में लयेश्च में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥७॥

Yantā ca me dhartā ca me kṣemaśca me dhṛtiśca me viśvaṁ ca me mahaśca me saṁvicca me jñātraṁ ca me sūśca me praśūca me sīraṁ ca me layaśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My ruler and my observance of the rules, my sustainer and supports, my security and the protector, my constancy and self-protection, my world around and my behaviour, my nobility and noble actions, my awareness and self-knowledge, my field of specialisation and my achievement, my inspiration and initiative, my potency of generation and my children, my agriculture and the farmers, my house and my property, all these may grow, be strong and firm and good and auspicious for me and for all by yajna, personal endeavour, corporate action and the Grace of God.

### 8. (Atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

शं चे में मयेश्च में ग्रियं चे मेऽनुकामश्चे में कामेश्च में सौमनुसश्चे में भगेश्च में द्रविणं च में भुद्रं चे में श्रेयेश्च में वसीयश्च में यशेश्च में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥८॥

Śam ca me mayaśca me priyam ca me'nukāmaśca me kāmaśca me saumanasaśca me
bhagaśca me dravinam ca me bhadram ca me
śreyaśca me vasīyaśca me yaśaśca me yajñena
kalpantām.

My peace and well-being, and my comfort and happiness, and my love, and my desire, and my ambition, and the good cheer of my mind, and my dignity, and my wealth, and my worldly good, and my ultimate good, and my advancement, and my honour and glory, may all these grow and be good and auspicious by yajna for all.

## 9. (Atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

ऊर्क् च मे सूनृता च मे पर्यश्च मे रसंश्च मे घृतं चे मे मधु च मे सग्धिश्च मे सपीतिश्च मे कृषिश्च मे वृष्टिश्च मे जैत्रं च मुऽऔद्भिद्यं च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥९॥

Ūrk ca me sūnṛtā ca me payaśca me rasaśca me ghṛtaṁ ca me madhu ca me sagdhiśca me sapītiśca me kṛṣiśca me vṛṣṭiśca me jaitraṁ ca ma'audbhidyaṁ ca me yajñena kalpantām.

And my food pure and delicious, and my speech true and pleasing, and my milk and drink, and my tonics and herbal essences, and my ghrita and butter, and my honey and sweets, and my food and dessert, and my drinks and dressings, and my farming and special breeding, and the rains for us and the libations, and our man-power and our accomplishments, and our minerals

and the tonic roots, may all these grow and be good and firm and auspicious by yajna for all.

### 10. (Atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

र्यिश्चं में रायेश्च में पुष्टं चं में पुष्टिंश्च में <u>वि</u>भु चं में प्रभु चं में पूर्णं चं में पूर्णतरं च में कुर्यवं च मेऽक्षितं च मेऽन्नं च मेऽक्षुंच्च में युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥१०॥

Rayiśca me rāyaśca me puṣṭaṁ ca me puṣṭiśca me vibhu ca me prabhu ca me pūrṇaṁ ca me pūrṇataraṁ ca me kuyavaṁ ca me'kṣitaṁ ca me'nnaṁ ca me' kṣucca me yajñena kalpantām.

My wealth of knowledge and power of action, my wealth of possessions and all round prosperity, my health and growth, our public health and nourishment, my mental expansion and intellectual growth, my self-mastery and meditation, my fulfilment and its relevance to life, my worldly advancement and philanthropy, my management of damage and pollution of crops, my foods and my delicacies, and our management of hunger and thirst and shortages, may all these grow and be strong and auspicious for all by yajna.

### 11. (Shrimadatma Devata, Devas Rshis)

वित्तं चे में वेद्यं च में भूतं चे में भविष्यच्ये में सुगं चे में सुप्थ्यं च मऽऋद्धंऽ चे मुऽऋद्धिंश्च में क्लूप्तं चे में क्ल्यिंश्च में मुतिश्चे में सुमृतिश्चे में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥११॥

Vittam ca me vedyam ca me bhūtam ca me bhaviṣyacca me sugam ca me supathyam ca ma' ṛddham ca ma' ṛddiśca me klṛptam ca me klṛptiśca me matiśca me sumatiśca me yajñena kalpantām.

All my thought and whatever I have thought out, all that I know and ought to know, my past and my present, all my future and all my timeless, all my shortcuts and my proper actions, my treatments and my diagnoses, my riches and my achievement, my spiritual wealth and my fulfilments, my intentions and my imaginations, my reflections and my reasons, my understanding and my analyses, my intelligence and my faith and commitments, all these may grow, and be strong and auspicious by yajna for all.

## 12. (Dhanyada Atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

ब्रीहर्यश्च में यवश्चि में माषश्चि में तिलश्चि में मुद्गाश्चे में खल्वश्चि में प्रियङ्गवश्च मेऽणवश्च में श्यामाकश्चि में नीवारश्चि में गोधूमश्चि में मुसूरश्चि में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥१२॥

Vrīhayaśca me yavāśca me māṣāśca me tilāśca me mudgāśca me khalvāśca me priyaṅgavaśca me' ṇavaśca me śyāmākāśca me nīvārāśca me godhūmāśca me masūrāśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My paddy and rice, and my barley, and my beans, and my sesamums, and my mungo beans, and my legumins, and my long pepper, and my small grains, and my millet, and my wild grains, and my wheat, and my lentils and all other grains, and their preparations, may all these grow in plenty, rich and delicious, by yajna and scientific treatment for all.

#### 13. (Ratnavandhanavanatma Devata, Devas Rshis)

अश्मां च में मृत्तिका च में गि्रयंश्च में पर्व'ताश्च में सिकताश्च में वनस्पतयश्च में हिरण्यं च मेऽयंश्च में श्यामं च में लोहञ्च में सीसं च में त्रपुं च में युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥१३॥

Aśmā ca me mṛttikā ca me girayaśca me parvatāśca me sikatāśca me vanaspatayaśca me hiraṇyaṁ ca me' yaśca me śyāmaṁ ca me lohaṁ ca me sīsaṁ ca me trapu ca me yajñena kalpantām.

Our stones and gems, and our clay and its varieties, and our clouds and crops, and our mountains and hills and valleys, and our sands and pebbles, and our herbs and trees, and our gold and minerals, and our iron and steels, and our sapphires and other gems, and our copper and bronze, and our lead and its varieties, and our zinc and brass, all these may develop by the yajna of scientific treatment and grow good and auspicious for all of us.

#### 14. (Agnyadiyukta atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

अग्निश्चं मुऽआपेश्च में वी्तिधेश्च मुऽओषेधयश्च में कृष्टपुच्याश्चं मेऽकृष्टपुच्याश्चं में ग्राम्याश्चं में पुशर्वऽ-आरुण्याश्चं में वित्तञ्चं में वित्तिश्च में भूतञ्चं में भूतिश्च में युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥१४॥

Agniśca ma'āpaśca me vīrudhaśca ma'oṣadhayaśca me kṛṣṭapacyāśca me' kṛṣṭapacyāśca me grāmyāśca me paśava'āraṇyāśca me vittaṁ ca me vittiśca me bhūtaṁ ca me bhūtiśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My fire (heat) and electricity, and my waters and

aquatic wealth, and my shrubs and creepers, and my herbs and trees, and my cultivated grains and specialities, and my wild fruits and berries, and my domestic animals and pets, and my wild beasts and animals, and my wealth and dearest possessions, and the sweets and dear forms of my past and present, and my honour and glory and all the efforts required, all these may develop and grow auspicious for all of us, by yajna.

## 15. (Dhanadiyukta atma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

वर्सु च मे वस्तिश्चे में कर्मं च में शक्तिश्च मेऽर्थंश्च मुऽएमेश्च मऽङ्कत्या चे में गितिश्च में युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम्॥१५॥

Vasu ca me vasatiśca me karma ca me śaktiśca me'rthaśca ma'emaśca ma'ityā ca me gatiśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My assets and articles, and my house and community, and my work and workers, and my power and love, and my capital and the subscribers, and my management and knowledge and competence, and my working and technique, and my progress and new ventures, all may develop and grow auspicious by managerial yajna.

## 16. (Agni adividyavid atma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

अग्निश्चं मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में सोमेश्च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में सि<u>वि</u>ता चे मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में सरस्वती च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में पूषा चे मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में बृहस्पतिश्च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च में युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥१६॥

Agniśca ma'indraśca me somaśca ma'indraśca me savitā ca ma'indraśca me sarasvatī ca ma'indraśca me pūṣā ca ma'indraśca me bṛhaspatiśca ma'indraśca me yajñena kalpantām.

Agni, solar energy and magnetic force of the earth is mine, and Indra, lord controller of power and energy is mine. Soma, nature's power of rain and generosity is mine, and Indra, lord justice controller of rain and generosity is mine. Savita, power of generation and prosperity is mine, and Indra, lord and controller of generation and prosperity is mine. Saraswati, divine spirit of knowledge, art, and the system of education is mine, and Indra, lord and power controller of the value and application of knowledge is mine. Pusha, power of food and production is mine, and Indra, enlightened controller of good nourishment and production is mine. Brihaspati, great lord of social activity, manners and culture is mine, and Indra, lord controller of social and moral values is mine. May all these powers of nature and society for development, direction and control grow strong and auspicious for me and for all by yajna, social action in unison, enlightened guidance and by the Grace of God.

#### 17. (Mitra-aishvaryavan atma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

मित्रश्चे मुऽइन्द्रेश्च में वर्रुणश्च मुऽइन्द्रेश्च में धाता चे मुऽइन्द्रेश्च में त्वष्टी च मुऽइन्द्रेश्च में मुरुत्रेश्च मुऽइन्द्रेश्च में विश्वें च में देवाऽइन्द्रेश्च में युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥१७॥

Mitraśca ma'indraśca me varuṇaśca ma'indraśca me dhātā ca ma'indraśca me tvaṣṭā ca ma'indraśca me marutaśca ma indraśca me viśve ca me devā'indraśca me yajñena kalpantām.

Mitra, my pranic energy of breath and energy of the system, and Indra, my lustre and electric energy; and Varuna, pranic energy of the throat and blood circulation, and Indra, solar energy of sustenance; and Dhata, my controller and ordainer, and Indra, giver of prosperity; and Tvashta, catalytic energy of my system, and my endeavour, and Indra, the breaker of my negative forces and giver of scientific energy; and the Maruts, cosmic wind and body vitality, and Indra, universal energy and its scientific use; and all the powers of nature such as earth and great powers of humanity, and Indra, lord giver of all glory and success; may all these powers grow strong and auspicious for me and for all by yajna, joint action in the service of nature and by the Grace of God.

## 18. (Rajya-aishvaryadiyukta atma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

पृ<u>थि</u>वी च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मेऽन्तरिक्षं च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मे द्यौश्चे मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मे समश्च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मे नक्षत्राणि च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मे दिशश्च मुऽइन्द्रंश्च मे युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥१८॥

Pṛthivī ca ma'indraśca me'ntarikṣaṁ ca ma' indraśca me dyauśca ma'indraśca me samāśca ma'indraśca me nakṣatrāṇi ca ma'indraśca me diśaśca ma indraśca me yajñena kalpantām.

The earth and her fertility, and the power that controls and regulates that fertility; the sky and the riches that exist therein, and the powers that control those riches to shower on the earth; and the regions of light and the energy therein, and the sun that presides over the light; and the yearly rounds of time and its divisions and their effects, and the supreme lord of time; and the stars and planets and their movements with their effects on our environment, and the operative powers of natural law that control the movements; and the directions of space and the currents of wind and energy therein, and the powers that control the weather and the atmosphere; may all these regions of space and heavenly bodies and

the operations of mother Prakriti grow strong and firm and be good and auspicious for me and all by yajna, the process of replenishment, renewal and enrichment.

## 19. (Padarthavid atma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

अश्शुश्चं मे र्शिमश्च मेऽदीभ्यश्च मेऽधिपतिश्च मऽ उपा्थंशुश्चं मेऽन्तर्यामश्चं मऽऐन्द्रवाय्वश्चं मे मैत्रा-वरुणश्चं मऽआ<u>श्वि</u>नश्चं मे प्रतिप्रस्थानेश्च मे शुक्रश्चं मे मुन्थी चं मे युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥१९॥

Amsusca me rasmisca me'dābhyasca me'dhipatisca ma' upāmsusca me'ntaryāmasca ma' aindravāyavasca me maitrāvaruṇasca ma' āśvinasca me pratiprasthānasca me sukrasca me manthī ca me yajñena kalpantām.

The pervasive sun and its light, and the foods ripened by the sun rays, the fearless man and the protector of the law-abiding, and the presiding power and the office thereof, and my holy-chant in meditation and concentration on the secrets of mysteries, my midbreath and inner strength, my vital heat that controls the winds and electric currents of the body system and the water, the pranic vitality related to prana and udana (breath and the upper motions of energy wind), and the inner light between the solar and the lunar plexi and its effects on health, and the energy for movement and my movements, and my purity of mind and vital energy, and my churner and dairy foods and apparatuses, may all these grow strong and be good and auspicious for me and for all by yajna.

#### 20. (Yajna-anushthanatma Devata, Devas Rshis)

आग्रयणश्चे मे वैश्वदेवश्चे मे ध्रुवश्चे मे वैश्वान्रश्चे मऽऐन्द्राग्नश्चे मे मुहावैश्वदेवश्च मे मरुत्वृतीयश्च मे निष्केवल्यश्च मे सा<u>वि</u>त्रश्चे मे सारस्वृतश्चे मे पात्नीवृतश्चे मे हारियोजनश्चे मे युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥२०॥

Āgrayaṇaśca me vaiśvadevaśca me dhruvaśca me vaiśvānaraśca ma aindrāgnaśca me mahāvaiśvadevaśca me marutvatīyāśca me niṣkevalyaśca me sāvitraśca me sārasvataśca me pātnīvataśca me hāriyojanaśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My special yajna of the month of Margashirsha, and my guests of this noble assembly at the yajna, and my settled behaviour and universal hospitality and reverence, and my yajna for the development of wind and fire energy, and my reverence for the noblest people of the world, and my dedication to the yajna of the liberation stage of yoga, and my yajna for solar energy, and my dedication to the eminent scholars of science and literature, and my love and regard for the married couples, and my travels, transport and transporters, may all these grow and be good and auspicious for me and for all by yajna.

#### 21. (Yajnangavanatma Devata, Devas Rshis)

स्तुचेश्च मे चम्साश्चे मे वाय्व्यानि च मे द्रोणकल्शश्चे मे ग्रावाणश्च मेऽधिषवणे च मे पूत्भृच्चे मऽआधवनीयेश्च मे वेदिश्च मे बहिंश्चे मेऽवभृथश्चे मे स्वगाकारश्चे मे युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥२१॥ Srucaśca me camāsāśca me vāyavyāni ca me droņakalaśaśca me grāvāņaśca me'dhiṣavaṇe ca me pūtabhṛcca ma'ādhavanīyaśca me vediśca me barhiśca me'vabhṛthaśca me svagākāraśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My ladles and their cleaning, my bowls and their contents, my aerial apparatuses and their maintenance and function, and my soma vessels, and my urns and jugs, and my stone presses and mortars and pestles, and my handpress and the soma plants, and my urns of pure soma, and the vessels for clearing and filtering soma, and the yajna altar, and my holy grass and the feather broom, and my holy bath and ablutions, and my valedictory chant of joy at the completion of yajna: may all these grow and be good and auspicious for me and for all by yajna.

#### 22. (Yajnavanatma Devata, Devas Rshis)

अग्निश्चं में घुर्मश्चं मेंऽर्कश्चं में सूर्यंश्च में प्राणश्चं मेऽश्वमेधश्चं में पृ<u>षि</u>वी च मेऽदितिश्च में दितिश्च में द्यौश्चं मेंऽङ्गुलंयः शक्वंरयों दिशंश्च में युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥२२॥

Agniśca me gharmaśca me'rkaśca me sūryaśca me prāṇaśca me'śvamedhaśca me pṛthivī ca me'ditiśca me ditiśca me dyauśca me'ṅgulayaḥ śakvarayo diśaśca me yajñena kalpantām.

My fire and my use of fire, my hymns of worship and the singers, my passion and cool of mind, my sunlight and my warmth of living, my vital breath and air-energy, my nation and its policy and governance, my earth mother and her riches, my ethics and selfcontrol, my imperishable wealth and my earthly life, my spiritual light and my days and nights, my fingers and their hold and my powers and potentials, and my directions and my reach there, all these may grow, be good and auspicious for me and for all by yajna.

## 23. (Kalavidyavidatma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

व्रतं चे मऽऋतवेश्च मे तपेश्च मे संवत्स्रश्चे मेऽहोरात्रेऽ-ऊर्वष्ठीवे बृहद्रथन्तरे चे मे युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥२३॥

Vratam ca ma'ṛtavaśca me tapaśca me samvatsaraśca me'horātre'ūrvaṣṭhīve bṛhadrathantare ca me yajñena kalpantām.

My holy vows and my commitments, and my seasons and my solstices with change of the seasons, and my observance of Dharma and my practice of yoga, and my yearly rounds of the sun and the planets and the ages of time, and my days and nights and my daily work and prayers, and my thighs and knees, and my grandeur and nobility, and my heavenly lights and spaces and the cosmic periods, may all these grow by days and nights by yajna, and may all these be good and auspicious for me and for all.

#### 24. (Vishamanka-ganitavidyavid atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

एकां च में तिस्तर्श्चं में तिस्तर्र्श्चं में पञ्चं च में पञ्चं च में सप्त चं में सप्त चं में नवं च में नवं च मुऽएकांद्रश च मुऽएकांद्रश च में त्रयोंद्रश च में त्रयोंद्रश च में पञ्चंद्रश च में पञ्चंद्रश च में सप्तदंश च में सप्तदंश च में नवंद्रश च में नवंद्रश च मुऽ एकंविश्शतिश्च मुऽएकंविश्शतिश्च में त्रयोंविश्शतिश्च में त्रयोंविश्शतिश्च में पञ्चंविश्शतिश्च में पञ्चंविश्शतिश्च में सप्तविश्शतिश्च में सप्तविश्शतिश्च में नवंविश्शतिश्च में नवंविश्शतिश्च मुऽएकंत्रिश्शच्च मुऽएकंत्रिश्च में त्रयंस्त्रिश्णच्च में युज्ञेनं कल्पन्ताम् ॥२४॥ Ekā ca me tisraśca me tisraśca me pañca ca me pañca ca me sapta ca me sapta ca me nava ca me trayodaśa ca me trayodaśa ca me pañcadaśa ca me pañcadaśa ca me saptadaśa ca me navadaśa ca me navadaśa ca me navadaśa ca me trayovimśatiśca me trayovimśatiśca me trayovimśatiśca me pañcavimśatiśca me pañcavimśatiśca me saptavimśatiśca me saptavimśatiśca me navavimśatiśca me navavimśatiśca me navavimśatiśca me navavimśatiśca me navavimśatiśca me trayostrimśaca me navavimśatiśca me trayastrimśacca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yaina, the process of addition and collection, may the numbers increase and be good and auspicious for me and for all: One is mine and unity is mine. (And one and one becomes two, and one plus two becomes three. In this way, in this progression) three is mine, and three is mine, and five is mine, and five is mine, and seven is mine, and seven is mine, and nine is mine, and nine is mine, and eleven is mine, and eleven is mine, and thirteen is mine, and thirteen is mine, and fifteen is mine, and fifteen is mine, and seventeen is mine, and seventeen is mine, and nineteen is mine and nineteen is mine, and twenty one is mine, and twenty one is mine, and twenty three is mine, and twenty three is mine, and twenty five is mine, and twenty five is mine, and twenty seven is mine, and twenty seven is mine, and twenty nine is mine, and twenty nine is mine, and thirty one is mine, and thirty one is mine, and thirty three is mine, and so on the numbers may increase and be good and auspicious for me and for all by the process of yajna in progression till infinity.

Also: By implication, by the same process of

yajna which also means 'dana', giving away, we have the progression in the reverse direction by subtraction. The meaning of the mantra then would be:

Thirty-three is mine, give away two and thirty one is mine, thirtyone is mine, minus two, twenty nine is mine and so on.

In the same way, by implication, we can work out the process of multiplication, and division and the process of squaring and cubing and square-root, etc. Further, we can move from arithmetic to algebra and other branches of mathematics.

## 25. (Samanka-ganitavidyavid atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

चतस्त्रश्च मेऽष्टौ च मेऽष्टौ च मे द्वादेश च मे द्वादेश च मे षोडेश च मे षोडेश च मे विश्शतिश्च मे विश्शतिश्च मे चतुर्विश्शतिश्च मे चतुर्विश्शतिश्च मेऽष्टाविश्शतिश्च मेऽष्टाविश्शतिश्च मे द्वात्रिश्शच्च मे द्वात्रिश्शच्च मे षट्त्रिशच्च मे षट्त्रिश्शच्च मे चत्वारिश्शच्च मे चत्वारिश्शच्च मे चतुश्चत्वारिश्शच्च मे चतुश्चत्वारिश्शच्च मेऽष्टाचेत्वारिश्शच्च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥२५॥

Catasraśca me'ṣṭau ca me'ṣṭau ca me dvādaśa ca me dvādaśa ca me ṣoḍaśa ca me ṣoḍaśa ca me vimśatiśca me vimśatiśca me caturvimśatiśca me'ṣṭāvimśatiśca me'ṣṭāvimśatiśca me'ṣṭāvimśatiśca me'ṣṭāvimśatiśca me dvātrimśacca me ṣaṭtrimśacca me ṣaṭtrimśacca me catvārimśacca me catvārimśacca me catuścatvārimśacca me catuścatvārimśacca me yaṭācatvārimśacca me saṭtrimśacca me' ṣṭācatvārimśacca me yaṭācatvārimśacca me' ṣṭācatvārimśacca me yaṭācatvārimśacca me

By yajna, the process of addition and collection, may the numbers increase and be good and auspicious

for me and for all:

Four is mine, and four is mine, eight is mine. Eight is mine, and four, twelve is mine. Twelve is mine, plus four, sixteen is mine. Sixteen is mine, add four, and twenty is mine. Twenty is mine, and twenty four is mine. Twenty four is mine, and twenty eight is mine. Twenty eight is mine and thirty two is mine. Thirty two is mine, and thirty six is mine. Thirty six is mine, and forty is mine. Forty is mine, and forty four is mine. Forty four is mine, and forth eight is mine. And so on the numbers may increase till infinity by yajna, for me and for all for the good of life and joy.

Also: By implication, the mantra can be applied to the process of yajna by 'dana', gifting away, subtraction, by four, from forty-eight down to four and so on.

The mantra can also be applied to the process of multiplication. In fact, the mantra itself gives the multiplication table upto twelve times four and so on.

So too the mantra may be interpreted as showing the process of division since it gives a table of the division of forty eight by four upto twelve times.

## 26. (Pashuvidyavid atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

त्र्यविश्च मे त्र्युवी चे मे दित्युवाट् चे मे दित्यौही चे मे पञ्चीविश्च मे पञ्चावी चे मे त्रिवृत्सश्चे मे त्रिवृत्सा चे मे तुर्युवाट् चे मे तुर्यौही चे मे युज्ञेने कल्पन्ताम् ॥२६॥

Tryaviśca me tryavī ca me dityavāṭ ca me dityauhī ca me pañcāviśca me pañcāvī ca me trivatsaśca me trivatsā ca me turyavāṭ ca me turyauhī ca me yajñena kalpantām.

By yajna, veterinary science and the science of animal husbandry:

My man of three breeds of sheep and their maintenance, the woman of three breeds of sheep and their milk, etc., the man in-charge of damage control and his knowledge, and the woman in-charge of maintenance against damage and her stores, and the man of five grades of sheep and his staff, and the woman of five grades of sheep and her assistants, the man of three breeds of calf and his knowledge, and the woman of three breeds of calf and her knowledge, the bull of the fourth year of age and its training and maintenance, and the cow of the fourth year of age and its maintenance, may all these grow in number and quality and be good and auspicious for me and for all.

## 27. (Pashuvidyavid atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

पुष्ठुवाट् च मे पष्ठौही च मऽउक्का च मे वृशा च मऽऋष्भश्च मे वेहच्च मेऽनुड्वाँश्च मे धेनुश्च मे युज्ञेन कल्पन्ताम् ॥२७॥

Paṣṭhavāṭ ca me paṣṭhauhī ca ma'ukṣā ca me vaśā ca ma'ṛṣabhaśca me vehacca me'-naḍvāńśca me dhenuśca me yajñena kalpantām.

And my beasts of burden both male and female and the articles and materials for trade and transport, and my virile bull and my infertile cow, and my strong bull and my miscarrying cow, and my bullock and my milch cow, may all these grow by the yajna of animal husbandry and veterinary science and may all these be good and auspicious for me and for all.

## 28. (Sangramadivid atma Devata, Devas Rshis)

वाजीय स्वाही प्रस्वाय स्वाहीऽपिजाय स्वाहा क्रतेवे स्वाहा वसेवे स्वाहीऽहर्पतेये स्वाहाऽह्ने मुग्धाय स्वाही मुग्धाय वैनःशिनाय स्वाही विनुःशिनेऽआन्यायनाय स्वाहाऽऽन्यीय भौवनाय स्वाहा भुवेनस्य पतेये स्वाहाधिपतये स्वाही प्रजापतये स्वाही । इयं ते रा<u>ण्मित्राये यन्ताऽसि यमेनऽक</u>र्जे त्वा वृष्ट्यै त्वा प्रजानां त्वाऽऽधिपत्याय ॥२८॥

Vājāya svāhā prasavāya svāhā'pijāya svāhā kratave svāhā vasave svāhā'harpataye svāhā'-hne mugdhāya svāhā mugdhāya vainamsināya svāhā vinamsina' āntyāyanāya svāhā' ntyāya bhauvanāya svāhā bhuvanasya pataye svāhā'-dhipataye svāhā prajāpataye svāhā. Iyam te rāṇmitrāya yantā'si yamana'ūrje tvā vṛṣṭyai tvā prajānām tvā''dhipatyāya.

For the warrior and the battle, all hail and honest action! For progress and prosperity, virtuous living and hard work! For acceptance and acclaim, commendable action! For knowledge and practical application, dedication and meditation! For housing and settlement, work, money and materials. For the lord of the day, knowledge of time and chronology. For the daybewildered and lost, sympathetic action. For the misguided and destructive, proper counselling. For the man settled but on way to destruction, forceful voice of truth. For the lowest and meanest man of the world. strongest counselling. For Lord of the universe, hymns of praise and worship. For the protector of the world, correct knowledge. For the protector of the nation, correct policy. For the protector of the people, correct knowledge of Raj Dharma. This is your brilliance of governance. You are generous, selfless guide and

controller of your friends. We accept, respect and admire you for your prowess and action, showers of favours, the support and sustenance of the people, and for the government of the people.

## 29. (Yajnanushthatatma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

आयुर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पतां प्राणो यज्ञेने कल्पतां चक्षुर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पताः श्रोत्रं यज्ञेने कल्पतां वाग्यज्ञेने कल्पतां मनौ यज्ञेने कल्पतामात्मा यज्ञेने कल्पतां ब्रह्मा यज्ञेने कल्पतां ज्योतिर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पताः स्वर्यज्ञेने कल्पतां पृष्ठं यज्ञेने कल्पतां यज्ञो यज्ञेने कल्पताम्। स्तोमेश्च यजुश्चऽऋक् च सामे च बृहच्चे रथन्तरञ्च। स्वर्देवाऽअगन्मामृताऽअभूम प्रजापतेः प्रजाऽअभूम् वेट् स्वाहां ॥२९॥

Āyuryajñena kalpatām prāņo yajñena kalpatām cakṣur yajñena kalpatām śrotram yajñena kalpatām mano yajñena kalpatām mano yajñena kalpatām brahmā yajñena kalpatām brahmā yajñena kalpatām jyotiryajñena kalpatām svaryajñena kalpatām pṛṣṭham yajañena kalpatām yajānena kalpatām. Stomaśca yajuśca'ṛk ca sāma ca bṛhacca rathantaram ca. Svardevā' aganmāmṛtā'abhūma prajāpateḥ prajā'abhūma veṭ svāhā.

Man of the yajna of governance, to accomplish your task, may health and age grow by yajna, may pranic energy grow by yajna, may the eye and vision grow by yajna, may the ear and information grow by yajna, may the tongue and communication grow by yajna, may the mind and morale and national confidence grow by yajna, may the soul grow strong by yajna, may the man of universal knowledge and the sense of higher values grow by yajna, may the light of justice and wisdom grow by yajna, may comfort and joy grow by yajna, may the

questions, heights and foundations of life grow by yajna, may the yajna of Dharma grow by the yajna, pursuit of Dharma, may the hymns of praise and celebration of the Divine, the Yajus, the Riks, and the Samans, the Brihat Sama and Rathantara Sama also grow by yajna. May the noble people attain to the eternal joy of immortality. May we all attain to you and immortality. May we all be the children of the Lord and father of the universe by the truth of word and deed.

## 30. (Rajyavanatma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

वार्जस्य नु प्रस्वे मातरं महीमदितिं नाम वर्चसा करामहे। यस्यो<u>मि</u>दं विश्वं भुवेनमा<u>वि</u>वेश तस्यो नो देवः स<u>ंवि</u>ता धर्मी साविषत् ॥३०॥

Vājasya nu prasave mātaram mahīmaditim nāma vacasā karāmahe. Yasyāmidam viśvam bhuvanamāviveśa tasyām no devaḥ savitā dharma sāviṣat.

In this Lord Omnipotent's yajna of life and sustenance, we celebrate with holy songs of Divinity, the Veda, the great inviolable Mother Nature in whom reside the entire worlds of existence. May Savita, lord creator and generator of life strengthen and promote our Dharma in the lap of the mother within the Law.

## 31. (Vishvedevas Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

विश्वैऽअद्य मुरुतो विश्वैऽऊती विश्वै भवन्त्व्ग्नयः सिमद्धाः। विश्वै नो देवाऽअवसार्गमन्तु विश्वेमस्तु द्रविणं वाजौऽअस्मे ॥३१॥

Viśve'adya maruto viśva'ūtī viśve bhavantvagnayaḥ samiddhāḥ. Viśve no devā'avasā gamantu viśvamastu draviṇam vājo'asme. May all the airs and winds come to us. May all the powers of protection and promotion, all the noblest people of the world, come to us with all the means of protection and advancement. May all the fires of life's yajna light and shine for us. May the entire wealth of the world, food and energy be available to us by the Grace of Savita.

#### 32. (Annavan Vidvan Devata, Devas Rshis)

वाजों नः सप्त प्रदिशृश्चर्तस्त्रो वा परावर्तः । वाजों नो विश्वैदेवैर्धर्नसाता<u>वि</u>हार्वतु ॥३२॥

Vājo naḥ sapta pradiśaścatasro vā parāvataḥ. Vājo no viśvairdevairdhanasātāvihāvatu.

May our food and energy, power and prosperity, spread over the seven regions of the world, and may it extend even beyond in all the four directions. And may our power and knowledge, with the noblest people of the world, guide and protect us here in the acquisition and distribution of the wealth of life.

## 33. (Annapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

वाजो नोऽअद्य प्रसुवाति दानं वाजो देवाँ२॥ऽऋतुभिः कल्पयाति । वाजो हि मा सर्ववीरं जजान विश्वाऽआशा वाजेपतिर्जयेयम् ॥३३॥

Vājo no'adya pra suvāti dānam vājo devāň' rtubhiḥ kalpayāti. Vājo hi mā sarvavīram jajāna viśvā'āśā vājapatirjayeyam.

It is food, energy, power, wealth, which inspires us to give in charity. With the seasons, according to need, it feeds the powers of nature and humanity. It is food and energy which produces and promotes our children and young people. By virtue of the same food and power, may I, producer and promoter of food, energy and wealth, attain all my hopes to fruition in all directions.

## 34. (Annapati Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

वार्जः पुरस्तीदुत मध्यतो नो वार्जो देवान् हृविषां वर्द्धयाति। वाजो हि मा सर्वविरं चकार् सर्वोऽआशा वार्जपति-र्भवेयम् ॥३४॥

Vājaḥ purastāduta madhyato no vājo devān haviṣā vardhayāti. Vājo hi mā sarvavīram cakāra sarvā'āśā vājapatirbhaveyam.

Food with oblations in yajna takes us forward in the beginning and in the middle of home life. With oblations it feeds and enriches the powers of nature and the noblest people too. It is food which blesses me with the best and the bravest powers and people everywhere. I pray I may be the producer, promoter and protector of food in all directions and realize all my hopes and ambitions.

## 35. (Rasavidyavid vidvan Devata, Devas Rshis)

सं मो सृजा<u>मि</u> पर्यसा पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः सं मो सृजाम्युद्धिरोषे-धीभिः । सोऽहं वार्जंश्सनेयमग्ने ॥३५॥

Sam mā sṛjāmi payasā pṛthivyāḥ sam mā sṛjāmyadbhiroṣadhībhiḥ. So'ham vājam saneyamagne.

Agni, I invigorate and enrich myself with the milk and juices of the earth. I invigorate and enrich myself with the waters and herbs of the earth. So I invigorate and enrich myself with food and energy.

#### 36. (Rasavidvidvan Devata, Devas Rshis)

पर्यः पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां पयुऽओषंधीषु पर्यो <u>दि</u>व्युन्तरिक्षे पर्यो धाः । पर्यस्वतीः प्रुदिशेः सन्तु मह्मम् ॥३६॥

Payaḥ pṛthivyāṁ paya'oṣadhīṣu payo divyantarikṣe payo dhāḥ. Payasvatīḥ pradiśaḥ santu mahyam.

Agni, man of medicinal herbs and juices, take on, hold on to, the juices and tonics in the earth, in the herbs, in the regions of light and in the sky and study them. And may all the worlds and directions of space be full of juices and tonics for me too.

## 37. (Samrat Raja Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

देवस्यं त्वा सि<u>वतुः</u> प्रस्वेऽश्विनोर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्ती-भ्याम् । सर्रस्वत्ये वाचो यन्तुर्यन्त्रेणाग्नेः साम्राज्येनाभि-षिञ्चामि ॥३७॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave' śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Sarasvatyai vāco yantur-yantreṇāgneḥ sāmrājyenābhiṣiñcāmi.

In this socio-political yajna of the land in Lord Savita's creation, I in-vest you with the power and presidency of Agni, the Ruler, and consecrate you with the arms of Ashvinis (the heat and passion of the sun and the peace and cool of the moon) and the hands of Pusha (power of the nation's sustenance with the positive and negative current's of the systemic circuit). I vest in you the constitution of the sovereign nation and sanctify you with the voice of the people in the service of Sarasvati, the wisdom and culture of humanity.

#### 38. (Rituvidyavid vidvan Devata, Devas Rshis)

ऋताषाडृतधीमागिनर्गंन्धर्वस्तस्यौषधयोऽप्सरसो मुदो नाम । स नेऽइदं ब्रह्म क्षुत्रं पातु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहा ॥३८॥

Rtāṣāḍṛtadhāmā'gnirgandharvastasyauṣadhayo'psaraso mudo nāma. Sa na'idam brahma kṣatram pātu tasmai svāhā vāṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā.

Agni, Lord of the earth and defender of the land, observes truth, defends the truth, and abides in the truth. His pleasure and joy is the herbs which grow and play in the waters like water nymphs. May he protect and promote our Brahma system of education and knowledge, and our Kshatra system of defence and administration. Homage to him in love and reverence. All hail and care for the herbs and waters!

## 39. (Surya Devata, Devas Rshis)

स्<u>ष्टितो वि</u>श्वसीमा सूर्यो गन्ध्वस्तस्य मरीचयोऽ-प्सरसेऽआयुवो नामे । स नेऽ<u>इ</u>दं ब्रह्मे क्षुत्रं पीतु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहा ॥३९॥

Samhito viśvasāmā sūryo gandharva-stasya marīcayo'psarasa'āyuvo nāma. Sa na'idam brahma kṣatram pātu tasmai svāhā vaṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā.

Surrounded by lights and joining day and night, that lord of universal peace and celebrated in all the Sama hymns, the sun, is the lord sustainer of the earth. His pleasure and joy is the rays of light which play and exult in the sky joining and disjoining things in space. May he protect and promote our Brahma system of light

and education. May he protect and promote our Kshatra system of defence and administration. Homage to him in truth and faith! All hail and love to the rays of the sun!

## 40. (Chandrama Devata, Devas Rshis)

सुषुम्णः सूर्यं रिश्मश्चन्द्रमा गन्ध्वंस्तस्य नक्षत्राण्यप्सरसो भेकुरयो नाम । स नेऽइदं ब्रह्म क्षत्रं पातु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहा ॥४०॥

Suṣumṇaḥ sūryaraśmiścandramā gandharvastasya nakṣatrāṇyapsaraso bhekurayo nāma. Sa na'idaṁ brahma kṣatraṁ pātu tasmai svāhā vaṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā.

The moon, blissful at heart and blest by the sunrays with light, is the lord sustainer of the earth. May he sustain and promote our Brahma system of peace and education. May he sustain and promote our Kshatra system of law and administration. His pleasure and joy surely is the rays of light which play and exult with the planets and satellites. Homage to him! Homage to his rays, to light!

#### 41. (Vatah Devata, Devas Rshis)

इषिरो विश्वव्येचा वातौ गन्धर्वस्तस्यापौऽअप्सरसऽकर्जो नाम । स नेऽइदं ब्रह्मे क्ष्रृत्रं पातु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहा ।।४१।।

Iṣiro viśvavyacā vāto gandharvastasyāpo apsarasa ūrjo nāma. Sa na idam brahma kṣatram pātu tasmai sāhā vaṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā.

The wind, fast in motion and pervading the whole world, is the lord and sustainer of the earth. His pleasure and joy is the waters which, for sure, create energy. May

he sustain and inspire our Brahma system of education and advancement. May he sustain and excite our Kshatra system of defence and expansion. Homage to him! Homage to his waves of waters and energy!

## 42. (Yajna Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

भुज्युः सुंपुर्णो युज्ञो गेन्ध्र्वस्तस्य दक्षिणाऽअप्सरसं स्तावा नाम। स नेऽइदं ब्रह्मं क्षुत्रं पातु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहा ॥४२॥

Bhujyuḥ suparṇo yajño gandharvastasya dakṣiṇa'apsarasa stāvā nāma. Sa na'idam brahma kṣatram pātu tasmai svāhā vaṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā.

Yajna, creator and giver of joy and prosperity, health and nourishment, is the sustainer of the earth, cows and the Word of the Vedas. His pleasure and joy is the gifts for the priests and the devotees and the bliss of the holy chants which play around in ecstasy. May the yajna sustain and promote our Brahma system of knowledge and generosity of light and creativity. May yajna sustain and advance our Kshatra system of defence and development. Homage and libations for yajna! Homage and libations for charity and holy chants!

## 43. Vishvakarma Devata, Devas Ŗshis)

प्रजापिति<u>र्वि</u>श्वकेर्मा मनो गन्ध्वंस्तस्येऽऋक्सामान्ये-प्सरसऽएष्टयो नामे । स नेऽइदं ब्रह्मे क्षत्रं पीतु तस्मै स्वाहा वाट् ताभ्यः स्वाहो ॥४३॥

Prajāpatirviśvakarmā mano gandharvastasya' ṛksāmānyapsarasa'eṣṭayo nāma. Sa na idam brahma kṣatram pātu tasmai svāhā vāṭ tābhyaḥ svāhā. Father and guardian of His children, lord maker of the universe, universal Mind, Vishvakarma is the sustainer of the earth and master of universal knowledge, the Veda. Riks and Samans, Vedas, are the vibrations of His omniscience ever on the move across space which are the love and desire of the devotees. May He protect and promote our Brahma system of education and scientific yajna, and our Kshatra system of enlightened and modern administration and defence. Homage and libations to Him! Homage and libations for the divine voice of the Veda!

#### 44. (Prajapati Devata, Devas Rshis)

स नो भुवनस्य पते प्रजापते यस्य तऽउपिरं गृहा यस्य वेह । अस्मै ब्रह्मणेऽस्मै क्षृत्राय महि शर्मं यच्छ स्वाहां ॥४४॥

Sa no bhuvanasya pate prajāpate yasya ta'upari gṛhā yasya veha. Asmai brahmaṇe'smai kṣatrāya mahi śarma yaccha svāhā.

Father guardian of your children, lord protector of the world, all your homes and habitations up above, and all your homes and householders down here, bless them all. Bless our Brahma system of education and enlightenment and our Kshatra system of administration and employment with good homes and great peace and joy. Homage and libations to the Lord!

## 45. (Prajapati Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

समुद्रोऽसि नर्भस्वानार्द्रदोनुः शम्भूमीयोभूरभि मो वाहि स्वाहो । मा<u>रुतो</u>ऽसि मुरुतां गुणः शम्भूमीयोभूरभि मो वाहि स्वाहो । अवस्यूरसि दुवस्वाञ्छम्भूमीयोभूरभि मो वाहि स्वाहो ॥४५॥ Samudro'si nabhasvānārdradānuḥ śambhūrmayobhūrabhi mā vāhi svāhā. Māruto'si marutām gaṇaḥ śambhūrmayobhūrabhi mā vāhi svaha. Avasyūrasi duvasvāñchambhūrmayobhūrabhi mā vāhi svāhā.

Prajapati, father and guardian of creation, vast and deep as the ocean, oceans roll around in you. Lord of spaces and spatial waters, showering the earth with rain and the mind with virtue, you are peace yourself and the giver of peace, bliss yourself and the giver of bliss. Come and fold me into bliss all round.

Tempestuous lord of the winds, lord of the stormy scholars of the world, you are goodness yourself and the giver of universal good. You are prosperity and joy yourself and the giver of universal joy and prosperity. Come and fold me into the tempestuous storm of knowledge and discovery all round.

You are the supreme lord of protection and universal help. You are both lord and object of honour and worship, peace and joy yourself and the giver of joy and total freedom. Come and fold me into the bliss of worship and acceptance all round.

## 46. (Agni Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

यास्तेऽअग्ने सूर्ये रुचो दिवेमातुन्वन्ति रृष्टिमिभैः। ताभिनोऽअद्य सर्वीभी रुचे जनीय नस्कृधि ॥४६॥

Yāste'agne sūrye ruco divamātanvanti raśmibhiḥ. Tābhirno' adya sarvābhī ruce janāya naskṛdhi.

Agni, lord of the universe, that beauty, light and love of yours which shines in the sun and fills the heavens and all other spaces of the world with its rays,

with all those rays of light and beauty and all those vibrations of love, bless us today for the people and their love.

## 47. (Brihaspati Devata, Shunah-shepa Ŗshi)

या वो देवाः सूर्ये रुचो गोष्वश्वेषु या रुचेः । इन्द्राग्नी ताभिः सर्वीभी रुचे नो धत्त बृहस्पते ॥४७॥

Yā vo devāḥ sūrye ruco goṣvaśveṣu yā rucaḥ. Indrāgnī tābhiḥ sarvābhī rucaṁ no dhatta bṛhaspate.

Brihaspati, lord of the great wonderful world, brilliant powers of divinity, saints and sages, that light and love of yours which shines in the sun, and that which reflects in the sun-beams, the earths, fires, sense organs, cows and horses, with all that light and love, may Indra, lord of universal energy, and Agni, power of universal heat and light, and the saints and scholars of the world bless us.

## 48. (Brihaspati Devata, Shunah-shepa Ŗshi)

रुचं नो धेहि ब्राह्मणेषु रुच्रुश्राजेसु नस्कृधि । रुच्ं विश्येषु शूद्रेषु मियं धेहि रुचा रुचेम् ॥४८॥

Rucam no dhehi brāhmaņeşu rucam rājasu naskṛdhi. Rucam viśyeşu śūdreşu mayi dhehi rucā rucam.

Brihaspati, lord of the universe, eminent teacher and master of vast knowledge, inspire our Brahma section of the community—scholars, scientists, teachers and researchers with brilliance and love. Infuse brilliance, love and justice into our Kshatrias, defence, administration and justice section of the community.

Bless with light, love and generosity our Vaishyas, producers and distributors among the community. And bless our Shudras, the ancillary services, with light, love and loyalty. Bless me with light and love toward us all.

## 49. (Brihaspati Devata, Shunahshepa Ŗshi)

तत्त्वां या<u>मि</u> ब्रह्मणा वन्दंमान्स्तदाशांस्ते यर्जमानो ह्विभिः। अहेडमानो वरुणेह बोध्युरुशस्स मा न्ऽआयुः प्रमोषीः॥४९॥

Tattvā yāmi brahmaṇā vandamānastadāśāste yajamāno havirbhiḥ. Aheḍamāno varuṇeha bodhyuruśaṃsa mā na āyuḥ pramoṣīḥ.

The yajamana, singing Vedic hymns of praise in honour of the lord, offers libations of fragrant materials with absolute dedication in the hope of self-fulfilment. The same I come to you, Varuna, Lord of our love and choice, universally worshipped and celebrated. Here I am at your door. Kind and favourable lord, know, accept and enlighten us, let not life slip through our fingers into the sands of time.

## 50. (Surya Devata, Shunah-shepa Rshi)

स्वर्ण घर्मः स्वाहो । स्वर्णार्कः स्वाहो । स्वर्ण शुक्रः स्वाहो । स्वर्ण ज्योतिः स्वाहो । स्वर्ण सूर्यः स्वाहो ॥५०॥

Svarņa gharmaḥ svāhā. Svarṇārkaḥ svāhā. Svarṇa śukraḥ svāhā. Svarṇa jyotiḥ svāhā. Svarṇa sūryaḥ svāhā.

Warmth is heavenly, soothing, use it well, for yajna. Fire is heavenly, generous, use it well, for yajna. Air is heavenly, energy, use it well, for yajna. Light is heavenly, power, use it well, for yajna. Sun is heavenly, life, miss it not, use it well, for yajna.

#### 51. (Agni Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

अग्नि युन<u>न्मि</u> शर्वसा घृतेने <u>दि</u>व्यःसुंपुर्णं वर्यसा बृहन्तम्। तेने वयं गेमेम ब्रध्नस्य <u>वि</u>ष्टपुःस्वो हाणाऽअधि नाकमुत्तुमम् ॥५१॥

Agnim yunajmi śavasā ghṛtena dīvyam suparnam vayasā bṛhantam. Tena vayam gamema bradhnasya viṣṭapam svo ruhāṇā'adhi nākamuttamam.

I feed the fire with powerful oblations of ghee, fire which is divine power and sustainer of life, feeding on food and growing higher, mightier and more and more pervasive. And thereby, desiring and increasing the joys of life, may we rise to the regions of the illustrious lord of light, the sun, and ultimately attain to the highest level of bliss, the freedom and ecstasy of Moksha, beyond all suffering.

## 52. (Agni Devata, Shunahshepa Ŗshi)

इमौ ते पक्षावजरौ पतित्रणौ याभ्याछरक्षाछस्यपहः स्यंग्ने । ताभ्यां पतेम सुकृतामु लोकं यत्रऽऋषयो ज्ग्मुः प्रथमुजाः पुराणाः ॥५२॥

Imau te pakṣāvajarau patatriṇau yābhyām rakṣānsya-pahansyagne. Tābhyām patema sukṛtāmu lokam yatra ṛṣayo jagmuḥ prathamajāḥ purāṇāḥ.

Agni, lord of light and life, cause and effect, consumption of food and creation/production of energy and new forms, these are the two wings, ever young, constant, and never decaying, of your systemic catalysis in the process of evolution and development, by which you negate the forces of counter-evolution and

destruction. By virtue of these two, may we rise to the regions of the noble heroes of action to which arose the visionary seers first-born and ancient.

## 53. (Indu Devata, Shunahshepa Ŗshi)

इन्दुर्दक्षः श्येनऽऋतावा हिरंण्यपक्षः शकुनो भुर्ण्युः । महान्त्स्थस्थे ध्रुवऽआ निषंत्तो नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु मा मा हिःसीः ॥५३॥

Indurdakṣaḥ śyena'ṛtāvā hiraṇyapakṣaḥ śakuno bhuraṇyuḥ. Mahāntsadhasthe dhruva ā niṣatto namaste astu mā mā himsīḥ.

Cool as the moon, versatile and brave, fast as an eagle, committed to truth and law, powerful and brilliant, generous as the sun, great, steadfast, firmly seated in this house of the nation, salutations to you. Forbear, do not violate me, do not injure me.

## 54. (Indu Devata, Galava Ŗshi)

द्विवो मूर्द्धासि पृ<u>थि</u>व्या ना<u>भिरूर्ग</u>पामोषेधीनाम् । विश्वायुः शर्मं सप्रथा नर्मस्पथे ॥५४॥

Divo mūrdhā'si pṛthivyā nābhirūrgapām-oṣadhīnām. Viśvāyuḥ śarma saprathā namaspathe.

Brilliant man of peace and power, you are on top of the light of knowledge, at the centre of the life on earth, the essence of waters and herbs, life of life, shelter home for all, celebrated through the land, guide, path and destination for all. Salutations and homage to you!

#### 55. (Indu Devata, Galava Rshi)

विश्वस्य मूर्द्धन्निधं तिष्ठिस <u>श्</u>रितः संमुद्रे ते हृदयम्प्स्वायुर्पो दत्तोद्धिं भिन्त । <u>दिवस्प</u>र्जन्यदन्तिरक्षात्पृ<u>थि</u>व्यास्तती नो वृष्ट्याव ॥५५॥

Viśvasya mūrdhannadhi tiṣṭhasi śritaḥ samudre te hṛdayamapsvāyurapo dattodadhim bhinta. Divasparjanyādantarikṣāt prithivyāstato no vṛṣṭyāva.

Brilliant power of light and life, you are on top of the world, steadfast and presiding over all! Your heart is deep in infinity. Your energy is one with universality. Break through the oceans of space and hold the waters of life for gift. And then, protect and promote us with the rain of light from heaven, showers from the clouds and the sky, and honey sweets from the earth.

## 56. (Yajna Devata, Galava Ŗshi)

ड्डप्टो युज्ञो भृगुंभिराशी॒र्दा वसुंभिः। तस्य नऽड्डप्टस्यं प्री॒तस्य द्रविणे्हार्गमेः॥५६॥

Iṣṭo yajño bhṛgubhirāśīrdā vasubhiḥ. Tasya na' iṣṭasya prītasya draviņehāgameḥ.

Yajna, wealth and power of the world, source of benediction and fulfilment, loved and performed by top scientists and scholars of the highest order, come and bring us here and now all that we love and all that we desire.

## 57. (Agni Devata, Galava Ŗshi)

ड्रष्टोऽअगिनराहुतः पिपर्त्तु नऽड्रष्टश्ह्विः । स्वगेदं देवेभ्यो नर्मः ॥५७॥ Iṣṭo' agnirāhutaḥ pipartu na iṣṭam haviḥ. Svagedam devebhyo namaḥ.

May Agni, invoked and fed with love and fragrant materials, protect and promote us with the desired comfort and joy. And may this food and homage which comes to its own reach the noblest powers of nature and humanity.

## 58. (Agni Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

यदाकूतात् समसुस्रोद्धृदो वा मनसो वा सम्भृतं चक्षुषो वा । तर्दनु प्रेतं सुकृतामु लोकं यत्रऽऋषयो जग्मुः प्रथमजाः पुराणाः ॥५८॥

Yadākūtāt samasusroddhṛdo vā manaso vā sambhṛtaṁ cakṣuṣo vā. Tadanu preta sukṛtāmu lokaṁ yatra' ṛṣayo jagmuḥ prathamajāḥ purāṇāḥ.

Lovers of truth and action, whatever you have thought and imagined and whatever has issued forth from your intention or heart or mind or from your actual experience of the eye, and whatever stays held up within, follow that and achieve, and rise to the heavenly regions of the meritorious to which arose the divine visionaries first born and ancient.

## 59. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

एतःसंधस्थ परि ते ददामि यमावहि च्छेवधि जातवैदाः । अन्वागन्ता यज्ञपितर्वोऽअत्र तःस्मे जानीत पर्मे व्योमन्॥५९

Etam sadhastha pari te dadāmi yamāvahācchevadhim jātavedāḥ. Anvāgantā yajñapatirvo' atra tam sma jānīta parame vyoman.

Lovers of Divinity sitting in this heavenly home

of yajna, I pass on to you this supreme treasure of knowledge and joy which Jataveda, Agni, and the devoted scholar of the Veda brought down hitherward from the highest heavens, and to which the yajamana also attains following upon the yajna. Know him, and know and experience that supreme presence and that supreme joy which abides in the highest heavens.

## 60. (Prajapati Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

एतं जीनाथ पर्मे व्योम्न् देवाः सधस्था <u>वि</u>द रूपमस्य । यदागच्छात्पृथिभिर्देवयानैरिष्टापूर्त्ते कृणवाथाविरस्मै॥६०॥

Etam jānātha parame vyoman devāḥ sadhasthā vida rūpamasya. Yadāgacchāt pathibhirdevayānairiṣṭāpūrte kṛṇavāthāvirasmai.

Lovers of Divinity, noblest scholars and sages, sitting together in this heavenly home of yajna, know and realise this supreme creative presence which pervades the highest and the ultimate spaces of the universe. Realise its form and power, and feel the bliss that emanates from this presence. Perform the acts and observe the devotions prescribed by the Vedas and the Vedic Traditions for the attainment of this presence which comes to those who travel by the paths followed by the godly men and women of divinity.

## 61. (Prajapati Devata, Galava Ŗshi)

उद्बुध्यस्वाग्ने प्रतिजागृहि त्विमष्टापूर्ते सःसृजेथाम्यं चे । अस्मिन्स्धस्थेऽअध्युत्तरस्मिन् विश्वे देवा यजेमानश्च सीदत ॥६१॥

Udbudhyasvāgne prati jāgṛhi tvamiṣṭāpūrte sam sṛjethāmayam ca. Asmintsadhasthe'adhyuttarasmin viśve devā yajamānaśca sīdata.

Agni, fire and power of light and life, man of fire and knowledge, awake, arise, and let the yajamana arise and act. And both of you together enact the holy rites and offer the devotions to the Lord. Men and women of divinity and the yajamana, all be seated in this blessed house of yajna on the holy seats around the vedi.

# 62. (Vishvakarma/Agni Devata, Devashrava, Devavata Rshis)

येन वहंसि सहस्त्रं येनोग्ने सर्ववेदसम् । तेनेमं युज्ञं नौ नय स्वर्देवेषु गन्तवे ॥६२॥

Yena vahasi sahasram yenāgne sarvavedasam. Tenemam yajñam no naya svardeveṣu gantave.

Lord of fire and knowledge, by the power you conduct the yajna of a hundred gifts, and the yajna of total Vedic knowledge, and all the worldly wealth, by the same power lead on this yajna of ours to reach the regions of bliss among the noblest souls of divinity.

## 63. (Yajna Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

प्रस्तरेण परिधिना स्त्रुचा वेद्या च बर्हिषा । ऋचेमं युज्ञं नो नयु स्वर्देवेषु गन्तवे ॥६३॥

Prastareņa paridhinā srucā vedyā ca barhiṣā. Ŗcemaṁ yajñaṁ no naya svardeveṣu gantave.

Lord of yajna, by the sacrificial seat (asana), vedi's girdle of fire-sticks, the ladle, the vedi, the kusha grass and the light of fire, and by the chant of Vedic hymns, take our yajna on and forward to lead us to reach the joy of life and the bliss of divinity among the blessed souls.

#### 64. (Yajna Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

यद्दत्तं यत्परादानुं यत्पूर्त्तं याश्च दक्षिणाः। तदुग्निवैश्वकर्मुणः स्वर्देवेषु नो दधत् ॥६४॥

Yaddattam yatparādānam yatpūrtam yāśca dakṣiṇāḥ. Tadagnirvaiśvakarmaṇaḥ svardeveṣu no dadhat.

Whatever is given, whatever is received from others for others, whatever works are raised for charity, whatever gifts are given to priests, may versatile Agni of universal action carry all that to the heavenly powers in the regions of bliss for our sake.

## 65. (Yajna Devata, Vishvakarma Ŗshi)

यत्र धाराऽअनेपेता मधीर्घृतस्ये च याः । तद्गिनवैप्रिवकर्मणः स्वेर्देवेषु नो दधत् ॥६५॥

Yatra dhārā anapetā madhorghṛtasya ca yāḥ. Tadagnirvaiśvakarmaṇaḥ svardeveṣu no dadhat.

Where streams of nectar honey flow uninterrupted and where flow streams of purest milk and ghee, there among the noblest souls, may Agni, lord of universal yajnic action, lead us into the heaven of bliss.

#### 66. (Agni Devata, Devashrava & Devavata Rshis)

अग्निरं<u>स्मि</u> जन्मेना जातवेदा घृतं मे चक्षुर्मृतं मऽ-आसन् । अर्क<u>स्त्रिधात</u>ू रजेसो <u>वि</u>मानोऽजेस्रो घर्मो हुवि-रंस्मि नामे ॥६६॥

Agnirasmi janmanā jātavedā ghṛtaṁ me cakṣuramṛtaṁ ma āsan. Arkastridhātū rajaso vimāno' jasro gharmo havirasmi nāma. I am fire, so by birth, present in all that is born. Ghee is my light of the eye. Nectar is my mouth. What I consume turns into nectar. Loved and adored with Riks, Yajus and Samans, I am threefold in constitution, my elements being akasha (ether), vayu (wind and energy), and agni, fire that I am. I pervade and cover the sky, I am perpetually active and moving. I am the heat and light of the sun and summer. I am havi, the food of yajna, and I am a name, I have an identity of my own.

## 67. (Agni Devata, Devashrava & Devavata Rshis)

ऋचो नाम<u>स्मि</u> यर्जूछं<u>षि</u> नामा<u>स्मि</u> साम<u>िन</u> नामस्मि । येऽअग्नयः पाञ्चेजन्याऽअस्यां पृ<u>ष्</u>थिव्यामधि । तेषाम<u>सि</u> त्वमुत्तमः प्र नो जी्वातेवे सुव ॥६७॥

Rco nāmāsmi yajūňsi nāmāsmi sāmāni nāmāsmi. Ye' agnayaḥ pāñcajanyā' asyāṁ pṛthivyāmadhi. Teṣāmasi tvamuttamaḥ pra no jīvātave suva.

I am Riks by name (Rigveda), I am Yajus, that's my name (Yajurveda), I am Samans, that's my name (Samveda) for sure.

Yajnagni, five are the sacred fires that are on this earth (namely, Anvaharya-pachana or Dakshina, Garhapatya, Ahavaniya, Sabhya, and Avasthya), which are good and auspicious for all the people without discrimination. Of them, you are the supreme. Awake, arise, come and inspire us for a full life on earth, dedicated to yajna.

# 68. (Agni Devata, Indra Ŗshi)

वार्त्र'हत्याय शर्वसे पृतनाषाह्याय च । इन्द्र त्वार्वर्तयामसि ॥६८॥ Vārtrahatyāya śavase pṛtanāṣāhyāya ca. Indra tvā"vartayāmasi.

Indra, lord of blazing power and prowess, for your power to break down the anti-life clouds of darkness, for the sake of strength and superiority in advancement, and for your potential to rout the forces of the enemies of humanity, we turn to you, abide by you and act under your command.

#### 69. (Indra Devata, Indra & Vishvamitra Rshis)

सहदोनुम्पुरुहूत क्षियन्तेमहुस्तिमेन्द्र सिम्पिणुक् कुणारुम् । अभि वृत्रं वद्धीमानुं पियोरुमुपादीमन्द्र तुवसी जघन्थ ॥६९॥

Sahadānumpuruhūta kṣiyantamahastamindra sampiṇak kuṇārum. Abhi vṛtraṁ vardhamānaṁ piyārumapādamindra tavasā jaghantha.

Indra, lord of lightning power, disarm, wither and crush the rival negative forces, lurking within, mischievous, growing, vociferous, and like the cloud, withholding the waters of progress. Indra, blazing with the thunderbolt like the sun, break up the cloud and destroy the mischief with your might.

#### 70. (Indra Devata, Shasa Rshi)

वि नेऽइन्द्व मृधों जिह नीचा येच्छ पृतन्यतः। योऽअस्माँ२॥ऽअंभिदास्त्यधेरं गमया तमेः॥७०॥

Vi na'indra mṛdho jahi nīcā yaccha pṛtanyataḥ. Yoʻ asmāň abhidāsatyadharaṁ gamayā tamaḥ.

Indra, lord of might in command, eliminate the battles of blood. Take them down to those who rise with violent force and come upon us to fight. Whoever wish to enslave us, take them down to utter darkness of misery.

## 71. (Indra Devata, Jaya Ŗshi)

मृगो न भीमः कुंचरो गि<u>रि</u>ष्ठाः परावतऽआजेगन्था परेस्याः। सृकःसःशायं प्विमिन्द्र <u>ति</u>ग्मं वि शत्रून्ता<u>ढि</u> वि मृधौ नुदस्व ॥७१॥

Mṛgo na bhīmaḥ kucaro giriṣṭhāḥ parāvata'ā jaganthā parasyāḥ. Sṛkam samśāya pavimindra tigmam vi śatrūn tāḍhi vi mṛdho nudasva.

Like a terrible lion of the mountain forest, roaming around freely, go far and fall upon the hostile forces. Having tempered and sharpened the point of your steel, drive off the enemies and eliminate the battles of blood.

## 72. (Agni Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

वैश्वानुरो नेऽ ऊतयुऽआ प्रयातु परावर्तः । अग्निनीः सुष्टुतीरुपे ॥७२॥

Vaiśvānaro na'ūtaya'ā pra yātu parāvataḥ. Agnirnaḥ suṣṭutīrupa.

All commanding power, reaching everything and everyone like the light of the sun and the heat of fire, come to us from afar for our protection. Fire of life, listen to our songs of praise and prayer and come.

#### 73. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

पृष्टो <u>दि</u>वि पृष्टोऽअग्निः पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्यां पृष्टो विश्वाऽ-ओषेधीराविवेश। <u>वै</u>श्वानुरः सहसा पृष्टोऽअग्निः स नो दिवा स <u>रि</u>षस्पति नक्तम् ॥७३॥

Pṛṣṭo divi pṛṣṭo' agniḥ pṛthivyāṁ pṛṣṭo viśvā 'oṣadhīrāviveśa. Vaiśvānaraḥ sahasā pṛṣṭo' agniḥ sa no divā sa riṣaspātu naktam.

Agni, universal fire, Vaishvanara, omnipresent, omnificent vitality, which blazes in heaven as the sun is worth knowing. The fire in the earth is worth knowing. The fire that has entered the entire herbs and trees of the world is worth knowing by research. May this Agni protect and sustain us against violence day and night.

## 74. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

अश्याम् तं कार्ममग्ने तवोतीऽअश्यामं र्यिःरीयवः सुवीरेम्। अश्याम् वार्जम्भि वाजयन्तोऽश्यामं द्युम्नमंजराजरं ते ॥७४॥

Aśyāma tam kāmamagne tavotī'aśyāma rayim rayivaḥ suvīram. Aśyāma vājamabhi vājayanto'- 'śyāma dyumnamajarājaram te.

Agni, lord defender, protector and sustainer, under your umbrella, may we get the benefits we desire. Lord of wealth and plenty, may we get the wealth and the valorous heroes we need. Fighting the battles of life, may we achieve the victories we prize. Lord ever young, unageing, may we also share and achieve your imperishable glory and majesty.

### 75. (Agni Devata, Utkeela Rshi)

वयं तेऽअद्य रि<u>रि</u>मा हि कार्ममुत्तानहंस्ता नर्मसोपसद्ये । यजिष्ठेन मनेसा यक्षि देवानस्त्रेधता मन्मना विप्रोऽ-अग्ने ॥७५॥

Vayam te'adya rarimā hi kāmamuttānahastā namasopasadya. Yajiṣṭhena manasā yakṣi devānasredhatā manmanā vipro' agne.

Agni, lord of light, knowledge and power, with hands raised up in homage, we come to you today with a dedicated, concentrated, thoughtful and faithful mind and make the loved-most offerings. With the same dedicated, concentrated and committed mind, you too do honour to the powers of divinity.

## 76. (Vishvedevas Devata, Utkeela Ŗshi)

धामुच्छद्गितरिन्द्री ब्रह्मा देवो बृह्स्पतिः । सर्चेतसो विश्वे देवा युज्ञं प्रार्वन्तु नः शुभे ॥७६॥

Dhāmacchadagnirindro brahmā devo bṛhaspatiḥ. Sacetaso viśve devā yajñaṁ prāvantu nah śubhe.

Agni, lord protector of regions and places, lord of knowledge, Indra, lord of power and honour, Brahma, lord of creative Vedic vision, Deva, lord of generosity and brilliance, Brihaspati, lord of learning and teaching, may all these and other noble powers of the world, enlightened and magnanimous, protect and promote our yajnas of life for the good of all for ever and onward.

### 77. (Vishvedevas Devata, Ushana Rshi)

त्वं येविष्ठ दाशुषो नृः पोहि शृणुधी गिर्रः । रक्षो तोकमुत त्मनो ॥७७॥

Tvam yaviṣṭha dāśuṣo nṛňḥ pāhi śṛṇudhī giraḥ. Raksā tokamuta tmanā.

Lord of life and humanity, ever young, generous giver, listen to the voice and prayers of the people. Protect and promote humanity, and preserve the race with the breath of life.

इति अष्टादशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XIX

### 1. (Soma Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

स्वाद्वीं त्वी स्वादुनी तीव्रां तीव्रेणामृतीममृतेन । मधुमतीं मधुमता सृजामि स॰सोमेन । सोमौऽस्यृश्विभ्यी पच्यस्व सरस्वत्यै पच्यस्वेन्द्रीय सुत्राम्णी पच्यस्व ॥१॥

Svādvīm tvā svādunā tīvrām tīvreņāmṛtāmamṛtena. Madhumatīm madhumatā sṛjāmi sam somena. Somo'syaśvibhyām pacyasva sarasvatyai pacyasvendrāya sutrāmņe pacyasva.

Tonic of life, panacea for health, delicious in taste, sharp in action, honey sweet and healing like nectar, I mix and develop you with soma, delicious sharp, honey sweet and nectar-like in healing. Integrated with soma, you are now soma itself. Mature and ripen for the Ashvins, powers of health and men and women of learning. Ripen and mature for Sarasvati, woman of the divine voice. Mature and ripen for Indra, man of power and honour who protects and promotes humanity against suffering.

## 2. (Soma Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

परीतो षिञ्चता सुतःसोमो यऽउत्तमःहविः। दुधन्वान् यो नर्यो अप्स्वुन्तरा सुषाव सोमुमद्रिभिः॥२॥

Parīto şiñcatā sutam somo ya'uttamam haviḥ. Dadhanvān yo naryo apsvantarā suṣāva somamadribhiḥ.

Soma, extracted, richly reinforced and distilled thus is the best for life and yajna. Let the best person

among humans develop and produce it mixed with the waters and matured on the mountains with the clouds.

### 3. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

वायोः पूतः प्वित्रेण प्रत्यङ्क्सोमोऽअतिद्वतः । इन्द्रेस्य युज्यः सर्खा । वायोः पूतः प्वित्रेण प्राङ्क्सोमोऽअतिद्वतः। इन्द्रेस्य युज्यः सर्खा ॥३॥

Vāyoḥ pūtaḥ pavitreṇa pratyaṅk somo' atidrutaḥ. Indrasya yujyaḥ sakhā. Vāyoḥ pūtaḥ pavitreṇa prāṅk somo atidrutaḥ. Indrasya yujyaḥ sakhā.

Soma, freshly extracted, fully filtered, highly refined, and seasoned in westerly wind, instant and usable is a friend of Indra, man of power and honour, for concentration of mind.

Soma, old extracted, fully filtered, highly refined, and seasoned in easterly wind, instant and effective is a friend of Indra, man of power and honour, for concentration of mind.

### 4. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

पुनाति ते परि्स्नुत्रःसोम्ःसूर्यंस्य दु<u>हि</u>ता । वारेण् शश्वेता तनी ॥४॥

Punāti te parisrutam somam sūryasya duhitā. Vāreņa śaśvatā tanā.

Lover and maker of soma, the dawn, daughter of the sun, constantly purifies and vitalizes the streams of your soma with an uninterrupted flow of the currents of its celestial light and eternal energy.

### 5. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

ब्रह्म क्ष्रत्रं पेवते तेर्जऽइ<u>न्द्रिय</u> स्सुरया सोमेः सुतऽआस्ति मदीय । शुक्रेणे देव देवतीः पिपृ<u>ग्धि</u> रसेनान्नं यर्जमानाय धेहि ॥५॥

Brahma kṣatram pavate teja'indriyam surayā somaḥ suta'āsuto madāya. Śukreṇa deva devatāḥ pipṛgdhi rasenānnam yajamānāya dhehi.

Soma, extracted and taken, purifies and energizes the Brahmana community of intellectuals, and the Kshatra community of warriors, defenders and administrators, and inspires them with passion and enthusiasm for action and achievement. It sharpens the senses with sensitivity and the mind with brilliance.

Deva, man of science and yajna, with the purity and energy of yajna and soma, please and serve the powers of nature and humanity and enhance the production of food for the yajamana with vital juice treatment.

## 6. (Indra Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

कुविद्ङ्ग यवंमन्तो यवं <u>चि</u>द्यथा दान्त्यनुपूर्वं <u>वि</u>यूयं <u>इ</u>हेहैषां कृणुहि भोजना<u>नि</u> ये <u>ब</u>हिषो नमेऽउ<u>क्तिं</u> यजेन्ति । <u>उपयामगृहीतोऽस्य</u>श्विभ्यं त्वा सरंस्वत्यै त्वेन्द्रीय त्वा सुत्राम्णेऽ एष ते यो<u>नि</u>स्तेजेसे त्वा वी<u>र्या</u>य त्वा बलाय त्वा ॥६॥

Kuvidanga yavamanto yavam cidyathā dāntyanupūrvam viyūya. Ihehaiṣām kṛṇuhi bhojanāni ye barhiṣo nama uktim yajanti. Upayāmagṛhīto' syaśvibhyām tvā sarasvatyai tvendrāya tvā sutrāmṇa' eṣa te yonistejase tvā vīryāya tvā balāya tvā. O friend, ruler and administrator, those farmers who produce grain and harvest the crop for strength and sustenance, and those brilliant ones who, accordingly, study, analyse and pronounce their judgement on food production, for all these provide food and maintenance.

Accepted and sanctified you are for the Ashvins, earth and sunlight (for production), scientific knowledge, strength and power and defence and protection. This is your value and justification for life. I consecrate you for splendour, power and prowess, and solid strength.

# 7. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Ḥshi)

नाना हि वं देवहित्रःसर्वस्कृतं मा सःसृक्षाथां पर्मे व्योमन्। सुरा त्वमिस शुष्मिणी सोमेऽएष मा मो हिःसीः स्वां योनिमाविशन्ती ॥७॥

Nānā hi vām devahitam sadaskṛtam mā sam sṛkṣāthām parame vyoman. Surā tvamasi śuṣmiṇī soma'eṣa mā mā himsīḥ svām yonimāviśantī.

Many are the things for you in this wide world. They are different, each in its own place good for the noble people. Don't confuse one with the other in your own understanding: "You are sura, intoxication. And you are sura, stimulation for life's energy. This is soma, life's energy, passion for action, peace and pleasure for the mind. Coming to your own in your own place, don't violate soma, don't injure me."

### 8. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽस्या<u>श्वि</u>नं तेजीः सारस्वतं वीर्युमैन्द्रं बर्लम् । एष ते यो<u>नि</u>र्मोदीय त्वानुन्दायं त्वा महसे त्वा ॥८॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'syāśvinam tejāḥ sārasvatam vīryamaindram balam. Eṣā te yonirmodāya tvā" nandāya tvā mahase tvā.

Indra, accepted and initiated you are in the laws of life, vested with splendour of the sun and beauty of the moon, power and prowess of the world on the move, and the thunderbolt of lightning. This world is your home and justification for existence for the experience and creation of joy, spiritual bliss, universal honour and glory. I consecrate you in your place and position by virtue of Soma.

#### 9. (Soma Devata, Abhuti Rshi)

तेजोऽसि तेजो मिय धेहि वीर्युमिस वीर्युं मिय धेहि बर्लमिस बलं मिय धेह्योजोऽस्योजो मिय धेहि मृन्युरेसि मृन्युं मिय धेहि सहोऽसि सहो मिये धेहि ॥९॥

Tejo'si tejo mayi dhehi vīryamasi vīryam mayi dhehi balamasi balam mayi dhehyojo'syojo mayi dhehi manyurasi manyum mayi dhehi saho'si saho mayi dhehi.

You are the light of life, put light into me. You are the vigour and vitality of life, put vigour and vitality into me. You are the strength and force of life, put strength and force into me. You are the lustre of health and energy of life, bless me with the glow and lustre of health and energy. You are the passion for life, put passion into me. You are the challenge and victory of

life, bless me with the spirit of challenge and the ambition for victory.

### 10. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

या व्याघ्रं विषूचिकोभौ वृकं च रक्षति । श्येनं पेतृत्विणेःसिःहःसेमं पात्वःहंसः ॥१०॥

Yā vyāghram viṣūcikobhau vṛkam ca rakṣati. Śyenam patatriṇam simham semam pātvamhasaḥ.

That secret agency which watches and keeps off both the tiger and wolf, the eagle and other birds of prey, and the lion, the same may warn and protect this ruler from sin and wrong-doing.

## 11. (Agni Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

यदिष्पिषे मातरं पुत्रः प्रमुदितो धर्यन् । एतत्तर्दग्नेऽअनृणो भवाम्यहेतौ पितरौ मर्या । सम्पृचे स्थ सं मी भद्रेणे पृङ्क विपृचे स्थ वि मी पाप्मनी पृङ्क ॥११॥

Yadāpipeṣa mātaraṁ putraḥ pramudito dhayan. Etattadagne' anṛṇo bhavāmyahatau pitarau mayā. Sampṛca stha saṁ mā bhadreṇa pṛṅkta vipṛca stha vi mā pāpmanā pṛṅkta.

Agni, lord of light and yajna, when my child sucks its mother with joy and hugs her almost crushing her with love, then I feel free from my filial debt to nature and my parents, since then are my parents saved through me.

Stay one with the parents, with nature and with God. Join me with piety and goodness. Stay away and keep me away from sin and evil.

### 12. (Vidvan Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

देवा यज्ञमंतन्वत भेषुजं <u>भिषजा</u>श्विना । वाचा सरस्वती <u>भिषगिन्द्रीयेन्द्रियाणि</u> दर्धतः॥१२॥

Devā yajñamatanvata bheṣajaṁ bhiṣajā'śvinā. Vācā sarasvatī bhiṣagindrāyendriyāṇi dadhataḥ.

The healing powers of nature and the two Ashvins, positive and negative currents of universal energy, enact the medicinal yajna of evolution in the service of Indra, lord of the universe. So do the physicians, men and women both, holding their mind and senses in order, carry on the yajna of health and healing with their knowledge and advice. (So too should we all work for health and healing in the service of God and humanity.)

### 13. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

दीक्षायै रूपःशष्पीणि प्रायुणीयस्य तोक्मीनि । क्रुयस्यं रूपःसोमस्य लाजाः सौमाछंशवो मधु ॥१३॥

Dīkṣāyai rūpam śaṣpāṇi prāyaṇīyasya tokmāni. Krayasya rūpam somasya lājāḥ somāmśavo madhu.

Blades of grass are symbols of initiation. Shoots of barley are symbols of yajnic inauguration. Roasted rice treated with soma is the symbol of exchange. Honey is the essence of soma plant. Develop these for yajna.

# 14. (Atithya/Hospitality Devata, Haimavarchi Ŗshi)

आृतिथ्युरूपं मासेरं महावी॒रस्ये नृग्नहुैः। रूपमुपुसदमितित्तस्त्रो रात्रीः सुरासुता ॥१४॥

Ātithyarūpam māsaram mahāvīrasya nagnahuḥ. Rūpamupasadāmetattisro rātrīḥ surā"sutā. Roasted barley and masara drink is the mark of hospitality. Gift of food, drink and clothes is the mark of heroes. Three nights stay is courtesy to the guests. The secret of soma drink is three nights distillation and maturity. Observe these in the hospitality yajna.

### 15. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

सोमेस्य रूपं क्रीतस्ये परिस्नुत्परिषिच्यते । अशिवभ्यं दुग्धं भैषुजिमन्द्रियैन्द्रश्सरस्वत्या ॥१५॥

Somasya rūpam krītasya parisrut pariṣicyate. Aśvibhyām dugdham bheṣajamindrāyaindram sarasvatyā.

The juice of soma fully distilled and prepared by the expert physician, mixed with milk and approved and accepted by a learned woman of Vedic knowledge of medicine, matures into a panacea fit to be the favourite tonic for the sophisticated Indra, lord of strength, power and governance.

### 16. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

आसुन्दी रूपश्रीजासुन्द्यै वेद्यै कुम्भी सुराधानी । अन्तरऽउत्तरवेद्या रूपं करितेत्रो <u>भिषक् ॥१६॥</u>

Āsandī rūpam rājāsandyai vedyai kumbhī surādhānī. Antara'uttaravedyā rūpam kārotaro bhiṣak.

The seat of soma is the mark of governance. The flask of soma drink is the mark of an auspicious altar. Invigorating food is the mark of an auspicious northern altar. The filter that separates the essence of soma from waste is the symbol of a good physician.

### 17. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

वेद्या वेदिः समीप्यते बहिषी बहिरिन्द्रियम् । यूपेन् यूपेऽआप्यते प्रणीतोऽअग्निर्ग्निना ॥१७॥

Vedyā vediḥ samāpyate barhiṣā barhirindriyam. Yūpena yūpa' āpyate praṇīto' agniragninā.

By vedi and performance of yajna, yajnic land is acquired and sanctified. By yajna seats of grass and noble work, wealth and prosperity is obtained. By the pillar of yajnic celebration and social cooperation, honour and celebrity is achieved. And by the yajna fire and creative work, advancement and honourable leadership is attained.

### 18. (Grihapati Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

हृ<u>वि</u>र्धानुं यद्शिवनाग्नीध्यं यत्सरेस्वती । इन्द्रियेन्द्रःसर्वस्कृतं पेत्नीशालुं गार्हीपत्यः॥१८॥

Havirdhānam yadaśvinā gnīdhram yat sarasvatī. Indrāyaindram sadaskṛtam patnīśālam gārhapatyaḥ.

The Ashvinis, husband and wife, prepare the yajna chamber and collect the holy materials. Sarasvati the learned house-wife, is the lady of yajna and the host for the priests and the guests. The house is the seat of yajnic prosperity for the master of the house. And the home is the lady's forte. This is the house-hold, a socioeconomic yajna in operation.

## 19. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

ष्रैषेभिः ष्रैषानां जोत्याप्रीभिराप्रीर्यज्ञस्य । प्रयाजेभिरनुयाजान् वषट्कारे भिराहुतीः॥१९॥ Praisebhih praisānāpnotyāprībhīrāprīryajñasya. Prayājebhiranuyājān vasaṭkārebhirāhutīḥ.

In all yajnic activities of life: By courteous invitations and orders, you get responsive audience and assistants. By obliging favours, you get pleasing help and cooperation. By careful planning and preparation of the preliminaries, you reach the finale with credit and success. And with the pronouncement of a holy offer, you get the divine acceptance.

### 20. (Yajamana Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

पुशुभिः पुशूनीप्नोति पुरोडाशैर्द्वविछंष्या । छन्दौभिः सामिधेनीर्याज्याभिर्वषट्कारान् ॥२०॥

Paśubhiḥ paśūnāpnoti puroḍāśairhavīňṣyā. Chandobhiḥ sāmidhenīryājyābhirvaṣaṭkārān.

By love and care of animals, you beget the wealth of animals. By oblations of rice cakes and generous gifts, you get the wealth of holy materials. By the knowledge and practice of sacred verses, you get the secrets of fire kindling. And by sacrificial chants and actions, you collect holy people around you.

#### 21. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

धानाः केरम्भः सक्तेवः परीवापः पयो दिधे । सोमेस्य रूपः हृविषेऽआमिक्षा वार्जिनं मधु ॥२१॥

Dhānāḥ karambhaḥ saktavaḥ parīvāpaḥ payo dadhi. Somasya rūpam haviṣa'āmikṣā vājinam madhu.

Roasted rice, pudding, barley meal, fried grain, milk, curds, mixed milk and curds, best of grains and

honey, these are forms of soma, vital energy, and they are holy foods for the sacred fire.

### 22. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

धानानां रुं कुर्वलं परीवापस्य गोधूमाः। सक्तूनार्थं रूपं बर्वरमुप्वाकाः करम्भस्य ॥२२॥

Dhānānām rūpam kuvalam parīvāpasya godhūmāḥ. Saktūnām rūpam badaramupavākāḥ karambhasya.

Seed of water-lily is symbol of rice and grains. Wheat is symbol of puddings. Cotton seed/jujube fruit is symbol of roasted grain powder. And barley is symbol of gruel.

#### 23. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Ŗshi)

पर्यसो रूपं यद्यवी दुध्नो रूपं कुर्कन्धूनि । सोमस्य रूपं वाजिनः सौम्यस्य रूपमामिक्षी ॥२३॥

Payaso rūpam yadyavā dadhno rūpam karkandhūni. Somasya rūpam vājinam saumyasya rūpamāmiksā.

Barley is the form of milk. Jujube berry is the form of curd. Grain is the form of soma. And mix of milk or curd is the the form of the essence of soma.

### 24. (Vidvan scholar Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

आ श्रीव्येति स्तोत्रियाः प्रत्याश्रावोऽअनुरूपः। यजेति धाय्यारूपं प्रगाथा ये यजामुहाः ॥२४॥

Ā śravayeti stotriyāḥ pratyāśrāvo'anurūpaḥ. Yajeti dhāyyārūpam pragāthā ye yajāmahāḥ.

"Speak to us of knowledge", say the disciples to the teacher. And let what is spoken, heard and understood be in conformity and unison. "Conduct the yajna", say the yajniks. And conduct of the yajna is the function of the priest, the singers and the performers, all in unison.

## 25. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

अर्ध्ऽऋचैरुक्थानीछंरूपं प्रदेरीप्नोति निविद्यः। प्रणुवैः शुस्त्राणीछंरूपं पर्यसा सोमेऽआप्यते ॥२५॥

Ardha'ṛcairukthānām rūpam padairāpnoti nividaḥ. Praṇavaiḥ śastrāṇām rūpam payasā soma āpyate.

By half-Riks you get to the form and meaning of Uktha verses. By phrases you get to the Nivids, invocatory verses and formulae. By the chant and worship of Om you get to the form and meaning of mystic powers. By water and milk rejuvenation is achieved as by soma.

### 26. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

अ्शिवभ्यां प्रातः सवनिमन्द्रेणेन्द्रं माध्येन्दिनम् । वैश्वदेवः सरस्वत्या तृतीयेमाप्तः सर्वनम् ॥२६॥

Aśvibhyām prātaḥsavanamindreṇaindram mādhyamdinam. Vaiśvadevam sarasvatyā tṛtīyamāptam savanam.

The morning Soma-yajna is performed with hymns to the Ashvinis, the dawn, the sun and the moon. The mid-day Soma-yajna is performed with hymns to Indra for energy, power and honour. And the third, evening Soma-yajna, is accomplished and completed with hymns to Sarasvati, spirit and word of universal knowledge and inspiration for the sake of universal peace and happiness.

### 27. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

वायुव्यैर्वायुव्यान्याप्नोति सतेन द्रोणकलुशम् । कुम्भीभ्यामम्भृणौ सुते स्थालीभिः स्थालीराप्नोति ॥२७॥

Vāyavyairvāyavyānyāpnoti satena droņakalaśam. Kumbhībhyāmambhṛṇau sute sthālībhih sthālīrāpnoti.

With the properties of wind and air you get the energy of wind and air in the soma in the vayavya airvessels. With filtration you get to the drona-measure vessel of soma. With two jars of corn and water, you get two water-jar measures of soma, one for stirring and cleansing and the other for the pure and distilled soma. And then by cooking cauldrons you get the finished cauldronfuls of soma offerings for the yajna.

#### 28. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

यर्जुर्भिराप्यन्ते ग्रहा ग्रहै: स्तोमश्च विष्टुंती:। छन्दौभिरुक्थाशस्त्राणि साम्नविभृथऽअप्यिते ॥२८॥

Yajurbhirāpyante grahā grahaiḥ stomāśca viṣṭutīḥ. Chandobhirukthāśastrāṇi sāmnāvabhrtha'āpyate.

With verses of Yajurveda, you take ladlefuls of soma, learn the ways of the world and knowledge of the stars and planets. With the knowledge and libations, you come to stomas, hymns of praise and qualities of things and facts of life. With metres of verses and from singers, you come to formula hymns of the Veda and the secrets of weapons. And then with the recitation of Samans, you come to the valediction of yajna and the holy bath.

#### 29. (Ida Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

इडिभिर्भक्षानीप्नोति सूक्तवाकेनाशिर्षः । श्रृंयुनी पत्नीसंयाजान्त्सीमष्टयुजुषी सुःस्थाम् ॥२९॥

Idabhirbhakṣānāpnoti sūktavākenāśiṣaḥ. Śaṁ-yunā patnīsaṁyājāntsamiṣṭayajuṣā saṃsthām.

With the sacred Word and worship you get food from the fields of earth. With sweet words and songs of reverence one gets all the good wishes and success to the heart's desire. With a peaceful and generous mind the husband gets the best conjugal relations with his wife. And with the performance of yajna with the desired Yajurvedic hymns, you come to the consummation of settled life in a happy home.

## 30. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

त्रुतेने दीक्षामीप्नोति दीक्षयीऽप्नोति दक्षिणाम् । दक्षिणा श्रद्धामीप्नोति श्रद्धयो सत्यमीप्यते ॥३०॥

Vratena dīkṣāmāpnoti dīkṣaya'pnoti dakṣiṇām. Dakṣiṇā śraddhāmāpnoti śraddhayā satyamāpyate.

By the observance of discipline and celibacy, the child comes to initiation and consecration into learning and education. By learning and education, the young man/woman comes to settlement, wealth and honour. Settlement, wealth and honour begets faith. And through faith one comes to attain the ultimate truth and values of life and existence.

### 31. (Yajna Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

एतावेद् रूपं युज्ञस्य यद्देवैर्ब्रह्मणा कृतम् । तद्देतत्सर्वीमाप्नोति युज्ञे सौत्रामुणी सुते ॥३१॥ Etāvad rūpam yajñasya yaddevairbrahmaṇā kṛtam. Tadetat sarvamāpnoti yajñe sautrāmaṇī sute.

This is the form of yajna with its meaning and values which has been described and prescribed by God, the Vedas and the Rishis. If a person is consecrated in a Sautramani yajna, performed in honour of Indra, i.e., in the service of God and for the good of the world, with the yajnopavita and the knots of dedication and commitment of oneself in faith, he/she is blest with all that and this, that is, in this life and hereafter.

### 32. (Indra Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

सुरावेन्तं ब<u>र्हिषदेश सु</u>वीरं युज्ञश हिन्वन्ति म<u>हि</u>षा नमोभिः। दर्धानाः सोमं <u>दि</u>वि देवतासु मदेमेन्द्रं यजमानाः स्वर्काः॥३२॥

Surāvantam barhiṣadam suvīram yajñam hinvanti mahiṣā namobhiḥ. Dadhānāḥ somam divi devatāsu mademendram yajamānāḥ svarkāḥ.

Great enlightened people, with rich libations of havi, promote yajna, source of joy, operative in space and maker of the brave.

Let us too, blest with enlightenment, holding libations of soma for the divinities of heaven and earth, performing yajna in honour of Indra, lord of the universe, and ruler of the earth, rejoice with heavenly bliss on earth.

#### 33. (Indra Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

यस्ते रसः सम्भृतऽओषधीषु सोमस्य शुष्मः सुरया सुतस्य। तेने जिन्व यजमानं मदेन सरस्वतीम्शिवनाविन्द्रम्-ग्निम् ॥३३॥ Yaste rasaḥ sambhṛta'oṣadhīṣu somasya śuṣmaḥ surayā sutasya. Tena jinva yajamānaṁ madena sarasvatīmaśvināvindramagnim.

Spirit of life, Indra, of your essence which is contained in the herbs and plants, that which is extracted from the soma plants and reinforced with energy (by cleansing and distillation) is most powerful and exhilararing. With that elixir of life, delight and inspire the yajamana, Sarasvati, lady of learning, Ashvinis, scholars and students of health and medicine, Indra, the ruler and administrators, and Agni, the leader and defenders of the land.

## 34. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Ŗshi)

यम्शिवना नर्मुचेरासुराद<u>धि</u> सर्रस्वत्यसुनोदि<u>न्द्रि</u>याये । इमं तःशुक्रं मधुमन्तमिन्दुःसोमुःराजीन<u>मि</u>ह भेक्षयामि ॥३४॥

Yamaśvinā namucerāsurādadhi sarasvatyasunodindriyāya. Imam tam śukram madhumantamindum somam rājānamiha bhakṣayāmi.

Here for the sake of inspiration, I take this pure, honey sweet, bright and soothing soma drink of the supreme order which the experts of bio-science and the lady scholar of nutrition have extracted from the plants growing among the clouds on the mountains and distilled for the sake of exhilaration and rejuvenation of the mind and senses.

## 35. (Soma Devata, Haimavarchi Rshi)

यदत्रं रिप्तःरसिनः सुतस्य यदिन्द्रोऽअपिबच्छचीभिः। अहं तदस्य मनेसा शिवेन सोमुःराजीनमिह भक्षयामि॥३५॥

Yadatra riptam rasinah sutasya yadindro' apībacchacībhih. Aham tadasya manasā śivena somam rājānamiha bhakṣayāmi.

Of the delicious and powerful soma juice of purest extraction available here, which the sun too draws up (and releases) with its rays, the soothing supreme and most inspiring part I drink with a happy and blessed mind here and now.

## 36. (Pitara Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

पितृभ्येः स्वधायिभ्येः स्वधा नर्मः पिताम्हेभ्येः स्वधायिभ्येः स्वधा नम्ः प्रपितामहेभ्यः स्वधायिभ्येः स्वधा नर्मः । अक्षेन् पितरोऽमीमदन्त पितरोऽतीतृपन्त पितरः पितरः शुन्धेध्वम् ॥३६॥

Pitṛbhyaḥ svadhāyibhyaḥ svadhā namaḥ pitāmahebhyaḥ svadhāyibhyaḥ svadhā namaḥ prapitāmahebhyaḥ svadhāyibhyaḥ svadhā namaḥ. Akṣan pitaro'mīmadanta pitaro'tītṛpanta pitaraḥ pitaraḥ śundhadhvam.

To our parents and seniors, we offer their own share of food and reverence. To our grand-parents and seniors, we offer their own share of food and reverence. To our great-grand-parents and seniors, we offer their own share of food and reverence. Parents, partake of your own share we offer and rejoice. Rejoice and give us the pleasure of joy. Parents, teachers, seniors, enjoy yourselves to your full satisfaction and give us the satisfaction of service and reverence. Parents, teachers, seniors, be pure yourselves, and purify and sanctify us with the service we offer and your blessings.

## 37. (Sarasvati learning Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पुनन्तुं मा पितरः सोम्यासः पुनन्तुं मा पिताम्हाः पुनन्तु प्रपितामहाः। प्वित्रेण शृतायुषा । पुनन्तुं मा पिताम्हाः पुनन्तु प्रपितामहाः । प्वित्रेण शृतायुषा विश्वमायु-र्व्यश्नवै ॥३७॥ Punantu mā pitraḥ somyāsaḥ punantu mā pitāmahāḥ punantu prapitāmahāḥ pavitreṇa śatāyuṣā. Punantu mā pitāmahāḥ punantu prapitāmahāḥ pavitreṇa śatāyuṣā viśvamāyurvyaśnavai.

May my parents, grand parents, and great grand parents, kind, beneficent and honourable, purify me and sanctify me with the purity of discipline and education for a life of hundred years.

May my grand parents and my great grand parents purify me and sanctify me with the purity of moral life and learning for a full life, so that with their blessings I may live for a full age of hundred years.

## 38. (Indra Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

अग्नुऽआयूेछंषि पवसुऽआ सुवोर्जुमिषं च नः । आरे बोधस्व दुच्छुनीम् ॥३८॥

Agna'āyūmṣi pavasa'ā suvorjamiṣam ca naḥ. Āre bādhasva ducchunām.

Agni, father, mother, ancestors, saints and sages, purify and sanctify our years of life, purify and vitalize our food and energy, sanctify and bless our desires and ambitions. Keep off all mischief, evil and calamity far from us.

## 39. (Vidvan Scholar Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

पुनन्तुं मा देवज्नाः पुनन्तु मनेसा धिर्यः । पुनन्तु विश्वां भूतानि जातेवेदः पुनीहि मा ॥३९॥

Punantu mā devajanāḥ punantu manasā dhiyaḥ. Punantu viśvā bhūtāni jātavedaḥ punīhi mā.

Jataveda, lord of light and knowledge, purify and

enlighten me. May all the saints and sages purify me. Purify my intelligence and understanding with divine knowledge and science. May all the living beings, in fact everything of the wide world, lead me to knowledge and purity.

### 40. (Agni Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

प्वित्रेण पुनीहि मा शुक्रेणे देव दीद्येत् । अग्ने क्रत्वा क्रतूँ१॥ऽरन् ॥४०॥

Pavitreņa punīhi mā śukreņa deva dīdyat. Agne kratvā kratūň' ranu.

Agni, blazing lord of light and fire, generous giver of knowledge and purging power, purify me with the purity and power of life's vitality. With your light and sacred action, lord of action and holiness, purify and sanctify our knowledge, understanding and action.

### 41. (Agni Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

यत्ते प्वित्रमिधिष्यग्ने वितंतमन्त्ररा । ब्रह्म तेने पुनातु मा ॥४१॥

Yatte pavitramarcișyagne vitatamantarā. Brahma tena punātu mā.

Agni, self-luminous lord of omniscience, within the holy light of your eternal consciousness shines the universal knowledge, the Veda. With that holy light of knowledge, enlighten, purify and consecrate me.

### 42. (Soma Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

पर्वमानुः सोऽअद्य नैः पुवित्रेणु विचर्षणिः । यः पोता स पुनातु मा ॥४२॥ Pavamānah so'adya nah pavitreņa vicarṣaṇiḥ. Yaḥ potā sa punātu mā.

Lord omniscient, that is pure, immaculate, saviour and purifier of all of us, may He with His purity and holiness purify and consecrate us here and now.

## 43. (Savita Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

उभाभ्यां देव सवितः प्वित्रेण स्वेनं च । मां पुनीहि विश्वतः ॥४३॥

Ubhābhyām deva savitaḥ pavitreṇa savena ca. Mām punīhi viśvataḥ.

Savita, lord of light and life, generation and inspiration, lord luminous of purity and holiness, with both your purity and holiness purify me wholly, and sanctify me with knowledge and good action.

### 44. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

वैश्वदेवी पुनती देव्यागाद्यस्यामिमा बह्वयस्तन्वो वीतपृष्ठाः। तया मदन्तः सधमादेषु वयः स्याम पतयो रयीणाम् ॥४४॥

Vaiśvadevī punatī devyāgādyasyāmimā bahvyastanvo vītapṛṣṭhāḥ. Tayā madantaḥ sadhamādeṣu vayam syāma patayo rayīṇām.

Of the widest range of intelligence and education among women, a most virtuous and brilliant personality may come and oblige us as teacher so that these many girls may be trained in wide knowledge and rational living for home life and we, as householders, happy and rejoicing in the corporate life of the community, may become masters of wealth and honour.

## 45. (Pitara Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

ये समानाः समेनसः पितरौ यमराज्ये । तेषां लोकः स्वधा नमो युज्ञो देवेषु कल्पताम् ॥४५॥

Ye samānāḥ samanasaḥ pitaro yamarājye. Teṣām̃llokaḥ svadhā namo yajño deveṣu kalpatām.

May the parents, seniors, guardians of the people and officers who are under the governance of the ruler of the world be harmonious and agreeable in thought, word and deed, and may their home life, social status, standard of living and yajnic (creative) performance of duty be of the highest order of nobility and responsibility. And may they prosper and rise to the heights of divinity.

#### 46. (Shri Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

ये समानाः समनसो जीवा जीवेषु मामकाः । तेषाथंश्रीर्मीयं कल्पतामुस्मिँल्लोके शृतः समीः॥४६॥

Ye samānāḥ samanaso jīvā jīveṣu māmakāḥ. Teṣām śrīrmayi kalpatāmasmintloke śatam samāḥ.

My people who are living among the people around are of equal mind and noble action in thought, word and deed. May their honour, wealth and grace be vested in me and live on in me to grow for a hundred years in this world.

#### 47. (Pitara Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

द्वे सृतीऽअंशृणवं पितृणामृहं देवानामुत मर्त्यीनाम् । ताभ्यामिदं विश्वमेजुत्समैति यदेन्तरा पितरं मातरं च॥४७॥ Dve sṛtī'aśṛṇavam pitṛṇāmahaṁ devānāmuta martyānām. Tābhyāmidaṁ viśvamejatsameti yadantarā pitaraṁ mātaraṁ ca.

I have heard of two paths of the existential travel of mortals, all that is born of father and mother between earth and heaven: One, the path of the ancestors, and the other, the path of the divines. By these two paths does this world on the move moves on and on to its destination.

### 48. (Agni Devata, Vaikhanasa Rshi)

इदः हृविः प्रजनेनं मेऽअस्तु दर्शवीर्ःसर्वंगणःस्वस्तये । आत्मसनि प्रजासनि पशुसनि लोकसन्यंभयसनि । अग्निः प्रजां बेहुलां में करोत्वन्नं पयो रेतोऽअस्मासुं धत्त ॥४८॥

Idam haviḥ prajananam me'astu daśavīram sarvagaṇam svastaye. Ātmasani prajāsani paśusani lokasanyabhayasani. Agniḥ prajām bahulām me karotvannam payo reto'asmāsu dhatta.

May this fertility of mine, the married life, be a generative yajna, productive of ten brave children with all the virtues for the well-being of society.

May this yajna and its production be the source of spiritual enlightenment, progress of the people, protection of animals, advancement of society and creation of fearlessness.

Agni, lord of life and fertility, create for me lots of noble children. Bless us with plenty of food, milk and water, energy and generative vitality.

### 49. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

उदीरतामवेर्ऽउत्परीस्ऽउन्मध्यमाः पितरेः सोम्यासेः। असुं यऽर्द्रेयुरेवृकाऽऋत्जास्ते नौऽवन्तु पितरो हवेषु ॥४९॥

Udīratāmavara' utparāsa' unmadhyamāḥ pitaraḥ somyāsaḥ. Asum ya' īyuravṛkā' ṛtājñāste no' vantu pitaro haveṣu.

May all our seniors, guardians of the nation, far and near, old and new, high and low, and all those of the middle rank, settled in peace, prosperity and power, inspire us with passion and energy. May our parents and seniors dedicated to truth and rectitude, far from violence and exploitation, who raise the pranic energy of life, guide and protect us in our battles of the world.

#### 50. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अङ्गिरसो नः पितरो नवेग्वाऽअर्थर्वाणो भृगेवः सोम्यासः। तेषां वयःसुमृतौ युज्ञियानामपि भुद्रे सौमनुसे स्याम ॥५०॥

Aṅgiraso naḥ pitaro navagvā'atharvāṇo bhṛgavaḥ somyāsaḥ. Teṣām vayam sumatau yajñiyānāmapi bhadre saumanase syāma.

Our parents and seniors, guardians of the nation, are seers and sages of the facts of holistic knowledge and law, scholars of the latest sciences, and experts of technology and engineering, all dedicated to universal love, non-violence and spiritual values and settled in mind for the peace and prosperity of mankind.

Let us concentrate and dedicate ourselves to their wisdom, grace and excellence, and magnanimity and benevolence, for the reason of their devotion to yajna and their contribution to the progress of society.

### 51. (Pitarah Devata, Shankha Rshi)

ये नः पूर्वे पितरः सोम्यासोऽन<u>ूहि</u>रे सोमपीथं वर्सिष्ठाः । तेभिर्यमः संश्रराणो ह्वीछंष्युशन्नुशद्भिः प्रतिकाममेत्तु ॥५१॥

Ye naḥ pūrve pitaraḥ somyāso'nūhire somapītham vasiṣṭhāḥ. Tebhiryamaḥ samrarāṇo havīnṣyuśannuśadbhiḥ pratikāmamattu.

May our parents, seniors and ancestors, great lovers of life and divinity, settled in peace and prosperity, rich and generous at heart, come and join our soma-yajna in person or in memory. With their blessings and with their guidance may we, their children, fair and just in conduct, loving the gifts of life and keen to create happiness and share it with the community, realize all our aims and ambitions in the world.

#### 52. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

त्वःसोम् प्रचिकितो मनीषा त्वःरजिष्ठमनुं नेषि पन्थाम् । तव् प्रणीती पितरौ नऽइन्दो देवेषु रत्नेमभजन्त धीराः॥५२॥

Tvam soma pracikito manīṣā tvam rajiṣṭhamanu neṣi panthām. Tava praṇītī pitaro na indo deveṣu ratnamabhajanta dhīrāḥ.

Soma, lord of light, peace and prosperity, spirit of yajna, brilliant you are, wide-awake and responsive. With your vision and wisdom, you lead us on by the noblest and simplest paths of nature to divinity. Lord of beauty and blessedness, inspired by your grace and guidance only do our parents, seniors and guardians of the community reach the coveted seats of joy and celebrity among the noblest souls of the world.

### 53. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

त्वया हि नेः <u>पि</u>तरेः सोम् पूर्वे कमीणि चक्रुः पेवमान् धीरोः । वन्वन्नवीतः परिधीँ १॥ऽरपौर्णु वीरे<u>भि</u>रश्वैर्म्घवी भवा नः ॥५३॥

Tvayā hi naḥ pitaraḥ soma pūrve karmāṇi cakruḥ pavamāna dhīrāḥ. Vanvannavātaḥ paridhīň'raporṇu vīrebhiraśvairmaghavā bhavā naḥ.

Soma, lord of peace and power, by you alone our early forefathers, brave and constant all, performed their acts of glory.

Inspiring spirit of commonalty, purging, purifying, unshaken and unviolated, be like Indra of the thunderbolt for us. Arise with passion for action and with your warriors of the horse throw off the forces of violence ranged around us.

## 54. (Soma Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

त्वःसोम <u>पितृभिः</u> संविदानोऽनु द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽआ तंतन्थ । तस्मै तऽइन्दो हृविषो विधेम वयःस्योम् पतयो रयी-णाम् ॥५४॥

Tvam soma pitṛbhiḥ samvidāno'nu dyāvāpīṛthivī'ā tatantha. Tasmai ta'indo haviṣā vidhema vayam syāma patayo rayīṇām.

Soma, power of peace and prosperity, in covenant with the senior guardian spirits of humanity, grow and expand from earth to heaven.

Spirit of beauty and joy, it is for the sake of growth and expansion that we offer fragrant oblations to your worship in yajna, so that we may create, protect, master and enjoy the riches of the world.

### 55. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

बर्हिषदः पितरऽऊत्युर्वा<u>गि</u>मा वो हृव्या चेकृमा जुषध्वेम् । तऽआगृतावेसा शन्तेमेनाथा नः शंयोररपो देधात ॥५५॥

Barhiṣadaḥ pitara'ūtyarvāgimā vo havyā cakṛmā juṣadhvam. Ta'āgatāvasā śantamenāthā naḥ śaṁyorarapo dadhāta.

Parents, seniors and guardians of humanity in yajnic seats of power, here are these refreshing presentations we have prepared for you which you please accept graciously and enjoy. Come to us and bring us peace and protection. Bless us with comfort and prosperity free from mischief and remove all the sins and evil from our life.

### 56. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

आहं <u>पितृन्त्सुंवि</u>दत्रौं२॥ऽअवि<u>त्तिः</u> नपति च <u>वि</u>क्रमेणं च विष्णौः। <u>बर्हिषदो</u> ये स्वधया सुतस्य भर्जन्त <u>पि</u>त्वस्तऽ-इहार्गमिष्ठाः॥५६॥

Ā'ham pitṛntsuvidatrāh'avitsi napātam ca vikramaṇam ca viṣṇoḥ. Barhiṣado ye svadhayā sutasya bhajanta pitvasta' ihāgamiṣṭhāḥ.

I know the parents, seniors and guardians of life so kind and generous. I also know the dynamics of Lord Vishnu's immanence in His creation.

May the venerable seniors in yajnic seats of knowledge and vision, who in their own right enjoy the fragrant drinks distilled from the essence of life, come here and bless this place and me.

#### 57. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

उपहूताः पितरेः सोम्यासौ ब<u>र्हिष्येषु नि</u>धिषु प्रियेषु । तऽआगेमन्तु तऽ<u>इ</u>ह श्रुं<u>व</u>न्त्विध ब्रुवन्तु तेऽवन्त्वस्मान् ॥५७॥

Upahūtāḥ pitaraḥ somyāso barhiṣyeṣu nidhiṣu priyeṣu. Ta' āgamantu ta' iha śruvantvadhi bruvantu te'vantvasmān.

Senior guardians of life and the human spirit established in inner peace and spiritual freedom are chosen by Grace to partake of the dearest treasures of universal knowledge and life divine. We call upon them: may they come here, may they listen to us, may they speak to us from the heights of divinity, may they redeem and save us!

## 58. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

आ येन्तु नः पितर्रः सोम्यासोऽग्निष्वात्ताः पृथिभिर्देवयानैः। अस्मिन् युज्ञे स्वधया मदन्तोऽधि ब्रुवन्तु तेऽवन्त्वस्मान्॥५८॥

Ā yantu naḥ pitaraḥ somyāso'gniṣvāttāḥ pathibhirdevayānaiḥ. Asmin yajñe svadhayā madanto'dhi bruvantu te'vantvasmān.

May our seniors and scholars established in the peace and prosperity of fire knowledge and yajna come to us by the noblest paths of divinity. And may they, in this our yajnic project of science and technology, enjoying themselves in their own right to their own knowledge, speak to us, enlighten us and protect us from ignorance and poverty.

### 59. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अग्निष्वात्ताः पितर्ऽएह गेच्छत् सर्दःसदः सदत सुप्रणीतयः। अत्ता ह्वीछं<u>षि</u> प्रयंतानि बहिष्यथा र्यिःसर्वंवीरं दधा-तन ॥५२॥ Agniṣvāttāḥ pitara' eha gacchata sadaḥ sadaḥ sadata supraṇītayaḥ. Attā havīňṣi prayatāni barhiṣyathā rayim sarvavīram dadhātana.

Senior scholars and experts of the science of heat and energy, men of justice and positive policy, come here to us, seat yourselves in every home and every hall of assembly, take the food and materials prepared with care and offered with love and hope, and, sitting in your laboratory and workshop, create the knowledge, impart it to people, and produce the wealth which creates versatile heroes for the nation and humanity.

### 60. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

येऽअग्निष्वात्ता येऽअनेग्निष्वात्ता मध्ये <u>दि</u>वः स्वधया मादयन्ते । तेभ्यः स्वराडस्नीतिमेतां यथावृशं तुन्वं कल्प-याति ॥६०॥

Ye' agnişvāttā ye'anagnişvāttā madhye divaḥ svadhayā mādayante. Tebhyaḥ svarāḍasunītimetāṁ yathāvaśaṁ tanvaṁ kalpayāti.

Those seniors who are experts of the science and technology of fire, and those who are not such but who are experts of other fields of knowledge, and all those who rejoice in the midst of the light of their own knowledge itself: for all these, the self-luminous lord of omniscience in-vests this body with health and energy according to their need and desire.

### 61. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अ<u>ग्निष्वा</u>त्तानृतुमतौ हवामहे नाराशुःसे सौमपी॒थं यऽआ॒शुः। ते नो विप्रांसः सुहवां भवन्तु वयःस्याम् पर्तयो रयी॒-णाम् ॥६१॥ Agniṣvāttānṛtumato havāmahe nārāśamse somapītham ya'āśuḥ. Te no viprāsaḥ suhavā bhavantu vayam syāma patayo rayīṇām.

Those experts of the science and technology of fire who work according to the seasons needs and who enjoy a drink of soma, we invite to social receptions and honour of felicitations. May they, noble scholars and creators, be great benefactors of society, and may we all become producers, protectors and masters of wealth and prosperity in the world.

#### 62. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

आच्या जानुं दक्षिणतो निषद्येमं युज्ञम्भिगृणीत् विश्वे । मा हि<sup>र</sup>सिष्ट पितरः केनेचिन्नो यद्वऽआगेः पुरुषता कर्राम ॥६२॥

Ācyā jānu dakṣiṇato niṣadyemaṁ yajñamabhi gṛṇīta viśve. Mā himsiṣṭa pitaraḥ kenacinno yadva' āgaḥ puruṣatā karāma.

Noble seniors of the world, do not, for any reason whatever, destroy or injure our manliness and manpower. Take on this yajna for us, do it well and speak well of it.

We sit kneeling on your right respectfully, and whatever your omission or commission in well-meaning work, we overlook and make up. And then we move on with the work in earnestness.

### 63. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

आसीनासोऽअरुणीनामुपस्थे रृयिं धंत्त दाशुषे मर्त्यीय। पुत्रेभ्यः पितरुस्तस्य वस्वः प्रयंच्छत् तऽङ्कोर्जं दधात ॥६३॥ Āsīnāso'aruṇīnāmupasthe rayiṁ dhatta dāśuṣe martyāya. Putrebhyaḥ pitarastasya vasvaḥ pra yacchata ta'ihorjaṁ dadhāta.

Parents and seniors of the community, create and hold wealth for the man of charity and for the children sitting in the lap of their noble mothers. Give them ample means of living so that they may have ample energy.

## 64. (Agni Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

यमेग्ने कव्यवाहन् त्वं चिन्मन्यसे र्यिम् । तन्नो गी्भिः श्रवाय्यं देवन्ना पेनया युजेम् ॥६४॥

Yamagne kavyavāhana tvam cinmanyase rayim. Tanno gīrbhiḥ śravāyyam devatrā panayā yujam.

Agni, carrier of sumptuous foods and fragrance for the noble people, bless us with that wealth of life which you believe is fit for the use of divinities in nature and humanity, and which is worthy of celebration in the best of words worthy of the best listeners.

### 65. (Agni Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

योऽअग्निः केव्यवाहेनः <u>पि</u>तृन्यक्षेदृतावृधेः । प्रेदुं हृव्यानि वोचति देवेभ्यंश्च <u>पि</u>तृभ्युऽआ ॥६५॥

Yo' agniḥ kavyavāhanaḥ pitṛn yakṣadṛtāvṛdhaḥ. Predu havyāni vocati devebhyaśca pitṛbhya'ā.

Surely that person is the leader, torch bearer, path maker, first among all who is brilliant as Agni (fire) and spreads purity and fragrance all round. He/She respects the parents, seniors, ancestors and the promoters of truth and justice. He/She communicates the noblest thoughts and ideas in persuasive and

powerful words to the seniors and the brilliant and generous people all round.

### 66. (Agni Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

त्वमंग्नऽई<u>डि</u>तः केव्यवाह्नावड्ढ्व्यानि सुर्भीणि कृत्वी। प्रादाः <u>पि</u>तृभ्यः स्वधया तेऽअक्षन्नद्धि त्वं देव प्रयंता हवीछंषि ॥६६॥

Tvamagna' īḍitaḥ kavyavāhanāvāḍḍhavyāni surabhīṇi kṛtvī. Prādāḥ pitṛbhyaḥ svadhayā te' akṣannaddhi tvaṁ deva prayatā havīṅṣi.

Agni, brilliant master of noble thoughts, words and deeds, loved, invoked and adored, receive the gifts of life, convert them to fragrance and acknowledge. Share them with the parents, seniors and respectable people so that they too enjoy them as their own. These gifts are valuable, prepared and collected with effort. Generous as you are, enjoy them well.

# 67. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

ये चेह पितरो ये च नेह याँश्चे विद्य याँ२॥ऽउं च न प्रेविद्य । त्वं वैत्थ यित ते जीतवेदः स्वधाभिर्यक्रःसुकृतं जुषस्व ॥६७॥

Ye ceha pitaro ye ca neha yāňśca vidma yāň'u ca na pravidma. Tvaṁ vettha yati te jātavedaḥ svadhābhiryajñam sukṛtaṁ juṣasva.

Agni, brilliant and generous power, the seniors who are here, and those who are not here, and those whom we know, and those whom we don't know, you know them all, how many they are and where they are, since you know everything that is anywhere. Let this yajna of service and adoration be done well. Carry it on with grace and with gifts made in faith and love.

#### 68. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

इदं <u>पितृभ्यो</u> नमोऽअस्त्वद्य ये पूर्वीसो यऽउपेरासऽई्युः। ये पार्थिवे रजस्या निषेत्ता ये वो नूनश्सुवृजनीसु <u>वि</u>क्षु॥६८॥

Idam pitṛbhyo namo'astvadya ye pūrvāso ya' uparāsa'īyuḥ. Ye pārthive rajasyā niṣattā ye vā nūnam suvṛjanāsu vikṣu.

Let this food and adoration today be for the parents and seniors, those who came earlier, those who came later, those who are seated in this earthly world and those who are on the move for sure among the moving people.

### 69. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

अधा यथा नः <u>पितरः</u> परासः प्रत्नासौऽअग्नऽऋतमाशुषाणाः। शुचीदेयन्दीधितिमुक्थशासः क्षामा <u>भि</u>न्दन्तौऽअरुणीरपे-त्रन् ॥६९॥

Adhā yathā naḥ pitaraḥ parāsaḥ pratnāso'agna' rtamāśuṣāṇāḥ. Śucīdayan dīdhitimukthaśāsaḥ kṣāmā bhindanto' aruṇīrapa vran.

And Agni, brilliant scholar, just as our teachers, saints and sages, eminent and ancient, dedicated to the holy Word and serving the cause of universal truth and justice, realized the purity and blaze of that truth, and, breaking through the dark veil of the night opened the flood-gates of the light of dawn, so do you blaze, burn, purge, purify and enlighten the world.

### 70. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

उ्शन्तेस्त्वा निधीमह्युशन्तः समिधीमहि । उ्शन्नुशृतऽआवेह पितृन् हविषेऽअत्तेवे ॥७०॥ Uśantastvā ni dhīmahyuśantaḥ samidhīmahi. Usannuśata'ā vaha pitṛn haviṣe'attave.

Noble youth, with all the love and care, we accept, maintain and educate you. Out of love and affection with all the care, we develop your personality and potential. You too, loving and caring, bear the responsibility for the food and maintenance of the loving parents and other seniors.

#### 71. (Indra Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अपां फेनेन नर्मुचेः शिरऽङ्ग्द्रोदेवर्तयः । विश्वा यदजेयः स्पृधेः ॥७१॥

Apām phenena namuceḥ śira'indrodavartayaḥ. Viśvā yadajayaḥ spṛdhaḥ.

Indra, ruler, commander, like the foam of the sea, like the vapours of water in the sky, rise and expand and break the head of the powers which hoard the wealth of the land like the cloud hoarding the waters. Conquer the forces which stand in opposition out of sheer jealousy.

### 72. (Soma Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

सोमो राजामृतेश्सुतऽर्ऋजीषेणाजहान्मृत्युम् । ऋतेने सत्यमिन्द्रियं विपानेश्शुक्रमेन्धसऽइन्द्रेस्येन्द्रियमिदं पयोऽमृतं मधु ॥७२॥

Somo rājāmṛtam suta'ṛjīṣeṇājahānmṛtyum. Rɨtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa' indrasyendriyamidam payo'mṛtam madhu.

Soma, the man cleansed and distilled like soma through discipline, brilliant and inspiring, meditating on God and godly in character, by the simplicity and sincerity of his natural living conquers the pain of death.

By his dedication to Rita, the universal Law of Dharma, he attains truth, spiritual power, soothing drinks, purity and vitality, best foods, honour and prosperity, water and milk, honey and the very nectar of life.

### 73. (Angirasa Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अद्भयः क्षीरं व्यपिबत् क्रुङ्ङाङ्गिर्सो <u>धि</u>या । ऋतेने सत्यमि<u>न्द्रियं वि</u>पाने शुक्रमेन्धसऽइन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्रियमि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मधु ॥७३॥

Adbhyaḥ kṣīraṁ vyapibat kruṅṅāṅgiraso dhiyā. Rṭena satyamindriyaṁ vipānaṁ śukramandhasa' indrasyendriyamidaṁ payo'mṛtaṁ madhu.

The man of genius and discrimination trained by a divine sage, like the swan, separates the milk from the water, accepts the milk and rejects the water.

With his dedication to the essential reality of existence through yoga, he attains the eternal verity, divine speech, the vision of word and meaning, purity of the inner light, spiritual food, honour and prosperity of the world, purest drinks, abiding health, and the honey-sweet joys of living.

# 74. (Soma Devata, Shamkha Ḥshi)

सोमेमुद्भ्यो व्यपिबच्छन्दंसा हुःसः श<u>ुचिषत् । ऋतेने</u> सत्यमि<u>न्द्रियं विपानेःशुक्रमेन्धस</u>ऽइन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्रियमि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मधुं ॥७४॥

Somamadbhyo vyapibacchandasā haňsaḥ śuciṣat. Ŗtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa'indrasyendriyamidam payo' mrtam madhu. The man of discrimination, friend of pure visionaries, with the freedom of his vision, distils the essence, soma, from the waters as the swan separates the milk from water. He accepts the essence and rejects the scum.

With his vision of the Vedas, he attains the truth of divinity, the purity and energy of food, direct experience of the divine presence, and the supreme taste of the sweetness and bliss of Immortality and Moksha.

# 75. (Prajapati Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अन्नोत्पिर्त्नुतो रसं ब्रह्मणा व्यपिबत् क्षृत्रं पयः सोमें प्रजापितः। ऋतेने सत्यमिन्द्रियं विपानेःशुक्रमेन्धसऽइन्द्रेस्ये-न्द्रियमिदं पयोऽमृतं मधुं ॥७५॥

Annātparisruto rasam brahmaņa vyapibat kṣatram payaḥ somam prajāpatiḥ. Rṭtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa' indrasyendriyamidam payo'mṛtam madhu.

Prajapati, ruler and protector of the people, President of the council, alongwith the study of the Vedas, receives the juices, essences and inspiring vital sweets extracted from the ripe grains and blessed waters of the land, and wields the onerous responsibility of the state.

With fair and enlightened justice he attains the people's dedication to truth, the divine gift of national glory, comprehensive protection and defence, pure and vital foods, light of justice and knowledge, divine grace, energising drinks, honey, and noble state-order of immortal value.

#### 76. (Indra, Soul, Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

रेतो मूत्रं विजेहा<u>ति</u> योनिं प्र<u>वि</u>शदि<u>न्द्रियम् । गर्भो'</u> जरायुणावृतऽउल्बं जहा<u>ति</u> जन्मेना । ऋतेने सत्यमि<u>न्द्रियं</u> <u>वि</u>पानेश्शुक्रमेन्धसऽइन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्रियमि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मधुं ॥७६॥

Reto mūtram vi jahāti yonim praviśadindriyam. Garbho jarāyuṇā"vṛta' ulbam jahāti janmanā. Rtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa'indrasyendriyamidam payo'mṛtam madhu.

In the process of growth and regeneration, the male organ of generation discharges the semen. Entering the womb it discharges/releases the seed of life to plant it into the mother's body.

The foetus is covered with the placenta during its growth till maturity. When the seed is born as an independent soul in a new body-system, it abandons the cover in which it had grown and matured. (Thus elimination and regenerative growth through the natural movement of discharge, elimination, union and separation is part of life's evolution under the universal law of nature, which is Rtam, creative dynamics of Lord Prajapati.)

By Rtam, the soul (jiva) gets Satyam, natural existence of the body, Indriyam, organs of perception, drinks and assimilation, purity and vitality for regeneration, foods and growth, potentials for living and continuation, and the immortal honey sweets of the joys of existence for itself (jiva).

# 77. (Prajapati Devata, Shankha Rshi)

दृष्ट्वा रूपे व्याकेरोत्सत्यानृते प्रजापेतिः । अश्रद्धामनृतेऽ-दंधाच्छ्रद्धाश्रंसत्ये प्रजापेतिः। ऋतेनं सत्यमि<u>न्द्रियं</u> विपानेश्शुक्रमेन्थसुऽइन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्</u>रिय<u>मि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मध्रं ॥७७॥ Dṛṣṭvā rūpe vyākarot satyānṛte prajāpatiḥ. Aśraddhāmanṛte' dadhācchraddhām satye prajāpatih. Ŗtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa indrasyendriyamidam payo' mṛtam madhu.

Having over-seen two aspects of created Existence, Lord Prajapati analyses it into two forms: One, reality, truth, dharma; the other, unreality, illusion, adharma. Then Lord Prajapati places faith and commitment (shraddha) in truth, and no-faith and no-commitment (ashraddha) in untruth.

With truth and faith He joins right mind and intelligence (rtambhara-buddhi) which is the Lord's gift of saving grace, protective, purifying, and enlightening against the darkness of illusion. And this is the soul's real power and faculty which can lead to the honey sweets and milky streams of immortality.

# 78. (Prajapati Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

वेदेन रूपे व्यपिबत् सुतासुतौ प्रजापितः । ऋतेने स्त्यमि<u>न्द्रियं</u> विपानेश्शुक्रमेन्थस्ऽइन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्रियमि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मधु ॥७८॥

Vedena rūpe vyapibat sutāsutau prajāpatiķ. Rtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa'indrasyendriyamidam payo'mṛtam madhu.

By Veda, Prajapati, the soul, comes to know both forms of existence: Truth which is reality, dharma, Rtam, and untruth which is illusion, adharma, anartam.

By Rtam it can realise the full potential of its faculties and the immortality of its essential nature, while with pure foods and drinks (in the interest of health and meditation) it can experience here and now the honey sweets and milky streams of nectar.

#### 79. (Prajapati Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

दृष्ट्वा पेरि्स्नुतो रसेःशुक्रेण शुक्रं व्यपिबत् पयः सोमें प्रजापेतिः। ऋतेने सत्यमि<u>न्द्रियं वि</u>पानेःशुक्रमेन्धसऽ-इन्द्रेस्ये<u>न्द्रियमि</u>दं पयोऽमृतं मध्रुं ॥७९॥

Dṛṣṭva parisruto rasam śukreṇa śukram vyapibat payaḥ somam prajāpatiḥ.Rtena satyamindriyam vipānam śukramandhasa'indrasyendriyamidam payo'mṛtam madhu.

Having viewed the essence of knowledge distilled with an objective mind from the panorama of existence, the consecrated Prajapati, guardian of his people, should drink this life-giving nectar of truth (Rtam).

By Rtam, knowledge of reality, he attains the force of truth, joy of governance, purity of intention and action, plenty and prosperity, royal honour and dignity, and the pleasure and sweetness of immortality.

#### 80. (Savita Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

सीसेन तन्त्रं मनेसा मनीषिणेऽऊर्णासूत्रेणे कवयो वयन्ति । अश्विना युज्ञःसि<u>वि</u>ता सरेस्वृतीन्द्रेस्य रूपं वर्रुणो भिष्-ज्यन् ॥८०॥

Sīsena tantram manasā manīṣiṇa'ūrṇāsūtreṇa kavayo vayanti. Aśvinā yajñam savitā sarasvatīndrasya rūpam varuṇo bhiṣajyan.

Just as intelligent weavers weave designed cloth from woollen yarn with leaden loom, and intelligent designers create models of machines with their imagination and expertise, so do the Ashvinis, scholars and researchers of health and nature, Savita, man of inspiration and imagination, Sarasvati, woman of learning and education, Varuna, expert of health and medication, create models of creative and productive yajna and of the form and character of Indra, the ideal individual or ruler, the ideal family and the ideal society.

# 81. (Varuna Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

तदंस्य रूपम्मृत्रःशचीभि<u>स्ति</u>स्रो दंधुर्देवताः सःरराणाः । लोम<u>िन</u> शष्पैर्बहुधा न तोक्मे<u>भि</u>स्त्वर्गस्य मा्छंसमेभवृन्न लाजाः ॥८१॥

Tadasya rūpamamṛtam śacībhistisro dadhurdevatāḥ samrarāṇāḥ. Lomāni śaṣpairbahudhā na tokmabhistvagasya māmsamabhavanna lājāḥ.

Three divine powers, loving and generous, variously enact the immortal form and structure of this yajna with their acts and imagination: They structure the body hair, as if, with blades of grass, and the body cover (skin) with shoots and ears of corn; and roasted grains become, as if, the substance (flesh) of the body.

#### 82. (Ashvinau Devate, Shamkha Rshi)

तद्शिवनी <u>भिषजी रु</u>द्रवेर्तनी सरेस्वती वय<u>ति</u> पेशोऽ-अन्तरम् । अस्थि मुज्जानं मासरैः कारोतरेण दर्धतो गवी त्वचि ॥८२॥

Tadaśvinā bhiṣajā rudravartanī sarasvatī vayati peśo'antaram. Asthi majjānam māsaraiḥ kārotareṇa dadhato gavām tvaci.

Sarasvati, the enlightened woman, with dedicated mind and knowledge, weaves its beautiful inside, the bones and marrow created with the holy barley meal and vitalizing juices, while the Ashvinis, powers of health and healing, at the speed of energy, prepare for soma and place the filter and the cask on the floor of the earth.

#### 83. (Sarasvati Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

सरस्वती मनेसा पेशलं वसु नासेत्याभ्यां वयति दर्शतं वर्षुः। रसं परिस्नुता न रोहितं नुग्नहुर्धीर्स्तसेरं न वेमे ॥८३॥

Sarasvatī manasā peśalam vasu nāsatyābhyām vayati darśatam vapuḥ. Rasam parisrutā na rohitam nagnahurdhīrastasaram na vema.

As a wise and intelligent expert designs and weaves a beautiful cloth on the loom with the shuttle, so does Sarasvati, enlightened woman of wisdom and science, with her mind and knowledge, create the charming, special and excellent form and structure of yajna with the help of friendly Ashvinis, specialists of health and healing: yajna (visible symbol of Indra, lord of honour, power and prosperity) in which the pure and vitalizing essence of soma joy distilled from all elements of nature ripples like the vital spirit (blood) of the body.

#### 84. (Soma Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

पर्यसा शुक्रम्मृतं जनित्रुःसुरया मूत्रीज्जनयन्त रेतेः । अपार्मितं दुर्मृतिं बार्धमानाऽऊर्वध्यं वातेःसब्बूं तदारात् ॥८४॥

Payasā śukramamṛtaṁ janitraṁ surayā mūtrājjanayanta retaḥ. Apāmatiṁ durmatiṁ bādhamānā'ūvadhyaṁ vātaṁ sabvaṁ tadārāt.

(Three divinities, i.e., Sarasvati and the two Ashvinis) with milk, juices and inspiring drink of soma create the pure, life-giving, generative seed of life discharged from the generative organ (into the womb),

and (for the same purpose of purity and vitality, with the same food and drink) ward off intellectual debility and ignorance as well as hyper-activity and arrogance from far and near.

#### 85. (Savita Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

इन्द्रेः सुत्रामा हृदयेन सत्यं पुरोडाशेन सिवता जीजान । यकृत् क्लोमानं वर्रुणो भिष्ज्यन् मर्तस्ने वाय्व्यैर्न मिनाति पित्तम् ॥८५॥

Indraḥ sutrāmā hṛdayena satyam puroḍāśena savitā jajāna. Yakṛt klomānaṁ varuṇo bhiṣajyan matasne vāyavyairna mināti pittam.

Indra, saviour, protector and preserver, with his heart and love, Savita, inspirer and giver of nourishments, with food and drink, create satyam, the reality of life and yajna, bringing it into formal manifestation. Varuna, with health and healing and with air and pranic energies preserves and maintains the working of the liver, lungs and neck, the chest and the digestive secretions.

#### 86. (Savita Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

आन्त्राणि स्थालीर्मधु पिन्वेमाना गुदाः पात्रीणि सुदुघा न धेनुः । श्येनस्य पत्रं न प्लीहा शर्चीभिरासन्दी नाभिरुदरं न माता ॥८६॥

Āntrāṇi sthālīrmadhu pinvamānā gudāḥ pātrāṇi sudughā na dhenuḥ. Šyenasya patraṁ na plīhā śacībhirāsandī nābhirudaraṁ na mātā.

The intestines in the human body system (yajna) are like the cooking pans preparing delicious food for the vital fire. The bowels are like milk-pots or the udders

of an abundant milch cow. The spleen, pancreas and liver are powerful defensive organs like the wings of an eagle pouncing on disease-attacks. The navel with its energizing actions is like the royal seat of power. And the stomach, to all the body parts, as the mother-host, distributes holy food among all members of the yajnic family.

### 87. (Pitarah Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

कुम्भो वि<u>निष्ठुर्जंनिता शचींभिर्यस्मिन्नग्रे</u> योन्यां गभीं'ऽ-अन्तः। प्लाशिर्व्यंक्तः शृतधार्ऽउत्सौ दुहे न कुम्भी स्वधां <u>पि</u>तृभ्यः ॥८७॥

Kumbho vaniṣṭhurjanitā śacībhiryasminnagre yonyāṁ garbho antaḥ. Plāśirvyaktaḥ śatadhāra' utso duhe na kumbhī svadhāṁ pitṛbhyaḥ.

The husband, progenitor, is like a jar overflowing with love and vigour. Healthy and handsome, he is like an exuberant fountain flowing in a hundred streams of action with grace and piety. So is the wife, her womb a recipient jar into which the husband should project the seed, the foetus inside being like an oblation in honour of his parents and ancestors.

# 88. (Sarasvati Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

मुख्रःसर्दस्य शिर्ऽइत् सर्तेन <u>जि</u>ह्वा प्वित्रेम्श्विनासन्त्-सर्रस्वती । चप्यं न पायु<u>र्भि</u>षर्गस्य वालौ वस्तिर्न शेपो हर्रसा तर्स्वी ॥८८॥

Mukham sadasya śira'it satena jihvā pavitramaśvināsantsarasvatī. Capyam na pāyurbhiṣagasya vālo vastirna śepo harasā tarasvī.

Sarasvati and the Ashvinis, enlightened woman

and the health and spirits of the man, create a happy home with the head and mouth of both together in truth with a sweet tongue fluent in purity. The purity, comfort and security of the home, the love and desire of the woman's fertility, the passion and power of the man's virility, and the child as bloom of the health and love of the union, all these keep the family together.

### 89. (Ashvinau Devate, Shamkha Rshi)

अश्विभ्यां चक्षुर्मृतं ग्रहोभ्यां छागेन तेजो ह्विषो शृतेने । पक्ष्मीणि गोधूमैः कुर्वलैरुतानि पेशो न शुक्रमसितं वसाते ॥८९॥

Aśvibhyām cakṣuramṛtam grahābhyām chāgena tejo haviṣa śṛtena. Pakṣmāṇi godhūmaiḥ kuvalairutāni peśo na śukramasitam vasāte.

By the Ashvinis, sun and moon, with portions of clear soma distilled, is created the immortal light of the eye. With tonics prepared with goat's milk is created the lustre of health. The lower and upper eyelashes are created with wheat and water lilies, and the beauteous form white as well as dark shines with the same nature's gifts.

# 90. (Sarasvati Devata, Shamkha Ŗshi)

अ<u>वि</u>र्न मेषो नृसि वीुर्याय प्राणस्य पन्थाऽअमृतो ग्रहाभ्याम्। सरस्वत्युपवाकैर्व्यानं नस्यानि बहिंबंदेरैर्जजान ॥९०॥

Avirna meṣo nasi vīryāya prāṇasya panthā' amṛto grahābhyām. Sarasvatyupavākairvyānam nasyāni barhirbadarairjajāna.

Like the sheep and the ram, the protector and contender, the Ashvinis, with portions of clear soma,

create the immortal passage of pranic energy in the nose. Sarasvati, nature's flowing vitality, with animation and energy, creates the systemic vyana air in the body, and with grains and fruits, she creates the hair-filter in the nose.

#### 91. (Indra Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

इन्द्रेस्य रूपमृष्भो बलीय कणीभ्याछंश्रोत्रेममृतं ग्रहीभ्याम्। यवा न बहिंर्भुवि केसेराणि कर्कन्धु जज्ञे मधु सार्घं मुखीत् ॥९१॥

Indrasya rūpamṛṣabho balāya karṇābhyām śrotramamṛtam grahābhyām. Yavā na barhirbhruvi kesarāṇi karkandhu jajñe madhu sāragham mukhāt.

The soul's will to live in body form manifests as the bull for the expression of strength. From portions of nature's auditory element in soma is created the immortal faculty of the ear. Barley, as the grass, manifests in the eyebrows. And the jujuba fruit creates the honey sweets that flow from the mouth.

# 92. (Atma Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

आत्मन्नुपस्थे न वृकेस्य लोम् मुखे श्मश्रूणि न व्याघ्रलोम। केशा न शीर्षन्यशीसे श्रिये शिखी सि॰हस्य लोम् त्विषिरिन्द्रियाणी ॥९२॥

Ātmannupasthe na vṛkasya loma mukhe śmaśrūṇi na vyāghraloma. Keśā na śīrṣanyaśase śriyai śikha simhasya loma tvisirindriyāni.

In the presence of Divinity, the soul rises in eminence and potential: the lower hair of the body is like the hair of the wolf, the beard and moustache on the face are like the whiskers of the tiger, the hair on the head and the top hair glows with beauty and glory like the lion's mane, and the senses shine as lightening.

# 93. (Ashvinis Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

अङ्गीन्यात्मन् <u>भिषजा</u> तद्शिवनात्मानुमङ्गैः समधात् सरस्वती। इन्द्रस्य रूपःशतमानुमायुश्चन्द्रेण ज्योतिरुमृतुं दधानाः ॥९३॥

Aṅgānyātman bhiṣajā tadaśvinātmānamaṅgaiḥ samadhāt sarasvatī. Indrasya rūpam śatamānamāyuścandreṇa jyotiramṛtaṁ dadhānāḥ.

Thus do the Ashvinis, bio-engineers of nature, structure limbs for the soul, and thus does Sarasvati, divine mother, join the soul with the limbs, creating a living Indra of a hundred years of age blest with the immortal light and beauty of the moon.

# 94. (Sarasvati Devata, Shamkha Rshi)

सरंस्वती योन्यां गर्भ'म्नतर्शिवभ्यां पत्नी सुकृतं बिभर्ति । अपार्थरसेन् वर्रुणो न साम्नेन्द्रेः श्रियै जनयेत्रप्सु राजा ॥९४॥

Sarasvatī yonyām garbhamantaraśvibhyām patnī sukṛtam bibharti. Apām rasena varuṇo na sāmnendram śriyai janayannapsu rājā.

Sarasvati, the wife, bears inside the womb the foetus so well created by the Ashvinis, nature's powers of creation, Varuna, supreme ruler, immanent in the world, integrating the soul with the vital essences of nature and completing the creation of a living Indra, the human being, for a glorious existence.

#### 95. (Ashvinau Devate, Shamkha Rshi)

तेजेः पशूनाछंह्विरि<u>न्द्रियावेत् परि</u>स्नुता पर्यसा सार्घं मधुं । अश्विभ्यां दुग्धं <u>भिषजा</u> सरस्वत्या सुतासुताभ्याममृतः सोम्ऽइन्दुः ॥९५॥

Tejaḥ paśūnām havirindriyāvat parisrutā payasā sāragham madhu. Aśvibhyām dugdham bhiṣajā sarasvatyā sutāsutābhyāmamṛtaḥ soma' induḥ.

The healthy glow of living forms, the mighty rich nourishments of life, the delicious honey collected by the bee from juices all round are the nectar, the vital power, the beauty distilled from the original as well as the refined sources of nature by Sarasvati, mother spirit of life and humanity through the Ashvinis, creative and healing powers of nature's cosmic flow.

इति एकोनविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XX

1. (Sabhesha President Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi) श्वत्रस्य योनिरसि श्वत्रस्य नाभिरसि । मा त्वौ हिश्सीन्मा मौ हिश्सी: ॥१॥

Kṣatrasya yonirasi kṣatrasya nābhirasi. Mā tvā himsīnmā mā himsīh.

President of the Council, you are the seat of world power. You are the centre-hold of the order of humanity. May no one challenge you! You too do not hurt me, any citizen.

(Sabhesha Devata, Prajapati Rshi)
 निषंसाद धृतव्रतो वरुणः पुस्त्यास्वा ।
 साम्राज्याय सुक्रतुः । मृत्योः पाहि विद्योत्पाहि ॥२॥

Niṣasāda dhṛtavrato varuṇaḥ pastyāsvā. Sāmrājyāya sukratuḥ. Mṛtyoḥ pāhi vidyotpāhi.

President of the Supreme Council, committed to noble resolutions of conscious choice, master of noble thoughts and good actions, best and first choice of humanity, be seated on the seat of governance among the peoples of the world for a sovereign world order. Save us from death and destruction. Save us from lightning and the thunderbolt.

3. (Sabhesha Devata, Ashwinau Ḥshi)
देवस्यं त्वा सिवतुः प्रसिव्धेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्।
अश्विनोभैषंज्येन तेजसे ब्रह्मवर्चसायाभिषिञ्चामि सरस्वत्यै
भैषंज्येन वीर्यायान्नाद्यायाभिषिञ्चामीन्द्रस्येन्द्रियेण बलाय
श्रियै यशसेऽभिषिञ्चामि॥३॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave' śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Aśvinorbhaiṣajyena tejase brahma-varcasāyābhiṣiñcāmi Saraśvatyai bhaiṣajyena vīryāyānnādyāyābhiṣiñcāmīndrasyendriyeṇa balāya śriyai yaśase' bhiṣiñcāmi.

In this yajnic world order of Lord Savita's creation, with the arms of Ashvinis, harbingers of light and knowledge, the hands of Pusha, powers of strength and nourishment, and the efficacy of Ashvinis, powers of health and healing, I consecrate you for the sake of world-wide brilliance and universal glory of enlightenment.

I consecrate you for Sarasvati, for the sake of learning and education of the people.

With the powers of health and nutrition, I consecrate you for the sake of food and vigour for all.

With the power and enlightenment of divine Indra, Lord of glory, I consecrate you for the achievement of the moral strength, honour and beauty of the world order.

# 4. (Sabhapati Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

कोऽसि कत्मोऽसि कस्मै त्वा कार्य त्वा । सुश्लोक सुमङ्गल सत्यराजन् ॥४॥

Ko'si katamo'si kasmai tvā kāya tvā. Suśloka sumaṅgala satyarājan.

Man of high reputation and honour, leader of many noble causes, illustrious dispenser of truth and justice, you are a man of peace, giver of peace and prosperity. Therefore I accept and consecrate you in the service of Prajapati, divine lord of peace, and His people, for the achievement of universal peace and prosperity.

# 5. (Sabhapati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

शिरौ में श्रीर्यशो मुखं त्विषः केशाश्च श्मश्रूणि । राजो मे प्राणोऽअमृतेश्सुम्राट् चक्षुर्विराट् श्रोत्रम् ॥५॥

Śiro me śrīryaśo mukham tviṣiḥ keśāśca śmaśrūṇi. Rājā me prāṇo'amṛtam samrāṭ caksurvirāt śrotram.

People of the world: honour of the human nation is my head, nobility of the people is my mouth, light of justice and grandeur of world culture is my hair, moustache and beard, good governance is my life and breath, unity of the order is my vision, and diversity of the constituents is my ear.

# 6. (Sabhapati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

जिह्वा में भुद्रं वाङ् महो मनौ मुन्युः स्वराड् भार्मः। मोर्दाः प्रमोदाऽअङ्गुलीरङ्गीन मित्रं मे सहः॥६॥

Jihvā me bhadram vānmaho mano manyuḥ svarāḍ bhāmaḥ. Modāḥ pramodā aṅgulīraṅgāni mitram me sahaḥ.

Members of the world state: My tongue shall speak for the good of all. My speech shall explain great projects. My passion shall target wickedness. My anger shall be for the defence of freedom. My fingers shall point to the paths of joy. My limbs shall dance with the people's festivities. My prowess and challenges shall be for the promotion of love and friendship.

#### 7. (Raja Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

बाहू में बर्लमि<u>न्द्रिय</u>श्हस्तौ में कर्मी वीर्युम् । आत्मा क्षुत्रमुरों मर्म ॥७॥

Bāhū me balamindriyam hastau me karma vīryam. Ātmā kṣatramuro mama.

May my arms, strength and prowess, my hands, actions and heroism, my heart and my very soul be for the supremacy and sovereignty of the world order.

# 8. (Sabhapati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पृष्ठीमें' राष्ट्रमुदरमश्सौ ग्रीवाश्च श्रोणी । ऊरूऽअरत्नी जानुनी विशो मेऽङ्गीनि सुर्वतीः॥८॥

Pṛṣṭhīrme rāṣtramudaramamsau grīvāśca śroṇī. Ūrū 'aratnī jānunī viśo me' ṅgāni sarvataḥ.

The government order is my back. My belly, shoulders, neck, hips and loins, thighs, elbows, knees, and all my limbs are wholly for the people — my people and my government are me.

### 9. (Sabhesha Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

नाभिमें <u>चि</u>त्तं <u>वि</u>ज्ञानं पायुमेंऽपंचितिर्भसत् । आ<u>न</u>न्द-नन्दावाण्डौ मे भगः सौभाग्यं पसः । जङ्घाभ्यां पद्भ्यां धर्मो'ऽस्मि <u>वि</u>शि राजा प्रतिष्ठितः ॥९॥

Nābhirme cittam vijnānam pāyurme' pacitirbhasat. Ānandanandāvāṇḍau me bhagaḥ saubhāgyam pasaḥ. Jaṅghābhyām padbhyām dharmo'smi viśi rājā pratiṣṭhitaḥ.

I am the ruler, honoured and consecrated among my people. I am Dharma, the law, committed to bear the burden of the order on my legs and feet. My navel, mind, knowledge, security, honour and reverence, hips and loins, organs of excretion, generation and pleasure, honour and dignity, and good fortune all is for the order and the people.

# 10. (Sabhesha Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

प्रति क्षत्रे प्रतितिष्ठामि राष्ट्रे प्रत्यश्वेषु प्रतितिष्ठा<u>मि</u> गोषु। प्रत्यङ्गेषु प्रतितिष्ठाम्यात्मन् प्रति प्राणेषु प्रतितिष्ठामि पुष्टे प्रति द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>व्योः प्रतितिष्ठामि युज्ञे ॥१०॥

Prati kṣatre prati tiṣṭhāmi rāṣṭre pratyaśveṣu prati tiṣṭhāmi goṣu. Pratyaṅgeṣu prati tiṣṭhāmyātman prati prāṇeṣu prati tiṣṭhāmi puṣṭe prati dyāvāpṛthivyoḥ prati tiṣṭhāmi yajñe.

Accepted, appointed and consecrated in this divinely protected Order of the brilliant State of the World: I dedicate and commit myself to the Order, in the Order, for the Order. I dedicate and commit myself to the State, in the State, for the State, to the people, among the People, for the People. I dedicate myself to the horses and cows. I dedicate myself to all parts of the Order and the State. Firmly established in my mind and soul, with all my soul and pranic energy, I dedicate myself to the living spirit and exuberant dynamics of the human nation. I dedicate myself to the growth and development of the strength and prosperity of the people. In the light of heaven and greenery of the earth and her environment, I dedicate myself to heaven and earth. I dedicate and commit myself to the grand socioeconomic yajna of service, governance and brilliance of a generous humanity for total and holistic development.

# 11. (Devas Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

त्रया देवाऽएकदिश त्रय<u>स्त्रि</u> शाः सुरार्धसः । बृह्स्पति-पुरोहिता देवस्यं स<u>वितुः स</u>वे । देवा देवैर्रवन्तु मा ॥११॥

Trayā devā ekādaśa trayastrimśāḥ surādhasaḥ. Bṛhaspatipurohitā devasya savituḥ save. Devā devairavantu mā.

Three are the orders of divinities, brilliant powers of nature's generosity. Three times eleven are they, thirtythree powers of grandeur and majesty all, Brihaspati, the Sun, great lord of light and knowledge being their chief.

In this great world of Lord Savita's yajnic creation, may the devas, brilliant scholars of knowledge and generosity, with all these divine powers, protect me and promote me for the higher life.

Note: The thirty three devas, according to Swami Ji are:

- i. Eight Vasus, abodes and supports of life, are: earth, water, fire, air, space, sun, moon and the stars.
- ii. Eleven Rudras, viz., five primary pranic energies (prana, apana, vyana, udana and samana), five secondary pranic energies (naga, kurma, krikala devadatta and dhananjaya), and the soul. They are Rudras because they destroy pain, and when they leave the body they make people cry in sorrow.
- iii. Twelve Adityas, viz., twelve months of the year, they being zodiacs of the sun in the year. They are Adityas because they count up the time and exhaust the life of whatever is born. In addition to these (8+11+12), there is Indra, universal electric energy, and Yajna,

universal creative power.

# 12. (Vishvedeva Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रथमा द्वितीयैर्द्वितीयस्तृतीयैस्तृतीयोः सत्येने सत्यं यज्ञेने यज्ञो यजुर्भिर्यजूथ्ढंषि सामेभिः सामोन्यृग्भिर्ऋचेः पुरोऽनुवाक्याभिः पुरोऽनुवाक्या याज्याभिर्याज्या वषट्कारैर्वेषट्काराऽआहुति-भिराहुतयो मे कामान्त्समेधयन्तु भूः स्वाहो॥१२॥

Prathamā dvitīyairdvitīyastṛtīyaistṛtīyāḥ satyena satyam yajñena yajño yajurbhiryajūmṣi sāmabhiḥ sāmānyṛgbhirṛcaḥ puro'nuvākyābhiḥ puro'nuvākyā yājyābhiryājyā vaṣaṭkārairvaṣaṭkārā'āhutibhirāhutayo me kāmāntsamardhayantu bhūḥ svāhā.

The first order of divinities (Vasus) with the second order (Rudras), the second with the third (Adityas), the third with Satya (nature), nature with yajna (science and technology), science and technology with Yajurveda hymns (application), application with Samaveda hymns (dedication, devotion and joy), dedication with Rgveda hymns (knowledge and vision), knowledge with Puronuvakas of Atharva (specialization), specialisation with Yajnas (yajnic work), yajnic work with Vashatkaras (noble work), noble work with ahutis (oblations), oblations (inputs) with sincere conduct, and all these (in cycle with the Vasus, Rudras and Adityas and so on) on the earth may all these grant all my desires and promote me among the people.

# 13. (Teacher Preacher Devatas, Prajapati Rshi) लोमा<u>नि</u> प्रय<u>ित</u>र्मम् त्वङ् मुऽआन<u>ित</u>रागितिः। मार्थुसं मऽउपनितर्वस्वस्थि मज्जा मुऽआनितः॥१३॥

Lomāni prayatirmama tvan ma ānatirāgatih. Māmsam ma'upanatirvasvasthi majjā ma' ānatih.

The hair on my body, my effort and action, my skin, my humility, my coming and income, my flesh, my courtesy, my wealth, bones, marrow and my humility and reverence be all for the teachers and preceptors.

# 14. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद्देवा देव्हेर्डनुं देवांसश्चकृमा व्यम् । अग्निर्मा तस्मादेनसो विश्वान्मुञ्चत्वःहंसः॥१४॥

Yaddevā devaheḍanaṁ devāsaścakṛmā vayam. Agnirmā tasmādenaso viśvānmuñcatvaṁhasaḥ.

Teachers, preaches, saints and sages, whatever our offence we have done to the devas, noble powers, may Agni, Lord God and the noble saint, forgive, and save us from all that offence, irreverence and sin.

#### 15. (Vayu Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

य<u>दि</u> दिवा य<u>दि</u> नक्तमेनांश्रंसि चकृमा वयम् । वायुर्मा तस्मादेनसो विश्वान्मुञ्चत्वःहंसः ॥१५॥

Yadi divā yadi naktamenāmsi cakṛmā vayam. Vāyurmā tasmādenaso viśvānmuñcatvamhasaḥ.

If we commit any sin or offence either in the day or in the night, then may Vayu, lord of dynamic knowledge and imagination, deliver me from all that sin and offence.

# 16. (Surya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

य<u>िंद</u> जाग्रद्य<u>िंद</u> स्वप्नुऽएनीछंसि चकृमा वयम् । सूर्यो<sup>भ</sup> मा तस्मादेनेसो विश्वीन्मुञ्चत्वश्हेसः॥१६॥ Yadi jāgradyadi svapna'enāmsi cakṛmā vayam. Sūryo mā tasmādenaso viśvānmuñcatvamhasaḥ.

If we happen to commit any offence or sin either while awake or while asleep, then may Sun, lord of brilliant knowledge and warmth, deliver me from all that offence and sin.

### 17. (Sages Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद् ग्रामे यदर्ग्ण्ये यत्सभायां यदिन्द्विये । यच्छूद्रे यदर्थे यदेनेश्चकृमा वयं यदेक्स्याऽधिधमी<u>णि</u> तस्यवियजेन-मिस ॥१७॥

Yadgrāme yadaraṇye yatsabhāyām yadindriye. Yacchūdre yadarye yadenaścakṛmā vayam yadekasyādhi dharmaṇi tasyāvayajanamasi.

Saints and sages, whatever offence or sin we happen to commit in the village, or in the forest, or in the assembly, or in the mind, or among the assistants, or among the employers, or against anyone's dharma, conscience or profession, then you alone are the powers to save and deliver us from that.

# 18. (Varuna Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यदापोऽअघ्न्याऽइति वरुणेति शपीमहे ततो वरुण नो मुञ्च । अवभृथ निचुम्पुण निचेरुरसि निचुम्पुणः । अवे देवैर्देवकृतमेनोऽयक्ष्यव मर्त्येर्मर्त्यंकृतं पुरुराव्णो देव रिष-स्पाहि ॥१८॥

Yadāpo'aghnyā'iti varuņeti śapāmahe tato varuņa no muñca. Avabhṛtha nicumpuṇa nicerurasi nicumpuṇaḥ. Ava devairdevakṛtameno' yakṣyava martyairmartyakṛtam pururāvṇo deva riṣaspāhi.

Prana, life, is precious and sacred. The cow is precious and sacred, inviolable. Varuna, Lord Supreme, the eminent sage, is great. If ever we injure, violate or revile these, then, O Varuna, O generous sage, deliver us from that sin.

Noble sage of knowledge, you are initiated and consecrated, blessed, calm and generous as a fountain. Ward off the sins committed by the nobles, through/by the nobles. Let the ordinary people fight out and eliminate the crimes committed by the average people. Save us from fear, terror and violence.

### 19. (Apah Devta, Prajapati Ŗshi)

समुद्रे ते हृदयम्प्स्वान्तः सं त्वां विशन्त्वोषधीरुतापेः । सु<u>मित्रिया नु</u>ऽआपुऽ ओषधयः सन्तु दुर्मि<u>त्रि</u>यास्तस्मै सन्तु योऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे वृयं द्विष्मः ॥१९॥

Samudre te hṛdayamapsvantaḥ saṁ tvā viśantvoṣadhīrutāpaḥ. Sumitriyā' na' āpa'oṣadhayaḥ santu durmitriyāstasmai santu yo'smān dveṣṭi yaṁ ca vayaṁ dviṣmaḥ.

Soma, disciple, your heart and soul is in sea, in the midst of the energy there and in the depths of celestial waters. May the pranic energies and the vitality of the herbs enter your mind with their secrets. May the herbs and the pranic energies be friendly to us. They will be unfriendly to those negativities which harm us and which we, in consequence, hate and avoid.

#### 20. (Apah Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

द्रुपदार्दिव मुमुचानः <u>स्वि</u>न्नः स्नातो मलदिव । पूतं प्वित्रेणेवाज्यमार्पः शुन्धन्तु मैनेसः ॥२०॥ Drupadādiva mumucānaķ svinnaķ snāto malādiva. Pūtam pavitreņevājyamāpaķ śundhantu mainasaķ.

Like a prisoner freed from a post of captivity, like a man in sweat cleansed of dirt after bath, like ghee purified of scum through a strainer, may the waters and energies purge me of sin and evil into the purity of freedom.

### 21. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

उद्वयं तमेस्स्पिर्िस्युः पश्येन्तऽउत्तरम् । देवं देवत्रा सूर्यमगेन्मु ज्योतिरुत्तमम् ॥२१॥

Udvayam tamasaspari svaḥ paśyanta'uttaram. Devam devatrā sūryamaganma jyotiruttamam.

Up we move beyond the dark with a vision of the higher regions of bliss, and may we reach the sun, the Lord of Light Supreme, among the lights of the world.

#### 22. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अपोऽअद्यान्वेचारिष्द्ररसेन् समसृक्ष्मिहि । पर्यस्वानग्नुऽआर्गम् तं मा सःसृज् वर्चीसा प्रजयां च धनेन च ॥२२॥

Apo'adyānvacāriṣam rasena samasṛkṣmahi. Payasvānagna'āgamam tam mā sam sṛja varcasā prajayā ca dhanena ca.

I have tasted the waters of bliss to-day. Let us all create joy and open out to the flood gates of freedom and bliss.

Agni, having drunk of joy and bliss, I have come to you. Lord of light and knowledge, bless me with children, wealth of knowledge and prosperity and the splendour of honour and dignity.

#### 23. (Samid Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

एधोऽस्येधिषीमिहि समिदिसि तेजोऽसि तेजो मिय धेहि । समावविति पृ<u>ष्</u>यिवी समुषाः समु सूर्यीः। समु विश्वे<u>मि</u>दं जर्गत् । वैश्वानुरज्योतिर्भूयासं <u>वि</u>भून् कामान् व्यश्नवै भूः स्वाहो ॥२३॥

Edho'syedhişīmahi samidasi tejo'si tejo mayi dhehi. Samāvavarti pṛthivī samuṣāḥ samu sūryaḥ. Samu viśvamidaṁ jagat. Vaiśvānarajyotirbhūyāsaṁ vibhūn kāmān vyaśnavai bhūh svāhā.

Samit, food of the holy fire, you are the harbinger of prosperity. May we be prosperous. You are the food of the light divine, light itself. Infuse light and lustre into me. May the earth be generous. May the dawns bring us light and peace. May the sun give light and warmth. May this whole world be full of joy. May I shine with the light of the world and be the light itself. May I attain my desire and great ambitions. May I, with truth of word and deed, attain the glory of the world.

# 24. (Agni Devata, Ashvatarashvi Ŗshi)

अभ्याद॑धामि सुमिधुमग्ने व्रतपते त्वयि । व्रतं चे श्रद्धां चोपैमीन्धे त्वां दीक्षितोऽअहम् ॥२४॥

Abhyādadhāmi samidhamagne vratapate tvayi. Vratam ca śraddhām copaimīndhe tvā dīkṣito' aham.

Agni, lord keeper and sustainer of the vows of speech and karma, initiated and consecrated I place the fuel into the holy fire with concentration and dedication of mind. I light the fire and commit myself to the vows of yajna and faith in the divine order.

### 25. (Agni Devata, Ashvatarashvi Ŗshi)

यत्र ब्रह्म च क्ष्रत्रं चे सम्यञ्चौ चरतः सह । तं लोकं पुण्यं प्रज्ञेषं यत्रे देवाः सहाग्निनी ॥२५॥

Yatra brahma ca kṣatraṁ ca samyañcau carataḥ saha. Taṁllokaṁ puṇyaṁ prajñeṣaṁ yatra devāḥ sahāgnina.

Where the Brahma order of learning and the Kshatra order of governance coexist and work together in harmony, and where the noble citizens abide by the fire of yajna, that holy land and spirit divine, O Lord, I pray, reveal to me.

#### 26. (Agni Devata, Ashvatarashvi Rshi)

यत्रेन्द्रेश्च वायुश्चं सम्यञ्चौ चरतः सह । तं लोकं पुण्यं प्रज्ञेषुं यत्रं सेदिनं विद्यते ॥२६॥

Yatrendraśca vāyuśca samyañcau carataḥ saha. Taṁllokaṁ puṇyaṁ prajñeṣaṁ yatra sedima vidyate.

Where Indra is light and power, and Vayu breath of life, and both in unison work for all, where want is non-existent and weariness no more, that holy land of plenty and sacred joy, O Lord of Light, reveal to me.

#### 27. (Soma Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अश्शुनो ते अश्शुः पृच्यतां पर्रुषा पर्रुः । गुन्धस्ते सोर्ममवतु मदीय रसोऽअच्युतः ॥२७॥

Amsunā te amsuh pṛcyatām paruṣā paruḥ. Gandhaste somamavatu madāya raso'acyutaḥ.

Soma is the Spirit of life, fragrance imperishable, inexhaustible, eternal.

Let the filament of the soma plant stay joined to the branch, let the branch with the plant mature and be whole with the plant.

May the knot of the cane grow out of the knot, stay joined to the knot, mature and be one and whole with the tree.

Soma, Spirit of life, may your fragrance and eternal vitality protect the unity and wholeness of life among all its constituent parts.

### 28. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सिञ्चित्त परिषिञ्चन्त्युत्सिञ्चन्ति पुनिन्ते च । सुरिये बुभ्वे मदे किन्त्वो वेदति किन्त्वः ॥२८॥

Siñcanti pari șiñcantyutsiñcanti punanti ca. Surāyai babhrvai made kintvo vadati kintvaḥ.

Those who take the shower of bliss in soma, life divine, merge wholly, purge and raise themselves, and purify their soul with the nectar for the sake of vitality, dignity and ecstasy of living, they are the immortals. 'So what?' says the sceptic and ends up in the doubt.

#### 29. (Indra Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

धानावेन्तं कर्मिभणेमपूपवेन्तमुक्थिनेम् । इन्द्रे प्रातर्जुषस्व नः ॥२९॥

Dhānāvantam karambhiṇamapūpavantamukthinam. Indra prātarjuṣasva naḥ.

Indra, master of knowledge and power of speech, in the morning accept and enjoy our food, delicious and rich with nutriments, mixed with curds and honey cakes, excellently prepared with holy recipes and offered with reverence.

#### 30. (Indra Devata, Nrimedha Purushameda Rshis)

बृहदिन्द्रीय गायत् मर्रुतो वृत्रहन्तेमम् । येन् ज्योतिरजेनयन्नृतावृधौ देवं देवाय जागृवि ॥३०॥

Bṛhadindrāya gāyata maruto vṛtrahantamam. Yena jyotirajanayannṛtāvṛdho devam devāya jāgṛvi.

Heroes of knowledge, ever watchful, promoters of truth and right, sing the great joyous songs of Brihat-Sama in honour of mighty Indra, lord of the universe, by which you would awaken the heavenly light which will break through the clouds of darkness and open the flood-gates of light and prosperity.

# 31. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अध्वर्योऽअद्रिभिः सुतःसोमं प्वित्रऽआनेय । पुनाहीन्द्रीय पातेवे ॥३१॥

Adhvaryo'adribhiḥ sutaṁ somaṁ pavitra'ānaya. Punāhīndrāya pātave.

High-priest of yajna, bring down the soma, waters of life, distilled from the clouds and sanctify them for the drink of Indra and his citizens of the world order.

#### 32. (Paramatma Devata, Kaundinya Rshi)

यो भूतानामधिपतिर्यस्मिंल्लोकाऽअधिश्रिताः। यऽईशे मह्तो महाँस्तेने गृह्णामि त्वामहं मिय गृह्णामि त्वामहम् ॥३२॥

Yo bhūtānāmadhipatiryasmiňllokā'adhi śritāḥ. Ya'īśe mahato mahāňstena gṛhṇāmi tvāmaham mayi gṛhṇāmi tvāmaham.

The Lord that is the presiding power of all the forms of existence, under whose law the worlds of the

universe reside, who is greater than the greatest and reigns supreme over all, to this Lord of existence, for His grace, I bow in faith.

Lord of mine and all, I come, I hold on to you, and I consecrate my heart and soul with your presence.

#### 33. (Soma Devata, Kakshivat sukirti Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यश्विभ्यं त्वा सरस्वत्यै त्वेन्द्रीय त्वा सुत्राम्णेऽ एष ते योनिर्शिवभ्यं त्वा सरस्वत्यै त्वेन्द्रीय त्वा सुत्राम्णे॥३३॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'syaśvibhyām tvā sarasvatyai tvendrāya tvā sutrāmņa'eṣa te yoniraśvibhyām tvā sarasvatyai tvendrāya tvā sutrāmņe.

Teacher/scholar, approved and authorized you are by the Ashvinis, teachers and scholars of eminence, for the service of Sarasvati, language and learning, Indra, administration, and Sutraman, security and discipline.

Now here is your new office with the Ashvinis, teachers and scholars, with adequate powers in the service of Sarasvati, teaching and research, Indra, administration, planning and development, and Sutraman, discipline and security of the organisation.

# 34. (Lingokta Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्राण्या मेऽअपान्याश्चेक्षुष्याः श्रोत्रपाश्चे मे । वाचो मे विश्वभैषजो मनेसोऽसि विलायेकः॥३४॥

Prāṇapā me' apānapāścakṣuṣpāḥ śrotrapāśca me. Vāco me viśvabheṣajo manaso'si vilāyakaḥ.

Soma, teacher scholar, you are protector of my prana, apana, eye and ear, speech and language, and you are the master and controller of my mind.

#### 35. (Lingokta Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अशिवनेकृतस्य ते सरेस्वितकृतस्येन्द्रेण सुत्राम्णो कृतस्ये । उपहृतुऽउपहृतस्य भक्षयामि ॥३५॥

Aśvinakṛtasya te sarasvatikṛtasyendreṇa sutrāmṇā kṛtasya. Upahūta'upahūtasya bhakṣayāmi.

On invitation, I take the food served here as it has been prepared by experts, supervised by learned women, ordered by Indra, the dignified host, and certified by the chief of security.

#### 36. (Indra Devata, Angirasa Rshi)

सिमद्धिऽइन्द्रेऽउषसामनीके पुरोरुची पूर्वकृद्वीवृधानः। त्रिभिर्देवै<u>स्त्रि</u> शता वर्त्रबाहुर्जुघाने वृत्रं वि दुरौ ववार ॥३६॥

Samiddha'indra'uṣasāmanīke purorucā pūrvakṛdvāvṛdhānaḥ. Tribhirdevaistrimśatā vajrabāhurjaghāna vṛtraṁ vi duro vavāra.

Just as Indra, the sun, ancient light of the world, refulgent in the splendour of the dawn, blazing and advancing in the east with thirty three devatas, destroys the clouds of darkness and opens the flood gates of light, so do you, brilliant man of knowledge and modern challenges, advance with all the force of your scholars of the Vasu, Rudra and Aditya order, destroy the darkness of ignorance and open the flood gates of the light of knowledge.

#### 37. (Tanunapat Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

नराशः सः प्रति शूरो मिमानस्तनूनपात्प्रति यज्ञस्य धार्म । गोभिर्वपावान्मर्थना समञ्जन्हिरंण्यैश्चन्द्री यंजति प्रचैताः॥३७ Narāsamsah prati śūro mimānastanūnapāt prati yajnasya dhāma. Gobhirvapāvān madhunā samanjan hiraņyaiścandrī yajati pracetāh.

Universally admirable is the man who is brave and totally fearless, maker of many things, selfdependent and self-protective, wholly dedicated to yajna, farming the land with bulls and cows, wellprovided with milk, butter and honey, bright with golden wealth, and highly enlightened, and begins his day with yajna.

#### 38. (Indra Devata, Angirasa Rshi)

<u>ईंडि</u>तो देवैर्हरिवाँ२॥ऽअ<u>भि</u>ष्टिराजुह्वीनो ह्विषा शर्द्धीमानः। पु<u>र</u>न्दरो गौत्रभिद्वज्रीबाहुरायीतु युज्ञमुपी नो जुषाणः ॥३८॥

Īḍito devairharivāň'abhiṣṭirājuhvāno haviṣā śardhamānaḥ. Purandaro gotrabhidvajrabāhurāyātu yajñamupa no juṣāṇaḥ.

Indra, the man respected and admired by the godly, brilliant spirit of many yajnas, invited and engaged in discussions with presentations, bold yet patient, breaking the clouds and enemy forts like Indra, lord of the thunderbolt, is invited to our yajna. May he come and grace the yajna with his presence.

# 39. (Indra Devata. Angirasa Ŗshi)

जुषाणो बर्हिर्हरिवान्नऽइन्द्रेः प्राचीनेश्सीदत्प्रदिशो पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः। उरुप्रथाः प्रथमानश्स्योनम<u>िद</u>त्यैरुक्तं वसुभिः सुजोषीः ॥३९॥

Juṣāṇo barhirharivān na'indraḥ prācīnam sīdat pradiśā pṛthivyāḥ. Uruprathāḥ prathamānam syonamādityairaktam vasubhiḥ sajoṣāḥ.

Just as Indra, the sun, wielder of the waters and

expansive lord of the rays of light, pervading the sky and regions of the universe, united with the Vasus and the Adityas, graces the ancient, vast, beautiful and celebrated floor of the earth, so please you, celebrated man of yajna, grace our home of yajna.

# 40. (Indra Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

इन्द्रं दुरंः कवृष्योः धार्वमानाः वृषीणं यन्तु जनेयः सुपत्नीः। द्वारो देवीर्भितो विश्रयन्ताशंसुवीरा वीरं प्रथमानाः महोभिः ॥४०॥

Indram durah kavaşyo dhāvamānā vṛṣāṇam yantu janayah supatnīh. Dvāro devīrabhito vi śrayantām suvīrā vīram prathamānā mahobhih.

Just as noble women sweet of speech and good wives and mothers to be, eagerly join Indra, virile young men of power and dignity, and find the door to their new home of settlement, so should noble and virile young men, celebrated for their power and dignity, take to good and virtuous women wholly and freely and settle in a happy new home.

#### 41. (Ushasa-nakta Devate, Angirasa Ŗshi)

उषासानक्तां बृहती बृहन्तं पर्यस्वती सुदुघे शूरमिन्द्रम्। तन्तुं तृतं पेशसा सुंवर्यन्ती देवानां देवं यजतः सुरुक्मे॥४१॥

Uṣāsānaktā bṛhatī bṛhantam payasvatī sudughe śūramindram. Tantum tatam peśasā samvayantī devānām devam yajataḥ surukme.

Night and dawn, beautiful, great, abundant, generous, wearing the design of the warp and woof of light, already spread out in the east, with form and colour, adorn Indra, the rising sun, light of lights so

brave and majestic, with the splendour of the morning.

(Just as night and dawn look forward to the sun, so should the people look forward to and associate with the brilliant and the brave and fearless.)

42. (Daivyadhyapaka-upadeshaka Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi) दैव्या मिमीना मर्नुषः पुरुत्रा होतीराविन्द्रं प्रथमा सुवाची । मूर्द्धन्युज्ञस्य मधुना दर्धाना प्राचीनं ज्योतिर्द्दविषा वृधातः॥४२

Daivyā mimānā manuṣaḥ purutrā hotārāvindram prathamā suvācā. Mūrdhan yajñasya madhunā dadhānā prācīnam jyotirhavīṣā vṛdhātaḥ.

Teachers and preachers, learned and brilliant makers of yajnic projects, generous in oblations, noble of speech, first and foremost in yajnic organisations, leaders and supporters of people in many ways, with honey and fragrant materials light up, promote and advance the ancient fire of yajna and glorify Indra, the Spirit, power and ecstasy of the holy performance.

43. (Tisro-daivyah, Three goddesses Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi) तिस्त्रो देवीर्ह्विषा वद्धीमानाऽइन्द्रं जुषाणा जनयो न पत्नीः। अच्छिन्नं तन्तुं पर्यसा सरस्वतीडी देवी भारती <u>वि</u>श्व-तूर्तिः॥४३॥

Tisro devīrhaviṣā vardhamānā'indram juṣāṇā janayo na patnīḥ. Acchinnam tantum payasā saraśvatīḍā devī bhāratī viśvatūrtiḥ.

The trinity of Ida, Sarasvati and Bharati, universally active like nursing mothers, constantly feed, sustain and augment the continuous flow of life-yajna with holy food and drinks, serving thereby and pleasing

Indra, lord of existence. (Ida holds the inexhaustible potential, Sarasvati controls the flow, and Bharati defines the forms in the continuum.)

# 44. (Tvashta Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

त्वष्टा दध्च्छुष्ममिन्द्रीय वृष्णेऽपाकोऽचिष्टुर्युशसे पुरूणि। वृषा यज्न वृषेणुं भूरिरेता मूर्द्धन् यज्ञस्य समनक्तु देवान्॥४४

Tvaṣṭā dadhacchuṣmamindrāya vṛṣṇe'pāko'ciṣṭuryaśase purūṇi. Vṛṣā yajan vṛṣaṇaṁ bhūrireta mūrdhan yajñasya samanaktu devān.

May Tvashta, creator of fine and sophisticated forms, provide the weapons of defence and power for virile Indra, lord defender of life. Let the dynamic man going far and wide collect various and versatile materials for his glory. Let the generous man of tempestuous speed studying the rain and clouds at the head of yajna (of science and technology) bring together the noblest scholars and sages in the service of the generous Indra.

#### 45. (Vanaspati Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

वन्स्पित्रवंसृष्टो न पाशैस्त्मन्यां सम्ञ्जञ्छंमिता न देवः । इन्द्रस्य हृव्यैर्जुठरं पृणानः स्वदाति युज्ञं मधुना घृतेने ॥४५॥

Vanaspatiravasṛṣṭo na pāśaistmanyā samañjañchamitā na devaḥ. Indrasya havyairjaṭharaṁ pṛṇānaḥ svadāti yajñam madhunā ghṛṭena.

The chief of the forests, like an arrow shot from the bow, with all the bonds of dedication of his heart and soul, fills the treasures of Indra with created wealth like the brilliant and blissful yajna of the nation, and himself too enjoys the honey sweet gifts of the yajna.

# 46. (Svahakritayah Devata, Angirasa Ŗshi)

स्तोकानामिन्दुं प्रति शूर्ऽइन्द्रौ वृषायमीणो वृष्भस्तुराषाट्। घृतप्रुषा मनेसा मोर्दमानाः स्वाहो देवाऽअमृतो मादयन्ताम्॥४६

Stokānāmindum prati śūra'indro vṛṣāyamāṇo vṛṣabhasturāṣāṭ. Ghṛtapruṣā manasā modamānāḥ svāhā devā'amṛtā mādayantām.

May the brave, generous and exalted hero, Indra, conqueror of the violent, and the brilliant realized souls among humanity, rejoicing at heart by the sacred acts of their holy sacrifice into the fire and gifts of love and kindness, drink of the nectar sweets of soma in yajnic life and live the ecstasy of their immortal being on earth.

### 47. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

आयात्विन्द्रोऽवंसऽउपं नऽइह स्तुतः संधमादंस्तु शूर्रः। वावृधानस्तविषीर्यस्यं पूर्वीद्यौंनं क्षृत्रम्भिभूति पुष्यति ॥४७

Ā yātvindro'vasa'upa na'iha stutaḥ sadhamādastu śūraḥ. Vāvṛdhānastaviṣīryasya pūrvīrdyaurna kṣatramabhibhūti puṣyāt.

May Indra, mighty hero, come for our defence and protection here and, sung and celebrated, be with us as a friend and companion, augmenting his forces trained by veterans, which superior power of his forces, able to suppress the enemies, may strengthen and promote our social order like the umbrella of vast heavens.

#### 48. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

आ नुऽ इन्द्रौ दूरादा नेऽआसादेभि<u>ष्टि</u>कृदवेसे यासदुग्रः। ओजिष्ठेभिर्नृप<u>ति</u>र्वज्रबाहुः सुङ्गे सुमत्सु तुर्विणीः पृतुन्यून्॥४८ Ā na'indro dūrādā na'āsādabhiṣṭikṛdavase yāsadugraḥ. Ojiṣṭhebhirnṛpatirvajrabāhuḥ saṅge samatsu turvaṇiḥ pṛtanyūn.

Indra, come to us from far and near for our protection. Mighty hero, achiever of cherished goals, ruler of the people, man of arms of steel, victorious over the enemies, come with the most powerful forces for our defence in the battles of life.

#### 49. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

आ नुऽइन्द्रो हरिभिर्यात्वच्छार्वाचीनोऽवसे राधसे च । तिष्ठाति वुजी मुघवा विरुष्शीमं युज्ञमनु नो वाजसातौ॥४९

Ā na'indro haribhiryātvacchārvācīno' vase rādhase ca. Tiṣṭhāti vajrī maghavā virapsīmam yajñamanu no vājasātau.

May Indra, eminent man of dynamic knowledge and movement, come well with his power of horse for our protection and advancement in prosperity. Wielder of the thunderbolt, lord of power and majesty, mighty strong, may he grace this our yajna with favour. May he stand by us firm and inviolable in the battles of life.

#### 50. (Indra Devata, Garga Rshi)

त्रातार्मिन्द्रमिवतार्मिन्द्वश्हवैहवे सुहवश्शूर्मिन्द्रम् । ह्वयमि शृक्रं पुरुहुतमिन्द्रशस्वस्ति नौ मुघवी धात्विन्द्रः॥५०॥

Trātāramindramavitāramindram have have suhavam śuramindram. Hvayāmi śakram puruhūtamindram svasti no maghavā dhātvindraḥ.

I invoke Indra, lord of might and majesty, adorable and universally adored, saviour, protector and

promoter of His creation. I invoke Him for protection in every problem of life.

I call upon Indra, royal and brave ruler of the nation, saviour and protector of the people, and destroyer of the nation's enemies. I call upon him for protection and solution of every problem in the life of the nation.

I call upon Indra, commander of the army, defender and protector of the land, instant in action, for defence in every battle of the nation.

May Indra, saviour, protector, defender and promoter of life, destroyer of evil and router of the enemy, lord of power and prosperity, bless us with all that is good and hold it safe for us.

### 51. (Indra Devata, Garga Rshi)

इन्द्रेः सुत्रामा स्ववाँ२॥ऽअवौभिः सुमृडीको भेवतु <u>वि</u>श्ववैदाः। बार्धतां द्वेषोऽअभेयं कृणोतु सुवीर्यंस्य पर्तयः स्याम ॥५१॥

Indraḥ sutrāmā svavāň'avobhiḥ sumṛḍīko bhavatu viśvavedāḥ. Bādhatāṁ dveṣo' abhayaṁ kṛṇotu suvīryasya patayaḥ syāma.

May Indra, lord of life and the world, gracious saviour and protector, sole lord of his power and people, master of universal wealth and knowledge, lord of progress and advancement, we pray, be kind and give us all the protection we need.

May the lord keep off all hate and enemies and bless us with freedom from fear. We pray we may be defenders and promoters of manly power and honour.

## 52. (Indra Devata, Garga Rshi)

तस्यं व्यः सुमृतौ यज्ञियस्यापि भृद्रे सौमन्से स्योम । स सुत्रामा स्ववाँ२॥ऽइन्द्रौऽअस्मेऽआरा<u>च्चि</u>द् द्वेषः सनुत-र्युंयोतु ॥५२॥

Tasya'vayam sumatau yajñiyasyāpi bhadre saumanase syāma. Sa sutrāmā svavāň'indro' asme'ārāccid dveṣaḥ sanutaryuyotu.

May Indra, lord of life and the world/Ruler of the land, master of his own power and people, saviour and protector, always and everyway keep off from us whatever hate or emity is there far and near.

May we be with him in his yajna of life, in his creative and constructive works, and abide by him enjoying the favour of his love as well as judgement.

## 53. (Indra Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

आ मुन्द्रैरिन्द्र हरिभिर्याहि मुयूरेरोमभिः । मा त्वा के चिन्नि येमुन्विं न पा्शिनोऽति धन्वैव ताँ२॥ऽईहि ॥५३॥

Ā mandrairindra haribhiryāhi mayūraromabhiḥ. Mā tvā ke cinni yaman viṁ na pāśino'ti dhanveva tāň'ihi.

Come Indra, lord of might and majesty, by your charming peacock-haired horses. Let none whatsoever hold you back, let no hunter catch you with snares like a bird. March on like an exceptional hero of the bow, advance and take them (the enemies) on.

#### 54. (Indra Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

एवेदिन्द्रं वृषेण्ं वर्ज्रबाहुं विसेष्ठासोऽअभ्यूर्चन्त्युर्कैः । स नेः स्तुतो वी्रवद्धातु गोर्मद्यूयं पति स्वस्तिभिः सदी नः॥५४॥ Evedindram vṛṣaṇām vajrabāhum vasiṣṭhāso abhyarcantyarkaiḥ. Sa na stuto vīravaddhātu gomad yūyam pāta svastibhiḥ sadā naḥ.

The best, richest and most excellent people, well settled in peace and prosperity, honour and worship with prayers and good works Indra, lord of might and majesty, ruler of the land and the world, hero of the arms of steel. Honoured and worshipped thus, may he hold and protect our land and nation blest with heroic warriors and the wealth of cows, fields and pastures.

#### 55. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

सिमद्धोऽअग्निरंश्विना तृप्तो घुर्मो विराट् सुतः। दुहे धेनुः सरंस्वती सोर्मः शुक्रमिहेन्द्रियम् ॥५५॥

Samiddho' agniraśvinā tapto gharmo virāţ sutaḥ. Duhe dhenuḥ sarasvatī somam śukramihendriyam.

Agni, lighted, heated, burning and blazing as universal and sovereign light of the world, inspired with vitality, creates food and energy for the Lord's creation.

Sarasvati, voice of universal knowledge, holds the pure nectar of the wealth and grandeur of the spirit of life and, like a cow, yields it for the nourishment and benefit of men and women of the world.

So must I create light and vitality. So should all men and women do like the Ashvinis, powers of health and nourishment.

#### 56. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

त<u>न</u>ूपा <u>भिषजी सुत</u>्वेऽश्विनोभा सरस्वती । मध्वा रजीछंसी<u>न्द्रि</u>यमिन्द्रीय पृथिभिर्वहान् ॥५६॥ Tanūpa bhiṣaja sute'śvinobhā sarasvatī. Madhvā rajāmsīndriyamindrāya pathibhirvahān.

In this world of beauty created with the sweetness of soma distilled from the spirit of nature, both the Ashvinis, powers of health, the physicians, and Sarasvati, scholar of knowledge and the divine voice, should bear the honour and glory of Indra, lord of the world, and render it back to Indra, the ruler, in faith and gratitude.

## 57. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

इन्द्रायेन्दुः सर्रस्वती नराशःसैन नग्नहुम् । अधीतामुश्विना मधुं भेषुजं <u>भि</u>षजी सुते ॥५७॥

Indrāyendum sarasvatī narāśamsena nagnahum. Adhātamaśvinā madhu bheṣajam bhiṣajā sute.

Let Sarasvati, mother scholar of knowledge and the Vedic voice, create the inspiring honour and joy of life by the admirable yajna of the people in honour of Indra, lord of yajna and the world.

Let the Ashvinis, experts of health and medicine, create and bear the sweet medicinal panacea in honour of the Lord.

#### 58. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

आजुह्वीना सरस्वतीन्द्रीयेन्द्रियाणि वीुर्युम् । इडोभिरुश्विनाविष्ट् समूर्ज्ः सः रुयिं दधुः॥५८॥

Ājuhvānā sarasvatīndrāyendriyāņi vīryam. Idābhiraśvināviṣam samūrjam sam rayim dadhuḥ.

The wife, woman of knowledge respected and

praised all round, should hold in the home the best of health-giving, rejuvenating and powerful foods for her husband's body, mind and senses. The physicians and nutricians should, with their knowledge and researches, create special energising foods, elevating tonics and blissful wealth of health.

# 59. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

अशिवना नर्मुचेः सुतः सोर्मः शुक्रं पेरि्स्नुता । सरस्वती तमार्भरद् बहिषेन्द्रीय पातवे ॥५९॥

Aśvinā namuceḥ sutam somam śukram parisrutā. Sarasvatī tamābharad bārhisendrāya pātave.

The scholars of science and medicine and women of knowledge and motherly love, with all their research and yajnic dedication, should create and bear for Indra pure nectars of vitality distilled from the juices extracted from all herbs for the cure of chronic and deadly diseases.

# 60. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

कृव्ष्योः न व्यचेस्वतीर्शिवभ्यां न दुरो दिशः। इन्द्रो न रोदेसीऽउभे दुहे कामान्त्सरस्वती ॥६०॥

Kavaṣyo na vyacasvatīraśvibhyām na duro diśaḥ. Indro na rodasī'ubhe duhe kāmānt-sarasvatī.

As the humming bees go round wide spaces, as wide spaces are lit up by the sun and moon, as Indra, universal energy, invigorates the heaven and earth, so does Sarasvati, mother of vision and knowledge, with the Ashvinis, fiery energy of the sun and soothing beauty of the moon, create all the means of joy and comfort for all.

# 61. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

उषासानक्तमिश्विना दिवेन्द्रेश्सायमि<u>न्द्रि</u>यैः। संजानाने सुपेशसा समेञ्जाते सरस्वत्या ॥६१॥

Uṣāsānaktamaśvinā divendram sāyamindriyaiḥ. Sañjānāne supeśasā samañjāte sarasvatyā.

Day and night from early dawn to evening, Ashvinis, scholars of knowledge and wisdom, with Sarasvati, mother of joy and generosity, in words of sweetness and persuasion, knowing well together life and its values, invest Indra, the human spirit, with a handsome form and noble faculties, powers and prosperity.

#### 62. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

पातं नौऽअश्विना दिवा पाहि नक्ते सरस्वति । दैव्या होतारा भिषजा पातमिन्द्रश्सचा सुते ॥६२॥

Pātam no'aśvinā divā pāhi naktam sarasvati. Daivyā hotārā bhiṣajā pātamindram sacā sute.

Men of knowledge and wisdom, teachers and preachers, and mother Sarasvati protect and promote us day and night.

Noble men of yajna and sacrifice, men of health and medicine, working together in the world, save and protect the human spirit, create and protect the spirit of joy.

## 63. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

तिस्त्रस्त्रेधा सरेस्वत्यशिवना भारतीडी । तीव्रं पेरिस्तुता सोममिन्द्रीय सुषुवुर्मदेम् ॥६३॥

Tisrastredhā sarasvatyaśvinā bhāratīḍā. Tīvram parisrutā somamindrāya suṣuvurmadam.

Three motherly spirits, Vedic vision, knowledge and wisdom, and the mother-land, and two powers of health and medicine, may distil and create the intense and joyous nectar of soma extracted from all nature for Indra, the human soul, in three ways, that is, for physical, mental and spiritual nourishment.

64. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

अ्षिवनो भेषुजं मधुं भेषुजं नः सरस्वती । इन्द्रे त्वष्टा यशः श्रियेःरूपःरूपमधुः सुते ॥६४॥

Aśvinā bheṣjaṁ madhu bheṣajaṁ naḥ sarasvatī. Indre tvaṣṭā yaśaḥ śriyaṁ rūpaṁ rūpamadhuḥ sute.

The soma juice of health having been prepared for us and Indra, the ruling powers, may the Ashvinis, sanative powers of nature and the scholars, Sarasvati, generous motherly women of knowledge, and Tvashta, refiners and creators of beautiful forms bless us with honey-sweets of life, honour, wealth and prosperity and graceful forms of individual and social life appropriate for everyone.

65. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

ऋतुथेन्द्रो वनस्पतिः शशमानः परिस्नुता । कीलालम्शिवभ्यां मधु दुहे धेनुः सरस्वती ॥६५॥

Ŗtuthendro vanaspatiḥ śaśamānaḥ parisrutā. Kīlālamaśvibhyāṁ madhu duhe dhenuḥ sarasvatī.

Let Indra, the ruling power, the chief of the forests, the great growing trees, the generous cow and the enlightened mother, Sarasvati, with the advice and

expertise of the Ashvinis, scholars of health care and medication, create and produce powerful honey-tonics from the flowing and fermenting juices according to the seasons.

# 66. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

गो<u>भि</u>र्न सोर्ममश्विना मासरेण परिस्नुता । समेधात्रः सरस्वत्या स्वाहेन्द्रे सुतं मधु ॥६६॥

Gobhirna somamaśvinā māsareņa parisrutā. Samadhātam sarasvatyā svahendre sutam madhu.

Ashvinis, expert powers of health and nutrition, like milk produced and held by cows, create and hold for the man of power and glory soma, honey-sweet tonics, distilled from widely extracted juices mixed with curds and barley prepared by the generous mother Sarasvati with love and dedication.

# 67. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

अ्शिवनो ह्विरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं नर्मुचे<u>धि</u>या सरस्वती । आ शुक्रमोसुराद्वस्री मुघमिन्द्रीय जभ्रिरे ॥६७॥

Aśvinā havirindriyam namucerdhiyā sarasvatī.  $\bar{A}$  śukramāsurādvasu maghamindrāya jabhrire.

Let the Ashvinis, scholars of health and nature, and Sarasvati, expert of science and the divine word, with their intelligence and vision, distil and create from the heavenly waters of space, modes of Prakriti, pure vitality, exceptional drinks, wealth and prosperity, sacred materials for yajna, and noble mind and senses worthy of the man of honour and glory.

#### 68. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

यम्शिवना सर्रस्वती हृविषेन्द्रमर्वर्द्धयन् । स बिभेद बुलं मुघं नर्मुचावासुरे सर्चा ॥६८॥

Yamaśvina sarasvatī haviṣendramavardhayan. Sa bibheda valaṁ maghaṁ namucāvāsure sacā.

Indra, man of power and glory, whom the Ashvinis, masters of health and vitality, and Sarasvati, lady of knowledge and divine speech, together, created and reared with holy foods and drinks, could surely break through the wondrous vitalities of nature hidden in the heavenly waters of space.

# 69. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

तिमन्द्रं पुशवः सचाश्विनोभा सरस्वती । दधीनाऽअभ्यनूषत ह्विषी युज्ञऽई<u>न्द्रि</u>यैः ॥६९॥

Tamindram paśavah sacāśvinobhā sarasvatī. Dadhānā'abhyanūṣata haviṣā yajña'indriyaih.

That wondrous vitality of soma which the animals, both the Ashvinis, scholars of life sciences, and Sarasvati, generous mother scholar of knowledge and divine vision share and bear in common, you all celebrate and intensify in yajna with powerful holy offerings and yourselves shine bright in consequence.

# 70. (Indra-Savita-Varuna Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

यऽइन्द्रेऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं <u>दधुः संवि</u>ता वर्रुणो भर्गः। स सुत्रामा ह्विष्पं<u>ति</u>र्यजेमानाय सञ्चत ॥७०॥

Ya'indra'indriyam dadhuḥ savitā varuṇo bhagaḥ. Sa sutrāmā haviṣpatiryajamānāya saścata.

Lord creator Savita, supreme lord Varuna, and Bhaga, lord of glory, bless Indra, lord of power and prosperity, with wealth and riches of mind and sense. The same lord Indra of yajna and holy materials, saviour and protector of the soul, we pray, may provide for the yajamana.

## 71. (Indra-Savita-Varuna Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

स<u>वि</u>ता वर्रुणो दध्द्यजेमानाय दाशुषे । आर्दत्त नर्मुचेर्वस्र सुत्रामा बर्लमि<u>न्द्रि</u>यम् ॥७१॥

Savitā varuņo dadhad yajamānāya dāśuṣe. Ādatta namucervasu sutrāmā balamindriyam.

The supreme lord Varuna, creator Savita, and saviour and protector of life Sutrama, collect energy, prosperity and efficiency of intelligence from the spatial currents of nature and bear it to bestow it on the generous yajamana.

# 72. (Indra-Savita-Varuna Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

वर्रणः क्ष्त्रमि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं भगेन स<u>वि</u>ता श्रियम् । सुत्रामा यशसा बलुं दधीना युज्ञमीशत ॥७२॥

Varuṇaḥ kṣatramindriyaṁ bhagena savitā śriyam. Sutrāmā yaśasā balaṁ dadhāna yajñamāśata.

Just as Varuna, man of excellence, Savita, creative man of inspiration, and Sutrama, protective man of industry, create the social order, power, strength and beauty, and hold and sustain it with honour and grace and thereby attain the fruits of yajna. So should all men and women try to achieve the earthly goal of their life with yajna.

## 73. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

अशिवना गोभिरिन्द्रियमश्वेभिर्वीर्यं बर्लम् । हृविषेन्द्रःसरस्वती यजमानमवर्द्धयन् ॥७३॥

Aśvinā gobhirindriyam aśvebhirvīryam balam. Haviṣendram sarasvatī yajamānamavardhayan.

The Ashvins, creative and curative powers of nature, and the teacher and the preacher, and Sarasvati, universal intelligence, and the woman of knowledge and enlightenment advance Indra, prosperous man of yajna, with wealth and power by cows and produce of the earth, valour and prowess by horses, and moral and spiritual strength by the holy foods of yajna fire.

## 74. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

ता नासंत्या सुपेशसा हिरंण्यवर्तनी नरा । सरंस्वती हविष्मतीन्द्र कर्मसु नोऽवत ॥७४॥

Ta nasatya supeśasa hiraṇyavaṛtani nara. Sarasvati haviṣmatīndra karmasu no'vata.

Indra, leader and path-maker possessed of the wealth of knowledge and power, those two Ashvinis, teacher and preacher, graceful of form, immaculate in thought and conduct, foremost in virtue moving on the paths of gold, and Sarasvati, generous mother overflowing with yajnic materials, guide and protect us on the paths of action.

# 75. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

ता <u>भिषजी सुकर्मीणा</u> सा सुदुघा सर्रस्वती । स वृत्रहा शतक्रेतुरिन्द्रीय दधुरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यम् ॥७५॥

Tā bhiṣajā sukarmaṇā sā sudughā sarasvatī. Sa vṛtrahā śatakraturindrāya dadhurindriyam.

The two physicians of body and soul, teacherpreacher and the doctor, the learned woman, giver of total fulfilment, and the brilliant man of hundred-fold genius, mighty opener of the treasures of good fortune, may these create and promote all the power and prosperity for Indra, the happy man.

# 76. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

युवःसुरामेमश्विना नर्मुचावासुरे सर्चा । <u>विपि</u>पानाः सर्रस्वतीन्द्वं कर्मीस्वावत ॥७६॥

Yuvam surāmamasvinā namucāvāsure sacā. Vipipānāḥ sarasvatīndram karmasvāvata.

Come Ashvinis, both protector promoters of life, come-Sarasvati, enlightened mothers of the land, come all of you together, and, drinking deep at the nation's fount of glory, defend her honour at every move in the onward march to progress within the ceaseless flow of divine evolution.

## 77. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

पुत्रिमेव <u>पितर्रावृ</u>श्विनोभेन्द्रावथुः काव्यैर्दुःसनीभिः । यत्सुरामं व्यपिबः शर्ची<u>भिः</u> सर्रस्वती त्वा मघवन्नभिष्णक् ॥७७॥

Putramiva pitarāvaśvinobhendrāvathuḥ kāvyairdamsanābhiḥ. Yatsurāmam vyapibaḥ śacībhiḥ sarasvatī tvā maghavannabhiṣṇak.

Indra, lord of knowledge, power and grandeur, now that you have drunk keep at the joyous fount of life with your mighty deeds of grace worthy of poetic songs of celebration, may Sarasvati, enlightened mother of the land, recompense and consecrate you. May both the Ashvinis, divine powers of health and intelligence,

like father and mother, protect and promote you as a child.

# 78. (Agni Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

य<u>स्मिन्न</u>श्वीसऽऋषुभास॑ऽउ॒क्षणौ वृशा मे्षाऽअंवसृष्टासऽ-आहुंताः। की॒ला॒ल्पे सोमेपृष्ठाय वे्धसे हृदा मृतिं जेनय चारुम्ग्नये ॥७८॥

Yasminnaśvāsa'ṛṣabhāsa' ukṣaṇo vaśā meṣā' avasṛṣṭāsa' āhutāḥ. Kīlālape somapṛṣṭhāya vedhase hṛdā matim janaya cārumagnaye.

Man of knowledge, enlightened citizen, blessed is the land where horses, strong and virile bulls and bullocks, cows, sheep and other animals are planned, produced, raised, trained, and deployed in service; where Agni, brilliant leader and ruler and a revered man of knowledge is protector and promoter of food and bearer of the burdens of soma for the prosperity of the people; there, in the land, noble citizen, create a good disposition, high opinion and charming love for Agni.

# 79. (Agni Devata, Vidarbhi Ŗshi)

अहां व्यग्ने ह्विरास्ये ते स्नुचीव घृतं चम्वीव सोर्मः। वाजसिन्द्रियमस्मे सुवीरं प्रशस्तं धेहि यशसं बृहन्तम्॥७९॥

Ahāvyagne havirāsye te srucīva ghṛtaṁ camvīva somaḥ. Vājasanim rayimasme suvīraṁ praśastaṁ dhehi yaśasaṁ bṛhantam.

Agni, rich libations of havi, fragrant materials as ghee in the ladle and soma in the cup are offered into your fiery mouth. We pray create for us and bless us with plenty of food and victorious generosity, noble warlike children, wealth and prosperity and resounding honour of universal order.

### 80. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Vidarbhi Rshi)

अश्विना तेर्जसा चक्षुः प्राणेन सरस्वती वीर्युम् । वाचेन्द्रो बलेनेन्द्रीय दधुरिन्द्रियम् ॥८०॥

Aśvinā tejasā cakṣuḥ prāṇena sarasvatī vīryam. Vācendro balenendrāya dadhurindriyam.

Ashivinis, creative powers of nature and the experts of health and nutrition, Sarasvati, divine intelligence and the enlightened mother, and Indra, the sun and the man of knowledge and power, these create and strengthen for the living soul the eye with light, virility with pranic energy, a sharp mind with senses, and honourable disposition with vital energy and noble speech.

## 81. (Ashvinau Devate, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

गोर्मदू षु णांसत्याश्वीवद्यातमश्विना । वृत्ती रुद्रा नृपाय्यम् ॥८१॥

Gomadū su ņāsatyāśvāvadyātamaśvina. Varttī rudrā nrpāyyam.

Ashvinis, eminent teacher and sagely preacher going by the path of truth, and Rudras, men of justice and rectitude, go slow by the path of the cow, go fast by the path of the horse, as is fair, but see you go by the path which is beneficial to humanity and worthy of acceptance and support.

#### 82. (Ashvinau Devate, Gritsamada Rshi)

न यत्परो नान्तरऽआद्धर्ष'द् वृषण्वसू । दुःशःसो मर्त्यो रिपुः ॥८२॥

Na yatparo nāntara' ādadharṣad vṛṣaṇvasū. Duḥśamso martyo ripuḥ. Ashvinis, ruler and defender, showers of wealth and shelter of the strong, let there be no man too strong uncontrollable, far or near or in the middle, to terrorize us or jeopardize the state.

## 83. (Ashvinau Devate, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

ता नुऽआ वौढमश्विना रुयिं पिशङ्गसन्दृशम् । धिष्णया वरिवोविदम् ॥८३॥

Ta na'ā voḍhamaśvinā rayim piśangasandṛśam. Dhiṣṇyā varivovidam.

Ashvinis, both ruler and commander of the state, with your intelligence, create, bear and manage the wealth bright and beautiful as gold which may bring honour and comfort to the nation.

## 84. (Sarasvati Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

पावका नः सरस्वती वाजेभिर्वाजिनीवती । युज्ञं वेष्टु <u>धि</u>यावेसुः ॥८४॥

Pāvakā naḥ sarasvatī vjebhirvājinīvatī. Yajñaṁ vaṣṭu dhiyāvasuh.

Sarasvati, mother spirit of divinity, mistress of sacred knowledge and super-intelligence, purifier of the mind and soul and creator of prosperity with divine vision and knowledge of nature, may, we pray, grace and intensify our yajna and bless us with purity and prosperity.

#### 85. (Sarasvati Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

चो<u>दयि</u>त्री सूनृतानां चेतेन्ती सुमतीनाम् । युज्ञं देधे सरस्वती ॥८५॥

Codayitrī sūnṛtānāṁ cetantī sumatīnām. Yajñaṁ dadhe sarasyatī.

Sarasvati inspires the voices of holy truth, she awakens and brightens the noble intelligence of intellectuals. May she, we pray, bear our yajna forward and carry it on to high success.

# 86. (Sarasvati Devata, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

मुहोऽअर्णुः सरस्वती प्र चैतयति केतुनी । धियो विश्वा विरोजित ॥८६॥

Maho'arṇaḥ sarasvatī pra cetayati ketunā. Dhiyo viśvā virājati.

Sarasvati, Divine Intelligence, inspires the cosmic mind with consciousness and vests the universal Word with meaning and self-revelation. It illuminates the mental faculties of the soul with divine light and matures their potential for self-expression.

## 87. (Indra Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

इन्द्रायोहि चित्रभानो सुताऽ<u>इ</u>मे त्वायवेः । अण्वी<u>भि</u>स्तनो पूतासेः ॥८७॥

Indrāyāhi citrabhāno sutā'ime tvāyavaḥ. Aṇvībhistanā pūtāsaḥ.

Indra, lord of versatile forms and lights of knowledge, ruler, president of the assembly, come and take your share of the things rich in quality, prepared by hand and cleansed by fingers.

## 88. (Indra Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

इन्द्रायोहि <u>धि</u>ये<u>षि</u>तो विप्रेजूतः सुतावेतः । उप ब्रह्माणि वाघतेः ॥८८॥

Indrāyāhi dhiyeṣito viprajūtaḥ sutāvataḥ. Upa brahmāṇi vāghatah.

Indra, lord of power and majesty, refined by intelligence, inspired by the wise, enlightened by the divine voice, come and accept the reverence and hospitality of the makers of soma.

# 89. (Indra Devata, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

इन्द्राय<u>िह</u> तूर्तुजान्ऽउप ब्रह्मणि हरिवः । सुते देधिष्व नुश्चनेः ॥८९॥

Indrāyāhi tūtujāna'upa brahmāṇi harivaḥ. Sute dadhiṣva naścanaḥ.

Indra, lord of knowledge and power, come on horse and chariot at your fastest and, in our yajnic celebration, accept our homage of food and prayer.

# 90. (Ashvi-Sarasvati-Indra Devata, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

अशिवनी पिबतां मधु सरेस्वत्या सृजोषेसा । इन्द्रेः सुत्रामी वृत्रहा जुषन्तीर्थंसोम्यं मधु ॥९०॥

Aśvinā pibatām madhu sarasvatyā sajoṣasā. Indraḥ sutrāmā vṛtrahā juṣantām somyam madhu.

Ashvinis, scholars of nature and teachers of humanity, with Sarasvati, vision and voice of divinity, may drink deep of the honey-sweets of life.

Indra, lord of power and prosperity, saviour of society, dispeller of darkness and breaker of the clouds, may enjoy the nectar-sweets of peace and somaic ecstasy.

इति विंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXI

1. (Varuna Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

इमं में वरुण श्रुधी हर्वमुद्या चे मृळय । त्वामेवस्युराचेके ॥१॥

Imaṁ me varuṇa śrudhī havamadyā ca mṛḍaya. Tvāmavasyurācake.

Varuna, lord supreme and first of my choice and love, I yearn for light and protection and I have come to you: Listen to this prayer of mine to-day and be pleased to bless me.

2. (Varuna Devata, Shunahshepa Rshi)

तत्त्वी यामि ब्रह्मणा वन्देमानस्तदाशस्ति यर्जमानो ह्विभिः। अहेळमानो वरुणेह बोध्युर्रुशस्स मा नुऽआयुः प्रमोषीः॥२॥

Tattvā yāmi brahmaņā vandamānastadāśāste yajamāno havirbhiḥ. Aheḍamano varuņeha bodhyuruśamsa mā na'āyuḥ pra moṣīh.

Varuna, lord supreme, as the yajamana honours you with holy offerings in worship, so do I come to you singing songs of praise. Universally sung and celebrated, pleased and gracious, enlighten us here. Let not our life slip away through the fingers.

3. (Agni-Varuna Devate, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

त्वं नौऽअग्ने वर्रुणस्य <u>वि</u>द्वान् देवस्य हेळोऽअवं यासि-सीष्ठाः । यजिष्ठो वह्नितमः शोश्चानो विश्वा द्वेषीछंसि प्रमुस्थ्यस्मत् ॥३॥ Tvam no'agne varuņasya vidvān devasya heḍo' ava yāsisīṣṭhāḥ. Yajiṣṭho vahnitamaḥ śośucāno viśvā dveṣāňsi pra mumugdhyasmat.

Agni, sagely man of light, brilliant scholar and teacher, most dedicated to yajna, surest guide to light and life, purest purifier, save us from frivolity and offence to Varuna, lord supreme of the world, and help us keep away from all hate and anger.

# 4. (Agni-Varuna Devate, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

स त्वं नौऽअग्नेऽवृमो भेवोती नेदिष्ठोऽअस्या उषसो व्युष्टौ । अवे यक्ष्व नो वर्रण्यः रर्राणो वीहि मृळीकः सुहवौ नऽएधि ॥४॥

Sa tvam no'agne'vamo bhavotī nediṣṭho'asyā uṣaso uyuṣṭau. Ava yakṣva no varuṇam rarāṇo vīhi mṛḍīkam suhavo na'edhi.

Agni, light of life, be our saviour and protector at the closest with all the favour and felicity as in the light of the dawn. Joyous and generous, lead us on to Varuna, lord supreme of the world. Kind and compassionate, come in response to our invocation and bring us the gifts of your grace.

# 5. (Adityah Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

महीम् षु मातर्रःसुब्रतानीमृतस्य पत्नीमवेसे हुवेम । तुविक्षुत्रामुजरेन्तीमुरूचीथ्ऽं सुशमीणुमदितिःसुप्रणीतिम् ॥५॥

Mahīmū şu mātaram suvratānāmṛtasya patnīmavase huvema. Tuvikṣatrāmajarantīmurūcīm suśarmāṇamaditim supraṇītim.

For our protection and sustenance, we invoke and serve the great Aditi, creative power of the universe,

mother of the observer of pious vows of discipline, keeper of the universal laws of truth, mighty queen of the earth, unageing, expansive, sweet shelter of all, inviolable and the generator of noble values.

# 6. (Aditi Devata, Gayaplata Ŗshi)

सुत्रामोणं पृ<u>थि</u>वीं द्यामेनेहसेश्सुशमीणमदितिश्सुप्रणीतिम्। दैवीं नावेशस्वित्रामनीगसमस्त्रवन्तीमारुहेमा स्वस्तये ॥६॥

Sutrāmāṇam pṛthivīm dyāmanehasam suśarmāṇamaditim supraṇītim. Daivīm nāvam svaritrāmanāgasamasravantīmāruhemā svastaye.

Let us, for the sake of success and salvation, mount the boat with efficient ores, sailing across to safety, firm as earth, bright as heaven, inviolable, sweet shelter, unbreakable, well-guided, divine, faultless and free from leakage.

## 7. (Svargya Nau Devata, Gayaplata Rshi)

सुनावमार्रुहेयमस्त्रेवन्तीमनीगसम् । शतारित्रार्थस्वस्तयै ॥७॥

Sunāvamāruheyamasravantīmanāgasam. Śatāritrām svastaye.

Let me ride the boat to safety and prosperity — the boat is auspicious, faultless, sinless, and fitted with a hundred oars.

# 8. (Mitra-Varunau Devate, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

आ नौ मित्रावरुणा घृतैर्गव्यूतिमुक्षतम् । मध्वा रजोछंसि सुक्रतू ॥८॥

 $ar{A}$  no mitrāvaruņā ghṛtairgavyūtimukṣatam. Madhvā rajāňsi sukratū.

Mitra and Varuna, noble experts of our yajna of science and technology, sprinkle and consecrate our underground path ways with water, and shower our paths in the sky with honey.

# 9. (Agni Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

प्र बाहर्वा सिसृतं जीवसे नुऽआ नो गर्व्यूतिमुक्षतं घृतेने । आ मा जने श्रवयतं युवाना श्रुतं में मित्रावरुणा हवेमा॥९॥

Pra bāhavā sisṛtaṁ jīvase na'ā no gavyūtimukṣatam ghṛtena. Ā mā jane śravayataṁ yuvānā śrutaṁ me mitrāvaruṇā havemā.

Mitra and Varuna, young people of science and technology, listen to this prayer of mine. Extend your arms for the progress of our life. Sprinkle our yajnic paths with water and ghrta. Speak among the people of this programme of ours.

# 10. (Ritvijah Devata, Atreya Ŗshi)

शन्नो भवन्तु वाजिनो हवेषु देवतीता <u>मि</u>तद्रेवः स्वर्काः। जम्भयन्तोऽ<u>हिं</u> वृक्रःरक्षीछं<u>सि</u> सनैम्यस्मद्यीयवन्नमीवाः॥१०॥

Śam no bhavantu vājino haveşu devatātā mitadravah svarkāh. *Jambhayanto'him vṛkam rakṣānsi sanemyasmadyuyavannamīvāh*.

May the brilliant men of science and power of arms, noble and generous, moving at a balanced speed, be always good and auspicious to us in our projects. As the sun breaks down the clouds, so, destroying the serpents, wolves and demons of the society, may they remove our wants and ailments and give us peace and prosperity.

#### 11. (Vidvanso Devata, Atreya Rshi)

वाजेवाजेऽवत वाजिनो नो धर्नेषु विप्राऽअमृताऽऋतज्ञाः । अस्य मध्वेः पिबत मादयेध्वं तृप्ता योत पृथिभिर्देव-यानैः ॥११॥

Vājevāje'vata vājino no dhaneṣu viprā'amṛtā' ṛtajñāḥ. Asya madhvaḥ pibata mādayadhvaṁ tṛptā yāta pathibhirdevayānaiḥ.

Brilliant geniuses of the yajna of science and technology, self-realized souls, visionaries of the truths and laws of nature, defend and advance us in battle after battle of our life and in all our economic projects. Drinking deep of the honey-sweets of this programme, rejoice, content yourselves and, having completed your purpose of life, retire by the paths of the divines.

# 12. (Agni Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

सिमद्धोऽअग्निः सिमधा सुसिमद्धो वरेण्यः। गायुत्री छन्देऽइन्द्रियं त्र्यविगीर्वयौ दधुः॥१२॥

Samiddho'agniḥ samidhā susamiddho vareṇyaḥ. Gāyatrī chanda'indriyam tryavirgaurvayo dadhuḥ.

The yajna fire lighted and fed with holy fuel, the blazing sun, the brilliant man of knowledge, gayatri verses, the divine speech that sustains the body, mind and soul, these bear the life and honour for us and the yajamana.

# 13. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

तनूनपाच्छुचिव्रतस्तनूपाश्च सरस्वती । उष्णिहा छन्देऽइन्द्रियं दित्यवाड् गौर्वयौ दधुः ॥१३॥ Tanūnapācchucivratastanūpāśca sarasvatī. Uṣṇihā chanda'indriyaṁ dityavāḍ gaurvayo dadhuh.

The protective powers of the body, the sustaining powers, those who observe the holy vows of purity, the creative intelligence of the universe, the ushnik verses, the redeemer of the fallen, the chant of divinity, these hold the secret of life and splendour for humanity.

# 14. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

इडाभिर्ग्निरीड्यः सोमो देवोऽअमेर्त्यः। अनुष्टुप् छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं पञ्च<u>ावि</u>गौर्वयौ दधुः॥१४॥

Idābhiragnirīdyah somo devo'amartyah. Anustup chanda'indriyam pañcāvirgaurvayo dadhuh.

Agni, brilliant power of light and knowledge worthy of homage and research with holy mantras, the generous and divine Soma, the self-realized soul, anushtup verses, the sustainers and protectors of the five orders of humanity from the highest to the lowest, and the scholar singer of the divine Word, these hold the secrets of life and age with perfect mind and senses for us.

## 15. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

सु<u>ब</u>िहर्गिनः पूष्णवान्त्स्तीर्णबिर्हिरमर्त्यः। बृहृती छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं त्रिवृत्सो गौर्वयौ दधुः॥१५॥

Subarhiragniḥ pūṣaṇvāntstīrṇabarhiramartyaḥ. Bṛhatī chanda'indriyaṁ trivatso gaurvayo dadhuḥ.

Agni, divine light and knowledge omnipresent

in space, blazing and beautiful, immortal existence and source of sustenance, and the sagely scholar, master of his body, mind and soul, and the divine speech, these hold the knowledge and the mind and senses for the seekers.

## 16. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

दुरौ देवीर्दिशौ महीर्ब्रह्मा देवो बृह्स्पतिः। पृङ्किश्छन्देऽ<u>इ</u>हेन्द्रियं तुर्य्यवाड् गौर्वयौ दधुः॥१६॥

Duro devīrdiśo mahīrbrahmā devo bṛhaspatiḥ. Paṅktiśchanda'ihendriyaṁ turyavāḍ gaurvayo dadhuḥ.

In the world here, the grand directions of space, divine revelations through the doors of nature, Brahma, lord of knowledge, the sun, great source of light and warmth, pankti verses, the sage in the fourth quarter of his life's experience, and the generous cow, these bear the life and the wealth of life for us.

# 17. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

उषे यह्वी सुपेशेसा विश्वे देवाऽअमेर्त्याः। त्रिष्टुप् छन्देऽ<u>इ</u>हे<u>न्द्रि</u>यं पेष्ठ्वाड् गौर्वयो दधुः॥१७॥

Uṣe yahvī supeśasā viśve devā'amartyāḥ. Triṣṭup chanda'ihendriyam paṣṭhavāḍ gaurvayo dadhuḥ.

In this world here, the early dawn and the evening twilight with the grandeur and peace of their beauty, the immortal powers of divinity in life and nature, trishtup verses, the ox that patiently carries the burdens on his back, these bear and sustain the life and senses for us all.

# 18. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

दैव्या होतारा <u>भिषजेन्द्रेण सयुजा युजा ।</u> जर्गती छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्रियमेन</u>ुड्वान् गौर्वयौ दधुः॥१८॥

Daivyā hotārā bhiṣajendreṇa sayujā yujā. Jagatī chanda'indriyamanaḍvān gaurvayo dadhuḥ.

Two divine personalities dedicated to yajna, the physicians, men of focussed mind working together (like fire and wind in the sky), jagati verses, the bull and the cow, these hold and bear the life and the desired wealth of life for us.

## 19. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

तिस्रऽइडा सरस्वती भारती मुरुतो विशे: । विराट् छन्देऽ<u>इहेन्द्रि</u>यं धेनुर्गौर्न वयौ दधुः ॥१९॥

Tisra'iḍā sarasvatī bhāratī maruto viśaḥ. Virāṭ chanda'ihendriyaṁ dhenurgaurna vayo dadhuḥ.

In the world here, three, earth, Speech and Intelligence, the winds, the humans and other living forms, and virat verses, like the milch cow and the bullock, sustain the life and the health and wealth of life for us.

# 20. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

त्वष्टौ तुरीपोऽअद्भुतऽइन्द्राग्नी पु<u>ष्टि</u>वर्ध'ना । द्विपदा छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यमुक्षा गौर्न वयौ दधुः ॥२०॥

Tvaṣṭā turīpo' adbhuta'indrāgnī puṣṭivardhanā. Dvipadā chanda'indriyamukṣā gaurna vayo dadhuḥ.

Nature's speedy and wonderful power of catalysis and formation, pranic energy, vital heat and light, givers

of vigour and growth, the two-pada verses, like the virile bull and the generous cow, bear the secrets of life as well as the mind and senses.

# 21. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

श<u>िम</u>ता नो वनस्पतिः सि<u>व</u>ता प्रसुवन् भर्गम् । कुकुप् छन्देऽ<u>इ</u>हेन्द्रियं वृशा वेहद्वयौ दधुः ॥२१॥

Śamitā no vanaspatiḥ savitā prasuvan bhagam. Kakup chanda'ihendriyam vaśā vehadvayo dadhuḥ.

The best of peace-giving trees and herbs and the chief of the forests, the sun that creates and promotes the grandeur of life, the Kakup verses, the barren cow as well as the cow in season create for us the desired objects of life.

# 22. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreva Rshi)

स्वाहा युज्ञं वर्रुणः सुक्षुत्रो भेषुजं केरत् । अतिच्छन्दाऽइन्द्रियं बृहदृषभो गौर्वयौ दधुः॥२२॥

Svāhā yajñam varuņah sukṣatro bheṣajam karat. Aticchandā'indriyam bṛhadṛṣabho gaurvayo dadhuh.

Varuna, lord supreme of the grand order of humanity, with creative yajnic acts, creates the yajna of unification and produces sanative drugs and waters for health. The atichhanda verses, rishabha, the mighty generous bull, and the supreme herbs provide the means of life and prosperity beyond ordinary desires.

# 23. (Rudras Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

वसन्तेर्नऽऋतुर्ना देवा वसव<u>स्त्रि</u>वृतां स्तुताः। <u>रथन्तरेण</u> तेजसा हृविरिन्द्रे वयों दधुः॥२३॥ Vasantena'ṛtunā devā vasavastrivṛtā stutāḥ. Rathantarena tejasā havirindre vayo dadhuh.

The brilliant and generous Vasus, celebrated and worshipped with the Rathantara Sama, along with the spring season and with their own splendour, create the energies for the growth of life in the soul.

# 24. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

ग्रीष्मेणेऽऋतुनो देवा रुद्राः पञ्चद्शे स्तुताः। बृहुता यशसा बलेश्हुविरिन्द्रे वयौ दधुः॥२४॥

Grīṣmeṇa'ṛtunā devā rudrāḥ pañcadaśe stutāḥ. Bṛhatā yaśasā balam havirindre vayo dadhuḥ.

The generous Rudras worshipped with the fifteenfold stoma of Brihat Sama, with the summer season create strength and power with honour for the life of the soul.

# 25. (Indra Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

वर्षाभिर्ऋतुन<u>ित्या स्तोमे सप्तदशे स्तुताः।</u> वैरूपेणे विशौजेसा हविरिन्द्वे वयौ दधुः॥२५॥

Varṣābhirṛtunādityā stome saptadaśe stutāḥ. Vairūpeṇa viśaujasā havirindre vayo dadhuḥ.

The Adityas, worshipped with seventeenfold stoma in virupa verses, alongwith the rainy season, create life and life-energies alongwith lustre and noble people for enrichment of the soul for Indra.

## 26. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

शार्देनेऽऋतुनो देवाऽ एकविश्शऽऋभवे स्तुताः। वैराजेने श्रिया श्रियेश्ह्विरिन्द्रे वयो दधुः॥२६॥ Sāradena'rtunā devā'ekavimsa'rbhava stutāḥ. Vairājena sriyā sriyam havirindre vayo dadhuḥ.

The Ribhus, brilliant and generous artists celebrated in the twenty-one fold stoma with the Viraja verses, in unison with the autumn season, create for man the means of health and age, comfort and beauty, and vest it in the soul with all the grace and majesty.

# 27. (Vidvanso Devata, Atreya Ŗshi)

हेमन्तेनेऽऋतुना देवास्त्रिण्वे मरुते स्तुताः। बलेन् शक्वेरीः सही ह्विरिन्द्रे वयी दधुः॥२७॥

Hemantena'rtunā devāstriņave maruta stutāḥ. Balena śakvarīḥ saho havirindre vayo dadhuḥ.

The brilliant and generous Maruts, fiery and stormy geniuses, celebrated in the twenty seven fold stoma with shakvari verses, with the clouds, in unison with the winter season, create the means of good life and living and the courage and patience of mind and vest it in the soul.

# 28. (Vishvedeva Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

शै<u>शि</u>रेणेऽऋतुना देवास्त्रेय<u>स्त्रि</u> श्रीऽमृता स्तुताः। सत्येने रेवतीः क्षत्र हिविरिन्द्रे वयौ दधुः॥२८॥

Śaiśireṇa'ṛtunā devāstrayastrimśe'mṛtā stutāḥ. Satyena revatīḥ kṣatram havirindre vayo dadhuh.

Immortal powers of exceptional brilliance and generosity celebrated in thirty three fold stoma with revati verses, in unison with the cool and dewy season, create, with truth and full faith, health and age, means of good living, and a powerful social order for the master

mind and vest all these in Indra, the mighty soul.

29. (Agni, Ashvi, Indra, Sarasvati etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षत्स्पिधाऽग्निष्टस्प्वेऽश्विनेन्द्रःसरस्वतीम्जो धूम्रो न गोधूमैः कुवेलैभेषुजं मधु शष्पैर्न तेजेऽइन्द्रियं पयः सोमेः परिस्नुतां घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥२९॥

Hotā yakṣat samidhā'gnimiḍaspade'śvinendram sarasvatīmajo dhūmro na godhūmaiḥ kuvalairbheṣajam madhu śaṣpairna teja' indriyam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the generous man perform yajna on the earth and light the fire in the vedi with holy fuel in honour of Agni, light of life, Ashvinis, sun and moon, Indra, cosmic power, and Sarasvati, creative intelligence of the universe.

Like the purple fire and grey smoke of the yajna, sweet sanative fragrances would rise with the libations of wheat and berries as shoots of grass. Like the brilliance of fire would follow the lustre of life, wealth and prosperity, milk and delicacies, soma distilled from nature, nectar of waters and honey-sweets of the world.

O devotee of yajna, perform the sacrifice with the richest offerings in faith.

30. (Ashvinis and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्ष्ततनूनपात्सरंस्वतीमिवर्मेषो न भेषुजं पृथा मधुमता भरंत्रृश्विनेन्द्रीय वीर्यं बदेरैरुप्वाकांभिर्भेषुजं तोक्मे<u>भिः</u> पयः सोमेः परिस्नुतां घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३०॥ Hotā yakṣattanūnapāt sarasvatīmavirmeṣo na bheṣajam pathā madhumatā bharann-aśvinendrāya vīryam badarairupavākā-bhirbheṣajam tokmabhiḥ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna, preserver of good health, perform yajna in honour of Sarasvati, creative intelligence of the world, and Ashvinis, sanative and curative powers of nature who, like a ram, protector of the flock, bear for Indra, the soul, efficacious tonics, manly vigour and splendour by the honeyed paths of health. Let him perform the yajna with berries, superior barley and shoots of corn; and then medicinal waters, juices, milk, soma from herbal essences, butter and honey would follow.

O man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of ghrta and fragrant materials.

# 31. (Ashvinis and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक्ष्नन्नराशः सं न नग्नहुं पितः सुरया भेषजं मेषः सरस्वती भिषग्रथो न चन्द्रग्लुश्विनौर्वपाऽइन्द्रेस्य वीर्यं, बदीरेरुप्वाकाभिभेष्वजं तोक्मिः पयः सोर्मः पिरस्नुता घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्येस्य होत्यंजे ॥३१॥

Hotā yakṣannarāśam̃sam na nagnahum patim surayā bheṣajam meṣaḥ sarasvatī bhiṣagratho na candryasvinorvapā'indrasya vīryam badarairupavākābhirbheṣajam tokmabhiḥ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform yajna in honour of the master challenger of want and wickedness like a hero of people's celebration, and pray for medicinal cures with stimulating tonics, and for heroic lustre of life with the offers of berries, barley and shoots of corn in all sincerity of word and deed. And the generous scholar, Sarasvati, mother of life and intelligence, the physician, like a brilliant warrior of the chariot, would bless him. And then the sanative blessings of earth and heaven, delicious drinks and milk, soma distilled from herbal essences, nectar-like waters and butter and honey would follow.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of ghrta and fragrant offerings.

# 32. (Sarasvati and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक<u>्षदिडेडितऽआजुह्वानः</u> सरस्वतीमिन्द्रं बलेन वर्ध-यन्नृष्भेण गवे<u>न्द्रियम्</u>शिवनेन्द्राय भेष्ठजं यवैः कर्कन्<u>धीभि</u>-र्मधुं लाजैर्न मासीरं पयः सोमीः परिस्नुता घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होत्र्यजे ॥३२॥

Hotā yakṣadiḍeḍita' ājuhvānaḥ sarasvatīmindraṁ balena vardhayannṛṣabheṇa gavendriyamaśvinendrāya bheṣajaṁ yavaiḥ karkandhubhirmadhu lājairna māsaraṁ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtaṁ madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Inspired by grace, called by the sacred voice, let the man of yajna perform the yajna in honour of Sarasvati, divine intelligence, Indra, universal glory, and Ashvinis, nature's powers of health and growth, with libations of barley, excellent berries as well as puffed rice. He would thus be strengthening, refining and promoting food, medicines and life's beauty for the soul with the aid of medicinal plants and cow's milk. And then milk and delicious drinks, soma distilled from herbal juices, ghee and honey would follow.

Arise, faithful man of yajna, perform the yajna, and move on to growth.

## 33. (Ashvins etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

होतो यक्षद् बहिंरूणीम्रदा <u>भिषङ्</u> नासंत्या <u>भिषजा</u>ऽश्विनाऽ-श्वा शिश्रीमती <u>भिषग्धे</u>नुः सर्रस्वती <u>भिषग्दु</u>हऽइन्द्रीय भेषुजं पयुः सोमीः परि्स्नुतो घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होत्वर्यजे ॥३३॥

Hotā yakṣad barhirūrṇamradā bhiṣaṅ nasatyā bhiṣajā'śvinā'śvā śiśumatī bhiṣagdhenuḥ sarasvatī bhiṣagduha'indrāya bheṣajaṁ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtaṁ madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna, the physician, perform the yajna to explore the soft and deep skies. Let the two faithful physicians of nature, the Ashvinis, the expert physician specialist of the mare with the foal, the expert physician specialist of the milch cow, and Sarasvati, scholar of the divine voice, distil from nature divine cures for Indra, the soul. And then milk and rejuvenating drinks, soma from vital juices, ghee and honey would follow.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best libations of ghrta.

# 34. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

होतां यक्ष्रहुरो दिशः कवृष्यो, न व्यचस्वतीर्शिवभ्यां न दुरो दिश्ऽइन्द्रो न रोदंसी दुघे दुहे धेनुः सरस्वत्यश्विनेन्द्राय भेषज्रशुक्रं न ज्योतिरिन्द्रियं पयः सोमः परिस्नुतां घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३४॥ Hotā yakṣadduro diśaḥ kavaṣyo na vyacasvatīraśvibhyām na duro diśa'indro na rodasī dughe duhe dhenuḥ sarasvatyaśvinendrāya bheṣajam śukram na jyotirindriyam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna of exploration, explore the highways of spaces, resounding and expansive as if the doors of the spaces are opened by Indra and Agni for him. Let him, like Indra, explore earth and heaven both replete with energy like the mother cow. Let Sarasvati, scholar and visionary of the divine word, explore the sun and the moon, distil the panacea and splendour of life as pure and powerful as light itself for Indra, the soul. And then milk and delicious drinks, soma distilled from nature, ghee and honey would follow and flow upon the earth.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of ghee in love and faith.

# 35. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतो यक्षत्सुपेशेसोषे नक्तं दिवाऽश्विना सर्मञ्जाते सरेस्वत्या त्वि<u>षि</u>मिन्द्वे न भेषाजःश्येनो न रजेसा हृदा <u>श्</u>रिया न मासेरं पयः सोमेः परिस्रुतो घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्येस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥३५॥

Hotā yakṣat supeśasoṣe naktaṁ divā'śvinā samañjāte sarasvatyā tviṣimindre na bheṣajaṁ śyeno na rajasā hṛdā śriyā na māsaraṁ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtaṁ madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Just as the beautiful dawn and twilight decorate the day and night, just as the Ashvinis, sun and moon, with Sarasvati, currents of universal energy, vest and brighten up lustre and vitality in Indra, the powerful soul, so should the man of yajna, like an eagle (scholar), one with the soma of the sky, bring and offer rice and barley pudding in yajna with whole-hearted faith and grace of mind. And then milk and delicious drinks, soma distilled from nature, ghee and honey would follow and flow on the earth.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the purest ghee.

# 36. (Ashvinis and others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक्ष्रद्दैव्या होतारा <u>भिषजाशिवनेन्द्रं</u> न जार<u>्गवि</u> दिवा नक्तं न भेष्ठजैः शूष्ट्र सरस्वती <u>भिषक्सीसेन दुहऽइन्द्रियं</u> पयः सोमः परि्स्नुता घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥३६॥

Hotā yakṣaddaivyā hotārā bhiṣajā' śvinendram na jāgṛvi divā' naktam na bheṣajaiḥ śūṣam sarasvatī bhiṣak sīsena duha'indriyam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Just as the celestial priests and physicians, the Ashvinis, fire and wind, perform the cosmic yajna of evolution in honour of Indra, universal life energy, and just as Sarasvati, divine creativity, or the enlightened physician, active day and night, creates vital energy with sanative waters and lead and distils the glory for Indra, the soul, from nature, so should the man of yajna perform the sacrifice to the lord supreme for the sake of the soul. And then milk and delicious drinks, soma distilled from nature, ghee and honey would follow and flow upon the earth.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of

ghee and fragrance.

# 37. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक<u>्षित्त</u>स्त्रो देवीर्न भेषुजं त्रयं<u>स्त्रिधातंवोऽपसो रूपमिन्द्रें</u> हिर्ण्ययंमुश्विनेडा न भारती वाचा सरंस्वती महुऽइन्द्राय दुहऽ इ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं पयः सोमः परि्स्त्रुतां घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यंस्य होत्यंजं ॥३७॥

Hotā yakṣattisro devīrna bheṣajam trayastridhātavo'paso rūpamindre hiraṇyayamaśvineḍā na bhāratī vācā sarasvatī maha' indrāya duha indriyam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaj.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna, invoking three divine powers, Ida, eternal speech and intelligence, Sarasvati, fluent speech, and Bharati, specific intelligence, and let him pray to the Ashvinis, sanative powers of nature, for curative waters of health and longevity (bheshajam). The three as well as the Ashvinis would create threefold balance of health (with sattva, rajas and tamas — intellect, energy and matter — and three humors of vata, pitta, and cough), turn it into a golden form and vest it into Indra, the soul. Thus do the Ashvinis as well as Ida, Sarasvati and Bharati, with speech and energy, create glory and prosperity from nature for the soul.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with ghee, and then milk and delicious drinks, soma distilled from juices, nectars of water and ghee and honey would follow and flow upon the earth.

## 38. (Ashvinis and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

होतो यक्षत्सुरेतेसमृष्भं नयीपसं त्वष्टोर्मिन्द्रेम्शिवनी <u>भि</u>षजं न सरेस्वतीमोजो न जूतिरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं वृको न रेभसो <u>भि</u>षग्यशः सुरेया भेषजःश्रिया न मासेरं पयः सोमेः परिस्नुतौ घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्येस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥३८॥

Hotā yakṣat suretasamṛṣabhaṁ naryāpasaṁ tvaṣṭāramindramaśvinā bhiṣajaṁ na sarasvatīmojo na jūtirindriyaṁ vṛko na rabhaso bhiṣag yaśaḥ surayā bheṣajaṃ śriyā na māsaraṁ payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtaṁ madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna and invoke the virile, powerful, noble maker and creator Tvashta, destroyer of suffering, Indra, lord of power and majesty, Ashvinis, nature's energy of wind and electricity, Sarasvati, universal intelligence as well as the physician, all creators and harbingers of health and growth. And like an expert of health he would attain brilliance of health as well as the drive and splendour for living, ardour of movement as well as the lightning of the thunderbolt, honour and reputation as tonics, medicaments with curative waters, and holy food with beauty and grace. And further, delicious drinks and milk, soma distilled as the essence of herbal juices, butter and nectars of waters, and honey would follow and flow upon the earth.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of ghee.

39. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

होतो यक्षद्वन्स्पितःशिष्मितारेःशतक्रेतुं भीमं न मन्युः राजीनं व्याघ्रं नर्मसाश्विना भामःसरेस्वती भिषिगिन्द्रीय दुहऽइन्द्रियं पयः सोर्मः परिस्तुतौ घृतं मधु व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३९॥

Hotā yakṣad vanaspatim śamitāram śatakratum bhīmam na manyum rājānam vyāghram namasā' śvinā bhāmam sarasvatī bhiṣagindrāya duha'indriyam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna offer the sacrifice in honour of the lord of sun-rays, Vanaspati, giver of peace, hero of a hundred noble acts of yajna and yet fearsome and passionate, the ruler, majestic as a lion with the thunderbolt. And Ashvinis, nature's currents of energy (and the president of the assembly and the commander of the army) and Sarasvati, noble intelligence and speech as well as the physician would create righteous anger and dignity for Indra, the ruler. And then all round prosperity, milk and drinks, soma, beauty and grace, nectar-like waters and ghee and honey would follow and flow upon the earth.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna with the best of ghee for the ruler.

40. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षद्विग्नःस्वाहाज्यस्य स्तोकानाः छंस्वाहा मेदेसां पृथ्वक् स्वाहा छार्गम्शिवभ्याः छंस्वाहां मेषःसरेस्वत्ये स्वाहंऽ-ऋष्भिमन्द्रीय सिःहाय सहंसऽइन्द्रियःस्वाहाग्निं न भेषुजः-स्वाहा सोर्मिमिन्द्रियः स्वाहेन्द्रेःसुत्रामाणःसिवतारं वर्मणं भिषजां पितःस्वाहा वनस्पितं प्रियं पाथो न भेषुजःस्वाहां देवाऽआंज्यपा जुषाणोऽअग्निभेंषुजं पयः सोर्मः पिर्स्नुतां घृतं मध् व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होतर्यजं ॥४०॥ Hotā yakṣadagnim svāhā" jyasya stokānām svāhā medasām pṛthak svāhā chāgamaśvibhyām svāhā meṣam sarasvatyai svāha'ṛṣabhamindrāya simhāya sahasa'indriyam svāhā'gnim na bheṣajam svāhā somamindriyam svāhendram sutrāmāṇam savītāram varuṇam bhiṣajām patim svāhā vanaspatim priyam pātho na bheṣajam svāhā devā' ājyapā juṣāṇo' agnirbheṣajam payaḥ somaḥ parisrutā ghṛtam madhu vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna in honour of Agni in all sincerity. Let him in truth of word and action offer ghee in a stream of libations. Let him offer libations of fat and meda plant and roots in all sincerity with reverence. Let him faithfully offer sanative and palliative materials for the Ashvinis, protectors of society. Let him work on the clouds and rain with the light of the divine word of knowledge. Let him offer sincere drive and action in the service of the mighty Indra, the ruler. Let him offer money and materials for the strength and perseverance of the human nation in sincerity of word and action. Let him work on agni, heat and fire with love and faith, taking energy as saviour. Let him serve the lord of peace and joy in service of his grace and majesty with full faith. Let him serve Indra, lord of power, saviour and protector, Savita, giver of life and light, Varuna, the supreme lord, and the lord president of all physicians, with all might and honesty. Let him make the oblations for the chief of forests, vegetation and water, a darling friend and fellow traveller, with love, as for a soothing medicine. And all the powers of divinity, lovers, protectors and promoters of food and nourishments, and Agni, lord of light and energy, would bring around restorative and curative

medicaments, milk and delicious drinks, soma, the nectar juice distilled from nature, butter and ghee and honey. These would follow and flow upon the earth.

Man of yajna, make the yajna offers with the best of ghee.

## 41. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक्षदृश्विनौ छार्गस्य वृपाया मेदसो जुषेताछं-हृविहींतर्यजा होता यक्ष्त्रसरस्वतीं मेषस्य वृपाया मेदसो जुषताछंह्विहींतर्यजा होता यक्ष्विन्द्रमृष्भस्य वृपाया मेदसो जुषताछंह्विहींतर्यजा।४१॥

Hotā yakṣadaśvinau chāgasya vapāyā medaso juṣetām havirhotaryaja. Hotā yakṣatsarasvatīm meṣasya vapāyā medaso juṣatām havirhotaryaja. Hotā yakṣadindramṛṣabhasya vapāyā medaso juṣatām havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna, specialized scholar, organize yajna and conferences in the service of the Ashvinis, farmers and cattle breeders. Let them grow by the wool and breeding of goats and the development of rich products such as fats, cream and cheese. May the Ashvinis enjoy the yajna and benefit from it. Man of yajna, carry on the programme with libations of knowledge and investments.

Scholar of yajna, organize yajna in the service of Sarasvati, spirit of learning. Let the knowledge of farming and animal husbandry develop with wool and breeding of sheep and the development of fine foods such as cream, butter and ghee. May Sarasvati enjoy and bless the yajna.

Man of yajna, carry on the endeavour with rich libations of knowledge and investments.

Man of yajna, organize the yajna in the service of Indra, leading power of farming and animal husbandry. Let the breed of the bull and knowledge about dairy farming grow with research on the bull, cows and the development of dairy products such as fat, butter and cheese. May Indra enjoy and bless the yajna.

Man of yajna, keep on the yajna with rich libations of knowledge, work and investments.

# 42. (Hotradaya Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षद्धिवनौ सरंस्वतीमिन्द्रेश्सृत्रामाणिमिमे सोमाः सुरामाणुश्छागैर्न मेषैर्ऋष्भैः सुताः शष्पैर्न तोक्मिभ-र्लाजैर्महंस्वन्तो मदा मासरेण परिष्कृताः शुक्राः। पर्यस्वन्तोऽ-मृताः प्रस्थिता वो मधुश्चतस्तान्शिवना सरंस्वतीन्द्रेः सुत्रामां वृत्रहा जुषन्तां छंसोम्यं मधु पिबेन्तु मदन्तु व्यन्तु होत्तर्यजे ॥४२॥

Hotā yakṣadaśvinau sarasvatīmindram sutrāmāṇamime somāḥ surāmāṇaśchāgairna meṣairṛṣabhaiḥ sutāḥ śaṣpairna tokmabhirlājairmahasvanto madā māsareṇa pariṣkṛtāḥ śukrāḥ payasvanto'mṛtāḥ prasthitā vo madhuścutastānaśvinā sarasvatīndraḥ sutrāmā vṛtrahā juṣantām somyam madhu pibantu madantu vyantu hotaryaja.

Let the hota, man of yajna, enlightened citizen, perform the yajna of development in honour of the Ashvinis, teachers, preachers and intellectuals, for Sarasvati, voice and motherhood of the nation, in the service of Indra, protective and ruling powers of the land. And here are these soma juices, leaders of rare quality, distilled, that is, selected, elected, prepared and perfected from amongst the people. Joyous they are as

if with the wealth of goats, sheep, bulls and cows. Honoured and consecrated they are with shoots of grasses, ears of corn and roasted rice as with children. Inspired they are, seasoned and purified with holy food and nectar-drinks of life. And up-front they are, on their mark, ready for self-sacrifice in the service of humanity.

Exhort them, all of you, support them with love and loyalty, and may you and the Ashvinis, Sarasvati and the protector Indra make the best of their service and sacrifice. Replete they are with honey-mead, overflowing, streaming for anyone to taste. May all drink of the soothing and enlightening sweets, may all rejoice and prosper with the wealth of life.

Relent not, man of yajna, carry on with the offers of libations.

### 43. (Hotradaya Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक्षद्धिवनौ छार्गस्य ह्विष्ऽआत्ताम्द्य मध्यतो मेद्रउद्भृतं पुरा द्वेषोभ्यः पुरा पौरुषेय्या गृभो घस्तां नूनं घासेऽअंज्राणां यवसप्रथमानाछं सुमत्क्षराणाछं शत-रुद्रियाणामग्निष्वात्तानां पीवोपवसनानां पार्श्वतः श्रोणितः शिताम्तऽउत्साद्तोऽङ्गीदङ्गादवत्तानां कर्रतऽण्वाश्विनां जुषेतां ह्विहोंत्र्यंजं ॥४३॥

Hotā yakṣadaśvinau chāgasya haviṣa'āttāmadya madhyato meda'udbhṛtaṁ purā dveṣobhyaḥ purā pauruṣeyyā gṛbho ghastāṁ nūnaṁ ghāse' ajrāṇāṁ yavasaprathamānāṁ sumatkṣarāṇāṁ śatarudriyāṇāmagniṣvāttānāṁ pīvopavasanānāṁ pārśvataḥ śroṇitaḥ śitāmatautsādato'ṅgādaṅgādavattānāṁ karata'evāśvinā juṣetāṁ havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna in honour of Ashvinis, prana and apana powers of nature and the physicians with the milk and ghee of the goat. Let the Ashvinis partake of the holy food. Let them eat and raise the pranic vitality from the middle part of the body, for sure, before the anti-system forces of ailments take hold of the body and make their home there. And may the Ashvinis delight in protecting and promoting the subtle vitality of the pranas which are ever active in the digestion of food, first in assimilating the assimilable and eliminating the waste, exhilarating, creating a hundred currents of energy, living heat of the system, and essential strength of the body free from obesity. May the Ashvinis protect and promote the vitality expressive from the sides, the back, hyperactive vital parts, weaker and delicate parts, in short, from every vital part of the body system.

Man of yajna, offer the holy food in the yajna.

### 44. (Vidvanso Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होता यक्ष्त् सरस्वतीं मेषस्य ह्विष्ऽआवयद्द्य मध्यतो मेद्ऽउद्भृतं पुरा द्वेषोभ्यः पुरा पौरुषेय्या गृभो घसन्नृनं घासेऽअंज्राणां यवसप्रथमानाथः सुमत्क्षंराणाथः शत-रुद्रियाणामग्निष्वात्तानां पीवोपवसनानां पार्श्वतः श्रोणितः शिताम्तऽउत्साद्तोऽङ्गादङ्गादवत्तानां करेदेवःसरस्वती जुषताथः ह्विहीत्र्यंजे ॥४४॥

Hotā yakṣat sarasvatīm meṣasya haviṣa'āvayadadya madhyato meda'udbhṛtam purā dveṣobhyaḥ purā pauruṣeyyā ghṛbho ghasannūnam ghāse'ajrāṇām yavasaprathamānām sumatkṣarāṇām śatarudriyāṇāmagniṣvattānām pīvopavasanānām pārśvataḥ śroṇitaḥ śitāmata'

utsādato'ngādangādavāttānām karadevam sarasvatī juṣatām havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna in honour of Sarasvati, divine voice and mother power of enlightenment, with the holy food of sheep's milk and ghee. May Sarasvati partake of the holy food offered in yajna and raise the pranic vitality from the middle of body before the anti-system forces of ailments take hold of the body and make their home there. And may mother Sarasvati delight in protecting and promoting the subtle vitality of the pranas which are ever active in the digestion of food, first in assimilating the assimilable and throwing out the waste, exhilarating, creating a hundred forms of energy, vital fire of the system, essential strength of the body free from obesity. May Sarasvati protect and promote the vitality expressive and perceptible from the sides, the back, hyperactive vital parts, weaker and delicate parts, in short, from every vital part of the body system.

Man of yajna, offer the holy food of yajna to the mother.

## 45. (Yajamana-Yajnics Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतो यक्ष्विन्द्रमृष्धभस्ये हुविष्ऽ आवयद्द्य मध्यतो मेद्ऽउद्भृतं पुरा द्वेषोभ्यः पुरा पौरुषेय्या गृभो घसन्नूनं घासेऽअजाणां यवसप्रथमानाथ्यं सुमत्क्षेराणाथ्यं शतरुद्रियोणामग्निष्वात्तानां पीवोपवसनानां पार्श्वतः श्रोणितः शितामृतऽउत्साद्तोऽ-ङ्गीदङ्गादवेत्तानां करेदेविमन्द्रो जुषतीथ्यं हुविहीत्र्यंजे ॥४५॥

Hotā yakṣadindramṛṣabhasya haviṣa'āvaya-dadya madhyato meda'udbhṛtam purā dveṣobhyaḥ pura pauruṣeyyā ghṛbho ghasannūnam ghāse' ajrāṇām yavasapra-

thamānām sumatkṣarāṇām śatarudriyāṇāmagniṣvāttānām pīvopavasanānām pārśvataḥ śroṇitaḥ śitāmata utsādato'ṅgādangādavattānām karadevamindro juṣatām havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yaina perform the yaina in honour of Indra, wonder and glory of the power of nature and the nation, with the most powerful holy foods of the strength of the bull and the rishabha plant. May Indra partake of the food and raise the pranic vitality of the body-system from the middle of the body, for sure, before the anti-system forces of ailments take hold of the body and make their home there. And may Indra delight in protecting and promoting the subtle vitality of the pranas which are ever active in the digestion of food, first in assimilating the assimilable and eliminating the waste, exhilarating, creating a hundred forms of energy, vital fire of the system, and essential strength of the body free from obesity. May Indra protect and promote the vitality expressed and perceptible from the sides, the back, hyperactive parts, weaker and delicate parts, in short, from every vital part of the body system.

Man of yajna, offer the holy food of yajna for Indra.

## 46. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षुद्वन्स्पतिम्भि हि पिष्टतेमया रभिष्ठया रश्ननया-धित । यत्राश्विनोश्छागस्य हृविषः प्रिया धामानि यत्र सरस्वत्या मेषस्य हृविषः प्रिया धामानि यत्रेन्द्रस्यऽऋषभस्य हृविषः प्रिया धामानि यत्राग्नेः प्रिया धामानि यत्र सोमस्य प्रिया धामानि यत्रेन्द्रस्य सुत्राम्णः प्रिया धामानि यत्रं सिवतुः प्रिया धामानि यत्र वर्षणस्य प्रिया धामानि यत्र वनुस्पतेः प्रिया पाथां छेसि यत्रं देवानां माज्यपानां प्रिया धामां वि यत्राग्नेहोतुः प्रिया धामां ति तत्रैतान् प्रस्तुत्येवोपस्तुत्ये-वोपावस्त्रक्षद्रभीयसऽइव कृत्वी करेदेवं देवो वनस्पति-र्जुषतां छेह् विहोत्यंजे ॥४६॥

Hotā yakṣad vanaspatimabhi hi piṣṭatamayā rabhiṣṭhayā raśanayādhita. Yatrāśvinośchāgasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmāni yatrasarasvatyā meṣasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmāni yatrendrasya'ṛṣabhasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmāni yatrāgneḥ priyā dhāmāni yatra somasya priyā dhāmāni yatra savituḥ priyā dhāmāni yatra vanaspateḥ priyā pāthāňsi yatra devānāmājyapānām priyā dhāmāni yatrāgnerhotuḥ priyā dhāmāni tatraitān prastutye vopastutye vopāvasrakṣadrabhīyasa' iva kṛtvī karadevam devo vanspatirjuṣatām havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform the yajna in honour of the lord of forests for love of the forests, herbs and trees. Let him, with the finest, strongest and most inviolable protective zone fence the forest: which is the favourite haunt of the Ashvinis and goats and home of yajnic food;

which is lovely resort of Sarasvati and the sheep and the source of holy food;

which is the awful seat of Indra and the bull and the giver of sacred food;

where abound the favourite resorts of Agni, Soma, the protector Indra, Savita and Varuna;

where the grand old banyan grows and finds his food;

where the noble lovers of divinity seek their nectar in their holy places;

where the lord of yajna, Agni, loves to shine and act.

And the brilliant man of yajna out there, strongest and most enthusiastic of his mission, may offer songs of inauguration and songs of valediction in his yajna of protection and extension of the forests and these resorts and thereby serve the holy lord of nature and partake of the yajnic gifts.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna, don't relent.

#### 47. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षद्गिनःस्विष्ट्कृत्मयांड्गिनर्ष्विनो्श्छागस्य हृविषेः प्रिया धामान्ययाट् सरंस्वत्या मेषस्य हृविषेः प्रिया धामान्ययाङिन्द्रंस्यऽऋष्भस्यं हृविषेः प्रिया धामान्ययाङ्गनेः प्रिया धामान्ययाट् सोमस्य प्रिया धामान्ययाङिन्द्रंस्य सुत्राम्णेः प्रिया धामान्ययाट् सवितुः प्रिया धामान्ययाङ् वर्मणस्य प्रिया धामान्ययाङ् वन्स्पतेः प्रिया पाथाछंस्ययाङ् देवानामाज्यपानां प्रिया धामान्य यक्षद्गनेहोतुः प्रिया धामान् यक्षत् स्वं मेहिमान्मायंजतामेज्याऽ इषेः कृणोतु सोऽअध्वरा जातवैदा जुषतांछंहृविहोत्र्यंजं ॥४७॥

Hotā yakṣadagnim sviṣṭakṛtamayāḍagniraśvinośchāgasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmānyayāṭ sarasvatyā meṣasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmānyayāḍindrasya'ṛṣabhasya haviṣaḥ priyā dhāmānyayāḍagneḥ priyā dhāmānyayāṭ somasya priyā dhāmānyayāḍindrasya sutrāmṇaḥ priyā dhāmānyayāṭ savituḥ priyā dhāmānyayāḍ varuṇasya priyā dhāmānyayāḍ vanaspateḥ priyā pāthānsyayāḍ devānāmājyapānām priyā

dhāmāni yakṣadagnerhotuḥ priyā dhāmāni yakṣat svam mahimānamāyajatāmejyā'iṣaḥ kṛṇotu so'adhvarā jātavedā juṣatām havirhotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna perform yajna in honour of Agni, lord of knowledge and energy, which leads energy projects to completion and success.

It is Agni which leads to the favourite haunts of the Ashvinis, pranic energies, and the goats and holy foods.

It leads to the favourite haunts of Sarasvati, wisdom, and the sheep and holy foods.

It leads to the favourite resorts of Indra (majesty), and the bull (power) and holy foods.

It leads to the favourite haunts of Agni (energy), to the favourite haunts of Soma (peace and prosperity), to the favourite haunts of Indra, the protector, to the favourite haunts of Savita (inspiration), to the favourite haunts of Varuna (water), to the favourite haunts of the trees and their fruits, to the favourite places of the noble people of piety and protection of the sacred resources, it leads to the favourite homes of Agni, lord of cosmic yajna, it leads to its own grandeur, it creates the means of its own yajnic sacrifice and all the food and energy for life.

May the glorious Agni, omniscient light of life, lead all projects of yajna to success.

Man of yajna, keep on with the yajna, don't relent.

48. (Sarasvati & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

देवं बहिः सरस्वती सुदेविमन्द्रेऽअश्विना । तेजो न चक्षुरक्ष्योर्बिहिषा दधुरिन्द्रियं वसुवने वसुधेयस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥४८॥

Devam barhiḥ sarasvatī sudevamindre'aśvinā. Tejo na cakṣurakṣyorbarhiṣā dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Sarasvati, lady of light and knowledge, offers the seat of honour on the yajna vedi to Indra, noble and brilliant master of the home. The Ashvinis, powers of health and wealth, create the light of the eyes as well as the lustre and splendour of life and vest these in Indra. For the blessed man the powers of divinity create wealth with all the resources of nature and bestow it on the yajnic man of prosperity.

Man of yajna, keep on with the yajna.

49. (Ashvinis and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

वेवीर्द्वारोऽअशिवना भिषजेन्द्वे सरस्वती । प्राणं न वीर्यं नुसि द्वारो दधुरिन्द्रियं वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥४९॥

Devīrdvāro'aśvinā bhiṣajendre sarasvatī. Prāṇam na vīryam nasi dvāro dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The doors of divinity, the Ashvinis, nature's powers of health, the physicians, and Sarasvati, enlightened woman, open the door, create breath in the nose, vigour and virility, and vest it in Indra, man of sacrifice and power. For the blessed man, the powers of divinity create wealth and bestow it on him to enjoy life through yajna.

Man of yajna, keep on with the life of sacrifice and enlightenment.

### 50. (Ashvinis and Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवीऽड्षासावृश्विनां सुत्रामेन्द्रे सरस्वती । बल्ं न वार्चमास्यऽड्षाभ्यां दधुरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यर्ज ॥५०॥

Devī'uṣāsāvaśvinā sutrāmendre sarasvatī. Balam na vācamāsya'uṣābhyām dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The divine energy of the early dawn and the evening twilight, the protective Ashvinis, health powers of sunlight and the moon-rays, and Sarasvati, enlightened mother spirit of life, with the morning-evening cycle of time, bless Indra, man of yajna with strength, noble speech in the mouth as also the lustre of life for glory. Thus, to the blessed man come all the wealths of existence for the enjoyment of life.

Man of yajna, live on with the spirit of sacrifice and enlightenment. Relent not ever.

# 51. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवी जोच्ट्री सरस्वत्यशिवनेन्द्रमवर्धयन् । श्रोत्रं न कर्णयोर्यशो जोच्ट्रीभ्यां दधुरिन्द्रियं वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५१॥

Devī joṣṭrī sarasvatyaśvinendramavardhayan. Śrotram na karṇayoryaśo joṣṭrībhyām dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The adorable vitality of divine nature, Sarasvati, motherly spirit of enlightenment, and the Ashvinis, wind and electric energy, advance Indra, man of power and

lustre, in life by the day-night fortnightly cycle of time through earth and heaven. They bless him with the sense of hearing in the ears and honour and splendour of life. Thus to the blessed man of yajna come the wealths of existence for the enjoyment of life.

Blessed man, keep on with yajna, never relent, in life.

### 52. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवीऽक्रजांहुती दुघे सुदुघेन्द्वे सरस्वत्यश्विना भिषजावतः। शुक्रं न ज्योति स्तनेयोराहुती धत्तऽइन्द्रियं वसुवने वसुधेयस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५२॥

Devī'ūrjāhutī dughe sudughendre sarasvatyaśvinā bhiṣajāvataḥ. Śukram na jyoti stanayorāhutī dhatta'indriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The beautiful morning and the peaceful evening, generous and blissful, both celebrated with powerful oblations, the Ashvinis, powers of health and enlightenment, the physicians, and Sarasvati, motherly spirit of life, save and protect the man of yajna and bless him with purity of vigour and golden light of the soul in the heart. Thus do they bless Indra fortunate man of yajna with the wealth and splendour of the world and bring him to perfection in life.

Man of devotion, live on with the spirit of yajna.

#### 53. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

देवा देवानं िश्वजा होताराविन्द्रम्शिवना । वृष्ट्कारैः सरस्वती त्विषां न हृदये मृतिः होतृभ्यां दधुरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५३॥ Devā devānām bhişajā hotārāvindramaśvinā. Vaṣaṭkāraiḥ sarasvatī tviṣim na hṛdaye matim hotṛbhyām dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Noble and brilliant powers of divinity, priests of the noble and generous people, the Ashvinis, learned scholars, the physicians, and Sarasvati, the voice of divinity, with Vashatkara hymns by the priests of yajna, vest Indra, lustrous man of yajna, with divine light and lightning energy in the heart as well as intelligence in the mind. Thus do they bring wealth of the world and splendour of life to the man of yajna and perfect him in his desire and ambition.

Man of yajna, keep up the sacrifice for perfection in life.

## 54. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देव<u>ीस्तिस्त्रस्ति</u>स्त्रो देवीर्शिवनेडा सर्रस्वती । शू<u>षं</u> न मध्ये नाभ्यामिन्द्रीय दधुरि<u>न्द्रि</u>यं वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५४॥

Devīstisrastisro devīraśvineḍā sarasvatī. Śūṣaṁ na madhye nābhyāmindrāya dadhurindriyaṁ vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Three brilliant and divine powers, Ida, divine speech, Sarasvati, divine universal intelligence, and Bharati, specific energies of nature in various forms, and these three, further, along with the Ashvinis, complementary currents of universal energy, hold strength and splendour for the soul and infuse it into the middle of the body-system by the navel for the soul's perfection.

May all the divine powers come and make the energy and wealth of the world flow into the blessed man of yajna.

Blessed man, perform the yajna, never relent.

55. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवऽइन्द्रो नराशःसंस्त्रिवरूथः सरंस्वत्याश्विभ्यामीयते रथः। रेतो न रूपम्मृतं जनित्रमिन्द्रीय त्वष्टा दर्धदिन्द्रियाणि वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५५॥

Deva'indro narāśamsastrivarūthaḥ sarasvatyāśvibhyāmīyate rathaḥ. Reto na rūpamamṛtam janitramindrāya tvaṣṭā dadhadindriyāṇi vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The brilliant Indra universally sung and celebrated, residing in the three worlds of heaven, earth and the sky, wondrous warrior of the chariot, is reached through Sarasvati, divine speech and the Ashvinis, circuitous powers of nature. Tvashta, divine maker of forms, creates the vital creative energy as well as the immortal form, senses and the sense organs for Indra and vests these in him. May Tvashta, Sarasvati and the Ashvinis create the wealth of the world for Indra, blessed man of honour and power, and vest the same in him.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna in honour of the divinities.

56. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवो देवैर्वन्स्पतिहिरंण्यवर्णोऽअश्विभ्याः छंसरंस्वत्या सुपिप्पलऽ इन्द्रीय पच्यते मधु । ओजो न ज़ूतिऋष्वभो न भामं वन्स्पतिनों दर्धदिन्द्रियाणि वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५६॥ Devo devairvanaspatirhiraņyavarņo'aśvibhyām sarasvatyā supippala'indrāya pacyate madhu. Ojo na jūtirṛṣabho na bhāmam vanaspatirno dadhadindriyāṇi vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The lord of light, guardian of nature, self-refulgent, of golden hue, generous and fruitful, matures the honey sweets of fruits and vegetables for Indra, the soul, with Sarasvati, constant flow of energy, the rays of light, and the Ashvinis, heat and water. And thus, the sun, the tree, and the forest chief create and hold for us lustre of life as well as speed of action, and passion as much as vitality of life. May all the wealth and power of body and mind come to the man who loves them through yajna.

Man of yajna, move on with the creative life of sacrifice.

# 57. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवं बर्हिर्वारितीनामध्वरे स्तीर्णमुश्विभ्यामूर्णम्रदाः सरेस्वत्या स्योनमिन्द्र ते सर्दः । ईशायै मृन्युः राजानं बर्हिषा दधुरिन्द्रियं वसुवने वसुधेयस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५७॥

Devam barhirvāritīnāmadhvare stīrņamasvibhyāmūrņamradāḥ sarasvatyā syonamindra te sadaḥ. Īśāyai manyum rājānam barhiṣā dadhurindriyam vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Indra, noble soul, soft as wool and blessed is your seat in the yajna covered with watery grasses and the light of heaven spread by Sarasvati, spirit divine, and the Ashvinis, currents of energy. May your yajnic seat and home and the lights of heaven create holy and splendid passion of the mind for you for the sake of honour and glory. May all the wealth of the world come to the man of sacred desire and work through yajna.

Man of yajna, carry on the endeavour, neglect not the sacrifice.

## 58. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

देवोऽअग्निः स्विष्ट्कृद्देवान्येक्षद्यथायथःहोतीग्विन्द्रेम्श्विनी वाचा वाचःसरेस्वतीम्ग्निःसोमेश्रंस्विष्ट्कृत् स्विष्ट्ऽइन्द्रः सुत्रामा सिवता वर्मणो भिषगिष्टो देवो वनस्पितः स्विष्टा देवाऽअज्यिपाः स्विष्टोऽअग्निग्गिनग् होता होत्रे स्विष्ट्-कृद्यशो न दर्धदिन्द्रियमूर्जमपीचितिःस्वधां वसुवने वसुधेयस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥५८॥

Devo'agniḥ sviṣṭakṛd devān yakṣadyathāyatham hotārāvindramaśvinā vācā vācam sarasvatīmagnim somam sviṣṭakṛt sviṣṭa'indraḥ sūtrāmā savitā varuṇo bhiṣagiṣto devo vanaspatiḥ sviṣṭā devā' ājyapāḥ sviṣṭo'agniragninā hotā hotre sviṣṭakṛdyaśo na dadhadindriyamūrjamapacitim svadhām vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

For the man of yajnic endeavour in search of honour and success in the world, the Divine Agni, lord of light and life, generous giver of all round success, does universal yajna with the divinities of nature such as the earth in appropriate manner. The Ashvinis, wind and electric energy, both high-priests of nature, act in yajna with Indra, the sun. With the energy of universal sound, they work with Sarasvati, the dynamics of nature. They work on agni, fire, and soma, the moon, both powers of universal success. Indra, lord protector of the world, Savita, the sun, Varuna, universal waters, the

physician, the generous and all-loved tree, the dear powers of nature which feed on the food of yajna, and all-loved vital heat—all these work with the universal fire for the creation of wealth and energy.

Thus any versatile performer of yajna (individual, social and natural) has the secret of success and creates honour, glory, energy and fame for the dedicated souls.

May all the powers of yajna create and carry the wealth of the world for the man of yajna.

Man of yajna, carry on with the sacrifice.

## 59. (Agnyadayo Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

अगिनम्द्य होतौरमवृणीतायं यजमानः पचन् पक्तीः पर्चन्पुरोडाशौन् ब्रध्नन्नश्विभ्यां छागुःसरेस्वत्यै मेषमिन्द्रीयऽ-ऋषभःसुन्वन्नश्विभ्याः सरेस्वत्याऽइन्द्रीय सुत्राम्णे सुरा-सोमान् ॥५९॥

Agnimadya hotāramavṛṇītāyam yajamānaḥ pacan paktīḥ pacan puroḍāśān badhnann-aśvibhyām chāgam sarasvatyai meṣamindrāya' ṛṣabham sunvannaśvibhyām sarasvatyā'indrāya sutrāmņe surāsomān.

Let the yajamana to-day, cooking the yajna offerings and preparing the oblations, select Agni as the high-priest and as the deity. The devotees rear and bind the goat for milk and butter for the Ashvinis, prana and apana energy, sheep for Sarasvati, universal intelligence, and the bull for Indra, honour and lustre, and they extract and distil the exhilarating soma drink for the Ashvins, Sarasvati and the protector Indra, the ruler.

#### 60. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Rshi)

सूप्स्थाऽअद्य देवो वन्स्पतिरभवदृश्विभ्यां छागैन सरस्वत्यै मेषेणेन्द्रायऽऋषभेणाक्ष्टँस्तान् मेद्स्तः प्रति पचता-गृभीषृतावीवृधन्त पुरोडाशैरपुर्श्विना सरस्वतीन्द्रेः सुत्रामी सुरासोमान् ॥६०॥

Sūpasthā'adya devo vanaspatirabhavadaśvibhyām chāgena saravatyai meṣeṇendrāya' ṛṣabheṇākṣaňstān medastaḥ prati pacatāgṛbhīṣatāvīvṛdhanta puroḍāśairapuraśvinā sarasvatīndraḥ sutrāmā surāsomān.

Soothing and joyous is the yajna post to day as a mark of valediction. For the Ashvinis, prana and apana energy, milk of the goat! For Sarasvati, speech and intelligence, milk of the sheep! For Indra, honour and grandeur in life, let us rejoice with the strength and vigour of the bull! Let all enjoy the fine foods cooked with cream and butter and let all grow strong on specially seasoned foods and delicacies. May the Ashvinis, teachers, intellectuals and physicians, Sarasvati, enlightened woman, and Indra, protector and ruler and leader, all celebrate with the exciting drink of soma.

## 61. (Rishis & Others Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

त्वामुद्यऽऋषिऽआर्षेयऽऋषीणां नपादवृणीतायं यर्जमानो बहुभ्यऽआ सङ्गतेभ्यऽएष में देवेषु वसु वार्यायक्ष्यतऽइति ता या देवा देव दानान्यदुस्तान्यस्माऽआ च शास्स्वा चे गुरस्वेषितश्चे होत्रस्मे भद्ववाच्याय प्रेषितो मानुषः सूक्तवाकार्य सूक्ता ब्रूहि ॥६१॥ Tvāmadya'ṛṣa'ārṣeya'ṛṣīṇām napadavṛnītāyam yajamāno bahubhya'ā saṅgatebhya'eṣa me deveṣu vasu vāryāyakṣyata'iti tā yā devā deva dānānyadustānyasmā'ā ca śāsvā ca gurasveṣitaśca hotarasi bhadravācyāya preṣito mānuṣaḥ sūktavākāya sūktā brūhi.

O Rishi, seer blest, child of the Rishis and the tradition of the Rishis: of the many noble sages assembled here to-day, this yajamana opts for you, saying: "This sage among the generous and brilliant ones would gain for us the consecrated shower of wealth and vision."

Noble sage, give unto us of those gifts which the divinities have granted, pray for us, raise us and keep up the tradition.

Hota, man of yajna, you are the man inspired and sent to pronounce the sacred Word and sing the hymns of divinity. Pray, speak the Word, sing the hymns of praise.

इत्येकविंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXII

#### 1. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

तेजोऽसि शुक्रम्मृतेमायुष्पाऽआयुर्मे पाहि । देवस्य त्वा सिवतुः प्रस्वे अध्वनौर्बाहुभ्यां पृष्णो हस्तिभयामादेदे ॥१॥

Tejo'si śukramamṛtamāyuṣpā'āyurme pāhi. Devasya tvā savituḥ prassave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyāmādade.

Light of life, you are the power and glory of the world, the passion and purity of life, and the spirit and immortality of existence. Guardian and protector of life, protect and promote the life for me. In the world of Lord Savita's creation, I dedicate myself to you with nature's currents of energy and the solar gifts of health and vitality.

## 2. (Vidvanso Devata, Yajnapurusha Rshi)

इमामेगृभ्णन् रश्नामृतस्य पूर्वऽआयेषि विदशेषु कव्या । सा नौऽअस्मिन्सुतऽआबेभूवऽऋतस्य सामेन्सरमारपेन्ती ॥२॥

Imāmagṛbhṇan raśanāmṛtasya pūrva 'āyuṣi vidatheṣu kavyā. Sā no 'asmintsuta' ā babhūva' ṛtasya sāmantsaramārapantī.

The seers of the earliest time of creation in their communion receive and realise the chain of cause and effect from the first vibration of the original cause (Ritam) to the last and closing silence. And the same, in this world of ours, has become the whispering voice of the whole truth of existence to us (in the Veda).

## 3. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अभिधाऽअसि भुवेनमसि यन्ताऽसि धर्ता । स त्वमुग्नि वैश्वानुरुसप्रथसं गच्छु स्वाहोकृतः॥३॥

Abhidhā'asi bhuvanamasi yantā'si dhartā. Sa tvamagnim vaiśvānaram saprathasam gaccha svāhākṛtaḥ.

You are the preceptor and teacher. You are the realized soul. You are the guide. You are the support and preserver of the knowledge and the law. Yajamana, initiated and consecrated by the sacred acts of yajna, take up, research and realize Agni, omnipresent vitality of the world, expansive and infinite.

### 4. (Vishvedeva Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

स्वगा त्वां देवेभ्यः प्रजापंतये ब्रह्मन्नश्वं भन्तस्यामि देवेभ्यः प्रजापंतये तेने राध्यासम् । तं बंधान देवेभ्यः प्रजापंतये तेने राध्नुहि ॥४॥

Svagā tvā devebhyaḥ prajāpataye brahmannaśvaṁ bhantsyāmi devebhyaḥ prajāpataye tena rādhyāsam. Taṁ badhāna devebhyaḥ prajāpataye tena rādhnuhi.

Man of knowledge, scholar of divinity and the Veda, I consecrate you as free independent researcher in the service of the noblest powers of the world and the ruler-guardian of the people.

I shall control powerful energy like a horse for the noblest powers and the ruler-guardian of the people. I shall thereby realise the mission of my life.

Bind and control energy for the divinities and the ruler-guardian and thereby realise the mission of your life.

### 5. (Indra & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रजापंतये त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षांमीन्द्राग्निभ्यां त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षांमि वायवे त्वा जुष्टं प्रोक्षांमि विश्वेभ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यो जुष्टं प्रोक्षां<u>मि</u> सर्वे भ्यस्त्वा देवेभ्यो जुष्टं प्रोक्षांमि । योऽअर्वं न्तं जिर्घा छंसति तम्भ्यमीति वर्रुणः । पुरो मर्तः पुरः श्वा ॥५॥

Prajāpataye tvā justam prokṣāmīndrāgnibhyām tvā jiṣṭam prokṣāmi vāyave tvā juṣṭam prokṣāmi viśvebhyastvā devebhyo juṣṭam prokṣāmi sarvebhyastvā devebhyo juṣṭam prokṣāmi. Yo' arvantam jighānsati tamabhyamīti varuṇaḥ. Paro martaḥ paraḥ śvā.

Dedicated as you are, scholar, to Prajapati, I consecrate you. Dedicated to Indra and Agni, the soul and energy, I consecrate you. Dedicated to Vayu, wind energy, I consecrate you. Dedicated to divinities of the world, I consecrate you. Dedicated to all nobilities, I consecrate you. Who ever does violence to the horse-power, energy and the nation, the supreme lord Varuna punishes him, the best man too takes him on. The killer is worse than the worst man. He is worse than a dog.

#### 6. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्नये स्वाहा सोमीय स्वाहापां मोदीय स्वाही स<u>वि</u>त्रे स्वाही वायवे स्वाहा विष्णीवे स्वाहेन्द्रीय स्वाहा बृह्स्पर्तये स्वाही <u>मित्राय</u> स्वा<u>हा</u> वर्रुणाय स्वाही ॥६॥

Agnaye svāhā somāya svāhāpām modāya svāhā savitre svāhā vāyave svāhā viṣṇave svāhendrāya svāhā bṛhaspataye svāhā mitrāyā svāhā varuṇāya svāhā.

All the best action and dedication for Agni,

knowledge, light and fire energy; all the best action and commitment for Soma, health and medication; all the best investment and action for the Apah, development of water resources; all the best action and dedication for Savita, solar energy; all the best action and dedication for Vayu, wind energy; all the best action and dedication to Vishnu, universal electric energy; all the best action and dedication for Indra, development of the self; all the best action and care for Brihaspati, guardian of the elderly; all the best for Mitra, spirit of friendship and cooperation; all the best action and care for Varuna, best personalities.

### 7. (Prana etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

हिङ्काराय स्वाहा हिङ्कृताय स्वाहा क्रन्देते स्वाहां वक्रन्दाय स्वाहा प्रोथेते स्वाहां प्रप्रोथाय स्वाहां गुन्धाय स्वाहां घ्राताय स्वाहा निर्विष्टाय स्वाहोपेविष्टाय स्वाहा सन्दिताय स्वाहा वल्नेते स्वाहासीनाय स्वाहा शर्यानाय स्वाहा स्वपेते स्वाहा जाग्रेते स्वाहा कूर्जते स्वाहा प्रबुद्धाय स्वाहां विजृम्भेमाणाय स्वाहा विचृताय स्वाहा संहांनाय स्वाहोपेस्थिताय स्वाहायेनाय स्वाहा प्रायंणाय स्वाहां ॥७॥

Hiṅkārāya svāhā hiṅkṛtāya svāhā krandate svāhā 'vakrandāya svāhā prothate svāhā praprothāya svāhā gandhāyā svāhā ghrātāya svāhā niviṣṭāya svāhopaviṣṭāya svāhā sanditāya svāhā valgate svāhā "sīnāya svāhā śayānāya svāhā svapate svāhā jāgrate svāhā kūjate svāhā prabuddhāya svāhā vijṛmbhamāṇāya svāhā vicṛttāya svāhā samhānāya svāhopasthitāya svāhā "yanāya svāhā prāyaṇāya svāhā."

Reverence to the singer of Samans, reverence to him who has done the singing, reverence to the loud challenger, reverence to the soft singer, reverence to the man of accomplishment, reverence to the specialist, value for fragrance, welcome to the fragrant, reverence to the securely seated, reverence to the close-by friends and yogis in posture, thanks for what is well-given, reverence for the one on the move, reverence for the sitting, reverence for the sleeping, care for the one in deep sleep, welcome to the waking one, love for the humming one, rest for the yawning one, reverence for the shining, reverence for the strong and well-built, reverence for the close neighbours, reverence for the knowledgeable, reverence for the scholars of special knowledge. (Those who welcome, respect and reverence the others are fortunate and blessed.)

## 8. (Prayatnavanto Jeevadayo Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

यते स्वाहा धावेते स्वाहोद्द्रावाय स्वाहोद्द्रुताय स्वाहो शूकाराय स्वाहा शूकृताय स्वाहा निषंण्णाय स्वाहोत्थिताय स्वाहां ज्वाय स्वाहा बलाय स्वाहां विवर्तामानाय स्वाहा विवृंत्ताय स्वाहां विधून्वानाय स्वाहा विधूताय स्वाहा शुश्रूषमाणाय स्वाहां शृण्वते स्वाहेक्षमाणाय स्वाहेक्षिताय स्वाहा वीक्षिताय स्वाहां निमेषाय स्वाहा यदित तस्मै स्वाहा यत्पिबित तस्मै स्वाहा यन्मूत्रं करोति तस्मै स्वाहां कुर्वते स्वाहां कृताय स्वाहां ॥८॥

Yate svāhā dhāvate svāhoddrāvāya svāhoddrutāya svāhā śūkārāya svāhā śukṛtāya svāhā niṣaṇṇāya svāhotthitāya svāhā javāya svāhā balāya svāhā vivartamānāya svāhā vivṛttāya svāhā vidhūnvānāya svāhā vidhūtāya svāhā śuśrūṣamāṇāya svāhā śṛṇvate svāhekṣamāṇāya svāhekṣitāya svāhā vīkṣitāya svāhā nimeṣaya svāhā yadatti tasmai svāhā yat pibati tasmai svāhā yanmūtram karoti tasmai svāhā kṛtāya svāhā.

All hail and reverence for the man of endeavour, running, advancing, flying high, acting promptly, and for the man who has achieved instant success and accomplishment. Reverence to the man who is of stable mind, of high values, speed and strength. Reverence to the man who is expansive, and has achieved advancement and peace. Reverence for the agitative and sympathy for the shaken. Welcome and reverence for the man who wants to listen and is listening, for the man who is watching, who is watched, and who is watched and guarded for security reasons. Reverence for the yogi with closed eyes. Reverence for any one who eats and drinks and who removes the waste of the system. Reverence to the man who is doing the job and to the one who has done and calls it a day.

(Those who honour the men of action and accomplishment find recognition peace and happiness.)

## 9. (Savita Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

तत्स<u>वितु</u>र्वरेण्यं भर्गो' देवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नेः प्रचोदयात् ॥९॥

Tat saviturvareṇyaṁ bhargo devasya dhīmahi. Dhiyo yo naḥ pracodayāt.

Let us concentrate and meditate on the glory and blazing splendour of Lord Savita, worthy of our choice and worship, who may, we pray, inspire and enlighten our mind and soul.

#### 10. (Savita Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

हिरंण्यपाणिमृतये सि<u>व</u>तार्मुपेह्वये । स चेत्ता देवता पदम् ॥१०॥ Hiraņyapāṇimūtaye savitāramupa hvaye. Sa cettā devatā padam.

For the sake of inspiration and self-protection, I invoke and worship Lord Savita, creator and sustainer who wields the glorious lights of the world. Lord of light and omniscience, He is the giver of light and knowledge, and He is the ultimate goal and haven of all.

#### 11. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवस्य चेतेतो महीं प्र सं<u>वितु</u>र्हीवामहे । सुमृतिः सृत्यरोधसम् ॥११॥

Devasya cetato mahīm pra saviturhavāmahe. Sumatim satyarādhasam.

We worship and pray for the great truth-bearing divine wisdom of the brilliant and blazing omniscient Lord Savita, creator and sustainer of the world. We pray, meditate and internalize.

#### 12. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सुष्टुतिःस्पमती्वृधी रातिःसि<u>वितु</u>रीमहे । प्र देवायं मती्विदे ॥१२॥

Sustutim sumatīvṛdho rātim saviturīmahe. Pra devāya matīvide.

For the seeker of light and lover of wisdom, we pray for the generous gift of the grace of Lord Savita who is the creator of the world and promoter of noble intelligence and wisdom for mankind.

#### 13. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

रातिः सत्पतिं महे स<u>िव</u>तारुमुपे ह्वये । आसुवं देववीतये ॥१३॥ Rātim satpatim mahe savitāramupa hvaye. Āsavam devavītaye.

I invoke, praise, worship and meditate upon the generous and glorious Savita, Lord creator and fatherly guardian of the living creatures for the attainment of sagely company, noble virtues and divine grace.

## 14. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवस्यं स<u>वितुर्म</u>तिमासवं <u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यम् । <u>धि</u>या भगं मनामहे ॥१४॥

Devasya saviturmatimāsavam viśvadevyam. Dhiyā bhagam manāmahe.

With all our intelligence we pray for the great and generous lord Savita's omniscience and with our mind and soul meditate upon His glorious and universal grandeur of divinity.

# 15. (Agni Devata, Sutambhara Rshi)

अग्निःस्तोमैन बोधय समिधानोऽअमेर्त्यम् । हृव्या देवेषु नो दधत् ॥१५॥

Agnim stomena bodhaya samidhāno' amartyam. Havyā devesu no dadhat.

Man of yajna lighting the immortal Agni, divine fire in the vedi with holy fuel, feed it with holy foods and fragrances, and expand it with holy chants of hymns, so that it may create and carry among the divinities of nature such as the air and the sky rich materials of the wealth of life for the devotees.

#### 16. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

स हेळ्यवाडमेर्त्यऽउशिग्दूतश्चनौहितः । अग्नि<u>धि</u>या समृण्वति ॥१६॥

Sa havyavāḍamartya'uśigdūtaścanohitaḥ. Agnirdhiyā samṛṇvati.

That Agni, brilliant, immortal, radiant power, carrier and begetter of holy foods and wealths of life for nature and humanity is attained through intelligent and dedicated action.

#### 17. (Agni Devata, Vishvarupa Ŗshi)

अृग्नि दूतं पुरो देधे हव्यवाहुमुपेब्रुवे । देवाँ२॥ऽआ सोदयादिह ॥१७॥

Agnim dūtam puro dadhe havyavāhamupa bruve. Devāň'ā sādayādiha.

Fire is the fastest catalytic agent of nature. It is the creator and carrier of the holy foods for life. I light and place the fire up front in the Vedi and pray that it may bring us the blessings of divinity in this life.

#### 18. (Pavamana Devata, Arunatra sadasyu Rshi)

अजीजनो हि पेवमान् सूर्यं विधारे शक्मेना पर्यः । गोजीरया रश्हेमाणुः पुरेन्थ्या ॥१८॥

Ajījano hi pavamāna sūryam vidhāre śakmanā payah. Gojīrayā ramhamānah purandhyā.

Agni, universal energy, pure and purifying, faster than light, flowing as well as omnipresent, you create and hold the sun and, as is mission of the cow and the earth, with your own actions, bear the waters of sustenance for existence.

#### 19. (Agni Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

विभूमीत्रा प्रभूः पित्राश्वीऽसि हयोऽस्यत्यीऽसि मयोऽस्यवीसि सिप्तिरसि वाज्यसि वृषीऽसि नृमणीऽअसि । ययुर्नामीऽसि शिशुर्नामीस्यादित्यानां पत्वान्विहि । देवीऽआशापालाऽएतं देवेभ्योऽश्वं मेधीय प्रोक्षितःरक्षतेह रन्तिरिह रमतामिह धृतिरिह स्वधृतिः स्वाही ॥१९॥

Vibhūrmātrā prabhūḥ pitrā'śvo'si hayo'-syatyo'si mayo'syarvā'si saptirasi vājyasi vṛṣā'-si nṛmaṇā'asi. Yayurnāmā'si śiśurnāmā'-syādityānām patvānvihi. Devā' āśāpālā'etam devebhyo'śvam medhāya prokṣitam rakṣateha rantiriha ramatāmiha dhṛtiriha svadhṛtiḥ svāhā.

Agni, universal energy of life and the world, you are immence and abundant as mother like the earth, preeminent and super-guardian as father like the sky. You attain to everything; self-impelled you impel everything; you are constant ever, and ever on the move; you are ever at peace and ever fresh; you reach everywhere; you are the way to love and honour; you are fast and impetuous; you are generous like a shower; kind, reaching everyone's heart. Surely, you are the way to final beatitude and worthy of meditation. Ever new as reborn, you make the time fly with the motion of the stars. Come and be with us here.

Guardians of the earth in all directions, serve and save this consecrated power for the noble people and the environment in the interest of national growth. Here is peace and pleasure, let it stay while you enjoy. Here is stability and constancy. Here is self-dependence and self-realisation.

## 20. (Prajapati and Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

काय स्वाहा कस्मै स्वाही कत्मस्मै स्वाहा स्वाहाधिमा-धीताय स्वाहा मर्नः प्रजापतये स्वाही चित्तं विज्ञीतायादित्यै स्वाहादित्ये मुद्दौ स्वाहादित्ये सुमृडीकायै स्वाहा सर्रस्वत्यै स्वाहा सर्रस्वत्ये पावकायै स्वाहा सर्रस्वत्ये बृहृत्ये स्वाही पूष्णे स्वाही पूष्णे प्रेपथ्याय स्वाहा पूष्णे न्रस्थिषाय स्वाहा त्वष्ट्रे स्वाहा त्वष्ट्रे तुरीपीय स्वाहा त्वष्ट्रे पुरुरूपीय स्वाहा विष्णीवे स्वाहा विष्णीवे निभूयपाय स्वाहा विष्णीवे शिपिविष्टाय स्वाही ॥२०॥

Kāya svāhā kasmai svāhā katamasmai svāhā svāhā "dhimādhītāya svāhā manaḥ prajāpataye svāhā cittaṁ vijñātāyādityai svāhā 'dityai mahyai svāhā 'dityai sumṛḍikāyai svāhā sarasvatyai svāhā sarasvatyai pāvakāyai svāhā sarasvatyai bṛhatyai svāhā pūṣṇe svāhā pūṣṇe prapathyāya svāhā pūṣṇe narandhiṣāya svāhā tvaṣṭre svāhā tvaṣṭre turīpāya svāhā tvaṣṭre pururūpāya svāhā viṣṇave svāhā viṣṇave sipiviṣṭāya svāhā.

Homage in honest thought, word and deed: to Prajapati, lord giver of peace and comfort, who Himself is peace and joy in the essence, who is the exceptional Being among the infinite beings in existence; homage to the scholar of wider learning; to the lord present in the mind; to the lord who knows the depths of the unconscious; to the mother earth; to the divine speech; to the kind and loving mother; to the streams and rivers; to the fluent speech that purifies the mind; to the universal speech in the universal mind; to the wind that sustains life; to the energy that freshens and restores life; to the universal teacher of humanity; to the lord creator and giver of light; to the lord giver of life and speed across

life; to the lord maker of many forms; to the lord omnipresent, protector of existence, and present in the depths of intelligence and in the unconscious.

## 21. (Vidvan Devata, Svastyatreya Ŗshi)

विश्वो देवस्यं नेतुर्मत्तों वुरीत सुख्यम् । विश्वो रायऽईषुध्यति द्युम्नं वृणीत पुष्यसे स्वाहां ॥२१॥

Viśvo devasya neturmarto vurīta sakhyam. Viśvo rāya 'iṣudhyati dyumnaṁ vṛṇīta puṣyase svāhā.

Let all mankind, with truth of thought, word and action, dedicate themselves to the love and friendship of the lord and light of existence. Let them all try for the wealth of the world and choose wealth and honour for the sake of growth and advancement in life.

#### 22. (Brahmanas & Others/Rashtra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आ ब्रह्मन् ब्राह्मणो ब्रह्मवर्च्सी जीयतामा राष्ट्रे रीज्न्यः शूरंऽइष्ट्रव्योऽतिव्याधी मेहार्थो जीयतां दोग्धी धेनुर्वोढी- नुड्वानाशः सितः पुरेन्धिर्योषी जिष्णू रेथेष्ठाः सभेयो युवास्य यजमानस्य वीरो जीयतां निकामे निकामे नः पूर्जन्यो वर्षतु फलेवत्यो नुऽओषेधयः पच्यन्तां योगक्षेमो नेः कल्पताम् ॥२२॥

Ā brahman brāhmaņo brahmavarcasī jāyatām ā rāṣṭre rājanyaḥ śūra'iṣavyo'tivyādhī mahāratho jāyatām dogdhrī dhenurvoḍhānaḍvān āśuḥ saptiḥ purandhiryoṣā jiṣṇū ratheṣṭhāḥ sabheyo yuvāsya yajamānasya vīro jāyatām nikāme nikāme naḥ parjanyo varṣatu phalavatyo na'oṣadhayaḥ pacyantām yogakṣemo naḥ kalpatām.

Lord Supreme of the world, in this Rashtra

(Republic) of ours, let the Brahmanas rise as a community of brilliant men of divinity and illustrious scholars of universal knowledge. Let the Kshatriyas rise as a force of heroic warriors of the chariot and routers of the enemy with unfailing arrows. May the cows be fertile and abundant in milk, the oxen, carriers of heavy load, the coursers, swift, the women, kind and generous; and may the children (people) of this yajamana, the ruler, be brave and fearless, victorious riders of the chariot, and youthful and civilized members of the council.

May the clouds rain in showers for us according to the need of the seasons. May the herbs and trees mature and ripen with abundant fruit. And may this land be securely blest with a ceaseless cycle of growth and protection of happiness and prosperity.

### 23. (Prana energy Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्राणाय स्वाहोऽपानाय स्वाहो व्यानाय स्वाहा चक्षुंषे स्वाहा श्रोत्रीय स्वाहो वाचे स्वाहा मनेसे स्वाहो ॥२३॥

Prāṇāya svāhā'pānāya svāhā vyānāya svāhā cakṣuṣe svāhā śrotāya svāhā vāce svāhā manase svāhā.

For prana and apana (breath in and out), yoga exercise; for vyana, systemic energy of the whole body, expert counselling; for the eye, training in direct observation and proof; for the ear, word of the wise; for the speech (tongue), love of truth; for the mind, thought and meditation.

(This is the way to growth and culture.)

#### 24. (Dishah, Directions Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

प्राच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहाऽर्वाच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहा दक्षिणायै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहाऽर्वाच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहा प्रतीच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहार्वाच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहा

Prācyai diśe svāhā'rvācyai diśe svāhā dakṣiṇāyai diśe svāhā'rvācyai diśe svāhā pratīcyai diśe svāhā'rvācyai diśe svāhodīcyai diśe svāhā'rvacyai diśe svāhordhvāyai diśe svāhā'rvācyai diśe svāhā'vācyai diśe svāhā'-'rvācyai diśe svāhā.

Pursue the science of Astronomy and the literature on the subject in right earnest for the knowledge of: the eastern direction from the horizon to the near-most point; the south-eastern direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the south-western direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the western direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the western direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the north western direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the north direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the north eastern direction from the farthest to the nearest point; the direction above from the highest to the lowest point; and the direction below from the farthest to the nearest point (where you are).

### 25. (Jala etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अद्भ्यः स्वाहो वाुर्भ्यः स्वाहोद्काय् स्वाहा तिष्ठेन्तीभ्यः स्वाहा स्रवेन्तीभ्यः स्वाहा स्यन्देमानाभ्यः स्वाहा कूप्योभ्यः स्वाहा सूद्योभ्यः स्वाहा धार्याभ्यः स्वाहोर्ण्वाय् स्वाहो समुद्राय् स्वाहो सरि्राय् स्वाहो ॥२५॥ Adbhyaḥ svāhā vārbhyaḥ svāhodakāya svāhā tiṣṭhantībhyaḥ svāhā sravantībhyaḥ svāhā syandamānābhyaḥ svāhā kūpyabhyaḥ svāhā sūdyābhyaḥ svāhā dhāryābhyaḥ svāhā'-rṇavāya svāhā samudrāya svāhā sarirāya svāhā.

For sacrificial waters, filtering and cleansing; for selected and controlled waters, watchful management; for fresh and spring waters, proper protection; for standing waters, safety from pollution and proper treatment with chemicals; for streaming waters, safety from waste discharge; for the rushing waters, control and management; for the well-waters, flow out and cleaning; for cooking and yajna waters, cleaning and sanctification; for conducted as well as rain waters, security and proper control; for space waters, research and environment control; for the oceans, knowledge of tides and preservation of nature; for the surging and fluctuating waters, proper management and grid-control. This is the honest action in truth and dedication.

## 26. (Vata, winds etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वातीय स्वाही धूमाय स्वाहाऽभ्राय स्वाही मेघाय स्वाही विद्योतेमानाय स्वाही स्त्नयेते स्वाहीऽव्स्फूर्जीते स्वाहा वर्षीते स्वाहीऽव्वर्षीते स्वाहोग्रं वर्षीते स्वाही शीघ्रं वर्षीते स्वाहीदगृह्णते स्वाहोदगृहीताय स्वाही प्रष्णते स्वाही शीकायते स्वाहा प्रष्वीभ्यः स्वाही हादुनीभ्यः स्वाही नीहाराय स्वाही ॥२६॥

Vātāya svāhā dhūmāya svāhā'bhrāya svāhā meghāya svāhā vidyotamānāya svāhā stanayate svāhā'vasphūrjate svāhā varṣate svāhā'vavarṣate svāhogram varṣate svāhā śīghram varṣate svāhodgṛhṇate svāhodgṛhītāya svāhā. pruṣṇate svāhā śīkāyate svāhā pruṣvābhyaḥ svāhā hrādunībhyaḥ svāhā nīhārāya svāhā.

Perform yajna for the purification, treatment and management of the air and wind, smoke and smog, the mist, the rainy cloud, the lightning cloud, the thundering cloud, the hailing cloud, the raining cloud, the pouring cloud, the bursting cloud, the vapour-holding cloud, the held up vapours, the refreshing rain, the rain that irrigates, the rain that is full and flourishing, the roaring cloud, and the frost and freezing rain.

# 27. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्नये स्वाहा सोमाय स्वाहेन्द्राय स्वाहा पृ<u>थि</u>व्यै स्वाहाऽन्तरिक्षाय स्वाहा <u>दि</u>वे स्वाहा <u>दि</u>ग्भ्यः स्वाहाशाभ्यः स्वाहोर्व्ये <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहार्वाच्यै <u>दि</u>शे स्वाहा ॥२७॥

Agnaye svāhā somāya svāhendrāya svāhā pṛthivyai svāhā'ntarikṣāya svāhā dive svāhā digbhyaḥ svāhā''śābhyaḥ svāhorvyai diśe svāhā'rvācyai diśe svāhā.

Let us perform yajna for the heat and vitality of life, for the peace and waters of life, for the energy and power of the soul, for the earth, the middle regions of the sky, and heaven and the regions of light, for the directions of space, for the interdirections, and for the upper and lower directions of space.

### 28. (Nakshatra, etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

नक्षेत्रेभ्यः स्वाहां नक्ष्वित्रयेभ्यः स्वाहां होरात्रेभ्यः स्वाहां मासेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रासेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रासेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रासेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रासेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रात्तेभ्यः स्वाहां संवत्सराय स्वाहा द्यावां पृथिवीभ्याः अस्वाहां चन्द्रायः स्वाहा सूर्यां य स्वाहां रिष्टमभ्यः स्वाहा वस्नेभ्यः स्वाहां क्रिवेभ्यः स्वाहां विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यः स्वाहा मूलेभ्यः स्वाहा शाखांभ्यः स्वाहा वन्स्पतिभ्यः स्वाहा पृष्येभ्यः स्वाहा फलेभ्यः स्वाहां धीभ्यः स्वाहां ॥२८॥

Nakṣatrebhyaḥ svāhā nakṣatriyebhyaḥ svāhā'horātrebhyaḥ svāhā'rdhamāsebhyaḥ svāhā
māsebhyaḥ svāhā rtubhyaḥ svāhā''rtavebhyaḥ
svāhā samvatsarāya svāhā dyāvāpṛthīvibhyām
svāhā candrāya svāhā sūryāya svāhā raśmibhyaḥ svāhā vasubhyaḥ svāhārudrebhyaḥ
svāhā''dityebhyaḥ svāhā marudbhyaḥ svāhā
viśvebhyo devebhyaḥ svāhā mūlebhyaḥ svāhā
śākhābhyaḥ svāhā vanaspatibhyaḥ svāhā
puṣpebhyaḥ svāhā phalebhyaḥ svāhauṣadhībhyaḥ svāhā.

Let us perform yajna and do our best for the stars and planets and their part in nature, the day-night cycle, the fortnights, the months, the seasons and their part in nature, the year, the heaven and earth, the moon, the sun, the rays of light, the Vasu sustainers of life, the Rudra sustainers of pranic energy, the solar zodiacs of time, the winds, all the divine powers of nature, the roots, the branches, the herbs and trees, the flowers, fruits and medicinal plants.

## 29. (Earth etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

पृ<u>थि</u>व्ये स्वाहाऽन्तरिक्षाय स्वाही <u>दि</u>वे स्वाहा सूर्यां'य स्वाही चन्द्राय स्वाहा नक्षत्रेभ्यः स्वाहाऽद्भ्यः स्वाहौषधीभ्यः स्वाहा वन्स्पतिभ्यः स्वाहो परिप्लुवेभ्यः स्वाहो चराच्रेभ्यः स्वाहो सरीसृपेभ्यः स्वाहो ॥२९॥

Pṛthivyai svāhā'ntarikṣāya svāhā dive svāhā sūryāya svāhā candrāya svāhā nakṣatrebhyaḥ svāhā'dbhyaḥ svāhauṣadhībhyaḥ svāhā vanaspatibhyaḥ svāhā pariplavebhyaḥ svāhā carācarebhyaḥ svāhā sarīsṛpebhyaḥ svāhā.

Let us perform yajna for the earth, the middle

regions of the sky, the heaven of light, the sun, the moon, the stars, the waters, the medicinal plants, the trees, all those that swim and float, those that move and don't move and all those that creep.

## 30. (Vasus etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

असेवे स्वाहा वसेवे स्वाहा विभुवे स्वाहा विवस्वते स्वाहा गणिश्रये स्वाहा गणिपतये स्वाहाधिपतये स्वाहा शृषाय स्वाहा सःसपाय स्वाहा चन्द्राय स्वाहा ज्योतिषे स्वाहा मिलम्लुचाय स्वाहा दिवा प्तये स्वाहा ॥३०॥

Asave svāhā vasave svāhā vibhuve svāhā vivasvate svāhā gaṇaśriye svāhā gaṇapataye svāhā'bhibhuve svāhā'dhipataye svāhā śūṣāya svāhā samsarpāya svāhā candrāya svāhā jyotiṣe svāhā malimlucāya svāhā divā pataye svāhā.

Let us perform yajna in homage to the energy of prana, the soul residing in the body, the universal energy, the lord giver of light, the electric energy that provides for the beauty of existence, the air that sustains the forms of life in nature, the heat energy that is always close at hand, the ruler president of the human community, the powers of defence, whatever glides or creeps silently, the moon and beauty of life, the light, the darkness, and the lord of the day, the sun.

## 31. (Masah months Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

मधेवे स्वाहा माधेवाय स्वाही शुक्राय स्वाहा शुचेये स्वाहा नर्भसे स्वाही नभस्याय स्वाहेषाय स्वाहोर्जाय स्वाहा सहसे स्वाही सहस्याय स्वाहा तर्पसे स्वाही तपस्याय स्वाहीछं-हसस्पतये स्वाही ॥३१॥ Madhave svāhā mādhavāya svāhā śukrāya svāhā śucaye svāhā nabhase svāhā nabhasyāya svāheṣāya svāhorjāya svāhā sahase svāhā sahasyāya svāhā tapase svāhā tapasyāya svāhā'mhasaspataye svāhā.

Let us perform yajna for the service and enrichment of the romantic spring month of Chaitra, the charming month of Vaishakha, the cleansing month of Jyeshtha, the brilliant and purifying month of Ashadha, the generous and showering month of Shravana, the misty and foggy month of Bhadrapada, the food-producing month of Ashvina, the feeding and energising month of Kartika, the strengthening and vigorous month of Marga-Shirsha, the most powerful endurable Pausha, the austere month of Magha, the month of observance of vows and austerities, Phalguna, and the intercalary month which is the lord over sin and perplexity.

## 32. (Vaja=food etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वाजीय स्वाही प्रस्वाय स्वाहीऽपिजाय स्वाहा क्रतेवे स्वाहा स्वः स्वाही मूर्ध्ने स्वाही व्यश्नुविने स्वाहाऽन्त्यीय स्वाहान्त्यीय भौवनाय स्वाहा भुवेनस्य पतेये स्वाहाधिपतये स्वाही प्रजापेतये स्वाही ।३२॥

Vājāya svāhā prasavāya svāhā'pijāya svāhā kratave svāhā svaḥ svāhā mūrdhne svāhā vyaśnuvine svāhā'ntyāya svāhā'ntyāya bhauvanāya svāhā bhuvanasya pataye svāhā'-dhipataye svāhā prajāpataye svāhā.

Let us perform yajna for the sake of food and energy, procreation, children and family, intelligence and action, happiness, intellect and purity of thought, universal vitality, the ultimate lord of existence, the ultimate reduction of existence which is prakriti, the transcendent lord of creation, Brahma, and and the father and guardian of the living beings, Prajapati.

## 33. (Life and vitality Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आर्युर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाही प्राणो युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहीऽ-पानो युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाही व्यानो युज्ञेने कल्पता्थं-स्वाहोदानो युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाही समानो युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा चक्षुर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थं स्वाहा श्रोत्रं युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा वाग्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा मनी युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहात्मा युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा स्वर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा ज्योतिर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा स्वर्य्ज्ञेने कल्पता्थं स्वाहा पृष्ठं युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा युज्ञेने कल्पता्थंस्वाहा ॥३३॥

Āyuryajñena kalpatām svāhā prāņo yajñena kalpatām svāhā'pāno yajñena kalpatām svāhā vyāno yajñena kalpatām svāhodāno yajñena kalpatām svāhā samāno yajñena kalpatām svāhā cakṣuryajñena kalpatām svāhā śrotram yajñena kalpatām svāhā vāgyajñena kalpatām svāhā mano yajñena kalpatām svāhā'tmā yajñena kalpatām svāhā brahmā yajñena kalpatām svāhā jyotiryajñena kalpatām svāhā svaryajñena kalpatām svāhā pṛṣṭham yajñena kalpatām svāhā.

May life grow by yajna and be dedicated, may prana energy grow by yajna and be dedicated, may apana energy grow by yajna and be dedicated, may vyana energy grow by yajna and be dedicated, may udana energy grow by yajna and be dedicated, may the ear and hearing grow by yajna and be dedicated, may the speech and all other senses of volition grow by yajna

and be dedicated, may the mind grow by yajna and yoga and be dedicated, may the soul grow by yajna and yoga and be dedicated to the lord of life and existence, may the knowledge of Veda and the man of knowledge grow by yajna and meditation and be dedicated, may the light of knowledge and the spirit grow by yajna and be dedicated to divine service, may the heavenly joy of the soul grow by yajna and be dedicated to the Divine, may the ultimate question and desire of the soul be answered and fulfilled by yajna and divine grace and be surrendered to the Divine. May the yajna of life and age grow to completion by constant yajna and meditation and terminate in the interminable and infinite divine super-existence, which is the last oblation of existential yajna.

## 34. (Yajna Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

एकस्मै स्वाहा द्वाभ्या्थंस्वाही शृताय स्वाहैकेशताय स्वाहा व्युष्ट्यै स्वाही स्वृगीय स्वाही ॥३४॥

Ekasmai svāhā dvābhyām svāhā śatāya svāhaikaśatāya svāhā vyuṣṭyai svāhā svargāya svāhā.

By yajna in truth of thought, word and deed, homage and surrender to the One, Supreme Soul of the universe. Homage to the two, Purusha, the supreme spirit, and Prakriti, one the efficient cause and the other the material cause of the world. Homage to the hundred (years of life and countless things). Homage to the hundred (years of life) and the one beyond. Homage to the fire, the reckoning and the dawn. Homage to Svarga, the joy of the next world.

इति द्वाविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXIII

1. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

हिर्ण्यगर्भः समेवर्त्तताग्रे भूतस्ये जातः पितरेकेऽआसीत् । स दोधार पृ<u>थि</u>वीं द्यामुतेमां कस्मै देवाये हृविषो विधेम ॥१॥

Hiraṇyagarbhaḥ samavartatāgre bhūtasya jātaḥ patireka'āsīt. Sa dādhāra pṛthivīṁ dyāmutemāṁ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The Great Golden Egg, the mighty original womb of the lights of the world such as the sun and moon, exists by Himself before the world comes into existence. He is the sole lord manifest, preserver, creator and guardian of the world of forms. He holds this earth and Heaven, and to that lord of bliss and majesty we offer our homage and worship with the surrender of our mind and soul.

## 2. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि प्रजापंतये त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णाम्येष ते यो<u>निः</u> सूर्यंस्ते महिमा । यस्तेऽहंन्त्संवत्सरे महिमा संम्ब्भूव यस्ते वायावन्तरिक्षे महिमा संम्ब्भूव यस्ते दिवि सूर्यं महिमा सम्बभूव यस्ते दिवि सूर्यं महिमा सम्बभूव तस्मै ते महिमने प्रजापंतये स्वाहां देवेभ्यः ॥२॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si prajāpataye tvā juṣṭaṁ gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yoniḥ sūryaste mahimā. Yaste' hantsaṁvatsare mahimā sambabhūva yaste vāyāvantarikṣe mahimā sambabhūva yaste divi sūrye mahimā sambabhūva tasmai te mahimne prajāpataye svāhā devebhyaḥ.

Lord of this great universe, through the discipline of yoga you are realized and consecrated in the heart and soul, and loved in faith for the sake of Prajapati, protector and guardian of the people. I accept and surrender to you.

This Prakriti and the world of forms is your seat of immanence. The sun is the manifestation of your grandeur. The glory of yours which manifests in the day and in the year, the glory which manifests in the air and in the sky, the glory which manifests in the sun and in heaven, to that glory and to you we offer our homage and worship for the sake of Prajapati, guardian of the people, and the devas, noble and generous powers of nature and humanity.

## 3. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यः प्राण्तो निमिष्तो मिह्नत्वैक्ऽ इद्राजा जगतो ब्रभूव । यऽईशेऽअस्य हिपद्श्चतुष्पदः कस्मै देवार्य हिवर्षा विधेम ॥३॥

Yaḥ prāṇato nimiṣato mahitvaika'idrājā jagato babhūva. Ya īṣe'asya dvipadaścatuṣpadaḥ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The sole one lord who, with His own might, creates and rules over the world of those who breathe and see, the lord who rules over men and animals, to that sovereign lord of bliss and majesty we offer our homage and worship with our heart and soul.

## 4. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उपयामगृहीतोऽसि प्रजापतये त्वा जुष्टं गृह्णाम्येष ते योनिश्चन्द्रमस्ते महिमा । यस्ते रात्रौ संवत्सरे महिमा सम्बभूव यस्ते पृ<u>थि</u>व्यामग्नौ महिमा सम्बभूव यस्ते नक्षत्रेषु चन्द्रमिस महिमा सम्बभूव तस्मै ते महिम्ने प्रजापतये देवेभ्यः स्वाहो ॥४॥

Upayāmagṛhīto'si prajāpataye tvā juṣṭaṁ gṛhṇāmyeṣa te yoniścandramāste mahimā. Yaste rātrau saṁvatsare mahimā sambabhūva yaste pṛthivyāmagnau mahimā sambabhūva yaste nakṣatreṣu candramasi mahimā sambabhūva tasmai te mahimne prajāpataye devebhyaḥ svāhā.

Lord of the universe, seated and consecrated you are in the heart. Loved and worshipped you are in faith. I surrender to you for the sake of Prajapati, protector and guardian of the people.

This world is your space of immanence and omnipotence. The moon is the symbol of your glory. The grandeur of yours which manifests in the night and in the year, the generosity of yours which manifests in the earth and in the universal fire vitality, the glory of yours which manifests in the stars and in the moon, to that glory of yours and to you we offer our homage and worship for the sake of Prajapati and the noble and brilliant powers of nature and humanity.

## 5. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युञ्जन्ति ब्र्ध्नमेरुषं चरन्तं परि तस्थुषेः । रोचन्ते रोचना <u>दि</u>वि ॥५॥

Yuñjanti bradhnamaruṣaṁ carantaṁ pari tasthuṣaḥ. Rocante rocanā divi.

Those who join their mind and soul to the great and glorious presence of God vibrating like electric energy in the moving and non-moving forms of existence, shine like the sunlight in heaven.

## 6. (Surya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

युञ्जन्त्येस्य काम्या हरी विपेक्षसा रथे। शोणां धृष्णू नृवाहंसा ॥६॥

Yuñjantyasya kāmyā harī vipakṣasā rathe. Śoṇā dhṛṣṇū nṛvāhasā.

Just as they yoke to the chariot two strong, handsome, reddish horses worthy of ride by men and loved by all, so do the yogis join their senses, mind and soul to Ishvara, lord and light of the world.

(So do the scientists use the carrier currents of solar and electric energy, i.e., the energy of Surya/sun and Indra/electricity, in the service of humanity for the divine purpose.)

## 7. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद्वातोऽअपोऽअर्गनीगन् प्रियामिन्द्रस्य तुन्वृम् । एतःस्तौतर्नेनं पृथा पुनुरश्वमार्वर्त्तयासि नः ॥७॥

Yadvāto'apo'aganīgan priyāmindrasya tanvam. Etam stotaranena pathā punaraśvamāvartayāsi nah.

O man of the science-mantra, the celestial horse, mighty carrier, flies across the waters of the sky and the wondrous oceans of space on the wings of the winds. The same horse, by the same paths of energy, you bring us back and take us round.

## 8. (Vayu & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वंसवस्त्वाञ्जन्तु गाय्त्रेण् छन्दंसा रुद्रास्त्वञ्जन्तु त्रैष्टुंभेन् छन्दंसा<u>दि</u>त्यास्त्वञ्जन्तु जार्गतेन् छन्दंसा । भूर्भुवः स्वर्लाजी३।।ञ्छाची३।।न् यव्ये गव्यंऽएतदन्नमत्त देवाऽ-एतदन्नमद्धि प्रजापते ॥८॥

Vasavastvāñjantu gāyatreņa chandasā rudrāstvāñjantu traiṣṭubhena chandasā" dityā stvāñjantu jāgatena chandasā. Bhūrbhuvaḥ svarlājīñchācīn yavye gavya' etadannamatta devā' etadannamaddhi prajāpate.

Prajapati, guardian and protector of the people, may the scholars of the Vasu order of twenty-four years celebrate you with the joy of the gayatri verses. May the scholars of the Rudra order of thirty-six years enlighten you with the knowledge of the trishtubh verses. May the scholars of the Aditya order of forty-eight years beatify you with the vision of the jagati verses. Receive the homage and be pleased by this celebration.

Brilliant men of knowledge and vision, take the food from the fields of barley and milk of the cow and reach across the regions of the earth to the sky and the heavens orbiting in their own courses in space.

9. (Jijnasu=researcher Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कः स्विदेकाकी चेरित कऽउं स्विज्जायते पुनेः। किःस्विद्धिमस्यं भेषुजं किम्वावर्पनं मुहत् ॥९॥

Kaḥ svidekākī carati ka'u svijjāyate punaḥ. Kim sviddhimasya bheṣajam kimvāvapanam mahat.

Who moves alone (by itself, self-lighted)? Who

is born again (in another's light)? What is the antidote of cold? What is the great field for the sowing of seeds and the great store for things?

## 10. (Surya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सूर्यं ऽएकाकी चेरति चन्द्रमा जायते पुनेः। अग्नि<u>र्हि</u>मस्ये भेषुजं भूमिरावर्पनं महत् ॥१०॥

Sūrya'ekākī carati candramā jāyate punaḥ. Agnirhimasya bheṣajam bhūmiravapanam mahat.

The sun moves alone (self-lighted, on its own axis). The moon is born again (in the light of the sun). Fire is the antidote of cold. The earth is the great field for the sowing of seeds (and the great store-house of things, with its gravity).

## 11. (Jijnasu=researcher Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

का स्विदासीत्पूर्वचि<u>त्तिः</u> किःस्विदासीद् बृहद्वयेः । का स्विदासीत्पिलि<u>प</u>िला का स्विदासीत्पिशङ्गिला ॥११॥

Kā svidāsīt pūrvacittiḥ kim svidāsīd bṛhadvayaḥ. Kā svidāsīt pilippilā kā svidāsīt piśaṅgilā.

What is the first object of perception and thought? What is the great bird of motion? What is soft, smooth and beautiful? What is it that devours light and form?

## 12. (Vidyut, energy Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

द्यौरासीत् पूर्वचि<u>त्ति</u>रश्वेऽआसीद् बृहद्वयेः । अविरासीत्पिलि<u>प</u>्पिला रात्रिरासीत्पिशङ्गिला ॥१२॥

Dyaurāsīt pūrvacittiraśva'āsīd bṛhadvayaḥ. Avirāsīt pilippilā rātrirāsīt piśaṅgilā.

Heaven is the first object of perception and thought. Energy, electricity and light, is the greatest bird of motion. Protective mother earth is soft, smooth and beautiful. The night of darkness devours light and forms.

## 13. (Brahmadaya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

वायुष्ट्वा पच्तैरेवत्वसितग्रीवश्छागैन्य्ग्रीधेश्चम्सैः शेल्म्लि-वृद्ध्या। एष स्य राथ्यो वृषा पुड्भिश्चतुर्भिरेदंगन्ब्रह्मा कृष्णश्च नोऽवतु नमो॒ऽग्नये ॥१३॥

Vāyuṣṭvā pacatairavatvasitagrīvaśchāgairnyagrodhaścamasaiḥ śalmalirvṛddhyā. Eṣa sya rāthyo vṛṣā paḍbhiścaturbhiredaganbrahmā kṛṣṇaśca no'vatu namo'gnaye.

Seeker of knowledge, may the air protect you with maturation and perfection. May the fire nourish and protect you with the milk of goats. May the banyan tree strengthen and protect you with ladlefuls of juice. May the shalmali plant protect and advance you with growth. May this strong and virile chariot horse on its four legs carry you forward on your journey.

Brahma, brilliant star of knowledge, guide and protect us. All homage, respect and support for Agni, light of knowledge and yajna.

## 14. (Brahma Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सःशितो रिश्मना रथः सःशितो रिश्मना हर्यः। सःशितो अप्स्वप्सुजा ब्रह्मा सोमपुरोगवः ॥१४॥

Samśito raśminā rathah samśito raśminā hayah. Samśito apsvapsujā brahmā somapurogavah.

The chariot is refined by the light of sunbeams. The horse is refined by sensitive reins of steering. The expert man of knowledge born of the energy of prana, working on energy, is refined by advancement in the knowledge of health, peace and value of honour.

## 15. (Vidvan Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

स्वयं वाजिःस्तन्वं कल्पयस्व स्वयं येजस्व स्वयं जुषस्व । मृहिमा तेऽन्येन न सुन्नशे ॥१५॥

Svayam vājinstanvam kalpayasva svayam yajasva svayam juṣava. Mahimā te'nyena na sannaśe.

Man of knowledge, seeker of advancement, develop your self by yourself. Do the yajna of joint work by your own choice. Serve the scholars and society by yourself. Your eminence and value must not be destroyed by others.

#### 16. (Savita Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

न वाऽर्डऽएतिम्रियसे न रिष्यिस देवाँ२॥ऽइदेषि पृथिभिः सुगेभिः। यत्रासीते सुकृतो यत्र ते ययुस्तत्रे त्वा देवः संविता देधातु ॥१६॥

Na vā'u'etanmriyase na riṣyasi devāň'ideṣi pathibhiḥ sugebhiḥ. Yatrāsate sukṛto yatra te yayustatra tvā devaḥ savitā dadhātu.

Man of knowledge and yajna, you go to meet with the seers and sages by the straight and right paths of truth. Die you shall not, nor your value diminish.

Where dwell the men of right action and where they realize lasting peace and joy, there may Savita, lord of light and life, establish you.

## 17. (Agni and Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अग्निः पृशुरिस्तित्तेनियजन्त सऽपृतं लोकमेजयद्यस्मिन्नग्निः स ते लोको भविष्यति तं जेष्यसि पिबैताऽअपः । वायुः पृशुरिस्तित्तेनीयजन्त सऽपृतं लोकमेजयद्यस्मिन्वायुः स ते लोको भविष्यति तं जेष्यसि पिबैताऽअपः । सूर्यः पृशुरिस्तित्तेनीयजन्त सऽपृतं लोकमेजयद्यस्मिन्त्सूर्यः स ते लोको भविष्यति तं जेष्यसि पिबैताऽअपः ॥१७॥ लोको भविष्यति तं जेष्यसि पिबैताऽअपः ॥१७॥

Agniḥ paśurāsīt tenāyajanta sa'etamillokamajayad yasminnagniḥ sa te loko bhaviṣyati tam jeṣyasi pibaitā'apaḥ. Vāyuḥ paśurāsīt tenāyajanta sa'etamillokamajayad yasminvāyuḥ sa te loko bhaviṣyati tam jeṣyasi pibaitā'apaḥ. Sūryaḥ paśurāsīt tenāyajanta sa etamillokamajayad yasmintsūryaḥ sa te loko bhaviṣyati tam jeṣyasi pibaitā'apaḥ.

Agni, fire, is the soul of yajna, a direct participant. The divines perform yajna with agni. Who ever does the yajna with agni wins the sphere where agni is supreme. The same will become your sphere too, you would conquer it if you do yajna. Drink deep at the fount of knowledge and joy purified by agni.

Vayu, wind, is the soul of yajna, a seer and participant. The divines perform yajna by vayu. Whoever does the yajna by vayu wins the sphere where vayu is supreme. The same will become your sphere too, you would conquer it if you do yajna. Drink deep at the fount of breath and energy purified by vayu.

Surya, the sun, is the soul of yajna, a seer and participant. The divines perform yajna with the sun. Whoever does the yajna with the sun wins the sphere where the sun is supreme. The same will become your

sphere too, you would win it if you do yajna. Drink deep at the fount of light and energy purified by the sun.

## 18. (Prana etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्राणाय स्वाहोपानाय स्वाहो व्यानाय स्वाहो । अम्बेऽ-अ<u>म्बि</u>केऽम्बोलिके न मो नयति कश्चन । ससिस्त्यश्वकः सुभेद्रिकां काम्पीलवासिनीम् ॥१८॥

Prāṇāya svāhā- 'pānāya svāhā vyānāya svāhā. Ambe ambike' mbālike na mā nayati kaścana. Sasastyaśvakaḥ subhadrikāṁ kāmpīlavāsinīm.

Best of thought, word and action in truth for prana, for apana and for vyana, the energy of breath, the energy for systemic cleansing, and the overall health and vitality of the body system.

Mother, grand-mother, and great-grand-mother, none can retain and sustain me or anyone in the splendid good fortune and peaceful settled seat of the man of prosperity, who, though he might have been as fast and impetuous as a war-horse, goes to sleep in sloth after getting the wealth and comfort.

#### 19. (Ganapati Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

गुणानं त्वा गुणपेति हवामहे प्रियाणं त्वा प्रियपेति हवामहे निधीनां त्वी निधिपिति हवामहे वसो मम् । आहमेजानि गर्भुधमा त्वमेजासि गर्भुधम् ॥१९॥

Gaṇānāṁ tvā gaṇapatim havāmahe priyāṇāṁ tvā priyapatim havāmahe nidhīnāṁ tvā nidhipatim havāmahe vaso mama. Āhamajāni garbhadhamā tvamajāsi garbhadham.

Lord of the universe, you are the presiding and

protective fatherly presence over all the groups, communities and republics of the world. Such as you are, we accept, realise and surrender unto you.

You are the darling life-giver and protector of all things of existence which are so dear to you. We recognise, realise and worship you in love and faith.

You are the giver, protector and promoter of all the wealths of the world. We surrender to you in worship and gratitude and pray to you for all the wealth, prosperity and happiness of life.

Lord omnipresent in every particle of existence, every particle of existence exists in you. You are my haven and home too. You are the father of all forms of existence. I pray that I may know you, the father, that I may know Prakriti, the mother; and that I may know all the forms of existence, as you do.

## 20. (Raja & Praja Devate, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ताऽउभौ चतुर्रः पदः सम्प्रसौरयाव स्वर्गे लोके प्रोणीवाथां वृषा वाजी रेतोधा रेतो दधातु ॥२०॥

Tā'ubhau caturaḥ padaḥ samprasārayāva svarge loke prorņuvāthām vṛṣā vājī retodhā reto dadhātu.

Let both of them, the ruler and the people, protect and support each other. May both realise and extend the four values of life: Dharma, righteous living, Artha, worldly well-being, kama, self-fulfilment, and Moksha, ultimate freedom. May the ruler, wielder of power, swift in action and advancement, strengthen the people with power, and the people, in return, strengthen the ruler with power.

## 21. (Raja, judge Devate, Prajapati Rshi)

उत्संक्थ्याऽअवं गुदं धे<u>हि</u> सम्जिंज चरिया वृषन् । य स्त्रीणां जीवभोजनः ॥२१॥

Utsakthyā' ava gudaṁ dhehi samañjiṁ cārayā vṛṣan. Ya strīṇāṁ jīvabhojanaḥ.

O Ruler, man of strength and power, if there is anyone evil who plays with the life and honour of women, punish him. Establish peace among the people. Establish the rule of law. Eliminate immorality and wantonness from the state.

## 22. (Raja Praja Devate, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यकासकौ श्रेकु<u>न्ति</u>काऽऽहलुगि<u>ति</u> वञ्चेति । आहेन्ति गुभे पसो निर्गलाली<u>ति</u> धार्रका ॥२२॥

Yakāsakau śakuntikā" halagiti vañcati. Āhanti gabhe paso nigalgalīti dhārakā.

Where the ruler strikes at the people, he strikes at the nation and the state because there the people, though otherwise they enjoyed comfort and happiness before, grow weaker and weaker now and fade like a helpless bird. When such a ruler exacts taxes from the farmers, he only cheats the nation.

#### 23. (Raja Praja Devate, Prajapati Rshi)

युक्नेऽसुकौ श्रीकुन्तुकऽआहलुगिति वञ्चीत । विविक्षतऽइव ते मुखुमध्वीयों मा नुस्त्वमुभि भाषथाः ॥२३॥

Yako'sakau śakuntaka'āhalagiti vañcati. Vivakṣata'iva te mukhamadhvaryo mā nastvamabhi bhāṣathāḥ.

Ruler, high-priest of the yajna of the state, make

no false promises to us. Let your mouth be not like a boaster's. If you tell lies, you will grow weaker and weaker like a helpless bird and end up, cheating yourself.

# 24. (Bhumi and Surya Devate, Prajapati Rshi) माता चे ते पिता च तेऽग्रं वृक्षस्यं रोहतः । प्रतिलामीति ते पिता गभे मुष्टिमंतश्सयत् ॥२४॥

Mātā ca te pitā ca te' gram vṛkṣasya rohataḥ. Pratilāmīti te pitā gabhe muṣṭimatamsayat.

Ruler, the earth your mother and the sun your father rise to the top of the world. The sun strikes at the treasure of space-waters with his light and power, the earth receives the showers and shines. Celebrate them with the people in yajna: It is beautiful, it is joyous. I am happy.

# 25. (Bhumi and Surya Devate, Prajapati Rshi) माता चे ते पिता च तेऽग्रे वृक्षस्य क्रीडतः । विवेक्षतऽइव ते मुखं ब्रह्मन्मा त्वं वेदो बहु ॥२५॥

Mātā ca te pitā ca te'gre vṛkṣasya krīḍataḥ. Vivakṣata'iva te mukham brahman mā tvam vado bahu.

People of the land, your mother-land like the earth and the ruler, father of the nation, like the sun, both joyous, play on top of the world in the midst of beauty and prosperity. Ruler, Brahma, presiding priest of the national yajna, your mouth seems eager to shout with pride and joy. At that time, speak not much, control yourself.

## 26. (Shri Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ऊर्ध्वामेनामुच्छ्रीपय गिरौ भारश्हरन्निव । अथस्यि मध्यमेधताछंशीते वाते पुनन्निव ॥२६॥ Ūrdhvāmenāmucchrāpaya girau bhāram haranniva. Athāsyai madhyamedhatām śīte vāte punanniva.

Ruler of the land, lead this rising nation to the heights of beauty and prosperity like a mountaineer bearing his banner to the top of the mount, and, in the midst of this people, being sanctified as if in the cool mountain breezes, move on higher and ever higher.

## 27. (Shri Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ऊर्ध्वमैनमुर्च्ध्रयताद् गिरौ भारश्हरन्निव । अथास्य मध्यमेजतु शीते वाते पुनन्निव ॥२७॥

Ūrdhvamenamucchrayatād girau bharam haranniva. Athāsya madhyamejatu śīte vāte punanniva.

Man of knowledge, enlightened citizen, support this rising ruler to the height of glory and power as a mountaineer carrying his burden to the top of the mount, and, in the midst of this nation, and sifting the truth from falsehood, as if, in the cool breeze, shine on in the beauty and prosperity of the land.

## 28. (Prajapati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यदंस्याऽअश्हुभेद्याः कृधु स्थूलमुपातंसत् । मुष्काविदंस्याऽएजतो गोशुफे शंकुलाविव ॥२८॥

Yadasyā'amhubhedyāḥ kṛdhu sthūlamupātasat. Muṣkāvidasyā'ejato gośaphe śakulāviva.

When the small and great acts of the people who clear out sin and crime from the society are appreciated by the ruler and the enlightened officers, they, the ruler and the elite, captivate the heart of the people and they

shine in their eyes as shakula fish shine in a little pool of water.

## 29. (Scholars Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

यद्देवासी लुलामेगुं प्र विष्टीमिन्माविषुः । सुक्थ्ना देविश्यते नारी सुत्यस्या<u>क्षि</u>भुवी यथा ॥२९॥

Yaddevāso lalāmagum pravistīminamāvisuh. Sakthnā dediśyate nārī satyasyākṣibhuvo yathā.

Just as noble people approach an eminent and reasonable judge for justice, just as a woman is distinguished by her body, so the men of reason find out the truth by direct observation of evidence.

## 30. (Raja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद्ध<u>िरिणो यवमित्ति</u> न पुष्टं पुशु मन्यते । शूद्रा यदर्यंजारा न पोषाय धनायति ॥३०॥

Yaddhariṇo yavamatti na puṣṭaṁ paśu manyate. Śūdrā yadaryajārā na poṣāya dhanāyati.

When the deer eats up the barley it does not care for the field but destroys it. A servant woman who is the mistress of her master loves money but not for the well-being of her master or of her family. So when a ruler exploits his people, he does not care for their well-being, he destroys the nation.

## 31. (Raja Praja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यद्ध<u>िर</u>णो यवमित्त न पुष्टं बहु मन्यते । शूद्रो यदयीयै जारो न पोष्मनुमन्यते ॥३१॥

Yaddhariṇo yavamatti na puṣṭaṁ bahu manyate. Śūdro yadaryāyai jāro na poṣamanumanyate.

The deer that eats up the barley cares not for the

crop and the field. The servant who is a paramour of his mistress cares not for the well-being of the family. The ruler who exploits the people destroys the nation.

## 32. (Raja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

द्धिक्राव्योऽअकारिषं जिष्योरश्वस्य वाजिनेः । सुर्भि नो मुखो कर्त्प्र णऽआयूर्छंषि तारिषत् ॥३२॥

Dadhikrāvņo'akāriṣam jiṣṇoraśvasya vājinaḥ. Surabhi no mukhā karat pra ṇa'āyūnṣi tāriṣat.

The hero is on guard, holding and protecting the land and people. Like a knight of horse panting for victory, fast advancing in the battle, I place him at the head of the nation. May he do us proud, holding our head high gracefully, and may he carry us across the field of life.

## 33. (Scholars Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

गायत्री त्रिष्टुब्जगेत्यनुष्टुप्पङ्क्त्या सह । बृहृत्युष्णिहो कुकुप्सूचीभिः शम्यन्तु त्वा ॥३३॥

Gāyatrī triṣṭubjagatyanuṣṭuppaṅktyā saha. Bṛhatyuṣṇihā kakupsūcībhiḥ śamyantu tvā.

May the scholars with research and action perfect and stabilize you in peace and tranquillity with the joyous gayatri, the stable trishtup, the protective anushtup, the comprehensive pankti, the expansive brihati, the lovely ushnih, and the charming kakup verses of the Veda.

(May the scholars perfect the ruler.)

#### 34. (Praja Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

द्विपेदा याश्चतुष्पदास्त्रिपेदा याश्च षट्पेदाः । विच्छेन्दा याश्च सच्छेन्दाः सूचीिभेः शम्यन्तु त्वा ॥३४॥ Dvipadā yāścatuṣpadāstripadā yāśca ṣaṭpadāḥ. Vicchandā yāśca sacchandāḥ sūcībhiḥ śamyantu tvā.

O citizens of the nation, may the learned and the wise, with their knowledge and acts, perfect and stabilise you in peace and tranquillity with two-part, four-part, three-part, or six-part, or various or regular verses of the Veda.

## 35. (Praja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

महानोम्न्यो रेवत्यो विश्वा आशाः प्रभूवेरीः। मैघीर्विद्युतो वार्चः सूचीभिः शम्यन्तु त्वा ॥३५॥

Mahānāmnyo revatyo viśvā āśāḥ prabhūvarīḥ. Maighīrvidyuto vācaḥ sūcībhiḥ śamyantu tvā.

Seekers of knowledge, citizens of the nation, may the universal words of wisdom, golden rich, great and sublime, ringing in all directions, raining like the clouds, roaring like thunder, and blazing as lightning — may all these great voices perfect you with their integrative and elevating message of peace and stability.

## 36. (Women Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

नार्य'स्ते पत्न्यो लोम विचिन्वन्तु मनीषयी । देवानां पत्न्यो दिशीः सूचीिभीः शम्यन्तु त्वा ॥३६॥

Nāryaste patnyo loma vicinvantu manīṣayā. Devānām patnyo diśah sūcībhiḥ śamyantu tvā.

Ruler, citizens, teachers, may the women, virgins and wives of the noble people, protectors of the nation, listen and gather your words with care and understanding, and may they, like the pure transparent quarters of space, stabilise and perfect you with their integrative words

and acts of love and wisdom.

## 37. (Women Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

र्जुता हरिणीः सीसा युजौ युज्यन्ते कर्मीभिः । अश्वस्य वाजिनस्त्वचि सिमोः शम्यन्तु शम्यन्तीः॥३७॥

Rajatā hariņīḥ sīsā yujo yujyante karmabhiḥ. Aśvasya vājinastvaci simāḥ śamyantu śamyantīḥ.

Women in love, lovely, captivating, arresting with love and loyalty, exciting and dedicated, are joined in marriage to the protection and embrace of handsome, virile and generous young men by their own will and action. Bound in the discipline of matrimony, may they be at peace in security, and may they provide for the love, peace and security of the young men of their choice.

## 38. (Sabhasad Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

कुविदङ्ग यवमन्तो यव<u>िञ</u>्चद्यथा दान्त्येनुपूर्वं <u>वि</u>यूये । <u>इ</u>हेहैषां कृणुहि भोजना<u>नि</u> ये बहिषो नर्मऽउ<u>क्तिं</u> यजन्ति ॥३८॥

Kuvidaṅga yavamanto yavañcidyathā dāntyanupūrvaṁ viyūya. Ihehaiṣāṁ kṛṇuhi bhojanāni ye barhiso nama' uktiṁ yajanti.

Dear Sabhasad, eminent member of the council, just as farmers blest with rich barley harvest the grain with discrimination, some plants separately and some together, so do the teachers sit on seats of grass, receive food and water, and carry on the yajna of education accomplishing their work with the disciples with judgement. Here in this school, provide for their food and maintenance.

#### 39. (Adhyapaka Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

कस्त्वा<u>छ्यति</u> कस्त्वा विशा<u>स्ति</u> कस्ते गात्राणि शम्यति । कऽर्ड ते श<u>मि</u>ता कृविः ॥३९॥

Kastvā chyati kastvā višāsti kaste gātrāņi samyati. Ka u te samitā kaviņ.

Young learner, who cuts, grinds and shapes you into form? Who teaches, directs and controls you? Who exercises your body-parts to suppleness and equipoise? Who is the sage and seer, high-priest of your education, giving the last oblation of completion?

## 40. (Praja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ऋतवेस्तऽऋतुथा पर्वं श<u>ि</u>मतारो विशासतु । संवृत्सरस्य तेजेसा शुमीभिः शम्यन्तु त्वा ॥४०॥

Ŗtavasta'ṛtuthā parva śamitāro vi śāsatu. Saṁvatsarasya tejasā śamībhiḥ śamyantu tvā.

Learner, seeker of knowledge and expertise, may the seasons and the teachers training you in peace and action instruct and temper you according to the needs of the time and the stage of your life, and may they complete and perfect you with the splendour of the sun round the year and peaceable action and refinement.

#### 41. (Praja Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अर्द्धमासाः पर्रूछंषि ते मासाऽआच्छ्यन्तु शम्येन्तः। अ<u>हो</u>रात्राणि मुरुतो विलिष्टश्सूदयन्तु ते ॥४१॥

Ardhamāsāḥ parūmṣi te māsā'ācchyantu śamyantaḥ. Ahorātrāṇi maruto viliṣṭam sūdayantu te.

Learner, seeker of knowledge, may the days and

nights, fortnights and months developing you refine and strengthen your body parts and life's periods, and may the learned soften your roughness and eliminate your hardness.

## 42. (Adhyapaka Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

दैव्योऽअध्वर्यवस्त्वाच्छ्येन्तु वि चे शासतु । गात्रोणि पर्वुशस्ते सिमोः कृण्वन्तु शम्येन्तीः॥४२॥

Daivyā'adhvaryavastvācchyantu vi ca śāsatu. Gātrāṇi parvaśaste simāḥ kṛṇvantu śamyantīḥ.

Learner, seeker, ruler, citizen, may the divine highpriests of the yajna and development of the nation instruct and refine you and develop the parts of your body, life and community from every joint and transition onward. May the loving motherly women wholly dedicated soften your heart and refine your mind.

## 43. (Raja Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

द्यौस्ते पृ<u>थि</u>व्युन्तरिक्षं वा<u>युश्छिद्रं</u> पृणातु ते । सूर्यंस्ते नक्षत्रैः सह लोकं कृणोतु साधुया ॥४३॥

Dyauste pṛthivyantarikṣaṁ vāyuśchidraṁ pṛṇātu te. Sūryaste nakṣatraiḥ saha lokaṁ kṛṇotu sādhuyā.

May the heaven (with its light), the earth (with his generosity and stability), the sky (with its expanse), the wind and air (with speed and energy) make up your wants and repair your weaknesses. And may the sun, lord of light and life, with the stars and planets, create for you a straight and simple world of beauty, freedom and progress.

## 44. (Raja Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

शं ते परेभ्यो गात्रेभ्यः शमस्त्ववरेभ्यः । शमस्थभ्यो मुज्जभ्यः शम्वस्तु तुन्वै तर्व ॥४४॥

Śam te parebhyo gātrebhyaḥ śamastvavarebhyaḥ. Śamasthabhyo majjabhyaḥ śamvastu tanvai tava.

Peace and health to the higher parts of your personality. Peace and health to the lower parts of your body. Peace and strength to your bones and marrow. Peace and well-being to your body and mind all over.

## 45. (Jijnasu=Seeker Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कः स्विदेकाकी चेरित कऽउं स्विज्जायते पुनेः। किछंस्विद्धिमस्यं भेषुजं किम्वावर्पनं महत् ॥४५॥

Kaḥ svidekākī carati ka u svijjāyate punaḥ. Kim sviddhimasya bhesajam kimvāvapanam mahat.

Who moves alone? Who is born again and again? What is the antidote of cold? And what is the great field and hold of life, seed and sustenance?

#### 46. (Surya etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

सूर्यं ऽएकाकी चेरति चन्द्रमा जायते पुनेः। अग्निहिंमस्य भेषुजं भूमिरावर्पनं महत् ॥४६॥

Sūrya'ekākī carati candramā jāyate punaḥ. Agnirhimasya bheṣajam bhūmirāvapanam mahat.

The sun moves alone. The moon is born again and again. Fire, heat, is the antidote of cold. And earth is the great field and hold of life, seed and sustenance.

## 47. (Jijnasu Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

कि<u>श्स्वित्सूर्यंसमं</u> ज्यो<u>तिः</u> किश्संमुद्रसंमुश्सर्रः। किश्स्वित्पृ<u>थि</u>व्ये वर्षींयुः कस्यु मात्रा न विद्यते ॥४७॥

Kim svit sūryasamam jyotih kim samudrasamam sarah. Kim svit pṛthivyai varṣīyah kasya mātrā na vidyate.

What is the other light like the sun? What is the vessel-hold of water like the sea? What is larger than the earth? What is without limits in the world?

## 48. (Brahma etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ब्रह्म सूर्यंसम् ज्योतिद्योः समुद्रसम्भ्सरः । इन्द्रः पृ<u>थि</u>व्ये वर्षीं यान् गोस्तु मात्रा न विद्यते ॥४८॥

Brahma sūryasamam jyotirdyauh samudrasamam sarah. Indrah pṛthivyai varṣīyān gostu mātrā na vidyate.

Brahma is the light like the sun. The sky is the great vessel-hold of waters like the sea. The sun is greater than the earth. Word, divine speech, has no limits.

## 49. (Question-Answer Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

पृच्छामि त्वा <u>चि</u>तयै देवसख् य<u>दि</u> त्वमत्र मनेसा जगन्थे । येषु विष्णु<u>स्त्रिषु प</u>देष्वेष्ट्स्तेषु विश्वं भुवेनुमाविवेशा३॥४९॥

Pṛcchāmi tvā citaye devasakha yadi tvamatra manasā jagantha. Yeṣu viṣṇustriṣu padeṣveṣṭasteṣu viśvaṁ bhuvanamāvivesā.

Friend of the divine, I ask you for my understanding, if with your mind you can reach the answer: Does the living world exist in those three regions of the universe — the earth, the sky, and the heavens, wherein Vishnu, universal lord of the world, pervades?

#### 50. (Ishvara Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अपि तेषु त्रिषु पदेष्वे<u>स्मि</u> येषु विश्वं भुवेनमा<u>वि</u>वेशे । सद्यः पर्वे'मि पृ<u>थि</u>वीमुत द्यामेकेनाङ्गेन <u>दि</u>वोऽअस्य पृष्ठम् ॥५०॥

Api teşu trişu padeşvasmi yeşu viśvam bhuvanamāviveśa. Sadyaḥ paryemi pṛthivīmuta dyāmekenāṅgena divo'asya pṛṣṭham.

I am there, sure, in those three regions of the universe wherein the whole living world exists. I instantly and universally pervade the earth, the sky and the vault of heaven, each with one existential part of my omnipresence.

## 51. (Purusheshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

केष्वन्तः पुरुष्ऽआ विवेश् कान्यन्तः पुरुषेऽअर्पितानि । एतद् ब्रह्मन्नुपेवल्हामसि त्वा किःस्विन्नः प्रतिवोचा-स्यत्रे ॥५१॥

Keṣvantaḥ puruṣa'ā viveśa kānyantaḥ puruṣe' arpitāni. Etad brahmannupa valhāmasi tvā kim svinnaḥ prati vocāsyatra.

Who and how many does the Purusha, supreme spirit, pervade? Who and how many reside in the Purusha? This, O man of knowledge, we ask you so that we too may excel. What do you say to us on this question?

## 52. (Parameshvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पञ्चस्वन्तः पुरुष्ऽआविवेश तान्यन्तः पुरुषेऽअर्पितानि । एतत्त्वात्रं प्रतिमन्वानोऽअस्मि न माययां भवस्युत्तरो मत् ॥५२॥ Pañcasvantaḥ puruṣa'ā viveśa tānyantaḥ puruṣe'arpitāni. Etattvātra pratimanvāno'asmi na māyayā bhavasyuttaro mat.

In five (elements of Prakriti) does the Purusha pervade. These five elements reside within the Purusha. This I say on the question believing and asking you to accept and believe. Not by maya, nor by mere science, nor by knowledge alone of existence would you go farther than me (the Purusha).

## 53. (Prashta=Questioner Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

का स्विदासीत्पूर्वचि<u>त्तिः</u> किःस्विदासीद् बृहद्वर्यः । का स्विदासीत्पिलि<u>प</u>िला का स्विदासीत्पिशङ्गिला ॥५३॥

Kā svidāsīt pūrvacittiḥ kim svidāsīd bṛhadvayaḥ. Kā svidāsīt pilippilā kā svidāsīt piśaṅgilā.

What is the first original structure in time? What is the great womb of the forms of life? What is the finest pliant material? What is the universal devourer?

## 54. (Samadhata=Wise Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

द्यौरासीत्पूर्वचि<u>त्ति</u>रश्वंऽआसीद् बृहद्वयः । अविरासीत्पिल<u>प</u>्पिला रात्रिरासीत्पिश<u>ङ्गि</u>ला ॥५४॥

Dyaurāsīt purvacittiraśva'āsīd bṛhadvayaḥ. Avirāsīt pilippilā rātrirāsīt piśaṅgilā.

Heaven, light, i.e., divine vibration of thought energy is the first original step in creation. Mahat, the first mutation of original Prakriti, was the great womb of the forms of creation. Manifested Prakriti is the finest pliant material for creation. Pralaya, the night of annihilation devours the universe.

#### 55. (Prashta Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

काऽई'मरे पिशङ्गिला काऽईं कुरुपिशङ्गिला । कऽई'मास्कन्दंमर्षिति कऽईं पन्थां विसंपीति ॥५५॥

Kā'īmare piśaṅgilā kā'īṁ kurupiśaṅgilā. Ka' īmāskandamarṣati ka'īm panthāṁ visarpati.

What is the cover of the forms of existence? Who destroys the beauty of the crops? Who moves jumping in leaps? Who creeps on the path?

## 56. (Samadhata Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अजारे पिशङ्गिला श्वावित्कुेरुपिशङ्गिला । शुशऽआस्कन्दमर्षत्यहिः पन्थां वि सर्पति ॥५६॥

Ajāre piśaṅgilā śvāvitkurupiśaṅgilā. Śaśa' āskandamarṣatyahiḥ panthāṁ vi sarpati.

Prakriti is the cover of forms. Porcupine is the destroyer of the beauty of crops in the field. Energy moves in currents. And the clouds sail upon their path.

## 57. (Prashta Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कत्यस्य <u>विष्ठाः कत्यक्षर्राणि कित</u> होमीसः कित्धा सिम्द्धः। यज्ञस्य त्वा <u>वि</u>दर्था पृच्छमत्र कित्त होतारऽऋतुशो यजन्ति ॥५७॥

Katyasya viṣṭhāḥ katyakṣarāṇi kati homāsaḥ katidhā samiddhaḥ. Yajñasya tvā vidathā pṛcchamatra kati hotāra' ṛtuśo yajanti.

How many permanent materials? How many operations? How many fuels and modes of lighting? I ask you these questions on the subject of yajna for knowledge. How many priests perform it according to the seasons?

#### 58. (Samidha Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

षडस्य <u>विष्ठाः शृतम्क्षराण्यशोतिर्होमाः स</u>मिधो ह <u>तिस्त्रः। यज्ञस्यं ते वि</u>दथा प्रब्रवीमि सप्त होतारऽऋतुशो यजन्ति ॥५८॥

Ṣaḍasya viṣṭhāḥ śatamakṣarāṇyaśītirhomāḥ samidho ha tisraḥ. Yajñasya te vidathā pra bravīmi sapta hotāra'ṛtuśo yajanti.

Six seasons are the pillars of yajna. Hundreds are the materials of permanent nature. Eighty are the operations. Three are the fuels. I speak to you of the knowledge of yajna. Seven priests carry on the yajna according to the seasons.

## 59. (Prashta Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कोऽअस्य वेद भुवेनस्य ना<u>भिं</u> को द्यावापृ<u>थि</u>वीऽ-अन्तरिक्षम् । कः सूर्यीस्य वेद बृह्तो जुनित्रं को वेद चुन्द्रमेसं यतोुजाः ॥५९॥

Ko'asya veda bhuvanasya nābhim ko dyāvāpṛthivī'antarikṣam. Kaḥ sūryasya veda bṛhato janitram ko veda candramasam yatojāḥ.

Who knows the centre-hold of this world? Who knows the earth, the sky, and the heaven, region of light? Who knows the great creator of the sun? Who knows the moon and wherefrom it was born?

#### 60. (Samadhata Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वेदाहम्स्य भुवेनस्य ना<u>भिं</u> वेद् द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽ-अन्तरिक्षम् । वेद् सूर्यीस्य बृह्तो जुनित्रमथौ वेद चन्द्रमसं यतोजाः ॥६०॥ Vedāhamasya bhuvanasya nābhim veda dyāvāpṛthivī'antarikṣam. Veda sūryasya bṛhato janitramatho veda candramasam yatojāḥ.

I know the centre-hold of this world. I know the heaven and earth and the middle regions of the sky. I know the great creator of the sun. I know the moon and wherefrom it was born. (The man of real knowledge is one who knows Brahma, creator and sustainer of the world, and the world itself, who knows the efficient cause, Brahma, and the material cause, Prakriti, and the beneficiary, the jiva. The speaker is such a man of knowledge. Alternatively, the speaker is Brahma Itself.)

## 61. (Prashta Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पुच्छामि त्वा पर्मन्तं पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्याः पृच्<u>छामि</u> यत्र भुवेनस्य नाभिः। पृच्छामि त्वा वृष्णोऽअश्वस्य रेतः पृच्छामि वाचः पर्म व्योम ॥६१॥

Pṛcchāmi tvā paramantam pṛthivyāḥ pṛcchāmi yatra bhuvanasya nābhiḥ. Pṛcchāmi tvā vṛṣṇo' aśvasya retaḥ pṛcchāmi vācaḥ paramam vyoma.

I ask you: What is the highest end of the earth and where? I ask you: What and where is the centre of the world? I ask you: Where and what is the seed of the virility and fertility of the male? I ask you: What and where is the haven and home and ultimate preserve of the Word, universal speech?

#### 62. (Samadhata Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

ड्यं वे<u>दिः</u> परोऽअन्तेः पृ<u>श्</u>यिव्याऽअयं युज्ञो भुवेनस्य नाभिः। अयःसोमो वृष्णोऽअश्वेस्य रेतौ ब्रह्मायं वाचः पर्मं व्योम ॥६२॥ Iyam vedih paro'antah pṛthivyā'ayam yajño bhuvansya nābhiḥ. Ayam somo vṛṣṇo'asvasya reto brahmāyam vācah paramam vyoma.

This yajna-vedi is the supreme and ultimate end of the earth. This yajna is the centre and centre-hold of the world. This soma is the seed and source of the virility and fertility of the male. And Brahma is the haven and home and birth and preserve of the Word, divine speech.

## 63. (Samadhata Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

सुभूः स्वयम्भूः प्रेथम्गुऽन्तर्म'हृत्यृर्ण्वे । दुधे हु गर्भ'मृत्वियं यतौ जातः प्रजापतिः॥६३॥

Subhūḥ svayambhūḥ prathamo'ntarmahatyarṇave. Dadhe ha garbhamṛtviyaṁ yato jātaḥ prajāpatiḥ.

Gracious and glorious, self-existent and at the very centre in this grand ocean of the universe is Brahma. He plants the seed of creation into Prakriti according to the season of the creative cycle, and thence is born Prajapati, the sun, lord of life.

## 64. (Ishvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

होता यक्षत्प्रजाप<u>ितः</u>सोमस्य महिम्नः। जुषतां पिबेतु सोम् होत्वर्यजे ॥६४॥

Hotā yakṣatprajāpatim somasya mahimnaḥ. Juṣatām pibatu somam hotaryaja.

The man of yajna performs the yajna in honour of Prajapati, father and sustainer of the world of creation by the grace and glory of Soma, lord of life and omnipotence. May he ever dedicate himself to the lord and drink the nectar of life and immortality by divine grace.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, relent not ever.

## 65. (Ishvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रजापते न त्वदेतान्यन्यो विश्वां <u>रू</u>पा<u>णि</u> परि ता बंभूव । यत्कांमास्ते जुहुमस्तन्नोऽअस्तु वयःस्यांम् पर्तयो रयीणाम् ॥६५॥

Prajāpate na tvadetānyanyo viśvā rūpāṇi pari tā babhūva. Yatkāmāste juhumastanno'astu vayam syāma patayo rayīṇām.

Prajapati, lord of creation, no one other than you is supreme over and beyond all these and other forms of existence.

Whatever our ends and aims for which we offer our homage to you, may all that come true for us.

May we, by Grace, be masters, promoters and preservers of the wealths of the world.

इति त्रयोविंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXIV

## 1. (Prajapati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अश्वस्तूप्रो गौमृगस्ते प्रीजाप्त्याः कृष्णग्रीवऽआग्नेयो र्राटे पुरस्तीत् सारस्वती मेष्युधस्ताद्धन्वीरा<u>श्वि</u>नावधोरीमौ बाह्वोः सौमापौष्णः श्यामो नाभ्यीश्वंसीर्ययामौ श्वेतश्चे कृष्णश्चे पाश्वयोस्त्वाष्ट्रौ लोमशसंक्थौ सक्थ्योवीयव्यः श्वेतः पुच्छऽइन्द्रीय स्वप्स्याय वेहद्वैष्ण्वो वीम्नः ॥१॥

Aśvastūparo gomṛgaste prājāpatyāḥ kṛṣṇagrīva' āgneyo rarāṭe purastātsārasvatī meṣyadhastāddhanvorāśvināvadhorāmau bāhvoḥ saumāpauṣṇaḥ śyāmo nābhyām sauryayāmau śvetaśca kṛṣṇaśca pārśvayostvāṣṭrau lomaśasakthau sakthyorvāyavyaḥ śvetaḥ puccha' indrāya svapasyāya vehadvaiṣṇavo vāmanaḥ.

The horse, the wild ram, the wild cow, these are sunny in character and quality, they belong to Prajapati;

the black-necked animal foremost among the beasts is fiery in character and quality, it belongs to Agni;

the sheep with twisted hair in the forehead has the quality for speech and intelligence, it belongs to Sarasvati;

the goats having black spots below the jaws and on the lower parts of front legs have the qualities of the sun and moon, they belong to the Ashvinis;

the animal which is black round the navel has the qualities of Soma and Pushan;

those which are white and dark on the sides have

the qualities of the sun and air, they belong to Surya and Yama;

those with long hair on the thighs have the qualities of Tvashta;

those which have a white tail belong to the wind, Vayu;

the small animal and the barren cow belong to Vishnu;

Let all these be deployed in the service of Indra, the ruler, man of high values and action.

## 2. (Soma & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

रोहितो धूम्ररोहितः क्र्कन्धुरोहित्स्ते सौम्या ब्रभ्नरंश्चणबेभुः शुक्रेबभुस्ते वांरुणाः शितिरन्भ्रोऽन्यतेः शितिरन्भ्रः सम्न--शितिरन्भ्रस्ते सां<u>वित्राः शितिबाहुर</u>न्यतेःशितिबाहुः सम्न--शितिबाहुस्ते बांर्हस्पत्याः पृषेती क्षुद्रपृषती स्थूलपृषती ता मैत्रावरुण्यः ॥२॥

Rohito dhūmrarohitaḥ karkandhurohitaste saumyā babhruraruṇababhruḥ śukababhruste vāruṇāḥ śitirandhro'nyataḥ śitirandhraḥ samantaśitirandhraste sāvitrāḥ śitibāhuranyataḥ śitibāhuḥ samantaśitibāhuste bārhaspatyāḥ pṛṣatī kṣudrapṛṣatī sthūlapṛṣatī tā maitrāvaruṇyaḥ.

The red, smoky red and red-berry animals belong to Soma;

the brown, red brown and parrot brown belong to Varuna;

those with white holes in the wool on the one side or all over belong to Savita;

those with white fore-legs, white on one side or

white on all sides belong to Brihaspati;

those with spots on the limbs, small ones, or large ones, belong to Mitra and Varuna.

(All these should be pressesd into service.)

### 3. (Ashvins and Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

शुद्धवीलः सर्वशृद्धवालो म<u>िण्</u>वाल्स्तऽअ<u>श्वि</u>नाः श्येतेः श्येता<u>श्</u>षोऽरुणस्ते रुद्रायं पशुपतये कुर्णा यामाऽअविलिप्ता रौद्रा नभौरूपाः पार्जुन्याः ॥३॥

Śuddhavālaḥ sarvaśuddhavālo maṇivālasta' āśvināḥ śyetaḥ syetākṣo'ruṇaste rudrāya paśupataye karṇā yāmā'avaliptā raudrā nabhorūpāḥ pārjanyāḥ.

The animals with bright hair, wholly bright hair, and jewel-bright hair belong to the Ashvins. The white, the white eyed, and the red ones are for Rudra, lord of the animals. Those which are specially serviceable belong to Yama. Those of strong limbs belong to the pranas. And those which are sky-grey belong to the clouds.

### 4. (Maruts etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पृश्निस्तिर्श्चीनेपृश्नि<u>रू</u>र्ध्वपृ<u>श्</u>निस्ते मोरुताः फुल्गूर्लो'हित्गेर्णी पेलुक्षी ताः सोरस्वृत्यः प्लीहाकर्णः शुण्ठाकर्णो'ऽध्यालोह्-कर्ण्यते त्वाष्ट्राः कृष्णग्रीवः शि<u>ति</u>कक्षौऽञ्जिस्वश्यस्तऽ-ऐन्द्राग्नाः कृष्णा<u>ञ</u>्जिरल्पोञ्जिर्महा<u>ञ्जि</u>स्तऽउष्यस्याः ॥४॥

Pṛśnistiraścīnapṛśnirūrdhvapṛśniste mārutāḥ phalgūrlohitornī palakṣī tāḥ sārasvatyaḥ plīhākarṇaḥ śuṇṭhākarṇo'dhyālohakarṇaste tvāṣṭrāḥ kṛṣṇagrīvaḥ śitikakṣo'ñjisakthasta' aindrāgnāḥ kṛṣṇāñjiralpāñjirmahāñjista' uṣasyāḥ.

Soft and dappled ones, those with transverse speckles, or upward speckles are of the quality and character of the Maruts; fruit-lovers, those with red hair, and those of quick quivering eyes belong to Sarasvati. The spleen-eared, white-eared, and the golden eared belong to Tvashta. Those of black neck, white flanks and heavy thighs are of the quality and character of Indra and Agni, wind and electric energy. And those of average or dark brilliance, little brilliance or great brilliance belong to the dawns.

# 5. (Vishvedevas Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

शिल्पा वैश्वदेव्यो गोहिण्यस्त्र्यवयो वाचेऽविज्ञाताऽअदित्यै सर्रूपा धात्रे वत्सतुर्यो देवानां पत्नीभ्यः ॥५॥

Śilpā vaiśvadevyo rohiņyastryavayo vāce' vijñātā'adityai sarūpa dhātre vatsataryo devānām patnībhyaḥ.

The animals useful in arts belong to all the noble people, all the divinities. Three kinds of mountain sheep used in climbing high are for knowledge and speech. The unknown breeds are for Aditi, the earth. Those of similar form are for the Protector, and the young calves are for the wives of the learned to look after.

#### 6. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कृष्णग्रीवाऽआग्नेयाः शितिभ्रवो वसूनाछंरोहिता रुद्राणछि-श्वेताऽअवरोकिणऽआदित्यानां नभौरूपाः पार्जुन्याः ॥६॥

Kṛṣṇagrīvā'āgneyāḥ śitibhravo vasūnām rohitā rudrāṇām śvetā'avarokiṇa'ādityānām nabhorūpāḥ pārjanyāḥ.

Black-necked animals have the quality and character of fire. Those with white brows are of the

Vasus such as earth. The red ones are of the quality and energy of pranas. The white ones and brilliant ones are of the nature of Adityas. And those of the colour of water and the sea are of the element of the clouds.

### 7. (Indra and Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उन्नतऽऋषिभो वामनस्तऽऐन्द्रावैष्ण्वाऽउन्नतः शितिबाहुः शितिपृष्ठस्तऽऐन्द्राबार्हस्पत्याः शुक्रैरूपा वाजिनाः कुल्माषाऽऽग्निमारुताः श्यामाः पौष्णाः ॥७॥

Unnata'ṛṣabho vāmanasta'aindrāvaiṣṇavā' unnataḥ śitibāhuḥ śitipṛṣṭhasta'aindrābārhaspatyāḥ śukarūpā vājināḥ kalmāṣā" āgnimārutāḥ śyāmāḥ pauṣṇāḥ.

The tall, strong animals with supple and tortuous limbs are of the quality Indra and Vishnu, electricity and wind. The tall ones of razor-sharp stroke and adamantine back have the quality of Indra and Brihaspati, wind and the sun. Those of the form and colour of the parrot, fast as horse, white and black have the quality of Agni and Maruts, fire and the winds. The black ones have the quality of Pushan, energising as the cloud.

### 8. (Indragni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

एताऽऐन्द्राग्ना द्विरूपाऽअंग्नीषोमीया वाम्नाऽअनुड्वाहेऽ आग्नावैष्ण्वा वृशा मैत्रावरुण्योग्जन्यतेऽएन्यो मैत्र्यः ॥८॥

Etā'aindrāgnā dvirūpā'agnīṣomīyā vāmanā' anaḍvāḥa"āgnāvaiṣṇavā vaśā maitrāvaruṇyo'nyata'enyo maitryaḥ.

These animals of two colours or qualities are of the nature of Indra and Agni, wind and electric energy. Those of supple and tortuous limbs and the sturdy bullocks are of the nature of Agni and Soma, and of Agni and Vishnu. The barren cow is of the nature of Mitra and Varuna, pranic energy. The rest anywhere are of friendly nature, wherever they are and wherever they go.

# 9. (Agni & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कृष्णग्रीवाऽआग्नेया ब्रभ्रवेः सौम्याः श्वेता वायव्याः अवि-ज्ञाताऽअदित्यै सर्रूपा धात्रे वत्सतुर्यो देवानां पत्नीभ्यः॥९॥

Kṛṣṇagrīvā'āgneyā babhravaḥ saumyāḥ śvetā vāyavyā'avijñātā'adityai sarūpā dhātre vatsataryo devānāṁ patnībhyaḥ.

The black-necked animals are fiery, the brown ones are cool and gentle as soma, the white ones are airy. The unknown are for the earth, those of like form for the Protector, the young calves for the wives of the divines and for the sun-rays to foster.

# 10. (Antariksha etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

कृष्णा भौमा धूम्राऽऽअन्ति<u>रिक्षा बृहन्तौ दि</u>व्याः श्<u>र</u>ाबली वैद्युताः <u>सि</u>ध्मास्तीरुकाः ॥१०॥

Kṛṣṇā bhaumā dhūmrā'āntarikṣā bṛhanto divyāḥ śabalā vaidyutāḥ sidhmāstārakāḥ.

The black ones, the farming animals, are for the earth. The brown ones are for the sky. The big, wonderful, whitish are live wires like electricity. The gentle ones are for the alleviation of suffering.

#### 11. (Vasanta etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

धूम्रान् वेसन्तायालेभते श्वेतान् ग्रीष्मायं कृष्णान् वर्षाभ्योऽ-रुणाञ्छरदे पृषेतो हेमन्तायं पिशङ्गाञ्छिशिराय ॥११॥ Dhūmrān vasantāyālabhate śvetān grīṣmāya kṛṣṇān varṣābhyo'ruṇāṇcharade pṛṣato hemantāya piśaṅgāñchiśirāya.

For the spring season, you get the brown ones; for summer, whites; for the rains, black ones; for autumn, red ones; for freezing winter, thick ones; and for the cool season, you get yellow and orange.

# 12. (Agni & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

त्र्यवयो गायुत्र्यै पञ्चावय<u>स्त्रि</u>ष्टुभे दित्यवाहो जर्गत्यै त्रिवृत्साऽअनुष्टुभे तुर्युवाह्रऽडुष्णिहे ॥१२॥

Tryavayo gāyatryai pañcāvayastriṣṭubhe dityavāho jagatyai trivatsā'anuṣṭubhe turyavāha' uṣṇihe.

Animals of three six month periods of life are for the gayatri metre to sing; those of five periods are for trishtup; the burden bearing ones are for jagati; those with three calves are for anushtup; and those of the fourth stage of life are for the ushnih metre to sing.

# 13. (Virajadaya metres Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पुष्ठ्वाहो विराजेऽउक्षाणो बृह्त्याऽऋष्षभाः क्कुभेऽनुड्वाहेः पुङ्क्ये धेनवोऽतिछन्दसे ॥१३॥

Paṣṭhavāho virāja'ukṣāṇo bṛhatyā'ṛṣabhāḥ kakubhe'naḍvāhaḥ paṅktyai dhenavo' ticchandase.

Those which bear the burdens on their back are for the virat metre to sing; the virile bulls are for brihati; the sturdy and most excellent bulls are for kakup; the cart-bullocks are for the pankti; and the cows are for the ati-chhanda metre to sing of.

#### 14. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

कृष्णग्रीवाऽआग्नेया बभ्रवेः सौम्याऽउंपध्वस्ताः सा<u>वि</u>त्रा वेत्सत्र्यः सारस्वत्यः श्यामाः पौष्णाः पृश्नेयो मारुता बेहुरूपा वैश्वदेवा वृशा द्यावापृ<u>धि</u>वीयाः ॥१४॥

Kṛṣṇagrīvā'āgneyā babhravaḥ saumyā'upadhvastāḥ sāvitrā vatsataryaḥ sārasvatyaḥ śyāmāḥ pauṣṇāḥ pṛśnayo mārutā bahurūpā vaiśvadevā vaśā dyāvāpṛthivīyāḥ.

Black-necked animals are fiery. The brown and generous ones are gentle. The weak ones close at hand are of Savita, children of the sun. The cows with young calves are of Sarasvati. The dark ones are darlings of the cloud. The dappled cows are favourites of the Maruts. The multi-coloured ones are for Vishvedevas, the noblest people. And the brilliant domestic animals are gifts of earth and heaven.

# 15. (Indra & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उक्ताः सञ्चराऽएतोऽऐन्द्राग्नाः कृष्णा वोरुणाः पृश्नेयो मारुताः कायास्तूपुराः ॥१५॥

Uktāḥ sañcarā'etā' aindrāgnāḥ'kṛṣṇā vāruṇāḥ pṛśnayo mārutāḥ kāyāstūparāḥ.

These animals described here and moving around are of Indra and Agni, airy and fiery. The black ones are of Varuna, most excellent lord of choice. The richly speckled ones are of the Maruts and for the stormy people. And the violent ones are for and of Prajapati.

# 16. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्नयेऽनीकवते प्रथमजानालंभते मुरुद्ध्यः सान्तप्नेभ्यः सवात्यान् मुरुद्ध्यो गृहमेधिभ्यो बष्किहान् मुरुद्ध्यः क्रीडिभ्यः सःसृष्टान् मुरुद्ध्यः स्वतंवद्धयोऽनुसृष्टान् ॥१६॥ Agnaye'nīkavate prathamajānālabhate marudbhyaḥ sāntapanebhyaḥ savātyān marudbhyo gṛhamedhibhyo baṣkihān marudbhyaḥ krīḍibhyaḥ samsṛṣṭān marudbhyaḥ svatavadbhyo' nusṛṣṭān.

The man of wisdom and discrimination favours and selects first-born heroes for admirable Agni, fiery commander of the army, acclimatised animals for the disciplined heroes of the speed of the winds, well reared animals for the homely yajnic people, well-trained animals for the sportive fun-loving people, and domesticated animals for the quiet settled people.

# 17. (Indragni & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उक्ताः सञ्चराऽएतोऽऐन्द्राग्नाः प्रोशृङ्गा महिन्द्रा बेहुरूपा वैश्वकर्मुणाः ॥१७॥

Uktāḥ sañcarā'etā'aindrāgnāḥ prāśṛṅgā māhendrā bahurūpā vaiśvakarmanāḥ.

Described are these animals and the ways of raising and training them. Of divine care and purpose, they are of varied hue and beautiful horns, favourites of divinities and for divine purpose. Of Indra and Agni they are, of Mahendra and Vishvakarma.

# 18. (Pitarah Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

धूम्रा बुभ्रुनीकाशाः पितृणाश्रंसोमेवतां बुभ्रवी धूम्रनीकाशाः पितृणां बर्हिषदी कृष्णा बुभ्रुनीकाशाः पितृणामेग्निष्वात्तानी कृष्णाः पृषेन्तस्त्रैयम्बकाः ॥१८॥

Dhūmrā babhrunīkāśāḥ pitṛṇām somavatām babhravo dhūmranīkāśāḥ pitṛṇām barhiṣadām kṛṣṇā babhrunīkāśāḥ pitṛṇāmagniṣvāttānām kṛṣṇāḥ pṛṣantastraiyambakāḥ.

Smoky grey and dark brown animals are for kind and loving soma-natured parents and seniors. Brown and smoky dark are for the senior councillors. Black and brown are for those seniors who are experts of the science of fire. And black and spotted are for those who have three-fold responsibilities. (Honour the seniors with petgifts and protect the animals for them.)

# 19. (Vayu Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

उक्ताः सञ्चराऽएतोः शुनासी॒रीयोः श्वेता वीयव्याः श्वेताः सौर्याः ॥१९॥

Uktāḥ sañcarā' etāḥ śunāsīrīyāḥ śvetā vāyavyāḥ śvetāḥ sauryāḥ.

Described are these animals, white, beautiful, moving around, dedicated to the plough and the share, sustaining as the air, bright as the sunlight. They have the elements and virtues of the air and the sun.

### 20. (Vasanta Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

व्रसन्तायं कृपिञ्जलानालंभते ग्रीष्मायं कल्विङ्कान् वृषीभ्यं-स्तित्तिरीञ्छरदे वर्त्तिका हेमन्ताय कर्कराञ्छिशिराय विकेकरान् ॥२०॥

Vasantāya kapiñjalānālabhate grīṣmāya kalaviṅkān varṣābhyastittirīñcharade varttikā hemantāya kakarāñchiśirāya vikakarān.

The bird specialist takes up the sparrow for the season of spring, the cuckoo for summer, the partridge for the rains, the quail for autumn, the kakara for freezing cold, and vikakara for the frosty season.

#### 21. (Varuna Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

# समुद्रायं शिशुमारानालंभते पूर्जन्याय मुण्डूकानुद्भयो मत्स्यान् मित्रायं कुर्लीपयान् वर्रुणाय नाुक्रान् ॥२१॥

Samudrāya śiśumārānālabhate parjanyāya maṇḍūkān adbhyo matsyān mitrāya kulīpayān varuṇāya nākrān.

The water-life specialist takes up the alligator in relation to the sea, frogs for the clouds, fish for the waters of lakes and rivers, kulipaya in relation to the sun and waters, and crocodile in relation to the oceans.

#### 22. (Soma & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

सोमीय हुश्सानालेभते वायवे ब्लाकोऽइन्द्राग्निभ्यां क्रुञ्चीन् मित्रार्य मृद्गून् वर्रुणाय चक्रवाकान् ॥२२॥

Somāya hamsānālabhate vāyave balākā' indrāgnibhyām kruncān mitrāya madgūn varuņāya cakravākān.

The bird-expert takes up the hansa, geese, in relation to Soma, beauty and joy, the she-crane in relation to Vayu, breeze and pleasure, the krauncha in relation to Indragni, the warmth of fire and vibrations of energy, the madgu in relation to Mitra, sun and water, and the chakravaka in relation to Varuna, the love and vastness of space.

# 23. (Agni etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्नये कुटरूनालेभते वनस्पतिभ्यऽउलूकान्ग्नीषोमीभ्यां चाषीन्श्विभ्यां मयूरीन् मित्रावर्रुणाभ्यां कृपोतीन् ॥२३॥

Agnaye kuṭarūnālabhate vanaspatibhya'ulūkānagnīṣomābhyāṁ cāṣān aśvibhyāṁ mayūrān mitrāvaruṇābhyāṁ kapotān. The specialist in birds and bird behaviour takes up the cocks for Agni, the owls for the Vanaspati, trees, the blue jays for Agni and Soma, the peacocks for the Ashvinis, and the pigeons for Mitra and Varuna.

# 24. (Soma etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सोमीय लुबानालेभते त्वष्ट्रं कौलीकान् गोषादीर्देवानां पत्नीभ्यः कुलीको देवजामिभ्योऽग्नये गृहपतये पारु-ष्णान् ॥२४॥

Somāya labānālabhate tvaṣṭre kaulīkān goṣādīrdevānāṁ patnībhyaḥ kulīkā devajāmibhyo' gnaye gṛhapataye pāruṣṇān.

He takes up the laba birds for Soma, kaulikas for Tvashta, goshadis which hurt the cows for the wives of the nobles, kulikas for the sisters of the nobles, and parushnas for Agni of the homestead.

25. (Kalavayavah, periods of time Devata, Prajapati Rshi) अह्ने पारावेतानालंभते रात्र्यै सीचापूरहोरात्रयोः सुन्धिभ्यो जुतूर्मासेभ्यो दात्यौहान्त्संवत्स्रायं महुतः सुपूर्णान् ॥२५॥

Ahne pārāvatānālabhate rātryai sīcāpūrahorātrayoḥ sandhibhyo jatūrmāsebhyo dātyauhāntsaṁvatsarāya mahataḥ suparṇān.

He takes up pigeons for the day, sichapus for the night, jatus for the morning and evening twilight, the crow for the months, and the big suparnas for the year.

# 26. (Bhumi etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

भूम्योऽआ॒खूनालेभते॒ऽन्तरिक्षाय पा॒ङ्क्तान् <u>दि</u>वे कशान् <u>दि</u>ग्भ्यो नेकुलान् बभ्रुकानवान्तर<u>दि</u>शाभ्येः ॥२६॥ Bhūmyā'ākhūnālabhate'ntarikṣāya pāṅktān dive kaśān digbhyo nakulān babhrukān avāntaradiśabhyaḥ.

The expert studies the rodent holes for the earth, the rows of flying birds for the sky, the kasha birds for the light, the mungoose for the directions and the ichneumon for the interdirections.

# 27. (Vasus etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

वस्प्रियऽऋश्यानालंभते रुद्रेभ्यो रुर्स्नना<u>दि</u>त्येभ्यो न्यङ्कून् विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यः पृष्तान्त्साध्येभ्यः कुलुङ्गान् ॥२७॥

Vasubhya' ṛśyānālabhate rudrebhyo rurūn ādityebhyo nyaṅkūn viśvebhyo devebhyaḥ pṛṣatāntsādhyebhyaḥ kuluṅgān.

For the Vasu order of scholars, take up the study of the white footed rishya antelopes; for the Rudra scholars, take up the ruru antelopes; for the Aditya scholars, take up the nyanku antelopes; for the eminent and generous scholars, take up the prishata antelopes; and for the advanced researchers on yoga, the sadhyas, take up the kulunga antelopes.

# 28. (Ishana etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

ईशानाय त्वा परस्वत आ लेभते <u>मि</u>त्रायं गौरान् वर्रुणाय म<u>हिषान् बृह</u>स्पतेये गवयाँस्त्वष्ट्रऽउष्ट्रीन् ॥२८॥

Īśānāya tvā parasvata ā labhate mitrāya gaurān varuņāya mahiṣān bṛhaspataye gavayāňstvaṣṭra' uṣṭrān.

For the man of ruling power take up the parasvan antelopes of the forest, gauras for Mitra, the buffaloes for Varuna, wild cows for Brihaspati, and camels for Tvashta.

#### 29. (Prajapati and Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

प्रजापतये पुरुषान् हस्तिन् आ लिभते वाचे प्लुर्षी्श्चक्षुषे मुशकाञ्छ्रोत्रीय भृङ्गीः ॥२९॥

Prajāpataye puruṣān hastina ā labhate vāce pluṣīńścakṣuṣe maśakāñchrotrāya bhṛṅgāḥ.

Take up male elephants for Prajapati, flying white ants for speech, mosquitoes for the eye and moths for the ear.

#### 30. (Prajapati etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

प्रजापंतये च वायवे च गोमृगो वर्रुणायार्ण्यो मेषो यमाय कृष्णो मनुष्यराजायं मुर्कटः शार्दुलायं रोहिदृष्भायं गवयी क्षिप्रश्येनाय वर्त्तिका नीलेङ्गोः कृमिः समुद्रायं शिशुमारो हिमवेते हस्ती ॥३०॥

Prajāpataye ca vāyave ca gomṛgo varuṇāyāraṇyo meṣo yamāya kṛṣṇo manuṣyarājāya markaṭaḥ śārdūlāya rohidṛṣabhāya gavayī kṣipraśyenāya vartikā nīlaṅgoḥ kṛmiḥ samudrāya śiśumāro himavate hastī.

For Prajapati and Vayu, the wild cow; for Varuna, the wild ram; for Yama, black deer; for the ruler of people, the monkey; for the lion, red deer; for the bull, the wild cow; for the swift eagle, the partridge; for the blue-bodied, the insects; for the sea, crocodile; and for the snowy mountainous region, the elephant.

#### 31. (Prajapatya etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

मयुः प्रांजापत्यऽउलो हृलिक्ष्णो वृषद्ःशस्ते धात्रे <u>दिशां</u> कङ्को धुङ्क्षाग्नेयी केल्विङ्को लोहिताहिः पुष्करसादस्ते त्वाष्टा वाचे क्रञ्चेः ॥३१॥ Mayuḥ prājāpatya' ulo halikṣṇo vṛṣadamśaste dhātre diśām kanko dhunkṣāgneyī kalavinko lohitāhiḥ puṣkarasādaste tvāṣṭrā vāce kruncaḥ.

The wild human (gorilla, yati, etc.) is the care of Prajapati; the little creatures, lion and wild cat for Dhata, master controller; the heron is for the directions; dhunksha bird is fiery; the sparrow, red snake and tank-creatures are for Tvashta; and the crane is for speech.

### 32. (Soma & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

सोमीय कुलुङ्ग और्ण्योॢऽजो नेकुलः शका ते पौष्णाः क्रोष्टा मायोरिन्द्रस्य गौरमृगः पिद्वो न्यङ्कुः कक्कटस्तेऽ-नुमत्यै प्रतिश्रुत्किय चक्रवाकः ॥३२॥

Somāya kulunga āraņyo'jo nakulah śakā te pauṣṇāḥ kroṣṭā māyorindrasya gauramṛgaḥ pidvo nyaṅkuḥ kakkaṭaste'numatyai prati-śrutkāyai cakravākaḥ.

The antelope is for Soma; the forest-goat, mungoose and the bee are for Pusha; the jackal is for the wild human; the white deer is for Indra; the pidva, nyanku and kakkata are for Anumati; and the chakravaka is for Echo.

#### 33. (Mitra & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

सौरी बलाको शार्गः सृज्यः शयाण्डकस्ते मैत्राः सरस्वत्यै शारिः पुरुषवाक् श्वाविद्धौमी शार्दूलो वृकः पृदीकुस्ते मन्यवे सरस्वते शुकेः पुरुषवाक् ॥३३॥

Saurī balākā śargaḥ sṛjayaḥ śayāṇḍakaste maitrāḥ sarasvatyai śāriḥ puruṣavāk śvāvidbhaumī śārdūlo vṛkaḥ pṛdākuste manyave sarasvate śukaḥ puruṣavāk.

The female crane is for the sun; the sharga, the srijaya and the shayandaka, these birds are for Mitra; the human voiced parrot is for Sarasvati; the porcupine is for the earth; the lion, the wolf, and the snake, these are for Manyu (anger); and the human voiced male parrot is for the sea.

# 34. (Agni & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

सुप्रणः पर्जिन्यऽआतिर्वीहृसो दर्वि'दा ते वायवे बृहस्पतेये वाचस्पतेये पैङ्गराजोऽलज अन्तिरिक्षः प्लवो मद्गुर्मत्स्यस्ते नदीपृतये द्यावापृथिवीयेः कूर्मः ॥३४॥

Suparṇaḥ pārjanya' ātirvāhaso darvidā te vāyave bṛhaspataye vācaspataye paiṅgarājo' laja āntarikṣaḥ plavo madgurmatsyaste nadīpataye dyāvāpṛthivīyaḥ kūrmaḥ.

The eagle is for the cloud; the aati (an aquatic bird), the serpent and the wood-pecker, these are for Vayu, the air; the paingaraja is for Vachasapati Brihaspati; alaja is for the sky; the pelican, the cormorant and the fish, these are for the lord of streams; and the tortoise is for the earth and light.

# 35. (Chandra & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पुरुष्मृगश्चन्द्रमेसो गोधा कालेका दार्वाघाटस्ते वनस्पतीनां कृक्ववाकुः सा<u>वित्रो ह</u>ुस्सो वातस्य नाक्रो मर्करः कुली-पयस्तेऽकूपारस्य हियै शल्येकः ॥३५॥

Puruṣamṛgaścandramaso godhā kālakā dārvāghāṭaste vanaspatīnām kṛkavākuḥ sāvitro hamso vātasya nākro makaraḥ kulīpayaste'kūpārasya hriyai śalyakaḥ.

The buck belongs to the moon; the alligator, the kalaka, the wood pecker, these belong to the trees; the

peacock belongs to Savita, the sun; the hansa is of the air; the iguana, crocodile, and the dolphin, they are of the sea, and the porcupine is for timidity.

## 36. (Ashvinis & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

एण्यह्नो मण्डूको मूर्षिका तित्तिरिस्ते सूर्पाणां लोपाशऽ-आ<u>श्वि</u>नः कृष्णो रात्र्याऽऋक्षो जतूः सुं<u>षि</u>लीका तऽईतरजनानां जहंका वैष्णावी ॥३६॥

Eņyahņo maņdūko mūşikā tittiriste sarpāņām lopāśa'āsvinaḥ kṛṣṇo rātryā'ṛkṣo jatūḥ suṣilīkā ta itarajanānām jahakā vaiṣṇavī.

The doe is of the day; the frog, mouse and partridge, these are of the serpents; the lopasha is Ashvins'; black animal is for the night; the bear, the bat and the sushilika are for other people; and the hedgehog is for Vishnu.

#### 37. (Ardhamasa etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अन्यवापोऽर्द्धमासानामृश्यो मयूर्रः सुपर्णस्ते गन्धर्वाणामपामुद्रो मासान् कृश्यपौ रोहित्कुण्डुणाची गोलित्तिका तेऽप्सरसौ मृत्यवैऽसितः ॥३७॥

Anyavāpo'rdhamāsānāmṛśyo mayūraḥ suparṇaste gandharvāṇāmapāmudro māsān kaśyapo rohitkuṇḍṛṇācī golattikā te' psarasām mṛtyave' sitah.

The cockoo belongs to the fortnights; the rishya deer, the peacock and the swan belong to the gandharvas (musicians); the crab belongs to the waters; the tortoise belongs to the months; the red deer, the house lizzard and the golattika belong to the water nymphs and the sunbeams; and the black deer is for death.

# 38. (Varsha & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वर्षाद्ग्रिक्षेतूनामाखुः कशौ मान्थालस्ते पितॄणां बलीयाजगुरो वसूनां कृपिञ्जलः कृपोत्ऽउलूकः शृशस्ते निर्ऋत्यै वर्रणा-यारुण्यो मेषः ॥३८॥

Varṣāhūrṛtūnāmākhuḥ kaśo mānthālaste pitṛṇām balāyājagaro vasūnām kapiñjalaḥ kapota'ulūkaḥ śaśaste nirṛtyai varuṇāyāraṇyo meṣaḥ.

The frog is for the seasons; the mouse, the rodents and the flying fox, these are of the pitaras; the serpent is for strength; the partridge is for the Vasus; the pigeon, the owl and the hare are for adversity; the wild ram is for Varuna.

# 39. (Aditya and Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

श्वित्रऽअदित्यानामुष्ट्रो घृणीवान् वाधीनसस्ते मृत्याऽअरेण्याय सृम्रो रुर्क्ष रौद्रः क्वियः कुटर्रुद्यात्यौहस्ते वाजिनां कामीय पिकः ॥३९॥

Śvitra'ādityānāmuṣṭro ghṛṇīvān vārdhrīnasaste matyā'araṇyāya sṛmaro rurū raudraḥ kvayiḥ kuṭarurdātyauhaste vājinām kāmāya pikaḥ.

The white domestic animal is of the Adityas; the camel, the bright and tender animal and a big goat with streaks on nose are for intelligence; the wild cow is for the forest; the red deer is of Rudra; the kvayi, the cock and the crow, these are for the Vajins (speed); and the cuckoo is for love and desire.

#### 40. (Vishvedevas etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

खुड्गो वैश्वदेवः श्वा कृष्णः कुर्णो गर्दभस्तुरक्षुस्ते रक्षसामिन्द्रीय सूक्ररः सि्श्हो मीरुतः कृकलासः पिप्पेका शुकुनिस्ते शेरुव्यायै विश्वेषां देवानी पृष्तः ॥४०॥ Khadgo vaiśvadevah śvā kṛṣṇaḥ karṇo gardabhastarakṣuste rakṣasāmindrāya sūkaraḥ simho mārutaḥ kṛkalāsaḥ pippakā śakuniste śaravyāyai viśveṣām devanām pṛṣataḥ.

The rhino is for Vishvedevas; black dog, longeared ass, the tiger, these are for the demons; the boar is for the king; the lion is for the winds; the chameleon, pippaka and the vulture are for the marksman; the spotted deer is favourite of the noblest persons.

इति चतुर्विशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXV

1. (Sarasvati & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

शादं दुद्धिरवेकां दन्तमूलैर्मृद्ं बस्वैंस्ते गां दछंष्ट्रीभ्याछं-सर्रस्वत्याऽ अग्र<u>जिह्वं जि</u>ह्वायोऽउत्सादमेवक्रन्देन तालु वाज्र्र-हर्नुभ्याम्पऽआ्रस्येन वृषेणमाण्डाभ्याम् आदित्यान् श्मश्रु<u>भिः</u> पन्यानं भ्रूभ्यां द्यावापृ<u>थि</u>वी वर्त्तोंभ्यां <u>विद्यु</u>तं कृनीनेकाभ्याछं-शुक्लाय स्वाहां कृष्णाय स्वाहा पायी<u>णि</u> पक्ष्माण्यवार्याऽ-इक्षवीऽवार्याणा पक्ष्माणा पायीऽइक्षवः ॥१॥

Śādam dadbhiravakām dantamūlairmṛdam barsvaiste gām damṣṭrābhyām sarasvatyā' agrajihvam jihvāyā'utsādamavakrandenā tālu vājam hanubhyāmapa'āsyena vṛṣaṇamāṇḍābhyāmādityān śmaśrubhiḥ panthānam bhrūbhyām dyāvāpṛthivī vartobhyām vidyutam kanīnakābhyām śuklāya svāhā kṛṣṇāya svāhā pāryāṇi pakṣmāṇyavāryā' ikṣavo'vāryāṇi pakṣmāṇi pāryā'ikṣavaḥ.

By the teeth, test the efficiency of chewing and the texture of food, the strength of the teeth by the roots and gums, the protective enamel by the cavities, biting force by the fangs, the ease and elegance of speech by the fluent sweetness and suppleness of the tongue at the tip, the palate by the roll of the voice, the sweetness and energy by the action of the jaws, the deliciousness of drinks by the mouth, the maturity of manhood by the scrotum, the roll of years of maturity by the beard and moustache, the paths and manners of living by the eyebrows, the sense of heaven and earth by the orbits of movement, the inner light and energy by the pupils

of the eyes.

For the perfection of brahmacharya observe sexual and mental discipline. For the completion of the acquisition of knowledge observe the discipline of study.

The actions for going across the river of life are indispensable like the lovely sugar-cane at hand this side of the river. And the actions this side of the river of life too must be like the lovely sugar-cane across the river.

# 2. (Pranas etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

वातं प्राणेनापानेन नासिकेऽउपयाममधरेणौष्ठेन सदुत्तरेण प्रकाशेनान्तरमनूकाशेन बाह्यं निवेष्यं मूर्ध्ना स्तनियत्नुं निर्वाधेनाशिनं मस्तिष्केण विद्युतं कृनीनेकाभ्यां कर्णीभ्याथं-श्रोत्रथंश्रोत्रीभ्यां कर्णों तेदनीमधरक्णठेनापः शृष्ककण्ठेने चित्तं मन्याभिरदितिःशीष्णां निर्ऋतिं निर्जंर्जल्पेन शीष्णां संक्रोशेः प्राणान् रेष्माणीथंस्तुपेने ॥२॥

Vātam prāņenāpānena nāsike'upayāmamadhareņauṣṭhena saduttareņa prakāśenāntaramanūkāśena bāhyam niveṣyam mūrdhna stanayitnum nirbādhenāśanim mastiṣkeṇa vidyutam kanīnakābhyām karṇābhyām śrotram śrotrābhyām karṇau tedanīmadharakaṇṭhenāpaḥ śuṣkakaṇṭhena cittam manyābhiraditim śīrṣṇā nirṛtim nirjarjalpena śīrṣṇā samkrośaiḥ prāṇān reṣmāṇam stupena.

Receive the energy of the winds by the incoming breath of prana and the outgoing breath of apana by the nostrils. With the lower and upper lips observe the selfcontrol of truth and the discipline of yama and niyama. With the light of higher knowledge illumine the inner personality. With cleanliness, purify the outer personality. Take in the light of divinity by the brahmarandhra, top aperture of the head. Hear the voice of thunder (of omnipotence) without interruption. Create the flash of lightning with the brain. Let the light shine by the pupils of the eyes. Develop hearing by the ears and the ears by hearing. Take in the food smoothly by the lower throat. Value the drinks by the parched throat. Develop the mind and memory by reflection and meditation. Realize the boundless in freedom with the imagination. Move on to the existential void with the head and speech unimpaired.

Develop the pranas with invocations to universal energy, facing the storm with shouts of joy.

# 3. (Indra & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

मशकान् केशैरिन्द्रश्रंस्वपेसा वहेन् बृह्स्पितिःशकुनिसादेने कूर्माञ्छ्फैराक्रमणश्रंस्थूराभ्यामृक्षलिभः कृपिञ्जेलाञ्जवं जङ्घीभ्यामध्वानं बाहुभ्यां जाम्बीलेनारण्यमग्निमित्रगभ्यां पूषणं दोभ्याम्श्वनावःसाभ्याश्रंस्ट्रःरोराभ्याम् ॥३॥

Maśakān keśairindram svapasā vahena bṛhaspatim śakunisādena kūrmañchaphairākramaṇam sthūrābhyāmṛkṣalābhiḥ kapinjalānjavam jaṅghābhyāmadhvānam bāhubhyām jāmbīlenaraṇyamagnimatirugbhyām pūṣaṇam dorbhyāmaśvināvamsābhyām rudram rorābhyām.

Ward off mosquitoes and insects with hair. Achieve the power and greatness of Indra with hard work and great action. Reach Brihaspati, great lord of knowledge and wisdom, by the ordeal of fire and patience. Get to the tortoise and the earth with the speed

of the eagle. Shoot to the target on the hoofs of a horse and power of arms. Get to the kapinjala birds by stout action and double speed. Get to speed and cover the road with strong legs. Get to the forest with the grape fruit. Get to Agni, fire, by will and desire, to Pusha, good health, by strong arms, to Ashvins, ruler and people, by strong shoulders, and to Rudra, power of justice, by listening and discussion.

# 4. (Agni & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

अग्नेः पेक्षतिर्वायोर्निपेक्षतिरिन्द्रेस्य तृतीया सोमेस्य चतुर्थ्य-दित्यै पञ्चमीन्द्राण्यै षष्ठी मुरुतीर्थंसप्तमी बृहस्पते-रष्टम्युर्यम्णो नेवमी धातुर्देशमीन्द्रेस्यैकाद्शी वर्रुणस्य द्वाद्शी यमस्य त्रयोद्शी ॥४॥

Agneḥ pakṣatirvāyornipakṣatirindrasya tṛtīyā somasya caturthyadityai pañcamīndrāṇyai ṣaṣṭhī marutām saptamī bṛhaspateraṣṭa-myaryamṇo navamī dhāturdaśamīndrasyai-kādaśī varuṇasya dvādaśī yamasya trayodaśī.

The body-politic of the nation of humanity has thirteen ribs on the right side of the chest. The first is Agni's for light and fire. The second is Vayu's for air energy. The third is Indra's for sunlight and energy. The fourth is Soma's for coolness and life of vegetation. The fifth is Aditi's for the vastness and generosity of the sky. The sixth is Indrani's for electric energy. The seventh is Marut's for the winds. The eighth is Brihaspati's for cosmic energy. The nineth is Aryaman's for the working people. The tenth is Dhatri's for the cosmic law. The eleventh is Indra's for national honour, power and prosperity. The twenfth is Varuna's for the enlightened citizens. The thirteenth is Yama's for justice

and administration.

(The world system thus is organismic. Every part is a living member, and every man, woman and community should play their part in the life of the system.)

### 5. (Indra & Others Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

इन्द्राग्न्योः पेक्षतिः सर्रस्वत्यै निपेक्षतिर्मित्रस्यं तृतीयापां चतुर्थी निर्ऋत्यै पञ्चम्युग्नीषोमयोः ष्रष्ठी सूर्पाणार्थसप्तमी विष्णोरष्ट्रमी पूष्णो नेवमी त्वष्टुंर्दश्मीन्द्रस्यैकाद्शी वर्रुणस्य द्वाद्शी युम्ये त्रयोद्शी द्यावापृथिव्योर्दक्षिणं पार्श्वं विश्वेषां देवानामुत्तरम् ॥५॥

Indrāgnyoḥ pakṣatiḥ sarasvatyai nipakṣatirmitrasya tṛtīyāpām caturthī nirṛtyai pañcamyagnīṣomayoḥ ṣaṣṭhī sarpāṇām saptamī viṣṇoraṣṭamī pūṣṇo navamī tvaṣṭurdaśamīndrasyaikādaśī varuṇasya dvādaśī yamyaī trayodaśī dyāvāpṛthivyordakṣiṇam pārśvam viśveṣām devānāmuttaram.

The body-politic of the nation has thirteen ribs on the left side of the chest. The first belongs to Indragni for air and fire. The second belongs to Sarasvati for speech and education. The third belongs to Mitra for friendship. The fourth belongs to Aps, waters. The fifth belongs to Nir-riti, the earth. The sixth belongs to Agni-soma for fire and water. The seventh belongs to Sarpas, subterranean creatures. The eighth belongs to Vishnu, cosmic spirit. The nineth belongs to Pusha, health and nourishment. The tenth is Tvashta's for brilliance and refinement. The eleventh belongs to Indra, the soul, for self-culture. The twelfth belongs to Varuna, enlightened people. The thirteenth belongs to Yami, nation's women. The right side is for Dyava-prithivi, heaven and earth

for light and life. The left side belongs to all the nobilities of nature and humanity for the joy of enlightenment.

### 6. (Maruts etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

म्रुतिथिऽऽदित्यानी तृतीयी वायोः पुच्छेम्ग्नीषोमयोभिसदौ कुञ्चौ श्रोणिभ्यामिन्द्राबृह्स्पतीऽक्रुरुथी मित्रावर्रणा-वृत्गाभ्यीमाक्रमणथंस्थूराभ्यां बलं कुष्ठीभ्याम् ॥६॥

Marutām skandhā viśveṣām devānām prathamā kīkasā rudrāṇām dvitīyā "dityānām tṛtīyā vāyoḥ pucchamagnīṣomayorbhāsadau kruñcau śroṇibhyāmindrābṛhaspatī' ūrubhyām mitrāvaruṇāvalgābhyāmākramaṇam sthūrābhyām balam kuṣṭhābhyām.

The shoulders of the nation belong to the Maruts, that is, the stormy troops of defence are the shoulders of the nation. The first and top part of the spine belongs to Vishvedevas, that is, the generous and enlightened people are the top of the nation's spine. The second part of the spine belongs to the Rudras, men of law and justice. The third part belongs to the Adityas, brilliant people and children of the earth. The tail end belongs to Vayu, breath and fragrance of the nation. The hips of the nation belong to Agni and Soma, the heat of fire and coolness of water in the national mind. The poets and artists, two beautiful hansa birds, are comparable to the loins of the nation. Indra and Brihaspati, ruler and teachers, are comparable to the thighs. Mitra and Varuna, friendship and discrimination, are comparable to the groins. Develop force and advancement by the strength and suppleness of the thighs. Judge the strength and vitality of the nation by the slopes of the groin.

(Note here that the rashtra/nation/Samraat purusha is compared to the individual purusha (Ekaraat purusha), and also to the universal purusha, i.e., the Viraat Purusha. Life thus is an organism at every stage from the individual to the universe.)

### 7. (Pusha etc. Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

पूषणं विन्छिनिस्थाहीन्त्स्थूलगुदयां सूर्पान् गुदाभिर्विह्नतंऽ-आन्त्रेरपो वस्तिना वृषणमाण्डाभ्यां वाजिन्रशेपेन प्रजाॐ-रेतसा चाषान् पित्तेनं प्रदुरान् पायुनां कूश्माञ्छेकपिण्डैः॥७॥

Pūṣaṇam vaniṣṭhunā'ndhāhīntsthūlagudayā sarpān gudābhirvihruta'āntrairapo vastinā vṛṣaṇamāṇḍābhyām vājinam śepena prajām retasā cāṣān pittena pradarān pāyunā kūśmāñchakapiṇḍaiḥ.

Compare national health to food digestion and assimilation, blind serpents to large intestines, snakes to the bowels, crooked people to the intestines, water storages to the bladder and lower abdomen, vital rains and clouds to the scrotum, passion to the virile seed, food consumption to the bile, clearances to wind discharges, and judge the force of governance by the concentrations of power.

### 8. (Indra and Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

इन्द्रस्य क्रोडोऽदित्यै पाज्स्यं दिशां ज्त्रवोऽदित्यै भ्सर्जी-मूर्तान् हृदयौपुशेनान्तरिक्षं पुरीतता नर्भऽउद्येण चक्रवाकौ मर्तस्नाभ्यां दिवं वृक्काभ्यां गिरीन् प्लाशिभिरुपेलान् प्लीह्रा वल्मीकान् क्लोमिभिग्लोभिर्गुल्मान् हिराभिः स्त्रवन्तीर्हृदान् कुक्षिभ्यां छंसमुद्रमुदरेण वैश्वान्रं भस्मना ॥८॥ Indrasya krodo'dityai pājasyam diśām jatravo'-dityai bhasajjīmūtān hṛdayaupaśenāntarikṣam purītatā nabha' udaryeṇa cakravākau matasnābhyām divam vṛkkābhyām girīn plāśibhirupalān plīhnā valmīkān klomabhirglaubhirgulmān hirābhiḥ sravantīrhradān kukṣibhyām samudramudareṇa vaiśvānaram bhasmanā.

You are in the bosom of Indra, father of light, let not the light sink into darkness.

Stand firm, the food and fertility of the earth is where you stand. The meeting of the directions of space is in the joints of the ribs. The light within is the light of heaven. Know the shower of the clouds by the joy of the soul in the blood, the broadness of the skies by the coronary artery, the soothing liquidity of atmospheric water by the serum juices of the belly, the energy of life, like the love of chakravaka birds, by the pulmonary arteries, the purity of light by the cleansing action of the excretory organs, the hardness of mountains by digestion and assimilation, the cloud-generosity by the spleen, the paths of movement by the blood vessels, concentrations and enlargements by the veins, streams and rivers by the blood-streams, gulfs and bays by the womb and ovaries, the sea by the stomach, and universal fire by the heat of the body system.

(Note the correspondence of the microcosm (ekaraat-purusha) and the macrocosm (Viraat-purusha) and the correspondence of the working of the two systems. The individual system works within the universal system as a unit. And this correspondence is worth knowing. The human individual is in the bosom of the universal Indra.)

#### 9. (Pusha & Others Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

विधृ<u>तिं</u> नाभ्यां घृतःरसेनापो यूष्णा मरीचीर्<u>वि</u>प्रुड्भिनीं-हारमूष्मणां शीनं वसंया प्रुष्वाऽअश्रुभिर्ह्यादुनीर्दूषीकांभिर्स्ना रक्षांश्रंसि चित्राण्यङ्गेर्नक्षत्राणि रूपेणं पृथिवीं त्वचा जुम्बकाय स्वाहां ॥९॥

Vidhṛtim nābhyā ghṛtam rasenāpo yūṣṇā marīcīrvipruḍ-bhirnīhāramūṣmaṇā śīnam vasayā pruṣvā'aśrubhirhrādunīrdūṣīkābhirasna rakṣāmsi citrāṇyaṅgairnakṣatrāṇi rūpeṇa pṛthivīm tvacā jumbakāya svāhā.

Know the centre-hold of the universe by the navel, liquid life of existence by the sap of nature, the waters of life by soup and decoctions, particles of light in rays by drops in a streams of oblations, the morning mist by vapours of steam, solid energy by frozen fat, precipitation of clouds by the tear glands, hail storms by shocks of disturbance, natural protections by immunity in the blood, wonders and mysteries by the limbs of the body, stars and planets by light and form, the crust of the earth by the skin of the body.

Honour and homage to the Lord Supreme with surrender in truth of word and deed.

### 10. (Hiranyagarbha Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

हिर्ण्यगर्भः समेवर्त्तताग्रे भृतस्ये जातः पतिरेकेऽआसीत्।स दोधार पृथिवीं द्यामुतेमां कस्मै देवायं हृविषो विधेम॥१०॥

Hiraṇyagarbhaḥ samavarttatāgre bhūtasya jātaḥ patireka'āsīt. Sa dādhāra pṛthivīṁ dyāmutemāṁ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The Great Golden Womb of the brilliant forms of existence, sole lord of the universe, existed by Himself

long before the world was born. He it is who holds this earth and Heaven. To Him we offer our homage and worship in libations of praise in words and deeds in truth.

### 11. (Ishvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यः प्रीण्तो निमिष्तो मेहित्वैकऽइद्राजा जर्गतो ब्रभूवे । य ईशेंऽअस्य द्विपद्श्चतुष्पदः कस्मै देवाये ह्विषी विधेम ॥११॥

Yaḥ prāṇato nimiṣato mahitvaika'idrājā jagato babhūva. Ya īśe'asya dvipadaścatuṣpadaḥ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

It is He who was and is the sole lord of the living, breathing and moving world of the eye (and ear). It is He who, by His own might, rules over the world of the humans and the animals. To that same lord of power and bliss we offer our homage and worship in libations of praise and fragrant havi in truth of word and deed.

### 12. (Ishvara Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

यस्येमे हिमर्वन्तो महित्वा यस्य समुद्रश्रुसयो सहाहुः। यस्येमाः प्रदिशो यस्ये बाह् कस्मै देवायं हिवर्षा विधेम ॥१२॥

Yasyeme himavanto mahitvā yasya samudram rasayā sahāhuḥ. Yasyemāḥ pradiśo yasya bāhū kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

By whose might, they say, these snow-covered mountains have come into existence and the oceans roll with floods of water, and who by His arms of omnipotence wields these quarters of space, to Him we offer our homage and worship with oblations of praise and havi.

#### 13. (Paramatma Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

यऽआत्मदा बेल्दा यस्य विश्वेऽउपासेते प्रशिषं यस्ये देवाः। यस्ये छायाऽमृतं यस्ये मृत्युः कस्मै देवाये हृविषा विधेम॥१३॥

Ya'ātmadā baladā yasya viśva'upāsate praśiṣam yasya devāḥ. Yasya cchāyāmṛatam yasya mṛtyuḥ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The Lord who is the giver of birth to the soul with its power and potential, whose glory all the divinities of the world celebrate in song, whose shade of protection is immortality and falling off is death, to Him we offer our homage and worship in hymns with havi.

#### 14. (Yajna Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

आ नो भुद्राः क्रतेवो यन्तु <u>वि</u>श्वतोऽदेब्धासोऽअपेरीतासऽ-उद्भिदेः। देवा नो यथा सदमिद् वृधेऽअस्ननप्रीयुवो रि<u>क्ष</u>तारी <u>दि</u>वेदिवे ॥१४॥

Ā no bhadrāḥ kratavo yantu viśvato' dabdhāso aparītāsa udbhidaḥ. Devā no yathā sadamid vṛdhe asannaprāyuvo rakṣitāro dive dive.

May thoughts of wisdom and acts of yajna come to us from all directions—thoughts and actions noble and auspicious, pure and free from violence, irresistible and unobstructed, bursting forth and fruitful, so that young, energetic and brilliant people of divinity may arise in this assembly of ours and be the protectors and promoters of our advancement.

# 15. (Vidvans Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

देवानं भुद्रा सुमितिर्ऋजूयतां देवानिष्ठंरातिरभि नो निर्वर्तताम्। देवानिष्ठंसुख्यमुपेसेदिमा वयं देवा नुऽआयुः प्रतिरन्तु जीवसे ॥१५॥ Devānām bhadrā sumatirṛjūyatām devānām rātirabhi no nivarttatām. Devānām sakhyamupasedimā vayam devā na'āyuḥ pratirantu jīvase.

May the auspicious wisdom of brilliant visionaries come to us. May the wealth and knowledge of simple, sincere and generous people come to us from all sides. May we enjoy the favour and friendship of noble and dedicated people of faith and excellence. And may all these nobilities thrive and promote our life for good and joyous living.

# 16. (Vishvedeva Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

तान् पूर्वीया <u>नि</u>विदौ हूमहे वयं भगै <u>मित्रमदितिं</u> दक्षेम्-स्त्रिर्धम् । अर्येमणुं वर्रुणुश्सोर्ममुश्विना सरस्वती नः सुभगा मर्यस्करत् ॥१६॥

Tān pūrvayā nividā hūmahe vayam bhagam mitramaditim dakṣamasridham. Aryamaṇam varuṇam somamaśvinā sarasvatī naḥ subhagā mayaskarat.

Those we invoke and honour in yajna with the ancient, eternal and self-proclaimed voice of the Veda: Bhaga, giver of glory, Mitra, universal friend, Aditi, mother of indestructible wisdom, Daksha, lord versatile and inviolable, Aryama, sustainer of creation, Varuna, best and highest, Soma, giver of peace, prosperity, knowledge and happiness, Ashvinis, givers of health and well-being, and all the teachers and scholars of the world.

May mother Sarasvati, benevolent and beatific, give us all the good and gracious gifts of life.

#### 17. (Vayu Devata, Gotama Rshi)

तन्नो वार्तो मयोभु वातु भेषुजं तन्माता पृथिवी तत्यिता द्यौः । तद् ग्रावाणः सोमसुतौ मयोभुवस्तदिश्विना शृणुतं धिष्णया युवम् ॥१७॥

Tanno vāto mayobhu vātu bheṣajaṁ tanmātā pṛthivī tatpitā dyauḥ. Tad grāvāṇaḥ somasuto mayobhuvastadaśvinā śṛṇutaṁ dhiṣṇyā yuvam.

May the joyous wind blow for us with the breath of life. May mother earth be green and fruitful for her children. May the fatherly sun bless us with light and brilliance. May the blissful clouds replete with the waters of life be generous with showers. And may you, Ashvinis, both sustaining powers of all round growth of body, mind and spirit, listen to our prayers and be kind and gracious.

### 18. (Ishvara Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

तमीशानं जर्गतस्त्रस्थुष्स्पितं धिय<u>ञ्जि</u>न्वमवसे हूमहे व्यम्। पूषा नो यथा वेदंसामसंद् वृधे रं<u>क्षि</u>ता पायुरदंब्धः स्वस्तये॥१८॥

Tamīśānam jagatastasthuṣaspatim dhiyañjinvamavase hūmahe vayam. Pūṣā no yathā'vedasāmasad vṛdhe rakṣitā pāyuradabdhaḥ svastaye.

For our protection, we invoke and worship the lord and ruler of the moving and the unmoving world who inspires our intelligence, dedication and devotion, so that He, lord supreme inviolable, may be the protector, sustainer and promoter of all our wealth of life for the sake of advancement and well-being.

#### 19. (Ishvara Devata, Gotama Rshi)

स्वस्ति न्ऽइन्द्रौ वृद्धश्रेवाः स्वस्ति नेः पूषा विश्ववेदाः । स्वस्ति न्स्ताक्ष्योऽअरिष्टनेमिः स्वस्ति नो बृह्स्पति-र्दधातु ॥१९॥

Svasti na'indro vṛddhaśravāḥ svasti naḥ pūṣā viśvavedāḥ. Svasti nastārkṣyo'ariṣṭanemiḥ svasti no bṛhaspatirdadhātu.

May Indra, great is His glory, be kind and grant us honour and greatness. May Pusha, lord sustainer and wielder of universal wealth, be generous and bring us health and wealth. May the inviolable lord of speed and security be watchful and grant us progress and freedom. And may Brihaspati, lord of the great world of existence, be gracious and bless us with all the good and wellbeing in life.

#### 20. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Rshi)

पृषंदश्वा मुरुतः पृश्निमातरः शुभुं यावीनो <u>वि</u>दथेषु जग्मेयः। अ<u>ग्निजि</u>ह्वा मनेवः सूर्रचक्षसो विश्वे नो देवाऽअवसा-गमन्निह॥२०॥

Pṛṣadaśvā marutaḥ pṛśnimātaraḥ śubhaṁ yāvāno vidatheṣu jagmayaḥ. Agnijihvā manavaḥ sūracakṣaso viśve no devā'avasāgamanniha.

Great are the scholars, vibrant as the winds and brilliant as children of sunbeams. Riding on flying horses, they are ever on the move to goodness and glory in the battles of life.

Fiery is their tongue and blazing are their eyes, and yet they are human, dedicated to thought and reflection.

May all the scholars of the world come to bless us with protection and progress to our goal here in this life itself.

# 21. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

भ्द्रं कर्णेभिः शृणुयाम देवा भ्द्रं पेश्येमाक्षभिर्यजत्राः । स्थिरेरङ्गैस्तुष्टुवाथ्यंसस्तनूभिर्व्यशेमहि देवहितं यदार्युः ॥२१॥

Bhadram karnebhih śrnuyāma devā bhadram paśyemākṣabhiryajatrāh. Sthirairangaistuṣṭuvāmsastanūbhirvyaśemahi devahitam yadāyuh.

Devas, men of knowledge and divinity, dedicated to yajna, may we hear only good with our ears, may we see only good with our eyes. Singing songs of praise with strong and stable limbs, may we live our full span of life, enjoying with strong and healthy bodies in the service of God and the divines.

## 22. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

शृतमिन्नु श्ररदोऽअन्ति देवा यत्री नश्चक्रा जरसं तुनूनीम्। पुत्रासो यत्रे <u>पितरो</u> भर्व<u>न्ति</u> मा नौ मुध्या रीरिष्तायुर्गन्तौ:॥२२॥

Śataminnu śarado'anti devā yatrā naścakrā jarasam tanūnām. Putrāso yatra pitaro bhavanti mā no madhyā rīriṣatāyurgantoḥ.

Scholars of knowledge and wisdom, while we are close to you, help us to live a full life of hundred years in good health of body wherein our children too may grow to be fathers of their children. Let not our life be hurt or injured. Let it not perish on the way in the middle of the course.

#### 23. (Dyau etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अदि<u>ति</u>द्यौरिदितिर्न्तिर<u>्स</u>मिदिति<u>र्मा</u>ता स <u>पि</u>ता स पुत्रः । विश्वे देवाऽअदितिः पञ्च जनाऽअदितिर्जातमिदिति-र्जनित्वम्॥२३॥

Aditirdyauraditirantarikṣamaditirmātā sa pitā sa putraḥ. Viśve devā'aditiḥ pañca janā' aditirjātamaditirjanitvam.

In the essence: Light is indestructible; sky is indestructible; mother Prakriti (matter-energy-thought) is indestructible; Father, the Cosmic Spirit is indestructible; Son, the soul (jiva), is indestructible; all the divinities of nature and humanity are indestructible; five people, Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vaishya, Shudra, others, are indestructible; whatever is born is indestructible; whatever will be born is indestructible. (All that was, is and shall be is indestructible in the essence.)

#### 24. (Mitra & Others Devata, Gotama Rshi)

मा नौ <u>मि</u>त्रो वर्रुणोऽअर्यमायुरिन्द्रिऽऋभुक्षा मुरुतः परिख्यन्। यद्वाजिनौ देवजीतस्य सप्तैः प्रवृक्ष्यामौ <u>वि</u>दर्थे वीुर्याणि॥२४॥

Mā no mitro varuņo'aryamāyurindra'ṛbhukṣā marutaḥ parikhyan. Yadvājino devajātasya sapteḥ pravakṣyāmo vidathe vīryāṇi.

May Mitra, friend, Varuna, great, Aryama, guide and leader, Indra, ruler, Ribhuksha, mighty, and Maruts, powers of the world, never overlook and ignore our life. And we shall praise and celebrate the warlike exploits of the divine-born and tempestuous hero of the world of yajnic character.

#### 25. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Rshi)

यित्रिणिजा रेक्णसा प्रावृंतस्य रातिं गृंभीतां मुंखतो नयन्ति। सुप्रोङ्जो मेम्यद्विश्वरूपऽइन्द्रापूष्णोः प्रियमप्यैति पार्थः ॥२५॥

Yannirṇijā rekṇasā prāvṛtasya rātim gṛbhītām mukhato nayanti. Suprānajo memyadviśvarūpa' indrāpūṣṇoh priyamapyeti pāthaḥ.

The persons who gratefully receive the gifts of the lord giver and with that pure and sacred wealth move the cycle of charity on ward; and also the self-developing man of immortal spirit with initiative and versatile potential in many fields; they all go forward on the favourite path of Indra and Pusha, blest with power and progress.

### 26. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

एष छार्गः पुरोऽअश्वेन वाजिनां पूष्णो भागो नीयते विश्वदेव्यः। अभिप्रियं यत्पुरोडाशमर्वाता त्वष्टेदेनः-सौश्रवसार्यं जिन्वति ॥२६॥

Eṣa chāgaḥ puro' aśvena vājinā pūṣṇo bhāgo nīyate viśvadevyaḥ. Abhipriyam yatpuro-dāśamarvatā tvaṣṭedenam sauśravasāya jinvati.

When this aggressive leader, distinguished among equals of divine quality and loved of Pusha (the President), is advanced to the front by the dynamic nation, then Tvashta, maker of men and nations, receives him as a lovely gift of national yajna and, alongwith the nation, refines him with sanctification for honour and glory.

#### 27. (Yajna Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

यद्ध<u>िविष्यमृत</u>ुशो देवयानुं त्रिर्मानुषाः पर्यश्वं नयन्ति । अत्री पूष्णः प्रथमो भागऽएति यज्ञं देवेभ्यः प्रतिवेदयंत्रजः ॥२७॥ Yaddhavişyamṛtuśo devayānam trirmānuṣāḥ paryaśvam nayanti. Atrā pūṣṇaḥ prathamo bhāga'eti yajñam devebhyaḥ prativedayannajaḥ.

When three orders of people take the man at the head of national yajna round the national vedi (the land) according to the seasons and circumstances of the country, then the man of immortal spirit, prime agent of the divinities of progress and development, Pushan, speaking in loud accents, takes the yajna forward for all the noble citizens.

#### 28. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Rshi)

होतोऽध्वर्युरावेयाऽअग्नि<u>मि</u>न्धो ग्रोवग्राभऽउत शछंस्ता सुविप्रः। तेने युज्ञेन स्वरङ्कृतेन स्विष्टेन वक्षणाऽआ पृणध्वम् ॥२८॥

Hotā'dhvaryurāvayā' agnimindho grāvagrābha' uta śamstā suvipraḥ. Tena yajñena svaraṅ-kṛtena sviṣṭena vakṣaṇā'ā pṛṇadhvam.

By the national yajna, cherished and well performed with dedication and grace, may all the functionaries, the hota with oblations, adhvaryu with meticulous organisation, agnimindha with lighting of the fire, gravagrabha with handling of soma stones, shansta with invocations, expert suvipra with vedic hymns, and all the other participants refresh, replenish and overfill all the streams of national life.

# 29. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यूप्रब्रस्काऽउत ये यूपवाहाश्चषालं येऽअश्वयूपाय तक्षिति। ये चार्वते पर्चनःसम्भर्गन्त्युतो तेषीम्भिगूर्त्तिर्नऽइन्वतु ॥२९॥ Yūpavraskā'uta ye yūpavāhāścaṣālaṁ ye' aśvayūpāya takṣati. Ye cārvate pacanaṁ sambharantyuto teṣāmabhigūrttirna'invatu.

(We thank) the cutters of wood for the yajna post, the carriers of the post, the shapers of the ring for the post and all those who collect the materials and complete the preparations for yajna, and, (we pray), may all their efforts be for our good and success.

### 30. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

उपुप्रागित्सुमन्मेऽधा<u>यि</u> मन्मे देवानामाशाऽउपे वीतपृष्ठः । अन्वेनं विप्राऽऋषेयो मदन्ति देवानी पुष्टे चेकृमा सु-बन्धुम् ॥३०॥

Upa prāgātsumanme'dhāyi manma devānāmāśā'upa vītapṛṣṭhaḥ. Anvenaṁ viprā'ṛṣayo madanti devānāṁ puṣṭe cakṛmā subandhum.

May the man of broad yajnic potential, the man able to realise the hopes of the learned, come to us spontneously and bear the wisdom of knowledge for us, so that the visionaries and intellectuals may rejoice with him and we may create a community of brotherhood among the brilliant scholars.

# 31. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यद्वाजिनो दामे सन्दानमर्वतो या शीर्षण्या रशना रज्जुरस्य। यद्वी घास्य प्रभृतमास्ये तृणुश्सर्वा ता तेऽअपि देवेष्वस्तु॥३१॥

Yadvājino dāma sandānamarvato yā śirṣaṇyā raśana rajjurasya. Yadvā ghāsya prabhṛtamāsye tṛṇam̃ sarvā tā te'api deveṣvastu.

Whatever the waistband or the leg fetter or the bridle, or the reins over the head or strings of control, and whatever kind of grass is held in the mouth of the

fast and powerful horse (of national yajna), all these too should be under the control of the learned and the wise people, for you.

# 32. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यदश्वस्य क्रविषो म<u>श्</u>चिकाश् यद्वा स्वरौ स्वधितौ <u>रि</u>प्तमस्ति। यद्धस्तयोः श<u>मितु</u>र्यन्नखेषु सर्वा ता तेऽअपि देवेष्वस्तु॥३२॥

Yadaśvasya kravişo makşikāśa yadvā svarau svadhitau riptamasti. Yaddhastayoḥ śamitur-yannakheṣu sarvā tā te'api deveṣvastu.

Whatever fly stings and eats of the flesh of the fast running horse of the yajna of the nation, whatever smears the tempered steel, or whatever soils the hands and nails of the performers of ritual, all these too should be under the control of the learned and the wise for you.

# 33. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Rshi)

यदूर्वध्यमुदरस्याप्वा<u>ति</u> यऽआमस्ये क्रविषो गुन्धोऽअस्ति। सुकृता तच्<u>ठेमि</u>तारेः कृण्वन्तूत मेधेःशृतुपाकं पचन्तु ॥३३॥

Yadūvadhyamudarasyāpavāti ya'āmasya kraviṣo gandho'asti. Sukṛtā tacchamitāraḥ kṛṇvantūta medham śṛtapākam pacantu.

Whatever undigested waste is discharged from the stomach, and whatever are the gases of the half digested food, all that the expert yajamana (physicians) should relieve and rectify and they should also have delicious foods and fragrant materials prepared.

# 34. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यत्ते गात्रोद्गिननो पच्यमोनाद्भि शूलं निहेतस्यावधावेति। मा तद् भूम्यामाश्रिष्नमा तृणेषु देवेभ्यस्तदुशद्भ्यो रात-मेस्तु ॥३४॥ Yatte gātrādagninā pacyamānādabhi śūlam nihatasyāvadhāvati. Mā tadbhūmyāmāśriṣanmā tṛṇeṣu devebhyastaduśadbhyo rātamastu.

If your person is on the stake being developed and matured by fire, and you feel strained, exhausted, almost dead, then whatever cry of pain escapes your lips, let it not fall into the dust, nor let it be lost in the straw, but let it be a valuable subject of study for the noble scholars who are keen to rectify it.

# 35. (Vishvedevas Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

ये वाजिनं परिपश्यन्ति प्वव्वं यऽई'माहुः सुरिभिर्निर्हरेति । ये चार्वं'तो माथंस<u>भिक्षामु</u>पासंतऽउतो तेषामभिर्गूर्त्तिर्नऽ-इन्वतु ॥३५॥

Ye vājinam paripasyanti pakvam ya'īmāhuḥ surabhirnirhareti. Ye cārvato māňsabhikṣā-mupāsata'uta teṣāmabhigūrtirna' invatu.

Those who watch the nation's food grow to ripeness, and those who say: It is fragrant, harvest it, and those who serve their share in the growth of the nation on the move, may all their effort be for the benefit of us all.

# 36. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यन्नीक्षणं माँस्पर्चन्याऽउखाया या पात्रीणि यूष्णऽआसेर्चनानि। ऊष्मण्याऽपिधानां चरूणामुङ्काः सूनाः परिभूषन्यश्वेम् ॥३६॥

Yannīkṣaṇaṁ māmspacanyā'ukhāyā yā pātrāṇi yūṣṇa'āsecanāni. Ūṣmaṇyā'pidhānā carūṇāmaṅkāḥ sūnāḥ pari bhūṣantyaśvam.

Watchful stirring (replenishment) of the earth's fertility for the growth of grain and fruit, whatever containers and reservoirs of water there be for growth

and irrigation, the clouds for showers and alleviation of heat, and beauty spots from place to place: these beautify and add to the grace of a nation on the march.

# 37. (Vidvans Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

मा त्वाऽग्निध्वीनयीद् धूमर्ग<u>न्धि</u>मोंखा भ्राजेन्त्यभिविक्त जिधः। इष्टं वीतम्भिर्गूर्त्तं वर्षट्कृतं तं देवासः प्रतिगृभ्णन्त्य-श्वम् ॥३७॥

Mā tvā'gnirdhvanayīd dhūmagandhirmokhā bhrājantyabhi vikta jaghriḥ. Iṣṭaṁ vītamabhigūrtaṁ vaṣaṭkṛtaṁ taṁ devāsaḥ prati gṛbhṇantyaśvam.

May the fire enveloped in smoke never extinguish or diminish your light. May the shining and fragrant dawn never disturb you into isolation. The noblest generous divinities accept and honour you as a hero, dear, brilliant, industrious, sanctified and marching forward.

# 38. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Rshi)

निक्रमणं निषदेनं विवर्त्त'नं यच्च पड्वीशमर्व'तः । यच्चे पपौ यच्चे घासिं ज्घास् सर्वा ता तेऽअपि देवेष्वस्तु॥३८॥

Nikramaṇaṁ niṣadanaṁ vivarttanaṁ yacca paḍvīśamarvataḥ. Yacca papau yacca ghāsiṁ jaghāsa sarvā tā te'api deveṣvastu.

The start and gallop of your horse, the stop and sitting, turning round and rolling, halting and the fetters, what it drinks and the grass that it eats, may all these be good and graceful, and may they be appreciated by the noblest people.

#### 39. (Vidvansah Devata, Gotama Rshi)

यदश्वीय वासेऽउपस्तृणन्त्येधीवासं या हिरेण्यान्यस्मै । सुन्दानुमर्वीन्तुं पड्वीशं प्रिया देवेष्वायीमयन्ति ॥३९॥

Yadaśvāya vāsa'uapastṛṇantyadhīvāsaṁ yā hiraṇyānyasmai. Sandānamarvantaṁ paḍvīśaṁ priyā deveṣvāyāmayanti.

The cloth for the horse, the overcloth and the golden ornaments which adorn it, the head-band, and the fetters which control this fast-moving steed, may all these be beautiful, good and appreciable among the noblest people.

# 40. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यत्ते सादे महंसा शूकृतस्य पाष्ण्यी वा कशया वा तुतोदं। स्नुचेव ता ह्विषोऽअध्वरेषु सर्वा ता ते ब्रह्मणा सूदयामि ॥४०॥

Yatte sāde mahasā śūkṛtasya pārṣṇyā vā kaśayā vā tutoda. Sruceva tā haviṣo'adhvareṣu sarvā tā te brahmaṇā sūdayāmi.

Swift and brilliant as you are with mighty strength and power, still if ever you feel weak and weary and someone hits you from the back with a whip (to hurt you or spur you on), then I replenish all your weaknesses and animate you to full form with the Vedic wealth just as we rekindle the fire in yajnas with ladlefuls of holy materials.

# 41. (Yajna Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

चर्तुस्त्रिःशद्वाजिनौ देवबेन्धोर्वङ्क्रीरश्वस्य स्वधितिः समैति। अच्छिद्रा गात्रौ वयुनौ कृणोत् पर्रुष्परुरनुघुष्या वि शस्त॥४१॥ Catustrimśadvājino devabandhorvankrīraśvasya svadhitih sameti. Acchidrā gātrā vayunā kṛṇota paruṣparuranughuṣyā vi śasta.

Just as a man of innate expertise and intelligence controls the thirty-four movements of a tempestuous horse, which is a favourite friend of the nobles, so should the leader, a man of innate and rightful intelligence and power, a friend of the noble and brilliant people, control the dynamic governance of a vibrant nation and maintain all the parts of the national machine in a faultless order of efficiency, having examined the system step by step and declared, every part as perfect and approved.

# 42. (Yajamana Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

एक्स्त्वष्टुरश्वेस्या विश्सा द्वा यन्तारी भवतस्तर्थऽऋतुः। या ते गात्रीणामृतुथा कृणोिम् ताता पिण्डीनां प्र जुहो-म्यग्नौ ॥४२॥

Ekastvaṣṭuraśvasyā viśastā dvā yantārā bhavatastatha'ṛtuḥ. Yā te gātrāṇāmṛtuthā kṛṇomi tā tā piṇḍānāṁ pra juhomyagnau.

One is the marker of the sun's horse/chariot of time, that is the year, the annual cycle of seasons. Two are the guiding controllers, the summer solstice and the winter solstice. I take the divisions of your course, O sun, O ruler, O nation, according to the seasons, and I dedicate them to the fire of national yajna according to the seasons and the circumstances of the nation.

#### 43. (Atma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

मा त्वां तप<u>त्प्रि</u>यऽआत्मा<u>पियन्तं</u> मा स्वधितिस्तुन्वॢऽ-आतिष्ठिपत्ते । मा ते गृध्नुरंविश्सता<u>ति</u>हायं <u>छिद्रा</u> गात्राणय-सिना मिथूं कः ॥४३॥ Mā tvā tapatpriya' ātmāpiyantam māsvadhitistanva'ā tiṣṭhipatte. Mā te gṛdhnuraviśastātihāya chidrā gātrāṇyasinā mithū kaḥ.

While you are on your way up in life, may your dear soul not forsake you, nor torment you. May no tempered steel fix itself in your person, nor your own power arrest you. Nor must the covetous pervert mutilate your limbs, nor tear your body asunder with the sword, for no cause or weakness whatsoever.

# 44. (Atma Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

न वाऽर्डऽए्तिन्प्रियसे न रिष्यिस देवाँ२॥ऽइदेषि पृथिभिः सुगेभिः। हरी ते युञ्जा पृषेतीऽअभूतामुपस्थिद्धाजी धुरि रासंभस्य ॥४४॥

Na vā'u'etanmriyase na riṣyasi devāň'ideṣi pathibhiḥ sugebhiḥ. Harī te yuñjā pṛṣatī abhūtāmupāsthādvāji dhuri rāsabhasya.

This way, with this knowledge, you will not die, nor suffer wrong. Instead, you would rise to the state of the immortals by the straight paths of the divinities. Yoke your strong horses to the chariot, and let the fast horse be close to the bearer of the burden.

# 45. (Praja Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

सुगव्यं नो वाजी स्वश्व्यं पुःसः पुत्राँ२॥ऽडत विश्वापुषेःरयिम्। अनागास्त्वं नोऽअदितिः कृणोतु क्षृत्रं नोऽअश्वौ वनतार्थः-हृविष्मान् ॥४५॥

Sugavyam no vājī svaśvyam pumsah putrāň'uta viśvāpuṣam rayim. Anāgāstvam no' aditih kṛṇotu kṣatram no' aśvo vanatām haviṣmān.

May our dynamic ruler work and provide for the

development of cows, horses, men and women, children and all round health and wealth of the nation.

May the freedom of the land and abundance of the earth lead us to a state of freedom from sin and crime. May the leader, high-priest of national yajna, ever ready and well-provided with holy materials, build a great social order for humanity.

# 46. (Vishvedeva Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

ड्रमा नु कं भुवेना सीषधामेन्द्रेश्च विश्वे च देवाः । आदित्यैरिन्द्रः सर्गणो मुरुद्धिरस्मभ्यं भेषुजा करत् । यज्ञं चे नस्तुन्वं च प्रजां चोदित्यैरिन्द्रः सुह सीषधाति ॥४६॥

Imā nu kam bhuvanā sīṣadhāmendraśca viśve ca devāḥ. Ādityairindraḥ sagaṇo marudbhirasmabhyam bheṣajā karat. Yajñam ca nastanvam ca prajām cādityairindraḥ saha sīṣadhāti.

Just as the sun and all the divinities of nature hold, sustain and bless these worlds, so may the ruler and the noblest powers of humanity govern and sustain the regions of the world. May they and we all realise the joy of life.

Just as the sun with its light and planets and the winds through the months and seasons of the year blesses us with herbs and juices for health and vitality, so may the physician with all his aids, light and air provide us with tonics and medication for health.

Just as the sun and cosmic energy through the movement of the months and seasons carry on the creative and restorative yajna of nature for the earth and her children, so may the ruler with the brilliant leaders of the nation carry on and accomplish the social yajna for the health of the body-politic and the children of the nation.

# 47. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अग्ने त्वं नोऽअन्तेमऽउत त्राता <u>शि</u>वो भेवा वरूथ्यः। वर्सुर्ग्निर्वसुश्रवाऽअच्छो नक्षि द्युमत्तेमःर्ययं दोः ॥४७॥

Agne tvam no' antama'uta trātā śivo bhavā varūthyaḥ. Vasuragnirvasuśravā'acchā nakṣi dyumattamam rayim dāḥ.

Agni, light of life, closest friend and saviour, be good to us, be the very spirit of our home. Pure and immaculate, warmth and vitality of life, rest and haven of all, universal creator and giver of wealth, come and bless us with the most brilliant knowledge and wealth of life.

# 48. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

तं त्वां शोचिष्ठ दीदिवः सुम्नायं नूनमीमहे सर्खिभ्यः। स नो बोधि श्रुधी हवम् उरुष्या णोऽअघायतः सम-स्मात् ॥४७॥

Tam tvā śociṣṭha dīdivaḥ sumnāya nūnamīmahe sakhibhyaḥ. Sa no bodhi śrudhī havam uruṣyā no' aghāyataḥ samasmāt.

Lord of the universe, most briliant power, blazing with the light of knowledge and Dharma, we pray to you for the good and well-being of life sincerely for our friends and for ourselves. Such as you are, enlighten us, listen to our prayers, save and protect us from all sin and crime against Dharma and Society.

इति पञ्चविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXVI

# 1. (Agni & Others Devata, Yajnavalkya Ŗshi)

अग्निश्चं पृथिवी च सन्नते ते में सं नेमतामुदो वायुश्चान्तरिक्षं च सन्नते ते में सं नेमतामुदऽअदित्यश्च द्यौश्च सन्नते ते में सं नेमतामुदऽआपेश्च वर्रुणश्च सन्नते ते में सं नेमतामुदः। सप्त सुरसदौऽ अष्टमी भूतुसार्धनी। सक्तमाँ२॥ऽअध्वनस्कुरु संज्ञानेमस्तु मेऽमुना ॥१॥

Agniśca pṛthivī ca sannate te me sam namatāmado vāyuścāntarikṣam ca sannate te me sam namatāmada'ādityaśca dyauśca sannate te me sam namatāmada'āpaśca varuṇaśca sannate te me sam namatāmadaḥ. Sapta samsado aṣṭamī bhūtasādhanī. Sakāmān'adhvanaskuru samjñānamastu me'munā.

Agni, vital heat, and Prithivi, earth, go together in harmony (for this side of life, for Dharma, righteous living, Artha, earthly prosperity, Kama, worldly fulfilment). May they be harmonious and favourable for me for the other side too (Moksha, ultimate freedom).

Vayu, the air, and Antariksha, the sky, go together in harmony for this side of life. May they be favourable for me for the other side too.

Aditya, the sun, and Dyau, heaven, go together in harmony for this side. May they be favourable for me for the other side too.

Apah, spatial waters, and Varuna, the oceans, go together in harmony for me this side of life, may they be favourable for the other side too.

Seven are the conjunctions between oceans, waters, sun, heaven, air, sky, heat and earth, which hold the world. The eighth, mother earth, sustains the forms of life. May all the conjunctions and the sustaining mother's lap help us realise our aims of life.

O ruler, act well so that our aims of life be fulfilled and the paths of life be straight and clear.

By dedication to the other side, may I have full knowledge of existence and beyond.

# 2. (Ishvara Devata, Laugakshi Ŗshi)

यथेमां वार्चं कल्याणीमावदिन जनेभ्यः। ब्रह्मराजन्याभ्यार्थः-श्रुद्राय चार्यीय च स्वाय चारणाय च । प्रियो देवानां दक्षिणायै दातुरिह भूयासमयं मे कामः समृध्यतामुपेमादो नेमतु ॥२॥

Yathemām vācam kalyānīmāvadāni janebhyah. Brahmarājānyābhyām śūdrāya cāryāya ca svāya cāraṇāya ca. Priyo devānām dakṣiṇāyai dāturiha bhūyāsamayam me kāmaḥ samṛdhyatāmupa mādo namatu.

Just as this blessed Word of the Veda I speak for the people, all without exception, Brahmana, Kshatriya, Shudra, Vaishya, master and servant, one's own and others, so do you too.

May I be dear and favourite with the noble divinities and the generous people for the gift of the sacred speech.

May this noble aim of mine be fulfilled here in this life. May the others too follow and come my way beyond this life.

# 3. (Ishvara Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

बृहंस्पतेऽअति यद्योंऽअहीद् द्युमद्विभाति क्रतुंमुज्जनेषु । यद्दीदयुच्छवंसऽ ऋतप्रजात तद्स्मासु द्रविणं धेहि चित्रम्। उपयामगृहीतोऽसि बृहस्पतंये त्वैष ते योनिर्बृहस्पतंये त्वा॥३॥

Bṛhaspate'ati yadaryo'arhād dyumadvibhāti kratumajjaneṣu. Yaddīdayacchavasa'ṛtaprajāta tadasmāsu draviṇaṁ dhehi citram. Upayāma-gṛhīto'si bṛhaspataye tvaiṣa te yonirbṛhaspataye tvā.

Brihaspati, lord of the great universe, master of universal wealth, lord of light and yajnic actions among humanity, you shine by virtue of your own glory. Manifest in the law and order of existence and in the Veda, you blaze with your own omnipotence. Such as you are, Lord, bless us with the wonderful knowledge and wealth of the world.

Man of knowledge, consecrated you are in the yajna of knowledge as if you are an oblation in the sacrificial ladle, upayama. I accept you in the service of Brihaspati, lord of the world and its knowledge, for the sake of Brihaspati, enlightenment of the scholars with divine knowledge. This now is your haven and home, your end and aim of life.

# 4. (Indra Devata, Ramyakshi Rshi)

इन्द्र गोम<u>िन्न</u>हाय<u>िह</u> पिबा सोमेश्शतक्रतो । <u>विद्यद्</u>विग्राविभिः सुतम् । <u>उपयामगृहीतो</u>ऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा गोमतऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>रिन्द्रीय त्वा गोमेते ॥४॥

Indra gomannihāyāhi pibā somam śatakrato. Vidyadbhirgrāvabhiḥ sutam. Upayāmagṛhīto'sīndrāya tvā gomata'eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā gomate.

Indra, lord of the earth and the divine Word, highpriest of a hundred yajnas of life, come here and drink of the soma extracted by the existent scholars with the sacred stones and distilled by the clouds.

Man of divine knowledge, master of your mind and senses, consecrated you are to Indra, lord of earth and Veda. I accept you for the service of Indra and education of the people. This service and dedication is now your haven and home, the end and aim of your life.

# 5. (Surya Devata, Ramyakshi Rshi)

इन्द्रायोहि वृत्रहुन् पिबा सोमेःशतक्रतो । गोमेद्धिर्ग्राविभिः सुतम्। उपयामगृहीतोऽसीन्द्रीय त्वा गोमेतऽएष ते यो<u>नि</u>रिन्द्रीय त्वा गोमेते ॥५॥

Indrāyāhi vṛtrahan pibā somam śatakrato. Gomadbhirgrāvabhiḥ sutam. Upayāmagṛhīto' sīndrāya tvā gomata' eṣa te yonirindrāya tvā gomate.

Indra, lord of sunbeams, breaker of the clouds and high-priest of a hundred yajnas of creation, come and drink of the soma extracted by brilliant men of knowledge and wealth of self-control with the voice of thunder and showers of clouds.

Man of brilliance and knowledge, accepted and consecrated you are like an oblation held in the sacrificial ladle for the service of Indra, lord of the sun and clouds. This service and dedication now is your haven and home, the very reason and justification of your existence. I accept you for Indra and the man of wealth and self-control.

# 6. (Vaishvanara Devata, Pradurakshi Rshi)

ऋतावनि वैश्वान्रमृतस्य ज्योतिषस्यतिम् । अजेस्त्रं घर्ममीमहे। उपयामगृहीतोऽसि वैश्वान्रायं त्वैष ते योनिर्वेश्वान्रायं त्वा ॥६॥

Ŗtāvānam vaiśvānaramṛtasya jyotiṣaspatim. Ajasram gharmamīmaḥe. Upayāmagṛhīto'si vaiśvānarāya tvaisa te yonirvaiśvānarāya tvā.

We love Vaishvanara, eternal fire, lord of the laws of truth and light of the world, and we pray for the vital fire of life acting on waters within the laws of nature.

Man of knowledge and science, you are consecrated like an oblation held in the sacrificial ladle for service to Vaishvanara, fiery vitalizer of life. I accept you for service to the fire and waters of nature. This service and dedication now is your very haven and home, the very meaning of your life.

# 7. (Vaishvanara-Agni Devate, Kutsa Ŗshi)

वैश्वानरस्यं सुमतौ स्याम् राजा हि कं भुवनानामिश्रीः । इतो जातो विश्वं मिदं विचेष्टे वैश्वान्रो यंतते सूर्येण । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि वैश्वान्रायं त्वैष ते योनिर्वेश्वान्रायं त्वा ॥७॥

Vaiśvānarasya sumatau syāma rājā hi kam bhuvanānāmabhiśrīḥ. Ito jāto viśvamidam vi caṣṭe vaiśvānaro yatate sūryeṇa. Upayāma-gṛhīto'si vaiśvānarāya tvaiṣa te yonirvaiśvānarāya tvā.

Let us abide by the laws and wisdom of Vaishvanara, leader of the universe. Glorious light of the world, He creates the joy, beauty and glory of the worlds in existence. Manifesting from the world itself, He watches and energises this whole universe and, as the vital heat energy of life, works with the sun for the sustenance of life and growth.

Man of science and knowledge, accepted and consecrated you are by the laws of life and nature for the service of Vaishvanara. This service now is your haven and home. I accept you for the sake of Vaishvanara, science of heat and energy.

# 8. (Vaishvanara Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

वैश्वानुरो नेऽकृतयुऽआ प्र योतु परावर्तः । अग्निकृक्थेनु वाहंसा। उपयामगृहीतोऽसि वैश्वानुरायं त्वैष ते योनि-वैंश्वानुरायं त्वा ॥८॥

Vaiśvānaro na'ūtaya'ā pra yātu parāvataḥ. Agnirukthena vāhasā. Upayāmagṛhīto'si vaiśvānarāya tvaiṣa te yonirvaiśvānarāya tvā.

Vaishvanara Agni, brilliant power of light and knowledge, come from afar for our protection and advancement, with the Uktha Vedic verses, by a beautiful chariot.

Brilliant man of knowledge and science, consecrated and dedicated you are like an oblation in the ladle for Vaishvanara, the fire of social yajna. This dedication is now your life and aim. I accept you for the sake of advancement in the field of science and technology.

# 9. (Vaishvanara Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

अग्निर्<u>क्षिः पर्वमानः</u> पाञ्चेजन्यः पुरोहितः । तमीमहे महाग्यम् । उपयामगृहीतोऽस्यग्नये त्वा वर्च'सऽएष ते योनिरुग्नये त्वा वर्च'से ॥९॥ Agnirṛṣiḥ pavamānaḥ pañcajanyaḥ purohitaḥ. Tamīmahe mahāgayam. Upayāmagṛhīto'syagnaye tvā varcasa eṣa te yonir- agnaye tvā varcase.

We worship Agni that is the light and vision of the world and knowledge, purifier of life, friend and protector of universal humanity, front leader of the yajnas of existence, and lord of wealth and home of all.

Man of knowledge, vision and leadership, consecrated and dedicated you are to Agni, lord of light and life and advancement. This dedication is your haven and home. I accept you for the sake of enlightenment and progress of knowledge, purity and prosperity of life and all sections of society.

# 10. (Indra Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

म्हाँ२॥ऽइन्द्रो वर्त्रहस्तः षोड्ङशी शर्मं यच्छतु । हन्तुं पाप्पानं योऽस्मान् द्वेष्टि । उपयामगृहीतोऽसि महेन्द्रायं त्वेष ते योनिर्महेन्द्रायं त्वा ॥१०॥

Mahāň'indro vajrahastaḥ ṣodaśī śarma yacchatu. Hantu pāpmānaṁ yo'samān dveṣṭi. Upayāmagṛhīto'si mahendrāya tvaiṣa te yonirmahendrāya tvā.

Indra, great and glorious ruler of the world, perfect with full sixteen virtues of nature and spirit, may, we pray, grant us peace and joy. Thunderbolt in hand, may He strike off and remove him who commits the sin of hate and hostility against us.

Leader of power and perfection, consecrated and dedicated you are to Indra, Supreme ruler, like an oblation for the yajna of peace and friendship. This dedication now is your end and aim of life. I accept and honour you for the sake of the unity of humanity and conquest of hate and fear.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Nodha Gotama Rshi)

तं वो द्स्ममृतीषह्ं वसोर्मन्दानमन्धसः । अभि वृत्सं न स्वसरेषु धेनवऽइन्द्रं गीभिनीवामहे ॥११॥

Tam vo dasmamṛtīṣaham vasormandānamandhasaḥ. Abhi vatsam na svasareṣu dhenava' indram gīrbhirnavāmahe.

Just as cows in their stalls every day call forth the calf for the feed and rejoice, so do we, for you all, in songs of love and joy, invoke and celebrate Indra, the ruler, dynamic lord of wondrous deeds and felicity who takes delight in the food and nourishment of his people and loves to see them settled in good homes in a state of comfort and prosperity.

# 12. (Agni Devata, Nodha Gotama Rshi)

यद्वाहिष्ठं तद्गनये बृहर्दर्च विभावसो । महिषीव् त्वद्वयिस्त्वद्वाजाऽउदीरते ॥१२॥

Yadvāhiṣṭhaṁ tadagnaye bṛhadarca vibhāvaso. Mahiṣīva tvadrayistvadvājā'udīrate.

Vibhavasu, lord of brilliance and power, ruler of the world, honour and celebrate him who carries the highest and heaviest burdens of the state in the service of Agni, self-refulgent glory of the human nation. Like the queen of magnificence, all the wealth of food, power and prosperity of the nation issues forth from your palace and personality. Honour Him (Agni), let us honour Him.

# 13. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

एह्यू षु ब्रवा<u>णि</u> तेऽग्नेऽ<u>इ</u>त्थेतेरा गिरेः । एभिर्वर्द्धासुऽइन्दुंभिः ॥१३॥

Ehyū ṣu bravāṇi te'gna' itthetarā giraḥ. Ebhirvardhāsa'indubhiḥ.

Agni, seeker of light, come gently without reservation. I would speak to you other words (than I have yet spoken) and you would then advance with these sparks of light and drops of soma (in health and wisdom).

#### 14. (Samvatsara Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

ऋतवस्ते युज्ञं वितन्वन्तु मासी रक्षन्तुं ते हविः। संवृत्सरस्ते युज्ञं देधातु नः प्रजां च परिपातु नः॥१४॥

Rtavaste yajñam vi tanvantu māsā rakṣantu te haviḥ. Samvatsaraste yajñam dadhātu naḥ prajām ca pari pātu naḥ.

Man of knowledge, seeker of light, may the seasons expand your yajna. May the months protect and increase your holy materials of yajna. And may the year uphold your yajna, and may it sustain and advance our people in all directions.

#### 15. (Vidvan Devata, Vatsa Rshi)

उपह्वरे गिरीणार्थं संङ्गमे च नुदीनीम् । धिया विप्रोऽअजायत ॥१५॥

Upahvare girīṇām saṅgame ca nadīnām. Dhiyā vipro'ajāyata.

In the lap of mountains where flow the streams to meet and join, there with the dawn of holy intelligence the man of light is born.

#### 16. (Agni Devata, Mahiyava Rshi)

उच्चा ते जातमन्थेसो <u>दि</u>वि सद्भूम्यादेदे । उग्रःशर्म म<u>हि</u> श्रवं: ॥१६॥

Uccā te jātamandhaso divi sadbhūmyādade. Ugram śarm mahi śravaḥ.

Man of knowledge, up on high is your home in the light of heaven risen from holy food and soma juice, blazing, great and admirable. I watch it with reverence and pray it be as firm with the earth as it is in the light of heaven.

# 17. (Indra Devata, Mahiyava Rshi)

स नुऽइन्द्रीय यज्येवे वर्रुणाय मुरुद्भ्यः । वृ<u>रि</u>वोवित्परिस्रव ॥१७॥

Sa na'indrāya yajyave varuņāya marudbhyaḥ. Varivovit pari srava.

Man of knowledge, light and power, knowing what is good and disposed to oblige, come overflowing like soma for elevating company for the sake of Indra, man of power and dominion, Varuna, man of excellence, and the Maruts, men of tempestuous speed.

# 18. (Vidvan Devata, Mahiyava Ŗshi)

एना विश्वन्युर्यऽआ द्युम्ना<u>नि</u> मानुषाणाम् । सिषासन्तो वनामहे ॥१८॥

Enā viśvānyarya'ā dyumnāni mānuṣāṇām. Siṣāsanto vanāmahe.

The lord and master of the world rules and watches all these powers, wealths and honours of men and women. Wishing to serve the master and humanity,

we pray for His grace and favour for all these.

# 19. (Vidvanso Devata, Mudgala Ŗshi)

अर्नु वी॒रैरर्नु पुष्यास्म गोभि्रन्वश्वैरनु सर्वे'ण पुष्टैः । अनु द्विपदाऽनु चर्तुष्पदा वयं देवा नौ यज्ञमृतुथा नेयन्तु ॥१९॥

Anu vīrairanu puṣyāsma gobhiranvaśvairanu sarveṇa puṣṭaiḥ. Anu dvipadā'nu catuṣpadā vayaṁ devā no yajñamṛtuthā nayantu.

May the powers of divinity and the noblest people guide and conduct our yajna according to the seasons so that we may grow strong and powerful with healthy children and brave heroes, with fertile cows, with strong horses, with all other things, with all men and animals as our own.

# 20. (Vidvan Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अग्ने पत्नी<u>रि</u>हार्वह देवानीमुश्तिरुपे । त्वष्टीरुश्सोर्मपीतये ॥२०॥

Agne patnīrihāvaha devānāmuśatīrupa. Tvaṣtāram somapītaye.

Agni, master of knowledge and power, bring up the nobles' wives, women of love and desire, bring Tvashta, lord maker of human forms, here to the yajna for a life-giving drink of soma.

## 21. (Vidvan Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अभि युज्ञं गृंणीहि नो ग्नावो नेष्टः पिबेऽऋतुनी । त्वःहि रत्नुधाऽअसि ॥२१॥

Abhi yajñaṁ gṛṇīhi no gnāvo neṣṭaḥ piba'ṛtunā. Tvaṁ hi ratnadhā'asi. Man of holy speech, leader and high-priest of yajna, drink the soma and praise and celebrate our yajna alongwith the season. You alone are the creator and giver of the wealth of the world.

# 22. (Soma Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

द्व<u>वि</u>णोदाः पिपीषति जुहोत् प्र चे तिष्ठत । नेष्ट्रादृतुभिरिष्यत ॥२२॥

Draviņodāḥ pipīṣati juhota pra ca tiṣṭhata. Neṣṭrādṛtubhiriṣyata.

The generous man of wealth and honour wants to drink the soma of health from the flask with humility according to the seasons. Feel the desire, you too search and you shall find the juice. Perform the homa, abide and win honour and settlement.

# 23. (Vidvan Devata, Medhatithi Ŗshi)

तवायःसोमस्त्वमेह्यर्वाङ् श्रेश्वत्तमःसुमनोऽअस्य पोहि । अस्मिन्युज्ञे बहिष्या निषद्यो दिधष्वेमं जुठरुऽइन्दुीमन्द्र ॥२३॥

Tavāyam somastvamehyarvān śaśvattamam sumanā'asya pāhi. Asmin yajñe barhiṣyā niṣadyā dadhiṣvemam'jaṭhara' indumindra.

Indra, man of knowledge in search of honour and power, this soma is yours. Come straight on here and, happy at heart, protect, preserve and advance this eternal Dharma of joy in action.

In this yajna, sit on the holy seats of blessed grass, take this nectar of life and light and hold it in your vital being.

# 24. (Vidvan Devata, Gritsamada Rshi)

अमेवे नः सुहवाऽआ हि गन्तेन नि बर्हिषि सदतना रिणष्टन । अथा मन्दस्व जुजुषाणोऽअन्धंसस्त्वष्टंदेवे<u>भि</u>-र्जनिभिः सुमद्गेणः ॥२४॥

Ameva naḥ suhavā'ā hi gantana ni barhiṣi sadatanā raṇiṣṭana. Athā madasva jujuṣāṇo' andhasastvaṣṭardevebhirjanibhiḥ sumadgaṇaḥ.

Tvashta, man of knowledge, maker and shaper of men, centre of a happy company of scholars, loved, honoured and cordially invited, accept our hospitality and enjoy with the generous and brilliant people of divine birth.

Come ye all, feel at home, sit on the holy seats of grass in our yajna and rejoice. Rejoice and enlighten us with knowledge and wisdom.

# 25. (Soma Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

स्वादिष्ठया मदिष्ठया पर्वस्व सोम् धारया । इन्द्रीय पार्तवे सुतः ॥२५॥

Svādiṣṭhayā madiṣṭhayā pavasva soma dhārayā. Indrāya pātave sutaḥ.

Soma, come, spirit of life, distilled for the drink as well as the protection of Indra, leading powers of knowledge, honour, peace and prosperity, flow in in the most delicious and inspiring streams of nectar. Flow on and on freely.

# 26. (Agni Devata, Madhucchanda Rshi)

रुक्षोहा <u>वि</u>श्वचेर्षणिरिभ यो<u>नि</u>मयौहते । द्रोणे सुधस्थुमासंदत् ॥२६॥ Rakṣohā viśvacarṣaṇirabhi yonimayohate. Drone sadhasthamāsadat.

Agni, man of fire and yajna, destroyer of evil and watchful saviour of the world with light, finds his haven and home safe and secure with others on the golden altar of yajna consecrated by the showers of soma from the clouds.

इति षड्विंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXVII

# 1. (Agni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

समस्त्वाऽग्नऽऋतवो वर्द्धयन्तु संवत्स्रराऽऋषयो यानि सत्या । सं <u>दि</u>व्येने दीदिहि रोचनेन् विश्वा ऽ आ भहि प्रदिश्शचतस्त्रः॥१॥

Samāstvā'gna'ṛtavo vardhayantu samvatsarā' ṛṣayo yāni satyā. Sam divyena dīdihi rocanena viśvā' ā bhāhi pradiśaścatasraḥ.

Agni, man of knowledge and light of the world, may the years, seasons, year cycles, visionaries of truth and acts of absolute truth whatever and wherever they be: may all these take you forward in life. Shine with celestial light and illuminate all the directions and interdirections of the world with your knowledge and brilliance.

# 2. (Samidhenis Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

सं चेध्यस्वाग्ने प्र चे बोधयैनुमुच्चे तिष्ठ महृते सौभेगाय। मा चे रिषदुपस्ता तेऽअग्ने ब्रह्माणेस्ते युशसेः सन्तु माऽन्ये॥२॥

Sam cedhyasvāgne pra ca bodhayainamucca tiṣṭha mahate saubhagāya. Mā ca riṣadupasattā te'agne brahmāṇaste yaśasaḥ santu mā'nye.

Agni, brilliant power of knowledge, light up and rise and enlighten this yajamana, seeker of light and knowledge, and rise and stay up high for honour and glory.

Agni, never shall your devotees suffer violence,

while scholars of the Veda and your admirers, not others, shall win honour and brilliance.

# 3. (Agni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

त्वामंग्ने वृणते ब्राह्मणा ऽ <u>इ</u>मे <u>शि</u>वोऽअंग्ने सुंवरंणे भवा नः। स<u>पत्त</u>हा नौऽअभिमा<u>ति</u>जिच्च स्वे गये जागृह्य-प्रयुच्छन् ॥३॥

Tvāmagne vṛṇate brāhmaṇā'ime śivo'agne saṁvaraṇe bhavā naḥ. Sapatnahā no' abhimātijicca sve gaye jāgṛhyaprayucchan.

Agni, brilliant lord of light and knowledge, these Brahmanas, dedicated scholars of divinity, choose and elect you as guide and leader.

Agni, in this position of eminence, be good to us. Destroyer of negativities, subduer of the proud and insidious, you are watchful, awake and alert in your own home. Keep us too awake, alert and ever watchful.

# 4. (Agni Devata, Agni Rshi)

इहैवाग्नेऽअधिधारया र्यिं मा त्वा निक्रेन्पूर्वेचितौ निकारिणेः। क्षुत्रमेग्ने सुयमेमस्तु तुभ्येमुपसत्ता वर्द्धतां तेऽअनिष्टृतः॥४॥

Ihaivāgne'adhi dhārayā rayim mā tvā ni kranpūrvacito nikāriņah. Kṣatramagne suyamamastu tubhyamupasattā vardhatām te' aniṣṭṛṭaḥ.

Agni, brilliant lord of light and power, here itself hold and rule over the power and prosperity you have. Let not the veterans, experienced, alert and watchful of yajna, either ignore or denigrate you. May the social order be well-governed for your sake so that you and your devotees, supreme and unviolated, may move forward and rise high.

# 5. (Agni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

क्ष्त्रेणांग्ने स्वायुः सःरंभस्व मित्रेणांग्ने मित्रधेये यतस्व । सजातानां मध्यमस्थाऽएंधि राज्ञांमग्ने विहुव्यो दीदिहीह॥५॥

Kṣatreṇāgne svāyuḥ sam rabhasva mitreṇāgne mitradheye yatasva. Sajātānām madhyamasthā' edhi rājñamagne vihavyo dīdihīha.

Agni, bright and blazing like light and fire, youthful and golden is your age. Take over and start well here with this world-order of humanity.

Agni, mighty intelligent ruler, rule and work with the spirit of friendship in the world state which is a covenant of friends. Go forward, seated in the centre of an assembly of equals who are like brothers and sisters.

Agni, elected, invited and installed in office by the sovereign nations of the world, rule, shine and illuminate the world here.

# 6. (Agni Devata, Agni Rshi)

अति निहोऽअति स्त्रिधोऽत्यचि<u>त्ति</u>मत्यरोतिमग्ने । विश्वा ह्यग्ने दु<u>रि</u>ता सहस्वाथास्मभ्येश्सहवीराछंर्यिं दोः ॥६॥

Ati niho'ati śridho'tyacittimatyarātimagne. Viśvā hyagne duritā sahasvāthāsmabhyam sahavīrām rayim dāḥ.

Agni, lord of light and wealth, repelling the false, eliminating the wicked, dispelling darkness and ignorance and fighting out all the evils of the world, give us a republic of brave good heroes overflowing with plenty, prosperity and generosity.

# 7. (Agni Devata, Agni Rshi)

अनाधृष्यो जातवेदाऽअनिष्टृतो <u>वि</u>राडंग्ने क्षत्रभृद्दीदिहीह । विश्वाऽआशाः प्रमुञ्चन्मानुषी<u>र्</u>भियः <u>शि</u>वेभिर्द्य परिपाहि नो वृधे ॥७॥

Anādhṛṣyo jātavedā'aniṣṭṛto virāḍagne kṣatrabhṛddīdihīha. Viśvā'āśāḥ pramuñcan mānuṣīrbhiyaḥ śivebhiradya pari pāhi no vṛdhe.

Agni, lord and ruler of the world, undaunted, omniscient, inviolable, self-refulgent, holder and sustainer of the world-order, remove all human fear, hate, disease etc., shine and illuminate all the regions of the world, and now protect us for advancement with peace and benevolence.

# 8. (Vishvedeva Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

बृहं स्पते सवितर्बोधयैनुःसःशितं चित्सन्तराश्रंसःशिशाधि। वर्धयैनं महृते सौभेगाय विश्वंऽएनुमनुमदन्तु देवाः ॥८॥

Bṛhaspate savitarbodhayainam samśitam citsantarām sam śiśādhi. Vardhayainam mahate saubhagāya viśva'enamanu madantu devāḥ.

Brihaspati, guardian of all, Savita, giver of light and knowledge, educate and enlighten this intelligent and honourable ruler as well as the people in every way. Let him grow and advance for the greatness and prosperity of the nation. Let all the noble powers of divinity and humanity rejoice with him.

# 9. (Ashvinis etc. Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अमुत्र भूयादध यद्यमस्य बृहंस्पते ऽ अभिशंस्तेरमुञ्चः। प्रत्यौहतामुश्विना मृत्युमस्माद्देवानामग्ने <u>भि</u>षजा शचीभिः॥९॥ Amutra bhūyādadha yadyamasya bṛhaspate' abhiśasteramuñcaḥ. Pratyauhatāmaśvinā mṛtyumasmāddevānāmagne bhiṣajā śacībhiḥ.

Brihaspati, lord and saviour of all, guard the ruler against any curse or calumny or evil that may tarnish him in the life to come, and save him from any accusation or damnation of the law or constitution or Yama, the supreme and universal judge of human performance.

Agni, lord of life and light, may the Ashvinis, nature's powers of health, teachers, preachers and physicians, with their best actions and research, keep off the onslaughts of ill-health and fatality from him.

# 10. (Surya Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

उद्घयं तमेस्स्पिर् स्वः पश्यन्तऽउत्तरम् । देवं देवत्रा सूर्यमगेन्म ज्योतिरुत्तमम् ॥१०॥

Udvayam tamasaspari svah paśyanta'uttaram. Devam devatrā sūryamaganma jyotiruttamam.

Let us rise beyond the dark, watching the heavenly light above, high and higher, and reach to the sun, highest light and most generous divinity of the saviour divinities of the world.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Agni Rshi)

ऊर्ध्वाऽअस्य समिधौ भवन्त्यूर्ध्वा शुक्रा शोचीछंष्यग्नेः । द्युमत्तमा सुप्रतीकस्य सूनोः ॥११॥

Ūrdhvā'asya samidho bhavantyūrdhvā śukrā śocīmṣyagneḥ. Dyumattamā supratīkasya sūnoḥ.

May the holy fuels of fire be great and best, may the flames of fire be blazing high and pure—fire, most brilliant in splendour, most beautiful of form, dynamic impeller of life and life's growth.

# 12. (Vishvedeva Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

तनूनपादसुरो <u>वि</u>श्ववैदा देवो देवेषु देवः । पृथोऽअनक्तु मध्वा घृतेने ॥१२॥

Tanūnapādasuro viśvavedā devo deveșu devaḥ. Patho'anaktu madhvā ghṛtena.

Vayu/Agni, which allows not the body to fall, which is breath of life, replete with universal vitalities, divine among divinities, and most generous, may that Vayu/Agni sprikle our path of life with the sweetest nectar of ghrta.

# 13. (Yajna Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

मध्वी युज्ञं नेक्षसे प्रीणानो नराशःसौ अग्ने । सुकृद्देवः सं<u>वि</u>ता <u>वि</u>श्ववीरः ॥१३॥

Madhvā yajñam nakṣase prīṇāno narāśamso agne. Sukṛddevaḥ savitā viśvavāraḥ.

Agni, with honey sweets you come to yajna, Agni, loved and inspiring, celebrated by yajniks, benevolent, brilliant, creator and sustainer, and universal treasure of life's wealth.

# 14. (Vahni Devata, Agni Ŗshi)

अच्छायमे<u>ति</u> शर्वसा घृतेनेडानो व<u>ह</u>िर्नमेसा । अग्निःस्त्रुचौऽअध्वरेषु प्रयत्सु ॥१४॥

Acchāyameti śavasā ghṛteneḍāno vahnirnamasā. Agnim sruco'adhvareṣu prayatsu.

In the yajnas conscientiously conducted with love

and non-violence, the high-priest comes gracefully to the fire holding the ladle, celebrating Agni, the deity, with brilliant power of knowledge, water and ghee, and food for the fire.

# 15. (Vayu Devata, Agni Rshi)

स येक्षदस्य महिमानेम्ग्नेः सऽईं म्न्द्रा सुप्रयसेः । वसुश्चेतिष्ठो वसुधातमञ्च ॥१५॥

Sa yakṣadasya mahimānamagneḥ sa'īm mandrā suprayasaḥ. Vasuścetiṣṭho vasudhātamaśca.

Let the high-priest, seated and seating others in yajna, conscientious and richest in yajna materials, worship the grandeur of generous Agni and offer fragrant exhilarating oblations into the fire. And he would know and feel and enjoy the gift of bliss.

# 16. (Devyah Devata, Agni Rshi)

द्वारों देवीरन्वस्य विश्वें व्रता देवन्तेऽअग्नेः । उरुव्यर्चसो धाम्ना पत्येमानाः ॥१६॥

Dvāro devīranvasya viśve vratā dadante' agneḥ. Uruvyacaso dhāmnā patyamānāḥ.

By the light and splendour of this expansive fire emanating from its abode (vedi), the scholars of yajna, dedicated to the protection and promotion of life and nature, open the celestial doors, and reveal the laws and functions of this universal power.

# 17. (Yajna Devata, Agni Rshi)

तेऽअस्य योषेणे <u>दि</u>व्ये न योनाऽउषासानक्ता । इमं युज्ञमेवतामध्वरं नेः ॥१७॥ Te'asya yoşane divye na yonā' uṣāsānaktā. Imam yajñamavatāmadhvaram nah.

May the two divine mothers, the morning and the evening (the twilight, and the dawn), guard and expand this holy non-violent yajna of ours in the home of this fire in the vedi.

# 18. (Agni Devata, Agni Rshi)

दैव्या होताराऽकुर्ध्वमध्वरं नोऽग्नेर्जिह्वाम्भिगृणीतम् । कृणुतं नः स्विष्टिम् ॥१८॥

Daivyā hotārā' ūrdhvamadhvaram no'-gnerjihvāmabhi gṛṇbītam. Kṛṇutam naḥ sviṣṭim.

May the two divine priests (seeker and teacher, fire and air) expand our holy non-violent yajna to the heights, raise and praise the flames of fire and propitiously do us the desired good.

# 19. (Ida & Others Devata, Agni Rshi)

तिस्रो देवीर्बेहिरेदश्संदन्त्वडा सरस्वती भारती । मही गृणाना ॥१९॥

Tisro devīrbarhiredam sadantviḍā sarasvatī bhāratī. Mahī grnānā.

Three divine excellencies, Ida, potential speech of omniscience in the eternal mind in heaven, Sarasvati, speech of eternal knowledge of the Veda flowing across the space, and Bharati, actualized speech of knowledge articulated in the shastras, may these, great and holy, adoring the Supreme Lord and highly adored by us, consecrate our seats of yajna and the home.

# 20. (Tvashta Devata, Agni Rshi)

# तन्नस्तुरीपमद्भंतं पुरुक्षु त्वष्टां सुवीर्यम् । रायस्पोषुं विष्यंतु नाभिमस्मे ॥२०॥

Tannasturīpamadbhutam purukṣu tvaṣṭā suvīryam. Rāyasposam vi syatu nābhimasme.

May Tvashta, divine artist of the world, generous to all, gain for us fast-maturing, wonderful and virile health, wealth and noursihment, place it at the hub of the nation's movement and relieve us of want and suffering.

#### 21. (Scholars Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

वर्नस्पतेऽवसृजा रराण्यस्त्मना देवेषु । अग्निर्हृव्यःशि<u>मि</u>ता सूदयाति ॥२१॥

Vanaspate'va sṛjā rarāṇastmanā deveṣu. Agnirhavyam śamitā sūdayāti.

Vanaspati, scholar and researcher of the science of yajna, just as the holy fire of peaceful yajna refines and universalizes the holy materials, so you, rejoicing at heart among noble and generous scholars, create refined and powerful holy materials for the fire of national yajnas of production and purification.

# 22. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

अग्ने स्वाहां कृणुहि जातवेद्ऽइन्द्रीय हृव्यम् । विश्वे देवा हृवि<u>रि</u>दं जुषन्ताम् ॥२२॥

Agne svāhā kṛṇuhi jātaveda'indrāya havyam. Viśve devā haviridaṁ juṣantām.

Agni, lord of world knowledge, take this holy offering and, in truth of word and deed, refine and raise

it to the grace and glory of Indra, spirit of power and prosperity of the world. And may all the noble people of the world and divinities of nature share this holy gift and rejoice.

# 23. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

पीवौऽअन्ना रियवृधीः सुमेधाः श्वेतः सिषक्ति नियुतीमिश्रीः। ते वायवे समेनसो वितस्थुर्विश्वेन्नर्रः स्वपत्यानि चक्रुः॥२३॥

Pīvo'annā rayivṛdhaḥ sumedhāḥ śvetaḥ siṣakti niyutāmabhiśrīḥ. Te vāyave samanaso vi tasthurviśvennaraḥ svapatyāni cakruḥ.

All the leading scholars of the world, well-provided for living, of equal mind and noble intelligence, concentrating on the knowledge of Vayu, wind and energy, promote the wealth of the world and produce a new generation of noble descendants. And Vayu, pure and immaculate spirit and essence of life, blesses these dynamic enterprising people with grace and dignity.

# 24. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

राये नु यं जुज्ञतू रोदंसीमे राये देवी धिषणां धाति देवम्। अर्ध वायुं नियुतः सश्चत स्वाऽउत श्वेतं वसुंधितिं निरेके ॥२४॥

Rāye nu yaṁ jajñatū rodasīme rāye devī dhiṣaṇā dhāti devam. Adha vāyuṁ niyutaḥ saścata svā' uta śvetaṁ vasudhitiṁ nireke.

The Heavan and the earth generate Vayu for the wealth of energy. The divine intelligence activates Vayu to reveal the wealth of the divine Word. And then, that same Vayu, pure treasure of energy, all the living beings in existence together seek, enjoy and pursue (for the

sake of wealth and energy).

# 25. (Prajapati Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

आपों ह् यद् बृंह्तीर्विश्वमायन् गर्भं दधीना जनर्यन्तीर्ग्निम्। ततों देवाना छंसमेवर्त्ततासुरेकः कस्मै देवायं ह्विषी विधेम ॥२५॥

Āpo ha yad bṛhatīrviśvamāyan garbham dadhānā janayantīragnim. Tato devānām samavartatāsurekaḥ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

When the cosmic waters of existence (that is, tanmatras, subtle elements of Prakriti, material cause of the universe, or, we can say, Mahan, the existential form of Prakriti) appear on the cosmic scene, holding the vishva-garbha, seed form of the universe in their womb, and give birth to Agni (vital heat of nature and mother of stars such as the sun), then arises Vayu, the one life-breath of the divine forms of existence. To that divine breath of life, let us pay homage with love and action in faith.

# 26. (Prajapati Devata, Hiranyagarbha Rshi)

य<u>श्चि</u>दापों मिह्ना पुर्यपेश्युद्दक्षुं दधीना जनर्यन्तीर्युज्ञम् । यो देवेष्वधि देवऽएकऽआसी॒त् कस्मै देवाये हृविषी विधेम ॥२६॥

Yaścidāpo mahinā paryapaśyaddakṣam dadhānā janayantīryajñam. Yo deveṣvadhi deva' eka'āsīt kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

The One Supreme Lord over all the divine forms of Prakriti, who overwatches the cosmic waters with His own might of immanence and omniscience — waters (tanmatras) conducting the great yajna of

evolution and producing various forms of life, to that One Lord of Bliss let us pay homage and offer worship with acts of love and faith in yajna.

# 27. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

प्र या<u>भि</u>र्यासि दाश्वाथंसमच्छो <u>नियुद्धिर्वायविष्टये दुरो</u>णे। नि नो रयिःसुभोजेसं युवस्व नि वीरं गव्यमश्व्यं च रार्थः ॥२७॥

Pra yābhiryāsi dāśvāmsamacchā niyudbhirvāyaviṣṭaye duroṇe. Ni no rayim subhojasam yuvasva ni vīram gavyamaśvyam ca rādhaḥ.

Vayu, by the waves of your own energy you fly so gracefully to the house of the generous yajamana for the desired objects. Bless us with enjoyable gifts of wealth and food. Bless us with brave heroes, wealth of cows and horses, and the power and dignity of life.

# 28. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

आ नो नियुद्धिः शृतिनीभिरध्वरःसहस्त्रिणी<u>भि</u>रुपे याहि युज्ञम्। वायौऽअस्मिन्सवेने मादयस्व यूयं पति स्वस्ति<u>भिः</u> सदौ नः ॥२८॥

Ā no niyudbhiḥ śatinībhiradhvaram sahasriṇībhirupa yāhi yajñam. Vāyo asmintsavane mādayasva yūyam pāta svastibhiḥ sadā naḥ.

Vayu, tempestuous power of divine nature, by a hundred modes of action and a thousand currents of energy in this mighty yajna of creative evolution, you come to our holy yajna of love and action in the world. Come, rejoice in this yajna and bless us too with joy.

Sages of knowledge and yajna, you too protect us with your knowledge and your blessings for peace,

prosperity and well-being.

# 29. (Vayu Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

# नियुत्वीन् वायवा गिह्ययःशुक्रोऽअयामि ते । गन्तीसि सुन्वतो गृहम् ॥२९॥

Niyutvān vāyavā gahyayam śukro'ayāmi te. Gantāsi sunvato gṛham.

Divine Vayu, One universal inmanent life-breath of the universe, primary leading light of nature and humanity, just as this wind, pure and immaculate, moves and blesses the house of a devotee of soma and yajna, so you, pure and immaculate, come in response to my invocation. Here I come to you.

# 30. (Vayu Devata, Purumeedha Ŗshi)

वायों शुक्रोऽअंयामि ते मध्वोऽअग्रं दिविष्टिषु । आयो<u>हि</u> सोमेपीतये स्पाहों देव <u>नि</u>युत्वेता ॥३०॥

Vāyo śukro'ayāmi te madhvo'agram diviṣṭiṣu. Ā yāhi somapītaye spārho deva niyutvatā.

Vayu, brilliant power divine, honey-sweet and pure, worthy of emulation and admiration, I come, invoke and invite you, leading light of holy gatherings of yajna. Come at the speed of the wind, and join here for a drink of soma.

# 31. (Vayu Devata, Ajameedha Rshi)

वायुरंग्रेगा यज्ञप्रीः साकं गन्मनंसा यज्ञम् । <u>शि</u>वो <u>नि</u>युद्धिः <u>शि</u>वाभिः ॥३१॥

Vāyuragregā yajñaprīḥ sākam ganmanasā yajñam. Śivo niyudbhiḥ sivābhih.

Vayu, leader ever in the forefront of the noble

activities of life, lover of yajna, come with your heart and soul to the yajna. Blissful you are, come with all your sagely acts and blessed powers.

# 32. (Vayu Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

वायो ये ते सहस्त्रिणो रथास्तर्स्ते<u>भि</u>रागिह । <u>नियु</u>त्वान्त्सोमेपीतये ॥३२॥

Vāyo ye te sahasriņo rathāsastebhirā gahi. Niyutvāntsomapītaye.

Vayu, leader and scholar of the speed of the winds, thousands are the paths and modes of your movement forward. Take them all and come for a wonder-work of joy with a holy drink of soma.

# 33. (Vayu Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

एकेया च द्रशभिश्च स्वभूते द्वाभ्यां <u>मि</u>ष्टये विश्शृती च । <u>ति</u>सृभिश्च वहंसे <u>त्रि</u>श्शृतां च <u>नि</u>युद्भिर्वाय<u>वि</u>ह ता विमुञ्च ॥३३॥

Ekayā ca daśabhiśca svabhūte dvābhyāmiṣṭaye vimśatī ca. Tisṛbhiśca vahase trimśatā ca niyudbhirvāyaviha tā vi muñca.

Vayu, master of your own innate powers and knowledge, you conduct the yajna of life by one and ten, two and twenty, three and thirty paths and modes and speeds for the desired end and aim of life. Come here and conduct the yajna, and then release everything and be free.

# 34. (Vayu Devata, Angirasa Rshi)

तवे वायवृतस्पते त्वष्टुंर्जामातरद्भुत । अवा्थंस्यावृंणीमहे ॥३४॥ Tava vāyavṛtaspate tvaṣṭurjāmātaradbhuta. Avāmsyā vrnīmah.

Vayu, sustainer of truth and the laws of nature, wonderful power, maker of new forms and shaper of the new generations for Tvashta, lord creator, we pray for your gifts of protection, sustenance and advancement.

### 35. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

अभि त्वी शूर नोनुमोऽदुंग्धा ऽ इव धेनवेः। ईशानमस्य जर्गतः स्वर्दृशुमीशानिमन्द्र तस्थुषेः॥३५॥

Abhi tvā śura nonumo'dugdhā'iva dheṇavaḥ. Īśānamasya jagataḥ svardṛśamīśānamindra tasthuṣaḥ.

Indra, fearless and brave, lord and ruler of the moving and the unmoving world, it is bliss to see you! Like unmilked cows yearning for their calves, we invoke you to pay homage to you.

# 36. (Parameshvara Devata, Shamyubarhaspatya Rshi)

न त्वावाँ२॥ऽअन्यो <u>दि</u>व्यो न पार्थिवो न जातो न जेनिष्यते। अश्वायन्तो मघवन्निन्द्र वाजिनो गुव्यन्तस्त्वा हवामहे ॥३६॥

Na tvāvāň'anyo divyo na pārthivo na jāto na janiṣyate. Aśvāyanto maghavannindra vājino gavyantastvā havāmahe.

Indra, supreme lord of power and glory, destroyer of pain and suffering, there is none other like you on earth or in heaven ever born or yet to be born in future. Blest with horse and speed, food and power, cows and wealth of holy Word, still yearning to move faster and higher, we come and offer homage and worship to you.

### 37. (Indra Devata, Shamyubarhaspatya Rshi)

त्वामिद्धि हर्वामहे सातौ वार्जस्य कारवेः । त्वां वृत्रेष्विन्द्र सत्प<u>तिं</u> नर्स्त्वां काष्ठास्वर्वतः ॥३७॥

Tvāmiddhi havāmahe sātau vājasya kāravaḥ. Tvaṁ vṛtreṣvindra satpatiṁ narastvāṁ kāṣṭhāsvarvataḥ.

Indra, lord of power and commander of the forces, sun among the clouds and defender of truth, we, leaders of men and achievers of success, invoke you in the battles of science and knowledge and do homage to you advancing into all directions like a horse on the wing.

# 38. (Indra Devata, Shamyubarhaspatya Ŗshi)

सत्वं नेश्चित्र वज्रहस्त धृष्णुया मृह स्तेवानोऽअद्रिवः। गामश्वेःर्थ्यमिन्द्रं सं किर सुत्रा वाजुं न जि्ग्युषै ॥३८॥

Sa tvam naścitra vajrahasta dhṛṣṇuyā maha stavāno' adrivaḥ. Gāmaśvam rathyamindra sam kira satrā vājam na jigyuṣe.

Indra, wonderful lord of the thunderbolt in hand, lord of the clouds and strong as adamant, highly praised and celebrated by virtue of your own glory, give us abundant wealth of cows, horses, chariot bullocks as well as true knowledge of science for the sake of victory.

## 39. (Agni Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कर्या न<u>श्चि</u>त्रऽआ भुवदूती सदावृधः सखा । कया शचिष्ठया वृता ॥३९॥

Kayā naścitra'ā bhuvadūti sadāvṛdhaḥ sakhā. Kayā śaciṣṭhayā vṛtā.

Lord of light and knowledge, wonderful and aweinspiring, be a friend of the progressive, bless us with protection and help us join with blissful and powerful mode of action and advancement.

### 40. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कस्त्वी सत्यो मदीनां मश्हिष्ठो मत्सदन्धेसः । दृढा चिदारुजे वसी ॥४०॥

Kastvā satyo madānām mamhistho matsadandhasah. Drāhā cidāruje vasu.

Indra, the real soothing, genuine and most powerful essence of efficacious soma and herbal food which relieves and exhilarates you, that surely is the valuable and unfailing panacea for the cure of ill-health.

### 41. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अभी षु णः सर्खीनाम<u>वि</u>ता जेरितृणाम् । शृतं भेवास्यूतये ॥४१॥

Abhī ṣu naḥ sakhīnāmavitā jaritṛṇām. Śatam bhavāsyūtaye.

Indra, lord of power and knowledge, you are the over-all saviour and protector of our friends and admirers. Be gracious to us in a hundred ways for our protection and well-being.

#### 42. (Yajna Devata, Shamyu Rshi)

यज्ञायज्ञा वोऽअग्नये <u>गि</u>रागिरा च दक्षसे । प्रप्र वयमुमृतं जातवेदसं <u>प्रि</u>यं <u>मित्रं</u> न शश्सिषम् ॥४२॥

Yajñā-yajñā vo'agnaye girā-girā ca dakṣase. Pra-pra vayamamṛtaṁ jātavedasaṁ priyaṁ mitraṁ na śaṃsiṣam.

In every yajna, by every word, for the sake of Agni, power of light, energy, intelligence and expertise, we

invite, honour and celebrate you. Let us all together celebrate and sing in praise of Agni, immortal and omniscient lord, as a darling friend of ours.

## 43. (Agni Devata, Bhargava Rshi)

पाहि नो ऽ अग्न ऽ एकेया पाह्युत द्वितीयेया । पाहि गीर्भिस्तिसृभिरूजां पते पाहि चेतुसृभिर्वसो ॥४३॥

Pāhi no'agna'ekayā pāhyuta dvitīyayā. Pāhi gīrbhistisṛbhirūrjām pate pāhi catasṛbhirvaso.

Agni, lord of knowledge, action, love and freedom, master of life, energy and food, home and shelter of all forms of existence, protect and promote us by one voice, voice of the Riks, for knowledge. Protect and promote us by the second voice, voice of the Yajus, for action. Protect and promote us by the three voices of Riks, Yajus and Samans for knowledge, action and worship. Protect and promote us by the four voices of Riks, Yajus, Samans and Atharvans, for Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha.

# 44. (Vayu Devata, Shamyu Ŗshi)

ऊर्जो नपित्रःस हिनायमस्मयुर्दाशेम ह्व्यदितये । भुवद्वाजेष्विता भुवेद् वृधऽउत त्राता तनूनीम् ॥४४॥

Ūrjo napātam sa hināyamasmayurdāsema havyadātaye. Bhuvadvājeṣvavitā bhuvad vṛdha' uta trātā tanūnām.

Scholar, sage, teacher, learner, promote the child of life and energy, vayu, agni and knowledge, which allow not the grandeur of life to diminish, so that nature and knowledge may be our friends, protect us in the battles of life and continue to be the saviours of our persons and people. Friends as they are, we invoke them for the oblations of holy offerings in yajna.

### 45. (Agni Devata, Shamyu Rshi)

संवत्सरोऽसि परिवत्सरोऽसीदावत्सरोऽसीद्वत्सरोऽसि वत्सरोऽ-सि। उषसंस्ते कल्पन्तामहोरात्रास्ते कल्पन्तामर्द्धमासास्ते कल्पन्तां मासास्ते कल्पन्तामृतवस्ते कल्पन्ताश्रंसंवत्सरस्ते कल्पताम् । प्रेत्याऽएत्यै सं चाञ्च प्र चे सारय । सुपूर्ण-चिदं<u>सि</u> तयां देवतयाऽङ्गिर्स्वद् ध्रुवः सीद ॥४५॥

Samvatsaro'si parivatsaro'sīdāvatsaro'sīdvatsaro'si vatsaro'si. Uṣasaste kalpantāmahorātrāste kalpantāmardhamāsāste kalpantām māsāste kalpantām rtavaste kalpantām samvatsaraste kalpatām. Pretyā'etyai sam cāñca pra ca sāraya. Suparṇacidasi tayā devatayā' ṅgirasvad dhruvaḥ sīda.

Agni, brilliant scholar, teacher, learner, you move by the law of nature like the current year, give up the weaknesses like the year gone by. You are wide-awake and comprehensive like the universally present year, and definite like the year cycle. May the dawns flourish and be favourable to you. May the day-night cycle be flourishing and favourable to you. May the fortnights flourish and be favourable to you. May the months flourish, may the seasons flourish, may the years flourish and be favourable to you.

For coming and going, advancement and return, collect, expand, control and contain.

You are the winner of life's golden beauties. Move forward in unison with that divinity of Time like the breath of life and stay fast and firm with Dharma like the fixed stars.

इति सप्तविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXVIII

1. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षत्सिमधेन्द्रं<u>मि</u>डस्प्दे नाभां पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअधि । <u>दि</u>वो वर्ष्मन्सिमध्यतुऽओजिष्ठश्चर्षणी॒सहां वेत्वाज्यस्य होतर्यजे ॥१॥

Hotā yakṣatsamidhendramiḍaspade nābhā pṛthivyā'adhi. Divo varṣmantsamidhyata' ojiṣṭhaścarṣaṇīsahāṁ vetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, man of yajna, offer faithful libations of holy materials, research and study in honour of Indra (agni, i.e., energy, heat and light) enshrined in the divine Word, latent at the centre of the earth, blazing on top of heaven and thundering in the clouds.

And such a yajna, shining with lustre and most brilliant among men of might and valour, would enjoy the most delicious gifts of life.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, never relent.

2. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Ŗshi)

होतां यक्ष्चत्तनुनपतिमृति<u>भि</u>र्जेतारमपराजितम् । इन्द्रं देवः-स्वर्विदं पथि<u>भि</u>र्मधुमत्तमैर्नराशःसैन् तेजसा वेत्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥२॥

Hotā yakṣattanūnapātamūtibhirjetāramaparājitam. Indram devam svarvidam pathibhirmadhumattamairnarāśamsena tejasā vetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna offer service and oblations

to Indra, ruling power of the world, preserver and protector of the forms of life, victorious, unviolated, brilliant and generous, and heavenly, with oblations of defensive actions along the sweetest paths of virtue; and with his own lustre and valour, celebrated in songs of praise in society, and he would attain the best gifts of life.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in honour of Indra.

3. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Ŗshi)

होतां यक्ष्विडा<u>िभि</u>रिन्द्रमी<u>डि</u>तमाजुह्वानुमर्मर्त्यम् । देवो देवैः सर्वीर्यो वर्त्रहस्तः पुरन्द्रो वेत्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३॥

Hotā yakṣadiḍābhirindramīḍitamājuhvānamamartyam. Devo davaiḥ savīryo vajrahastaḥ purandaro vetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna, with the holiest words and oblations offer yajna and service to Indra, immortal ruler of the world, honoured and worshipped by the noblest powers. And he, brilliant and generous, mighty of strength, wielder of the thunderbolt in hand, destroyer of the enemy forts, would lead you to the best and sweetest gifts of a prosperous society.

Man of yajna, maintain the yajna, don't relent.

4. (Rudra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Rshi)

होतां यक्षद् बहिंषीन्द्रं निषद्वरं वृष्धं नयीपसम् । वसुंभी रुद्रैरां<u>दि</u>त्यैः सयुग्भिर्बहिंरासंदद्वेत्वाज्यस्य होत्र्यजं ॥४॥

Hotā yakṣad barhiṣīndram niṣadvaram vṛṣ-abham naryāpasam. Vasubhī rudrairādityaiḥ sayugbhirbarhirāsadadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the devotee of national yajna offer service with yajna to Indra, virile hero of manly deeds and chief of the council, sitting on the vedi along-with his colleagues of the Vasu, Rudra and Aditya order of education and national discipline. And Indra would grace the yajna of the people and lead them to the highest state of power and prosperity.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, never relent.

5. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Rshi)
होतां यक्ष्वांजो न वीर्युः सहो द्वार्ऽइन्द्रं मवर्द्धयन् । सुप्रायणाऽअस्मिन् यज्ञे विश्रयन्तामृतावृथो द्वार्ऽइन्द्रांय मीदुषे
व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होतर्यजं ॥५॥

Hotā yakṣadojo na vīryam saho dvāra'indram-avardhayan. Suprāyaṇā' asmin yajñe vi śray-antāmṛtāvṛdho dvāra' indrāya mīḍhuṣe vyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Man of yajna, perform the yajna in honour of Indra, powerful and glorious personality of the nation. Just as wide open gates augment the flood of waters so may the doors of yajna augment the vigour, valour and brilliance of the nation. And in this national yajna, may the saints and sages going by the paths of rectitude and extending the bounds of truth open wide the gates of glory and advancement for the bountiful Indra.

Man of yajna, go on with the yajna, relent not.

6. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Ŗshi) होता यक्षदुषेऽइन्द्रस्य धेनू सुदुघे मातरा मही । स्रवातरा न तेजसा वृत्सिमन्द्रमवर्द्धतां वीतामाज्यस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥६॥ Hotā yakṣaduṣe'indrasya dhenū sudughe mātarā mahī. Savātarau na tejasā vatsamindramavardhatām vītāmājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, man of yajna, perform yajna in honour and service of the morning dawn and the evening twilight, which, like two great generous mother cows in the open air of universal energy, nourish Indra, the sun, like a calf and feed it with light and augment its glory.

Hota, do the yajna, increase and extend the beauty and glory of the world and enjoy. Never relent.

# 7. (Ashvinau Devate, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Rshi)

होतां यक्षुद्दैव्या होतांरा <u>भिषजा</u> सखाया हृविषेन्द्रं भिषज्यतः। क्वा देवौ प्रचेतसाविन्द्राय धत्तऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं वीतामाज्यस्य होत्र्यंजे ॥७॥

Hotā yakṣaddaivyā hotārā bhiṣajā sakhāyā haviṣendram bhiṣajyataḥ. Kavī devau pracetasāvindrāya dhatta' indriyam vītāmājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota offer the oblations in honour and service for the Ashvinis, two high-priests of nature in the fields of health and well-being. They are the physicians, friends, who carry on the yajna for the health of Indra, the soul in body. Both of them, wise visionaries, brilliant and generous, masters of divine science, work for and extend the health and well-being of Indra.

Hota, carry on the yajna, augment and extend the health and well-being of humanity and enjoy yourself too.

### 8. (Indra Devata, Brihaduktha Vamadeva Ŗshi)

होता यक्ष<u>त्ति</u>स्त्रो देवीर्न भेषुजं त्रयं<u>स्त्रि</u>धातेवोऽपस्ऽइडा सरंस्वतो भारती महीः । इन्द्रंपत्नीर्हेविष्मंतीव्यंन्त्वाज्यंस्य होत्यंजं ॥८॥

Hotā yakṣattisro devīrna bheṣajaṁ trayastridhātavo' pasa'iḍā sarasvatī bhāratī mahīḥ Indrapatnīrhaviṣmatīrvyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, man of yajna, offer yajna for the sake of the health and happiness of the soul to the three great divinities, Ida, potential speech of divine omniscience, Saraswati, divine Word of knowledge, and Bharati, language of the world-knowledge of science.

Let the three, teacher, preacher and physician (agents of great actions and creators of three supreme humors of body-health), as three servants of the regions of earth, sky and heaven, serve with yajna the three divinities of Ida, Saraswati and Bharati.

And the three, teacher, preacher and the physician, and the three mother-sustainers of the soul, generous with the wealth of life, would bless the soul and the world with plenty of health and well-being.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, never relent.

# 9. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

होता यक्षुत्त्वष्टार्मिन्द्रं देवं <u>भिषजेश्सुयजं घृत</u>श्रियम् । पुरुरूपेश सुरेतेसं मुघोन्मिन्द्रीय त्वष्टा दर्धदि<u>न्द्रियाणि</u> वेत्वाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥९॥

Hotā yakṣattvaṣṭāramindram devam bhiṣajam suyajam ghṛtaśriyam. Pururūpam suretasam maghonamindrāya tvaṣṭā dadhadindriyāṇi vetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, yajaka, offer yajna to Tvashta, maker of refined forms beyond weaknes. He blesses, Indra, valorous, glorious and generous, physician, honourable in yajna, abundant and graceful, versatile in various fields and nobly virile, lord of power and grandeur. And Tvashta would bless you with the excellence of mind and sense and create all the knowledge of sense and mind and culture for you.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, never relent.

# 10. (Brihaspati Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

होतो यक्ष<u>ृद्वन</u>स्पतिःश<u>मितारेःशृतक्रेतुं धियो जो</u>ष्टारेमि-<u>न्द्रियम् । मध्वो सम्</u>ञ्जन् पृथिभिः सुगे<u>भिः</u> स्वदोति यज्ञं मधुना घृतेन् वेत्वाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥१०॥

Hotā yakṣadvanaspatim śamitāram śatakratum dhiyo joṣṭāramindriyam. Madhvā samañjan pathibhiḥ sugebhiḥ svadāti yajñam madhunā ghṛtena vetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna offer homage and honour to Vanaspati, lover of nature and brilliant as the lord of sunbeams, dedicated to peace, man of a hundred noble acts and admirer of intelligence and culture, and he would, thereby, moving ahead by the simple paths of honesty and virtue, adding sweetness and grace to the beauty and glory of life, he would taste the rapturous honey himself.

Let the man of yajna extend and expand the yajna of life with honey and sacred water and ghee and add to the prosperity of society for all and for himself too.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, relent not.

### 11. (Indra Devata, Prajapati Rshi)

होता यक्ष्टिन्द्रःस्वाहाऽऽज्येस्य स्वाहा मेर्दसः स्वाहां स्तोकानाःशंस्वाहा स्वाहांकृतीनाःशंस्वाहां हृव्यसूक्तीनाम् । स्वाहां देवाऽआंज्यपा जुषाणाऽइन्द्रऽआज्येस्य व्यन्तु होतर्यजे ॥११॥

Hotā yakṣadindram svāhā" jyasya svāhā medasaḥ svāhā stokānām svāhā svāhākṛtīnām svāhā havyasūktīnām. Svāhā devā'ājyapā juṣāṇā'indra'ājyasya vyantu hotaryaja.

Let the noble man of yajna offer libations of richest materials of truth of word and deed for the sake of Indra, universal power and honour of the world, libations of oils and fats with the best of words and actions, of the truthful actions of the children, of the young generations, of the truth of social conduct and behaviour, with the sacred words of yajna according to the Vedas and Shastras.

And the noblest people, Indra and divinities enjoying the offerings in truth of word and deed with love and admiration would extend and expand the glories of life and humanity.

Hota, dedicated man, carry on the yajna.

# 12. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवं बर्हिरिन्द्रेश्सुदेवं देवैर्वीरवेत् स्तीर्णं वेद्योमवर्द्धयत् । वस्तौर्वृतं प्राक्तोर्भृतश्राया बर्हिष्मतोऽत्येगाद्वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वेतु यर्ज ॥१२॥

Devam barhirindram sudevam devairvīravat stīrņam vedyāmavardhayat. Vastorvṛtam prāktorbhṛtam rāyā barhiṣmato'tyagādvasuvane vasudheyaysya vetu yaja.

Let the fire and splendour of yajna blazing in the vedi, invoked in the morning and preserved at night, advance Indra, power of world knowledge, divine among divines, surrounded by the noblest presences like a hero. Let the fire rise to the heavens across the air and waters in the sky and advance Indra with wealth and prosperity.

Hota, man of yajna, carry on the yajna, advance the wealth and knowledge of the world for the world of humanity and enjoy yourself too.

### 13. (Indra Devata, Ashvins Rshi)

देवीर्द्वार्ऽइन्द्रेश्सङ्घाते वीड्वीर्यामन्नवर्द्धयन् । आ वृत्सेन् तर्रुणेन कुमारेण च मीवृतापावीणः रेणुक्रकाटं नुदन्तां वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥१३॥

Devīrdvāra'indram saṅghāte vīḍvīryāmannavardhayan. Ā vatsena taruṇena kumāreṇa ca mīvatāpārvāṇam reṇukakāṭam nudantām vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Let the strong and celestial doors of the nation's march open wide and advance Indra onward in the social dynamics of progress, removing the whirlwinds of the dust of time and urging him on like a horse spurred on by a darling youthful prince brilliant as the rising sun.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, let the wealth and honour of the nation rise for all, and enjoy.

### 14. (Ahoratre Devate, Ashvinau Rshi)

देवीऽउषासानक्तेन्द्रं युज्ञे प्रयत्यह्वेताम् । दैवीर्विशः प्रायिसिष्टाः प्रायिसिष्टाः सुधिते वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वीतां यजे ॥१४॥

Devī uṣāsānaktendram yajñe prayatyahvetām. Daivīrviśaḥ prāyāsiṣṭām suprīte sudhite vasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

May the brilliant dawn and the starry night inspire and call forth the youthful yajamana, Indra, to the yajnic endeavour of the world, and may the two, loving and beneficent, bless the noble people and help them create and expand the wealth of the earth for all the people.

Hota, man of yajna, carry on the creative endeavour. Never relent.

### 15. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवी जोष्ट्री वस्धिती देविमन्द्रमवर्द्धताम् । अयोव्यन्याघा द्वेषाथ्डंस्यान्या वेक्ष्द्वसु वार्य<u>ीणि</u> यजेमानाय शिक्षिते वेसुवने वसुधेयस्य वीतां यजे ॥१५॥

Devī joṣṭrī vasudhitī devamindramavardhatām. Ayāvyanyāghā dveṣāmsyānyā vakṣadvasu vāryāṇi yajamānāya śikṣite vasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Two divine powers of nature, the dawn and the day, and the evening and the night augment the light and beauty of the sun. One, the evening, wards off the hate and sins of the mind and the other, the morning, proclaims and points to the choicest wealths of the world. May both create, promote, and bring down the wealth of heaven for the world and the yajamana.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna.

# 16. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवीऽऊर्जाहुंती दुघे सुदुघे पयसेन्द्रमवर्द्धताम् । इष्मूर्जमन्या वक्षृत्सि<u>ग्धिः सपीतिम</u>न्या नवेन पूर्वं दर्यमाने पुराणेन नवम-धातामूर्जमूर्जाहुंतीऽऊर्ज्यमाने वसु वायीणि यर्जमानाय शिक्षिते वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य वीतां यर्ज ॥१६॥ Devī' ūrjāhutī dughe sudughe payasendramavardhatām. Iṣamūrjamanyā vakṣatsagdhim sapītimanyā navena pūrvam dayamāne purāṇena navamadhātāmūrjamūrjāhutī' ūrjayamāne vasu vāryāṇi yajamānāya śikṣite vasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Two sacred divinities of nature, day and night, holding strength and energy, both generous and abundant in joy and fulfilment, nourish and advance Indra, spirit of humanity and prosperity of the world. One of them, the night, begets food and replenishment of energy and the other, the day, begets a common meal and common drink for us. Full of peace and joy, they hold and join the old with the new, and the new with the old.

Replete with the spirit and wisdom of divinity, blest with wealth of energy, blessing all with energy, they hold the choicest gifts of life in store for the yajamana, the human soul, and bring us showers of peace and grace of God upon the earth.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in unison with the night and day.

### 17. (Ashvinau Devate, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवा दैव्या होतारा देविमन्द्रमवर्द्धताम् । हृताघेशःसावाभीष्टाः वसु वार्या<u>णि</u> यजमानाय शि<u>क्षि</u>तौ वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वीतां यजे ॥१७॥

Devā daivyā hotārā devamindramavardhatām. Hatāghaśamsāvābhārṣṭām vasu vāryāṇi yajamānāya śikṣitau vasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Two high-priests of nature and yajna, wind and

fire, generous and brilliant, full of divine properties, feed the sun-beams with the fragrance of yajna and the smell of earth and add to the prosperity of the world. They eliminate the agents of sin and crime (by the elimination of poverty) and burn out the causes of disease. Full of the spirit of nature's wisdom, they beget choice gifts of wealth and water and promote the blessings of God upon the earth for the yajamana.

Man of yajna, carry on with the yajna in unison with nature, never relent.

### 18. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Rshi)

देव<u>ीस्तिस्त्रस्ति</u>स्त्रो देवीः प<u>ति</u>मिन्द्रमवर्द्धयन् । अस्पृंश्चद्धारंती दिवेः रुद्रैर्युज्ञः सरंस्वृतीडा वसुमती गृहान् वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥१८॥

Devīstisrastisro devīḥ patimindramavardhayan. Aspṛkṣadbhāratī divam rudrairyajñam sarasvatīḍā vasumatī gṛhān vasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Three divine powers serve, strengthen and elevate Indra, the human soul, their master and servant both, with three sacred processes of action: Bharati, the speech and light of sattva, with the energy of the Rudra pranas, reaches the light of heaven. Sarasvati, the speech and currents of nature's dynamics, with sacred chants through fire and wind, expands the yajna and refines the business of living. And Idā, the earth and holy libations, bear worldly wealth and bless the homes with prosperity. Thus the three divinities bring down the riches of the Divine Giver into the life of humanity, the receiver, on earth through yajna.

Hota, devotee of yajna, carry on the yajna in tune

with Ida, Sarasvati and Bharati.

## 19. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवऽइन्द्रो नराशःसंस्त्रिवरूथस्त्रिबन्धुरो देविमन्द्रमवर्द्धयत्। शतेने शितिपृष्ठानामाहितः सहस्त्रेण प्र वर्त्तते मित्रावरूणेदस्य होत्रमहीतो बृहस्पति स्तोत्रमशिवनाध्वर्यवं वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वेतु यर्ज ॥१९॥

Deva'indro narāśamsastrivarūthastribandhuro devamindramavardhayat. Śatena śitipṛṣṭhānā-māhitaḥ sahasreṇa pra vartate mitrāvaru-ṇedasya hotramarhato bṛhaspati stotram-aśvinādhvaryavam vasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The divine human soul, Indra, in pursuit of greatness, in love and admiration of humanity, in control of three councils, bound by three disciplines of knowledge, action and worship through Riks, Yajus and Samans, should dedicate himself in yajna to Indra, lord, life and energy of the universe. Such a person, favoured by a hundred forms of refined energy, moves forward in a hundred ways. His fastest food is the energy of prana and udana. Brihaspati, universal voice of sustenance is his song of divine praise. The Ashvinis, sun and moon, are the divine priests of his yajna. And these divine powers bring into the life of this devotee in search of wealth the blessings of the lord of the worlds.

Man of yajna, keep up the yajna, relent not.

#### 20. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Rshi)

देवो देवैर्वन्स्पि<u>ति</u>र्हिर्रण्यपर्णो मधुशाखः सुपिप्पुलो देवमिन्द्रमवद्धयत्। दिवमग्रेणास्पृक्षदान्तरिक्षं पृ<u>थि</u>वीमे-दृश्हीद्वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य वेतु यजे ॥२०॥ Devo devairvanaspatirhiraņyaparņo madhuśākhaḥ supippalo devamindramavardhayat. Divamagreṇāspṛkṣadāntarikṣaṁ pṛthivīmadṛmhīdvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The lord of sun-beams, the Tree of life, brilliant with its lustrous virtues, of golden leaves, honeyed branches and delicious fruit strengthens and elevates the divine Indra, power of generosity and eliminater of poverty. With its top it reaches the light of heaven, energises and expands the skies, and strengthens and enriches the earth. And thus it brings for the dedicated world of humanity the riches as blessings of the lord of the treasures of the universe.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in unison with the sun and the Tree, never relent.

### 21. (Indra Devata, Ashvinau Rshi)

देवं बर्हिर्वारितीनां देविमन्द्रेमवर्द्धयत् । स्वासस्थ-मिन्द्रेणासन्नम्न्या बर्हीछंष्यभ्यभूद्वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य वेतु यजे ॥२१॥

Devam barhirvāritīnām devamindramavardhayat. Svāsasthamindreņāsannamanyā barhīmṣyabhyabhūdvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The divine ether worthiest among the choicest aspects of nature sustains and elevates Indra, brilliant human soul, as well as natural energy, well-nestled and happily placed with Indra, the Divine Presence. It holds, sustains and pervades the other parts of space and brings the wealth of the universe for the yearning human soul on earth.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in tune with space and nature and enjoy. Never relent.

# 22. (Agni Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

देवोऽअगिनः स्विष्ट्कृद्देविमन्द्रमवर्द्धयत् । स्विष्टं कुर्वन्स्विष्ट्कृत् स्विष्टम्द्य करोतु नो वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वेतु यजे ॥२२॥

Devo'agniḥ sviṣṭakṛddevamindramavardhayat. Sviṣṭaṁ kurvantsviṣṭakṛt sviṣṭamadya karotu no vasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

Blessed Agni, brilliant and generous divine fire energy, which purifies and sanctifies everything, may bless and elevate Indra, the human soul, turning everything to good and auspicious for us today. Power of good and blessedness, may it bestow the wealth of the world on the dedicated man of yajna yearning for wealth.

Man of yajna, keep the fire burning.

# 23. (Agni Devata, Ashvinau Ŗshi)

अग्निम्द्य होतारमवृणीतायं यजमानः पचन् पक्तीः पर्चन् पुरोडाशं ब्धनित्नन्द्रीय छार्गम् । सूप्स्थाऽअद्य देवो वनस्पतिरभवदिन्द्रीय छार्गेन । अद्यत्तं मैद्स्तः प्रतिपचताग्रेभी-दवीवृथत्पुरोडाशेन त्वाम्द्य ऋषे ॥२३॥

Agnimadya hotaramavṛṇītāyam yajamanaḥ pacan paktīḥ pacan puroḍāśam badhnannindrāya chāgam. Sūpasthā'adya devo vanaspatirabhavadindrāya chāgena. Adyattam medastaḥ prati pacatāgrabhīdavīvṛdhat puroḍāśena. Tvāmadya ṛṣe.

This yajamana, cooking the foods, preparing the

delicacies, collecting the herbs and goat's milk, cleansing and strengthening, invokes the fire and selects the priest to-day.

The lord of sun-beams and herbs, the sun, joins in presence with the herbs and the goat milk for the honour of Indra (through the fire).

The fire receives the holy delicacies in response to the yajamana and advances his wealth and honour.

O Rshi, man of vision and knowledge, may Agni advance your wealth and honour too.

# 24. (Agni Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षत्सिमधानं महद्यशः सुसीमद्धं वरेण्यमगिनिमन्द्रं वयोधसम् । गायत्रीं छन्दंऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं त्र्य<u>विं</u> गां वयो दध्द्वेत्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजं ॥२४॥

Hotā yakṣatsamidhānaṁ mahadyaśaḥ susamiddhaṁ vareṇyamagnimindraṁ vayodhasam. Gāyatrīṁ chanda' indriyaṁ tryaviṁ gāṁ vayo dadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of piety offer yajna in dedication to Agni, lighted, blazing, great and glorious, worthy of choice, and to Indra, lord of power and grandeur, giver of good health and long life. Let him chant the Gayatri, treasure of joy and giver of the freedom of thought, and he would be blest with wealth of mind and senses, riches of the thrice protective earth mother, good health and long age.

Man of yajna, extend and expand the yajna and enjoy the best of knowledge and honour in the world.

### 25. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होतां यक्ष्ततनूनपातमुद्भिदं यं गर्भमदितिर्द्धे शु<u>चि</u>मिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । उष्णिहं छन्दंऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यं दित्यवाहं गां वयो दध्देत्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥२५॥

Hotā yakṣattanūnapātamudbhidam yam garbhamaditirdadhe śucimindram vayodhasam. Uṣṇiham chanda'indriyam dityavāham gām vayo dadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the devotee of yajna, seeker of knowledge, perform yajna for Indra, light of the rising sun, bright and pure, life-giving, self-preserving and self-risen as if through the folds of the earth, whom Aditi, mother nature, had borne in the womb of the Night. Offer libations to Indra like the first feed of an innocent newborn baby and you would create, promote and enjoy wealth of knowledge, wisdom of the ushnik verses of the Veda, strength and joy, brilliance of mind and sense, self-regeneration, sweetness and power of speech, health and long age, and the very nectar of life.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna. Relent not.

### 26. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होता यक्षदीडेन्यमी<u>डि</u>तं वृत्रहन्तम्मिड<u>िभिरीड्य</u>ःसहः सोम्मिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । अनुष्टुभं छन्देऽइन्द्रियं पञ्ची<u>वं</u> गां वयो दध्द्वेत्वाज्यस्य होत्यंजे ॥२६॥

Hotā yakṣadīḍenyamīditam vṛtrahantamamiḍabhirīḍyam sahaḥ somamindram vayodhasam. Anuṣṭubham chanda'indriyam pañcāvim gam vayo dadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna offer oblations to Indra, the

Great Soul, worthy of love and praise, celebrated in sacred hymns, admirable breaker of the clouds of darkness, lord of courage and endurance, peace and bliss and the beauty and grace of life. And holding on to freedom and joy of the Anushtubh verses of the Veda, sensitivity of mind and senses, five streams of pranic energy and the beauty and poetry of life, the yajaka would create, promote and enjoy the wealth and prosperity of the world.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna, relent not!

### 27. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

होतां यक्षत्सुब्रहिषं पूष्णवन्तुममर्त्युःसीदेन्तं ब्रहिषं प्रियेऽमृतेन्द्रं वयोधसम् । बृहतीं छन्दं ऽइन्द्रियं त्रिवृत्सं गां वयो दध्देत्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥२७॥

Hotā yakṣatsubarhiṣam pūṣaṇvantamamartyam sīdantam barhiṣi priye'mṛtendram vayodhasam. Bṛhatīm chanda' indriyam trivatsam gām vayo dadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the devotee of yajna offer yajna to Indra, the Great Soul, lord of vast spaces, everflowing with nourishments, indestructible, graceful on the seat of cosmic yajna, dear, immortal and ever young. And holding on to the grand Brihati verses of the Veda, joy of freedom, sensitivity of sense and intelligence, devotion to knowledge, action and worship of the divine, nobility of speech and awareness and the beauty of life, he would create, promote and enjoy the wealth and prosperity of life.

yajaka, carry on the yajna. Relent not.

### 28. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होता यक्षुद्व्यचेस्वतीः सुप्रायुणाऽऋतावृधो द्वारी देवी-हिंरुण्ययीर्ब्रह्माणामिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । पङ्क्तं छन्देऽ<u>इहेन्द्रि</u>यं तुर्युवाहुं गां वयो दधुद्व्यन्त्वाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥२८॥

Hotā yakṣadvyacasvatīḥ suprāyaṇā'ṛtāvṛdho dvāro devīrhiraṇyayīrbrahmāṇamindraṁ vayodhasam. Paṅktiṁ chanda' ihendriyaṁ turyavāhaṁ gāṁ vayo dadhadvyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the man of yajna consecrate the wide, open and spacious golden gates of heavenly truth for the expansion of divine virtue, offer reverence to the scholar of the Vedas and do yajna in honour of Indra, lord of grandeur and knowledge. And, holding on to the scientific truth of Pankti verses of the Veda, freedom, worldly wealth, and strong fourfold burden bearing bulls for transport, create, promote and enjoy the beauty and graces of life in this world.

Man of yajna, keep up the yajna, never relent.

# 29. (Ahoratre Devate, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

होता यक्षत्सुपेशिसा सु<u>शि</u>ल्पे बृहतीऽउभे नक्तोषासा न दर्शते विश्वमिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । त्रिष्टुभं छन्देऽइहेन्द्रियं पेष्ठवाहं गां वयो दर्धद्वीतामाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥२९॥

Hotā yakṣat supeśasā suśilpe bṛhatī'ubhe naktoṣāsā na darśate viśvamindram vayodhasam. Triṣṭubham chanda' ihendriyam paṣṭhavāham gām vayo dadhadvītāmājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, devotee of yajna, join and consecrate the night and day, both well shaped, beautiful, great and pleasing to the eye and, like them, offer yajna to Indra, lord of the world's life and age, and holding on to the wisdom of the Trishtubh verses, strength, speed of progress, wealth and sensitivity, and strong burdenbearing bulls in this world, create, promote and enjoy the beauty and grace of life as do the night and day.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in unison with the night and day.

### 30. (Ashvinau Devate, Sarasvati Rshi)

होतो यक्ष्तुत्प्रचेतसा देवानोमुत्तमं यशो होतोरा दैव्यो कवी सयुजेन्द्रं वयोधसम् । जर्गतीं छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्रि</u>यमेनुड्वाहं गां वयो दर्धद्वीतामाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३०॥

Hotā yakṣatpracetasā devānāmuttamam yaśo hotārā daivyā kavī sayujendram vayodhasam. Jagatīm chanda'indriyamanaḍvāham gām vayo dadhadvītāmājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota join Prachetas, two wise and brilliant high-priests (such as the fire and the sun or the teacher and the disciple), both of divine nature, creative, and friendly as brothers, and offer yajna to Indra, most glorious among the generous powers of brilliance and giver of health, wealth and long age, and, holding on to the wisdom of jagati verses, freedom and joy of life, sensitivity and intelligence, bulls of the chariot and the wealth and beauty of life, create, promote and enjoy the sweetest graces of the world as the Prachetas do as friends.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna in unison with the friendly divinities of nature and society.

### 31. (Vanyah Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होतां यक्षृत्पेशस्वती<u>स्ति</u>स्त्रो देवीिहिं रुण्ययीर्भारतीर्बृहतीर्मुहीः प<u>ति</u>मिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । <u>वि</u>राजं छन्दंऽ<u>इहेन्द्रियं धे</u>नुं गां न वयो दध्द्व्यन्त्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजं ॥३१॥

Hotā yakṣatpeśasvatīstisro devīrhiranyayīrbhāratīrbṛhatīrmahīḥ patimindraṁ vayodhasam. Virājaṁ chanda'ihendriyaṁ dhenuṁ gāṁ na vayo dadhadvyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota invoke and join three divinities of the universal language of knowledge, beauteous, golden gracious, rich and elevating, vast and abundant as space, generous and compact as earth, and offer yajna to Indra, lord protector and giver of health and wealth in life, and, bearing the varied wisdom of virat verses, powerful joys of life, beauties and graces, good sense and intelligence, and wisdom of the universal Word like a generous cow, increase and enjoy the beauty and graces of knowledge, action and piety of life in this world as do the divinities of the Word.

Hota, carry on with the yajna and promote life in unison with the universal knowledge of the sacred Word.

# 32. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

होतो यक्षत्सुरेतेस् त्वष्टीरं पु<u>ष्टि</u>वर्द्धेनःरूपा<u>णि</u> बिभ्रेतं पृथ्क् पु<u>ष्टि</u>मिन्द्रं वयोधसेम् । <u>द्वि</u>पदं छन्देऽइ<u>न्द्</u>रियमुक्षाणं गां न वयो दध्द्वेत्वाज्येस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३२॥

Hotā yakṣatsuretasam tvaṣṭāram puṣṭivardhanam rūpāṇi bibhratam pṛthak puṣṭimindram vayodhasam. Dvipadam chanda' indriyamukṣāṇam gām na vayo dadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja. Let the hota offer yajna to Tvashta, generous creator, lord giver of growth, maker and bearer of fine forms and their sustenance in the various world, and let him do honour to Indra, lord of the beauty and wealth of the world, and, holding on to the wisdom of the two-part verses of the Veda, freedom, honour and fame and the joy and generosity of life like a virile bull, increase and enjoy the beauty of the world.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna.

### 33. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होतां यक्षद्वन्स्पतिःशमितारेःशतक्रेतुःहिरेण्यपर्णमुक्थिनेः-रशनां बिभ्रतं वृशिं भगमिन्द्रं वयोधसम् । कुकुभं छन्दं ऽइहेन्द्रियं वृशां वेहतं गां वयो दध्द्वेत्वाज्यस्य होत्-र्यजे ॥३३॥

Hotā yakṣadvanaspatim śamitāram śatakratum hiraṇyaparṇamukthinam raśanām bibhratam vaśim bhagamindram vayodhasam. Kakubham chanda'ihendriyam vaśam vehatam gam vayodadhadvetvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota do yajna in honour of Vanaspati, lord of sunbeams and greenery, inspiring hero of a hundred actions, golden winged, celebrated in Uktha verses, holding the reins of time, keeping the world to order, lord of glory, wielder of power and giver of life. And holding on to the kakubh verses, freedom of thought, power of sense and mind, dry cows and cows in season, and beauty of life, he may increase, promote and enjoy the wealth and sweetness of life.

Man of yajna, carry on the yajna.

### 34. (Agni Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

होता यक्ष्तत् स्वाहांकृतीर्गिं गृहपंतिं पृथ्यवरुणं भेषुजं कृविं क्ष्त्रिमन्द्रं वयोधसम् । अतिच्छन्दसं छन्देऽइन्द्रियं बृहदृष्पभं गां वयो दध्द्वयन्त्वाज्यस्य होतुर्यजे ॥३४॥

Hotā yakṣatsvāhākṛtīragnim gṛhapatim pṛthagvaruṇam bheṣajam kavim kṣatramindram vayodhasam. Aticchandasam chanda' indriyam bṛhadṛṣabham gām vayo dadhadvyantvājyasya hotaryaja.

Let the hota, man of yajna, join and offer yajnic acts of piety for one and all of Agni, the light and fire of life, grihapati, master of the home, Varuna, the highest power of his choice, health and medicine, the man of wisdom and vision, the social order, Indra, ruler and master giver of life and joy. And, enjoying and holding on to the wisdom and knowledge of Atichhanda verses of the Veda, joy of freedom, great wealth of mind and sense, strong bulls and cows, and the health and vigour of living, may he and all increase, promote and sanctify the beauty and graces of life.

Hota, keep up the yajna.

### 35. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देवं बर्हिर्वयोधसं देविमन्द्रमवर्द्धयत् । गायत्र्या छन्देसेन्द्रियं चक्षुरिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य वेतु यर्ज ॥३५॥

Devam barhirvayodhasam devamindramavardhayat. Gāyatryā chandasendriyam cakṣurindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The splendid fire, the sacred grass around the vedi, and the wide space of the sky exalt the divine Indra,

sun, ruler of the world and giver of life and beauty, and, inspiring and investing Indra, the soul, with the joyous vision of the Gayatri verses of the Veda, freedom of spirit, wealth and sensitivity of mind and intelligence, vision of reality and the beauty and dignity of life, bring down the blessings of heaven to the earth for dedicated humanity.

Man of yajna, keep the fire burning. Let it never go out.

### 36. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देवीर्द्वारी वयोधस्था<u>चि</u>मिन्द्रमवर्द्धयन् । उष्णिहा छन्देसेन्द्रियं प्राणिमन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसुधेर्यस्य व्यन्तु यजे ॥३६॥

Devīrdvāro vayodhasam sucimindramavardhayan. Uṣṇihā chandasendriyam prāṇamindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

The wide auspicious doors of yajna and the yajnic home bring in, vitalize and exalt Indra, divine air, pure and sacred, bearing the breath of life, and, inspiring and investing Indra, the soul, with pranic energy, health and good age, sensitivity and brilliance of mind and intelligence with the wisdom of the Ushnik verses and the beauty and joy of life, create and promote the beauty and graces of heaven on earth for the yearning soul.

Pious soul, carry on the yajna, never relent.

### 37. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

देवीऽउषासानक्तां देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवी देवमेवर्द्धताम्। अनुष्टुभा छन्देसेन्द्रियं बल्मिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वीतां यजे ॥३७॥ Devī uṣāsānaktā devamindram vayodhasam devī devamavardhatām. Anuṣṭubhā chandasendriyam balamindre vayo dadhadvasuvanevītām yaja.

The glorious dawn and the starry night, both divine of spirit, exalt the noble and generous Indra, the soul, blest with the light and love of living, and, vesting it (the soul) with strength of will and vision, beauty and dignity, by the freedom and joy of the Anushtubh verses of the Veda, create and promote the bliss of heaven on earth for the dedicated soul.

Man dedicated to yajna, carry on the yajna.

#### 38. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

देवी जोष्ट्री वसुंधिती देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवी देवमेवर्द्धताम्। बृहत्या छन्दंसे<u>न्द्रि</u>यछंश्रोत्रमिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वीतां यर्ज ॥३८॥

Devī joṣṭrī vasudhitī devamindram vayodhasam devī devamavardhatām. Bṛhatyā chandasendriyam śrotramindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Two brilliant motherly powers of nature, earth and heaven, both loving, generous and rich with the treasures of life, cherish, advance and exalt Indra, great and liberal lord sustainer of life, good health and wellbeing of society. And vesting him with the gift of hearing of the Word and the beauty and dignity of life by the grandeur and beauty of the Brihati verses of the Veda create and promote the beauty, prosperity and sublimity of heaven on earth for the yearning humanity.

Dedicated man of yajna, carry on the yajna in

unison with the earth and the environment, relent not.

### 39. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देवीऽक्जां हुंती दुघे सुदुघे पयसेन्द्रं वयोधसं देवी देवमे-वर्द्धताम् । पुङ्कचा छन्दंसेन्द्रियःशुक्रमिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसु-वने वसुधेयस्य वीतां यजे ॥३९॥

Devī ūrjāhutī dughe sudughe payasendram vayodhasam devī devamavardhatām. Panktyā chandasendriyam śukramindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Rich and generous oblations of refined and excellent holy materials into the fire like fertile motherly cows nourish and promote, with the rain of nectar-like water, Indra, brilliant and generous humanity blest with health and wealth. And vesting the soul with vitality and virility, beauty and dignity of life by the power and joy of Pankti verses, they create and promote the beauty and prosperity of heaven on earth for the dedicated soul.

Man of yajna, offer the richest oblations without neglect.

# 40. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देवा दैव्या होतारा देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवौ देवमेवर्द्धताम्। त्रिष्टुभा छन्दसे<u>निद्</u>रयं त्वि<u>षि</u>मिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वीतां यजे ॥४०॥

Devā daivyā hotārā devamindram vayodhasam devau devamavardhatām. Triṣṭubhā chandasendriyam tviṣimindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vītām yaja.

Two divine priests, hota and adhvaryu (like fire and wind, sun and moon, the Ashvinis, the teacher and

preacher) both generous and brilliant, promote and exalt Indra, the living soul blest with the divine spirit, life and joy, and, vesting sensitivity of mind and intelligence, beauty and dignity, and the fire and brilliance of lightning into the soul by the freedom and power of Trishtubh verses of the Veda adorn the earth with the beauty and majesty of heaven for cherishing humanity.

Hota, keep up the blazing fire of yajna without let up.

# 41. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देव<u>ीस्तिस्त्रस्ति</u>स्त्रो देवीवीयोधसं पतिमिन्द्रमवर्द्धयन् । जगेत्या छन्दंसे<u>न्द्रिय</u>ःशृष्मिन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसुधेयस्य व्यन्तु यर्ज ॥४१॥

Devīstisrastisro devīrvayodhasam patimindramavardhayan. Jagatyā chandasendriyam śūṣamindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vyantu yaja.

Three divinities (Ida, Sarasvati, Mahi/Bharati), yes three divinities (Executive or Raja Sabha, Legislature or Dharma Sabha and Council of Education or Vidya Sabha) help, guide and exalt Indra, the ruler (Samrat), lord of dignity and regality, protector of the commonwealth of humanity, and, vesting him with power and prosperity, sensitivity of mind and intelligence, dignity of excellence and resounding songs of celebration by the felicity of the jagati verses of the Veda, create, promote and universalize the beauty and majesty of heaven on earth for the people.

Man of yajna, maintain the excellence of yajna and never neglect the sacred fire of the commonwealth.

### 42. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

देवो नराशःसौ देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवो देवमेवर्द्धयत् । <u>वि</u>राजा छन्देसे<u>न्द्रियःरू</u>पिमन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वेतु यजे ॥४२॥

Devo naraśamso devamindram vayodhasam devo devamavardhayat. Virājā chandasendriyam rūpamindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The resounding songs of praise and the brilliant tributes of the noble scholars exalt Indra, the great ruler, lord of power and prosperity and protector of the world, and, vesting him with the vitality of body and mind, beauty and grace of person, and the dignity and majesty of living by the sublimity of the Virat verses of the Veda, create, promote and universalize the kingdom of heaven on earth for the people.

Noble citizen, sustain the yajna without rest or remiss.

#### 43. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

देवो वन्स्पतिर्देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवो देवमेवर्द्धयत् । द्विपदा छन्देसे<u>न्द्रि</u>यं भगृमिन्द्वे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वेतु यजे ॥४३॥

Devo vanspatirdevamindram vayodhasam devo devamavardhayat. Dvipadā chandasendriyam bhagamindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

The brilliant lord of sunbeams and the forests proclaim and exalt the great Indra, the ruler and the enlightened people blest with the wealth of health and education, and, vesting the ruler and the people with sensitivity of mind and soul, beauty and prosperity of society and the art and excellence of happy living by the grace of the Dvipada verses of the Veda, they stimulate and advance the desire and dignity of the land from the earth to the heights of heaven for the dedicated humanity.

Noble citizen of the yajnic commonwealth, sustain and promote the fire of yajna without rest or remiss.

### 44. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

देवं बर्हिर्वारितीनां देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवं देवमेवर्द्धयत् । ककुभा छन्देसे<u>न्द्रि</u>यं यशऽइन्द्रे वयो दधद्वसुवने वसुधेयस्य वेतु यजे ॥४४॥

Devam barhirvāritīnam devamindram vayodhasam devam devamavardhayat. Kakubhā chandasendriyam yaśa'indre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu vaja.

The divine splendour of fire in the vedi, the sacred grass around the vedi, and the celestial oceans of water in the spaces of the skies sustain and exalt Indra, generous, brilliant and enlightened lord of life, and protector of the earth, and, vesting him and the people with the greatness of mind and soul, health and wealth for a long age, and honour and renown of life in life by the dignity of the kakubh verses of the Veda, create, promote and exalt the glories of heaven upon the earth itself for the dedicated souls.

Dedicated soul, keep the fire burning.

#### 45. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Rshi)

देवोऽअग्निः स्विष्ट्कृद्देविमन्द्रं वयोधसं देवो देवमेवर्द्धयत्। अतिच्छन्दसा छन्देसेन्द्रियं क्षत्रिमन्द्रे वयो दर्धद्वसुवने वसु-धेर्यस्य वेतु यर्ज ॥४५॥

Devo'agniḥ sviṣṭakṛddevamindram vayodhasam devo devamavardhayat. Aticchandasā chandasendriyam kṣatramindre vayo dadhadvasuvane vasudheyasya vetu yaja.

Agni, lord omniscient of light and life, who turns all our endeavours to good, may advance and exalt Indra, brilliant and pious living soul and ruler of divine potential and possibility, and, vesting that human power with the strength of body, mind and soul, wealth of existence and a grand social order of humanity by virtue of Atichhanda verses of value beyond the words, may invoke, create and promote the bliss of heaven on earth for the dedicated souls.

Dedicated soul, enlightened citizen, servant of Agni, keep the fire burning and blazing. Never relent, no rest, no remiss.

## 46. (Indra Devata, Sarasvati Ŗshi)

अग्निम्द्य होतारमवृणीतायं यजमानः पचन् पक्तीः पचन् पुरोडाशं ब्ध्निन्निन्द्रीय वयोधसे छार्गम् । सूपस्थाऽअद्य देवो वनस्पतिरभवदिन्द्रीय वयोधसे छार्गेन । अघ्तं मैद्स्तः प्रतिपचताग्रभीदवीवृधत्पुरोडाशेन । त्वामद्य ऋषे ॥४६॥

Agnimadya hotāramavṛṇītāyaṁ yajamānaḥ pacanpaktīḥ pacan puroḍāśaṁ badhnann-indrāya vayodhase chāgam. Sūpasthā'adya devo vanspatirabhavadindrāya vayodhase chāgena. Aghattaṁ medastaḥ pratipacatāgrabhīdavī-vṛdhat purḍāśena. Tvāmadya ṛṣe.

To-day this yajamana, cooking the holy food, cooking the pudding, and tending and binding the goat for the holy milk of health for Indra, lord of life and wealth, may choose to honour the divine Agni, brilliant scholar, as the high-priest of yajna.

To-day may the divine Vanaspati, lord of sunbeams and the fascinating forest and meadow come close to grace the yajamana with the goat for milk and with catalytic holy materials of yajna in honour of Indra, lord of the commonwealth and the social order.

O Rshi, man of vedic vision, may the yajamana invite and entertain you to-day with the holy food being cooked and seasoned with delicacies.

And may the yajamana and the priest and the Rshi and you all partake of the holy food today and grow higher and ever higher.

इति अष्टाविंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXIX

1. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

सिम्द्धोऽअञ्जन् कृदेरं मतीनां घृतमेग्ने मधुमृत् पिन्वेमानः। वाजी वहंन् वाजिनं जातवेदो देवानं विक्ष प्रियमा सधस्थम् ॥१॥

Samiddho' añjan kṛdaraṁ matīnāṁ ghṛtamagne madhumat pinvamānaḥ. Vājī vahan vājinaṁ jātavedo devānāṁ vakṣi priyamā sadhastham.

Agni, universal energy, well-lighted, proclaiming and materialising the ideas and imagination of the learned, consuming lots of precious fats and waters for fuel and, as carrier, bearing the rider at the speed of the wind, take us to the favourite assembly of the divines.

2. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Rshi)

घृतेनाञ्जन्त्सं पृथो देवयानान् प्रजानन् वाज्यप्येतु देवान् । अनुं त्वा सप्ते प्रदिशीः सचन्ताश्रंस्वधाम्स्मै यर्जमानाय धेहि ॥२॥

Ghṛtenāñjantsaṁ patho devayānān prajānan vājyapyetu devān. Anu tvā sapte pradiṣaḥ sacantāṁ svadhāmasmai yajamānāya dhehi.

Agni, fire energy, generated and fed on fuels and holy waters, lighting up and opening the paths traversed by generous and brilliant scholars, rises up at top speed to the divinities on high.

Scholar of the science of fire and energy, fast advancing like a winged horse in pursuit of knowledge, rise up to the heights of space in all directions and bring wealth and power to this yajamana.

# 3. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

ईड्यश्चा<u>सि</u> वन्द्यंश्च वाजिन्नाशुश्चा<u>सि</u> मेध्यंश्च सप्ते । अग्निष्ट्वां देवैर्वसुभिः सजोषाः प्रीतं वह्निं वहतु जात-वैदाः ॥३॥

Īdyaścāsi vandyaśca vājinnāśūścāsi medhyaśca sapte. Agniṣṭvā devairvasubhiḥ sajoṣāḥ prītam vahnim vahatu jātavedāḥ.

Vajin, scholar technologist of the speed of the winds, working restlessly like a restive courser, worthy of praise you are, a celebrity, quick in action and revered on the vedi of science-yajna. May Agni, lord omniscient of light and life, lover and admirer of His devotees, reveal to you the secrets of fire and energy cherished by you, alongwith the treasures of the powers of devas and Vasus such as earth, air and sky.

# 4. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

स्तीर्णं बर्हिः सुष्टरीमा जुषाणोरु पृथु प्रथमानं पृ<u>थि</u>व्याम्। देवेभिर्युक्तमदितिः सजोषाः स्योनं कृणवाना स<u>ुवि</u>ते देधातु ॥४॥

Stīrṇam barhiḥ suṣṭarīmā juṣāṇoru pṛthu prathamānam pṛthivyām. Devebhiryuktamaditiḥ sajoṣāḥ syonam kṛṇvānā suvite dadhātu.

We collect and develop in proper order the splendid fire-energy spread around, vast, great, expansive over the earth, and immanent in all the natural powers of the universe. May Aditi, infinite and eternal mother spirit of creativity, loving, loved and admired by her devotees, always doing good to her children,

strew our paths of progress with the energy sought for by us.

# 5. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

एताऽउ वः सुभगां <u>वि</u>श्वरूपा वि पक्षो<u>भिः</u> श्रयंमाणाऽउदातैः। ऋष्वाः सतीः कृवषाः शुम्भंमाना द्वारो देवीः सुप्रायणा भवन्तु ॥५॥

Etā'u vaḥ subhagā viśvarūpā vi pakṣobhiḥ śrayamāṇā'udātaiḥ. Rṣvāḥ satīḥ kavaṣāḥ śumbhamānā dvāro devīḥ suprāyaṇā bhavantu.

(By the grace of the Mother Spirit of the world) may these doors of movement along the paths of progress be divinely blest, various and manifold, wide open with flexible leaves, lofty, high and sublime, strong and stable, resounding, bright and beautiful, auspicious, and pleasant for easy movement, for all of you.

# 6. (Manushya Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi) अन्तरा मित्रावर्रुणा चरन्ती मुखं यज्ञानीमभिसंविदाने । उषास्र वाथंसुहिर्ण्ये सुशिल्पेऽऋतस्य योनिविह स्रोदयामि ॥६॥

Antarā mitrāvaruṇā carantī mukhaṁ yajñānāmabhi saṁvidāne. Uṣāsā vāṁ suhiraṇye suśilpe'ṛtasya yonāviha sādayāmi.

The splendid dawn and the beauteous twilight, both rejoicing with the light of the day and resting in the oceanic womb of the starry night, and both heading towards the wide open doors of the yajna of humanity to join in the celebration, I consecrate you in the golden glorious divinely sculpted seat of nature's law in the vedi of eternity.

7. (Ashvinau Devate, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

प्रथमा विश्वसर्थिना सुवर्णी देवौ पश्यन्तौ भुवना<u>नि</u> विश्वी। अपिप्रयं चोदेना वां मिमोना होतीरा ज्योतिः प्रदिशी दिशन्तो ॥७॥

Prathamā vām sarathinā suvarņā devau paśyantau bhuvanāni viśvā. Apiprayam codanā vām mimānā hotārā jyotiḥ pradiśā diśantā.

I love and admire you both, lights of the world (teachers like the Ashvins or like the dawn and the twilight), first and foremost to move, riding the same chariot, handsome of form, brilliant in bearing, watching the entire regions of the world, inspiring, measuring and ascertaining the facts of life, two high-priests of life and learning, and filling the quarters of space with light for both of you (learners).

8. (Sarasvati Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi) आदित्यैर्नो भारती वष्टु युज्ञः सरस्वती सह रुद्रैर्नंऽआवीत्। इडोपेहता वस्भिः सजोषां यज्ञं नो देवीरमृतेषु धत्त ॥८॥

Ādityairno bhāratī vaṣṭu yajñam sarasvatī saha rudairna āvīt. Iḍopahūta vasubhiḥ sajoṣā yajñam no devīramṛteṣu dhatta.

May Bharati, voice of the knowledge of the world, alongwith the scholars and sages of the preeminent Aditya order, grace our yajna. May Sarasvati, voice of science and prayer, alongwith the scholars of the eminent Rudra order protect and promote our yajna. May Ida, voice of the spirit and meditation alongwith the sages of the noble Vasu order grace and extend our yajna. May the three divinities of the divine voice

invoked and worshipped elevate our yajna to the regions of the immortals.

# 9. (Tvashta Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

त्वष्टी वीरं देवकोमं जजान् त्वष्टुरवीं जायतऽआशुरश्वीः। त्वष्टेदं विश्वं भुवेनं जजान बहोः कृर्तारे<u>मि</u>ह येक्षि होतः ॥९॥

Tvaṣṭā vīraṁ devakāmaṁ jajāna tvaṣṭurarvā jāyata'āśuraśvaḥ. Tvaṣṭedaṁ viśvaṁ bhuvanaṁ jajāna bahoḥ kartāramiha yakṣi hotaḥ.

Tvashta, lord creator, creates and shapes the brave hero, lover and loved of the divines. The bright sun as the windy horse is born of Tvashta. Tvashta it is who creates the entire worlds of the universe.

Man of yajna, honour and serve the great creator by yajna — through worship, charity and good fellowship.

## 10. (Surya Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Rshi)

अश्वो घृतेन त्मन्या समेक्तुऽउपे देवाँ२॥ऽऋंतुशः पार्थऽ-एतु । वनस्पतिर्देवलोकं प्रजानन्नगिननी हृव्या स्वेदितानि वक्षत् ॥१०॥

Aśvo ghṛtena tmanyā samakta'upa devāň'ṛtuśaḥ pātha'etu. Vanaspatirdevalokaṁ prajānannagninā havyā svaditāni vakṣat.

May Agni, in unison with ghrta and waters, moving at the speed of sunbeams and by virtue of being what it is in itself, carry food to the divinities according to the seasons. May Vanaspati, the sun and the sacred Tree, conscious of the regions of the divinities and nobilities of humanity, by subservience to the eternal

law, carry to them by agni delicious foods worthy of the sacred fire.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Brihaduktho Vamadevya Ŗshi)

प्रजापेतेस्तपेसा वावृधानः सद्यो जातो देधिषे यज्ञमेग्ने । स्वाहांकृतेन हृविषां पुरोगा याहि साध्या हृविरंदन्तु देवाः ॥११॥

Prajāpatestapasā vāvṛdhānaḥ sadyo jāto dadhiṣe yajñamagne. Svāhākṛtena haviṣā purogā yāhi sādhyā haviradantu devāḥ.

Agni/brilliant and sagely scholar, rising and fast advancing by the austere discipline of Prajapati, lord of creation and the people, carry on the yajna by offers of refined and sanctified foods to the fire.

Go on, and may the noblest of humanity, leaders and pioneers, and the divinities of the higher regions of the world partake of the libations offered by you into the fire.

# 12. (Yajamana Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

यदक्रेन्दः प्रथमं जार्यमानऽउद्यन्त्सेमुद्रादुत वा पुरीषात् । श्येनस्ये पृक्षा हेरिणस्ये बाहूऽउपस्तुत्यं महि जातं तेऽ-अर्वन् ॥१२॥

Yadakrandaḥ prathamam jāyamāna'udyantsamudrāduta vā purīṣāt. Šyenasya pakṣā hariṇasya bāhū'upastutyam mahi jātam te' arvan.

Man of knowledge of the speed of sun-beams, whether you emerge from the depths of meditation or from the consciousness of the Divine like energy of the wind, first-born of nature, then whatever you speak or

do becomes great and worthy of celebration like flights of the hawk or bounds of the deer.

## 13. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

यमेने दत्तं त्रितऽएनमायुन्गिन्द्रेऽएणं प्रथमोऽअध्येतिष्ठत् । गुन्धुर्वोऽअस्य रशुनामेगृभ्णात्सूरादश्वं वसवो निरंतष्ट ॥१३॥

Yamena dattam trita'enamāyunagindra'eṇam prathamo adhyatiṣṭhat. Gandharvo'asya raśanāmagṛbhṇāt sūrādaśvam vasavo nirataṣṭa.

The Vasus, abodes of life and life energy, receive the heat of sunbeams from the sun. Indra, universal electric energy, first controls this heat energy given by yama (vayu, wind) from three sources, i.e., earth, water and sky. Gandharva, the sun, which holds and supports the earth holds the reins of the flow. And the vasus, scholars of the first order of natural knowledge, receiving it from the sun, refine and develop it further for use in life.

# 14. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Ŗshi)

असि यमोऽअस्य<u>ोदि</u>त्योऽअर्वन्नसि <u>त्रि</u>तो गुह्येन <u>व्र</u>तेने । अ<u>सि</u> सोमेन समया विपृक्तऽआहुस्ते त्रीणि <u>दि</u>वि बन्धनानि ॥१४॥

Asi yamo'asyādityo'arvannasi trito guhyena vratena. Asi somena samayā vipṛkta'āhuste trīṇi divi bandhanāni.

By the intrinsic law of your own existence, you are Yama, controller and judge; you are Aditya, sun and source of light; you are Arvan, moving fast as light. You arise from three because of three, earth, water and sky. You are one with, undivided from, Soma, peace,

prosperity and joy. And they say your bonds are three in heaven.

(You are Agni, the sun, therefore you have to be brilliant because you cannot be the sun without the light. You are at peace in security as one member of the galaxy family of suns and stars. And you are happy with the prosperity of your own solar family. You have to observe this triple bond.)

# 15. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Ŗshi)

त्रीणि तऽआहुर्दिव बन्धना<u>नि</u> त्रीण्यप्सु त्रीण्यन्तः संमुद्रे । उतेवे मे वर्रुणश्छन्तस्यर्वन्यत्री तऽआहुः पेरुमं जुनित्रम् ॥१५॥

Trīṇi ta'āhurdivi bandhanāni trīṇyapsu trīṇyantaḥ samudre. Uteva me varuṇaśchantsyarvanyatrā ta'āhuḥ paramaṁ janitram.

Arvan, lord of the dynamics of existence, three are your bonds in heaven, they say, three in the waters of space and three in the womb of the sea. Wherever, they say, your ultimate origin be, you declare your presence as Varuna, lord of our choice and lord of judgement and approval.

# 16. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Ŗshi)

ड्डमा ते वाजिन्नवमार्जनानीमा शुफानिष्ठंस<u>नितुर्नि</u>धानी । अत्रो ते भुद्रा रशानाऽअपश्यमृतस्य याऽअ<u>भि</u>रक्षन्ति गोपाः ॥१६॥

Imā te vājinnavamārjanānīmā śaphānām saniturnidhānā. Atrā te bhadrā raśanā'apaśyamṛtasya yā'abhirakṣanti gopāḥ.

Warlike hero, lord of spirit and speed, I see these tools of the cleansing and freshening of your war-horses.

I see the treasures of the beneficiaries of their hoofs. I see the auspicious reins of your power and force which are all-round defenders of truth and law and which protect the law-abiding.

# 17. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

आत्मानं ते मनेसारादंजानाम्वो <u>दि</u>वा प्तर्यन्तं पत्ङ्गम् । शिरोऽअपश्यं पृथिभिः सुगेभिररेणु<u>भि</u>र्जेहंमानं पत्ति ॥१७॥

Ātmanām te manasārādajānāmavo divā patayantam patangam. Śiro'apaśyam pathibhih sugebhirarenubhirjehamānam patatri.

Agni, fire energy, with my own mind and knowledge, I know your soul in body form so close being flown from down below through space to the sun. I see your head soaring up, voraciously sucking the air and struggling to ascend by clear and dustless paths of the sky.

# 18. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

अत्रो ते रूपमुत्तममेपश्यं जिगीषमाण<u>िम</u>षऽआ पुदे गोः । यदा ते मर्त्तोऽअनु भोगमानुडादिद् ग्रसिष्ठऽओषेधी-रजीगः ॥१८॥

Atrā te rūpamuttamamapaśyam jigīṣamāṇamiṣa' ā pade goḥ. Yadā te marto'anu bhogamānaḍādid grasiṣṭha'oṣadhīrajīgaḥ.

Agni, victorious power, here I see your most splendid form eager to win the wealth of food and energy of the earth. Only when your people have received their portion of the food, only then you, most voracious though, take your share of the nourishing foods and herbs.

## 19. (Manushya Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

अर्नु त्वा रथोऽअनु मर्योऽअर्वन्ननु गावोऽनु भर्गः क्ननीनीम्। अनु व्रातीसुस्तवे सुख्यमीयुरनु देवा मेमिरे वीर्यं ते ॥१९॥

Anu tvā ratho'anu maryo'arvannanu gāvo' nu bhagaḥ kanīnām. Anu vrātāsastava sakhyamīyuranu devā mamire vīryaṁ te.

Arvan, tempestuous victorious hero, the chariot follows you. The humans and cows follow you. The power and passion of youth follows you. Multitudes of people love to be friends and followers with you. Even the divinities have watched, measured and admired your courage and valour.

# 20. (Agni Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

हिरंण्यशृङ्गोऽयोऽअस्य पादा मनोजवाऽअवंरऽइन्द्रंऽआसीत्। देवाऽइदंस्य ह<u>वि</u>रद्यंमायन्योऽअवीन्तं प्रथमोऽअध्य-तिष्ठत् ॥२०॥

Hiraṇyaśṛṅgo'yo'asya pādā manojavā'avara' indra' āsīt. Devā'idasya haviradyamāyan yo' arvantaṁ prathamo'adhyatisṭhat.

(Who can ride and control the tempestuous horse that is agni, fire power of nature and humanity?)

Indra, master ruler, youthful and new. Golden is his crown. Of golden steel are his legs moving at the speed of mind. New and youthful, he is supreme. The noblest of humanity share power with him and partake of his holy food. First among all, he alone can ride and control the speed and power of agni.

## 21. (Manushyah Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

र्डुर्मान्तासः सिर्लिकमध्यमासः सःशूरणासो <u>दि</u>व्यासोऽअत्याः। हुःसाऽईव श्रे<u>णि</u>शो येतन्ते यदाक्षिषु<u>र्</u>दिव्यमञ्ममश्वाः ॥२१॥

Īrmāntāsaḥ śilikamadhyamāsaḥ sam śūraṇāso divyāso'atyāḥ. Hamsā'iva śreṇiśo yatante yadākṣiṣurdivyamajmamaśvāḥ.

Warriors of horse, with steeds which are broadchested, full-haunched and sensitively trained, slim in the middle, fiery, superb, of electric speed, when they are ranked like swans in battle array and fight, then they penetrate the enemy defences and clear the paths to wonder victories.

# 22. (Vayavah Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

तव शरीरं पत<u>ि</u>यण्यवर्वन्तवं <u>चि</u>त्तं वार्तऽइव ध्रजीमान् । तव शृङ<u>्गीणि</u> विष्ठिता पु<u>रु</u>त्रारण्येषु जर्भुराणा चरन्ति॥२२॥

Tava śarīram patayiṣṇvarvantava cittam vāta'iva dhrajīmān. Tava śṛṇgāṇi viṣṭhitā purutrāraṇyeṣu jarbhurāṇā caranti.

Arvan, tempestuous hero, your body loves to soar like a bird's, your mind moves at the speed of the wind, the flames of your glory are various and blazing, and they range around steadily across distant lands.

# 23. (Manushyah Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

उपुप्रागाच्छसेनं वाज्यवी देवद्रीचा मनेसा दीध्योनः । अजः पुरो नीयते नाभिरस्यानुं पुश्चात्कवयो यन्ति रेभाः ॥२३॥

Upa prāgācchasanam vājyarvā devadrīcā manasā dīdhyānaḥ. Ajaḥ puro nīyate nābhirasyānu paścāt kavayo yanti rebhāḥ.

The tempestuous horse, fast as the wind, worthy of the gods, fiery within and rushing to the heat of battle at the speed of mind, instant like a beam of the sun, is shot forth by the rider on the back, and then poets and singers follow with songs of praise.

# 24. (Manushya Devata, Bhargavo Jamadagni Rshi)

उप प्रागीत्पर्मं यत्स्धस्थमर्वौ२॥ऽअच्छी पितरं मातरं च । अद्या देवाञ्जुष्टंतमो हि गुम्याऽअथाशस्ति दाशुषे वार्यीणि ॥२४॥

Upa prāgātparamam yatsadhasthamarvāň' acchā pitaram mātaram ca. Adyā devāñjuṣṭatamo hi gamyā'athāśāste dāśuṣe vāryāṇi.

The man of knowledge, will and action who goes to the highest assembly, who does homage to father, mother and brilliant holy people, and offers liberal gifts of service and reverence to generous teachers and philanthropists, is worthy of highest love and admiration.

O seeker of knowledge and virtue, such a person is worthy of company. Go straight and meet him.

# 25. (Vidvan Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

सिम्द्धोऽअद्य मर्नुषो दुरोणे देवो देवान्यंजिस जातवेदः । आ च वह मित्रमहश्चि<u>कि</u>त्वान्त्वं दूतः कृविरं<u>सि</u> प्रचेताः ॥२५॥

Samiddho'adya manuṣo duroṇe devo devān yajasi jātavedaḥ. Ā ca vaha mitramahaścikitvān tvaṁ dūtaḥ kavirasi pracetāḥ.

You are the man, jataveda, light of the day as Agni, brilliant inspired and generous, in company with the

noblest at yajna in the home. Call upon the divinities, best of friends, bring them to the yajna. Wide awake you are, harbinger of light and good fortune, poet creator, wise and luminous.

# 26. (Vidvan Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

तर्नूनपात्पथऽऋतस्य यानान्मध्वा सम्ञजन्तस्वेदया सुजिह्व। मन्मानि धीभिरुत युज्ञमृन्धन्देवत्रा च कृणुह्यध्वरं नैः॥२६॥

Tanūnapātpatha'ṛtasya yānān madhvā samañjantsvadayā sujihva. Manmāni dhībhiruta yajñamṛndhan devatrā ca kṛṇuhyadhvaraṁ naḥ.

Sagely scholar, self-preserver, protector of the good things of life, sweet of tongue and speech, sprinkling the paths of truth and modes of progress with honey, enjoy the march to freedom and prosperity. And, surrounded by the noblest saints and scholars, leading our plans and prayers to resounding success, render our yajna of life free from hate and violence with your guidance.

# 27. (Vidvan Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

नराशःसंस्य महिमानंमेषामुपस्तोषाम यज्तस्य युज्ञैः । ये सुक्रतेवः शुचयो धियन्धाः स्वदंन्ति देवाऽउभयानि हृव्या॥२७॥

Narāśamsasya mahimānameṣāmupa stoṣāma yajatasya yajñaiḥ. Ye sukratavaḥ śucayo dhiyandhāḥ svadanti devā'ubhayāni havyā.

We celebrate with songs of praise and yajnas the greatness of the man of universal honour and admiration and the greatness of these brilliant scholars of exceptional intelligence and noble action, pure at heart,

who taste the sweets of success in matters both material and spiritual (on way to freedom and prosperity by the paths of Truth and eternal Law).

# 28. (Agni Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

आजुह्वनिऽईड्यो वन्द्यश्चायोह्यग्ने वसुभिः सजोषीः । त्वं देवानीमसि यह्व होता सऽएनान्यक्षीषितो यजीयान् ॥२८॥

Ājuhvāna'iḍyo vandyaścā yāhyagne vasubhiḥ sajoṣāḥ. Tvaṁ devānāmasi yahva hotā sa' enānyakṣīṣito yajīyān.

Agni, brilliant power of light and life, challenging and inviting, adorable, admirable, delighted to be with the generous lovers of life, you are the most fluent and dynamic of divinities, giving and sacrificing. Excellent power of yajna, cherished and implored, come and join these sacrificers at the yajna.

## 29. (Antariksha Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

प्राचीनं बर्हिः प्रदिशां पृ<u>ष</u>िव्या वस्तौर्स्या वृंज्यतेऽअग्रेऽ-अह्नाम् । व्यं प्रथते वित्रःं वरीयो देवेभ्योऽअदितये स्योनम् ॥२९॥

Prācīnam barhiḥ pradiśā pṛthivyā vastorasyā vṛjyate'agre'ahnām. Vyu prathate vitaram varīyo devebhyo'aditaye syonam.

Just as sacred grass, old and ancient, is gathered at dawn, in the early morning, before the rise of the day, from the sacred quarters of the earth, grows further, softer and more excellent for the yajnics and the earth, so realized awareness of Brahma, Eternal Spirit, vast as space, is distilled from the inspiring regions of silent nature in the sacred hours of dawn before the rising of

the day and, by the mystique of the Veda grows further, higher and more blissful for the pious souls for their rise towards Divinity and Infinity.

# 30. (Striyah Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

व्यचेस्वतीरुर्विया विश्रयन्तां पतिभ्यो न जनेयः शुम्भेमानाः। देवीर्द्वारो बृहतीर्विश्विमन्वा देवेभ्यो भवत सुप्रायुणाः ॥३०॥

Vyacasvatīrurviyā vi śrayantām patibhyo na janayaḥ śumbhamānāḥ. Devīrdvāro bṛhatīr-viśvaminvā devebhyo bhavata suprāyaṇāḥ.

Just as noble, beautiful, generous women provide ample unlimited joy and solace to the husbands, so may the divine doors of yajna, wide open, grand, allembracing, provide free access and universal movement to the dedicated divines of yajna.

# 31. (Striyah Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

आ सुष्वयन्ती यज्तेऽउपिकेऽउषासानक्ती सदतां नि योनौ । <u>दि</u>व्ये योषणे बृहती सुंरुक्मेऽअ<u>धि</u> श्रियंश्लुक्रृपिशं दधनि ॥३१॥

Ā suṣvayantī yajate'upāke'uṣāsānaktā sadatām ni yonau. Divye yoṣaṇe bṛhatī surukme'adhi śriyam śukrapiśam dadhāne.

The day and the night, like two heavenly women, wearing light and dark, inspiring and comforting, adorable, great and sublime, wielding and commanding the wealth of the world, may, we pray, come in unison and grace the vedi, seat of yajna.

## 32. (Vidvan Shilpis Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

दैव्या होतारा प्रथमा सुवाचा मिमाना युज्ञं मर्नुषो यर्जध्यै। प्रचोदयन्ता विदथेषु कारू प्राचीनं ज्योतिः प्रदिशां दिशन्तां ॥३२॥

Daivyā hotārā prathamā suvācā mimānā yajñam manuṣo yajadhyai. Pracodayantā vidatheṣu kārū prācīnam jyotiḥ pradiśa diśantā.

Two divine high-priests of the first order, scholars of the language (of science and architecture), masters of measurement and design, and expert builders, pointing to the directions of the ancient and eternal light (of the Veda) inspire people to join in scientific yajnas of development and construction.

# 33. (Vag Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

आ नो यज्ञं भारती तूर्यमेत्विडी मनुष्व<u>दि</u>ह चेतर्यन्ती । तिस्रो देवीर्बिहरेद\*स्योन\*सरस्वती स्वर्पसः सदन्तु ॥३३॥

Ā no yajñam bhāratī tūyametviḍa manuṣvadiha cetayantī. Tisro devīrbarhiredam syonam sarasvatī svapasaḥ sadantu.

May Bharati (bearing the knowledge of science) come soon to advance our yajna of development. May Ida, the Vedic vision, shine, enlightening us like a human teacher. May Sarasvati, bearing the knowledge of the Shastras, come and inspire us.

May three supernal divinities of the Word of the Veda, light and inspiration of the Shastras, and knowledge of science and technology, Ida, Sarasvati, and Bharati, mothers of noble yajnic acts, come and grace this auspicious seat of yajna.

## 34. (Vidvan Shilpi Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

यऽड्रमे द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी जिनत्री रूपैरिपै<u>श्</u>यद्भवेना<u>नि</u> विश्वी । तमुद्य होतरि<u>षि</u>तो यजीयान् देवं त्वष्टीर<u>मि</u>ह यक्षि <u>विद्वा</u>न् ॥३४॥

Ya'ime dyāvāpṛthivī janitrī rūpairapimsadbhuvanāni visvā. Tamadya hotariṣito yajīyān devam tvaṣṭāramiha yakṣi vidvān.

High-priest of shilpa (science and technology), scholar, inspired and dedicated, offer yajna here and now in honour of that divine artist, Tvashta, creator of the universe, who made all these worlds of existence, carved out the generative heaven and earth, and adorned them with all the beautiful forms of life and nature.

# 35. (Agni Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

उपावसृज् त्मन्यां सम्ञ्जन् देवानां पार्थऽऋतुथा ह्वीछंषि। वनस्पतिः शमिता देवोऽअग्निः स्वदन्तु हृव्यं मधुना घृतेने ॥३५॥

Upāvasṛja tmanyā samañjan devānām pātha' ṛtuthā havīmṣi. Vanaspatiḥ śamitā devo'agniḥ svadantu havyam madhunā ghṛtena.

Scholar, sprinkling and seasoning the holy materials of yajna, food for the divinities, with honey and ghrta, offer the libations yourself with your heart and soul so that Vanaspati, lord of light and vegetation, the sun, the generous cloud, giver of the showers of peace and prosperity, and Agni, the holy fire, may relish their food seasoned with delicacies.

## 36. (Agni Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

सद्यो जातो व्यीममीत यज्ञम्गिनर्देवानामभवत् पुरोगाः। अस्य होतुः प्रविश्यृतस्यं वाचि स्वाहांकृतःह्विरंदन्तु देवाः ॥३६॥

Sadyo jāto vyamimīta yajñamagnirdevānāmabhavat purogāḥ. Asya hotuḥ pradiśyṛtasya vāci svāhākṛtam haviradantu devāḥ.

Agni, lord of light and life, brilliant scholar, instantly responsive, ever young, going ahead of the divines, enacts and accomplishes the yajna of the business of life within the word and spirit of the laws of truth. May all the divinities of nature and humanity taste the sweets of the holy offerings of this sacrificer.

#### 37. (Vidvan Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

केतुं कृण्वन्निकेतवे पेशौ मर्याऽअपेशसै । समुषद्भिरजायथाः ॥३७॥

Ketuṁ kṛṇvannaketave peśo marya'apeśase. Samuṣadbhirajāyathāḥ.

Agni, lord of light and life, man of knowledge, creating light for the man in the dark, providing plenty for the man in adversity, as mortals do, you arise with the light of the dawns and the fires of the generous yajamanas.

#### 38. (Vidvan Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

जीमूतस्येव भवित प्रतीकं यद्वर्मी याित समदीमुपस्थे । अनिविद्धया तन्वा जय त्वः स त्वा वर्मणो मिहमा पिपर्त्तु ॥३८॥

Jīmūtasyeva bhavati pratīkam yadvarmī yāti samadāmupasthe. Anāviddhayā tanvā jaya tvam sa tvā varmaņo mahimā pipartu.

A very image of the cloud he seems to be when the hero in armour goes forward to join the ardent warriors in the raging battle. Come victorious, warrior, with your body unscathed. May the mighty grandeur of the armour protect and promote you.

## 39. (Viras Warriors Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

धन्वेना गा धन्वेनाऽऽजिं जेयेम् धन्वेना तीवाः समदौ जयेम । धनुः शत्रौरपकामं कृणोति धन्वेना सवीः प्रदिशौ जयेम ॥३९॥

Dhanvanā gā dhanvanā 'jim jayema dhanvanā tīvrāḥ samado jayema. Dhanuḥ śatrora-pakāmam kṛṇoti dhanvanā sarvāḥ pradiśo jayema.

Let us win the earths by the bow, win the battle by the bow, win the violent wars by the bow. The bow it is that shatters the enemy's ambition for evil. Let us win in all directions by the bow.

## 40. (Viras, Devata, Bharadwaja Rshi)

वृक्ष्यन्तीवेदार्गनीग<u>न्ति</u> कर्णं प्रियः सर्खायं परिषस्व-जाना । योषेव शिङ्के वितृता<u>धि</u> धन्वञ्ज्या इयः सर्मने पारयन्ती ॥४०॥

Vakṣyantīvedāganīganti karṇaṁ priyaṁ sakhāyaṁ pariṣasvajānā. Yoṣeva śiṅkte vitatādhi dhanavañjyā iyaṁ samane pārayantī.

This string stretched on the bow is drawn close to the ear and, like a young woman embracing her dear husband and whispering love into his ear, twangs, carrying the warrior across the battle to victory.

#### 41. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

तेऽआचरेन्ती समेनेव योषो मातेवे पुत्रं बिभृतामुपस्थे । अप शत्रून् विध्यताथंसंविदानेऽआर्त्नी'ऽर्रमे विष्फुरन्तीऽ-अमित्रोन् ॥४१॥

Te' ācarantī samaneva yoṣā māteva putram bibhṛtāmupasthe. Apa śatrūn vidhyatām saṃvidāne'ārtnī'ime viṣphurantī'amitrān.

Behaving as a beloved wife one at heart with her husband, the two ends of the bow joined together by the string may hold the arrow like a mother holding her baby in her arms, and, shaking the enemies with fear, may pierce them with the arrow and scatter and drive them away with the twang.

#### 42. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

ब<u>ह्</u>वीनां <u>पि</u>ता बहुरस्य पुत्र<u>श्चिश्चा</u> कृणो<u>ति</u> समेनावगत्ये । इषुधिः सङ्काः पृतेनाश्च सवीः पृष्ठे निनेद्धो जय<u>ति</u> प्रसूतः ॥४२॥

Bahvīnām pitā bahurasya putraściścā kṛṇoti samanāvagatya. Iṣudhiḥ saṅkāḥ pṛtanāśca sarvāḥ pṛṣṭhe ninaddho jayati prasūtaḥ.

Father protector of many forces, mighty are his sons. His arrow clangs when he engages the enemy. Hero of the bow and arrow and the quiver inspired and shooting forth, he takes on the once organized but now scattered forces of the enemy and comes out victorious.

# 43. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

रथे तिष्ठेन्नयति वाजिनेः पुरो यत्रे यत्र कामयेते सुषार्थिः। अभीशूनां महिमाने पनायत् मनेः पश्चादनुयच्छन्ति रुश्मयेः॥४३॥ Rathe tisthan nayati vājinah puro yatra-yatra kāmayate suṣārathih. Abhīsūnām mahimānam panāyata manah paścādanu yacchanti raśmayah.

An able and expert driver sitting on the controls in the chariot drives the horses wherever he wants to. Know and admire the great value of the reins: the reins (controlled by the driver on the wheel), those which control the movement and direction of the mind from behind.

# 44. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

तीव्रान् घोषान् कृण्वते वृषेपाण्योऽश्वा रथेभिः सह वाजयन्तः। अवक्रामन्तः प्रपदैरमित्रान् क्षिणन्ति शत्रूँ१॥ऽ-रनेपव्ययन्तः ॥४४॥

Tīvrān ghoṣān kṛṇvate vṛṣapāṇayo'śvā rathebhiḥ saha vājayantaḥ. Avakrāmantaḥ prapadairamitrān kṣiṇanti śatrūň'ranapavyayantaḥ.

Warriors Heroes of war manned with strong-hoofed horses flying by the chariots raise frightful cries of war while the horses, unremitting in their force, trampling upon the enemy with their hoofs, destroy his army.

#### 45. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

र्थवाहेनः ह्विरेस्य नाम् यत्रायुधं निहितमस्य वर्मं । तत्रा रथमुपं शृग्मः सेदेम <u>वि</u>श्वाहो वयः सुमन्स्यमीनाः॥४५॥

Rathavāhaṇam havirasya nāma yatrāyudham nihitamasya varma. Tatrā rathamupa śagmam sadema viśvāhā vayam sumanasyamānāḥ.

The warrior is 'Rathavahana', hero of the chariot, and the chariot is whereon the armour, arms and ammunition of this hero are safely kept. And that mighty protective chariot, we, people of positive and faithful mind, love, and wish to ride every day, all time.

## 46. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

स्वादुष्ः सर्दः पितरौ वयोधाः कृच्छ्रेश्रितः शक्तीवन्तो गभीराः। चित्रसैनाऽइषुंबलाऽअमृधाः सतोवीराऽउरवौ व्रातसाहाः॥४६॥

Svāduṣamsadaḥ pitaro vayodhāḥ kṛcchreśritaḥ śaktīvanto gabhīrāḥ. Citrasenā'iṣubalā' amṛdhrāḥ satovīrā'uravo vrātasāhāḥ.

Let us honour senior veterans of war, of pleasant company, mature and widely experienced, facing and challenging dangers, strong and brave, serious and wise, commanding wonderful armies, trained in powerful weapons, invincible of body, equally valiant, broadchested and muscular, and conquering hosts of armies.

# 47. (Dhanurveda teachers Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

ब्राह्मणासः पितंरः सोम्यासः <u>शि</u>वे नो द्यावापृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअनेहसा। पूषा नः पातु दु<u>रि</u>तादृतावृधो रक्षा माकिनीऽअघशिश्स ऽईशत ॥४७॥

Brāhmaṇāsaḥ pitaraḥ somyāsaḥ śive no dyāvāpṛthivī'anehasā. Pūṣā naḥ pātu duritādṛtāvṛdho rakṣā mākirno'aghaśamsa' īśata.

May the Brahmanas, scholars of Veda and divine vision, parental seniors, lovers of peace, joy and yajnasoma, defenders and promoters of truth and Law, guide and protect us. May Heaven and earth, auspicious, pure

and sinless, be kind to bless us. May Pusha, lord giver of health and growth, protect us from sin and promote us. May no sinner and supporter of evil rule over us.

# 48. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

सुपुर्णं वस्ते मृगोऽअस्या दन्तो गो<u>भिः</u> सन्नद्धा पत<u>ति</u> प्रसूता । यत्रा नरः सं च वि च द्रव<u>न्ति</u> तत्रास्मभ्यमिषेवः शर्मं यःसन् ॥४८॥

Suparṇam vaste mṛgo'asyā danto gobhiḥ sannaddhā patati prasūtā. Yatrā naraḥ sam ca vi ca dravanti tatrāsmabhyamiṣavaḥ śarma yamsan.

The army of the brave wears the battle array of a falcon. Its tooth, i.e., attack, strikes as a mriga, tiger, falls upon the game. Equipped with shields and mailed in armour, passionate for the kill, it falls upon the enemy. The warriors there fall upon the enemy in united strength as well as attack in different directions. May the arrows of this army bring us peace and well-being.

## 49. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

ऋजीते परिवृङ्धि नोऽश्मी भवतु नस्तुनूः। सोमोऽअधिब्रवीतु नोऽदितिः शर्म यच्छतु ॥४९॥

Ŗjīte parivṛṅdhi no'śmā bhavatu nastanūḥ. Somo'adhi bravītu no'ditiḥ śarma yacchatu.

May the spirit of health, peace and progress ward off ills from us all round. May our body be strong as granite. May soma, spirit of life, inspire us from above. May the earth as well as the sky bring us peace and happiness.

#### 50. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

आ जेङ<u>्घन्ति</u> सान्वेषां जघनाँ२॥ऽउपेजिघ्नते । अश्वोज<u>नि</u> प्रचेतुसोऽश्वोन्त्सुमत्सु चोदय ॥५०॥

Ā jaṅghanti sānveṣāṁ jaghanāň'upajighnate. Aśvājani pracetaso'śvāntsamatsu codaya.

The warriors spur the horses on the sides and strike them with the goad on the shanks. Expert teacher, the horses are intelligent and responsive, train them in quick curves and movements of battle.

# 51. (Mahavira Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

अहिरिव भोगैः पर्येति बाहुं ज्यायो हेतिं पेरिबार्धमानः । हस्तघ्नो विश्वो वयुनीनि विद्वान् पुमान् पुमीछंस्ं परिपातु विश्वतेः॥५१॥

Ahiriva bhogaiḥ paryeti bāhum jyāyā hetim paribādhamānaḥ. Hastaghno viśvā vayunāni vidvān pumān pumamsam pari pātu viśvataḥ.

Like the hand-guard warding off the strikes of the bow-string with its coils and protecting the hand of the archer, the expert commander of the army and the man of laws and ways of the world, by the blows of his arms and himself facing the challenges, protects the people from all round and, like the cloud, showers all the peace and comfort on them.

## 52. (Suvira Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

वर्नस्पते वीड्वृङ्गो हि भूयाऽअस्मत्सेखा प्रतरेणः सुवीरेः । गोभिः सन्नद्धोऽअसि वीडयस्वास्थाता ते जयतु जेत्वनि ॥५२॥ Vanaspate vīḍvaṅgo hi bhūyā'asmatsakhā prataraṇaḥ suvīraḥ. Gobhiḥ sannaddho'asi vīḍayasvāsthātā te jayatu jetvāni.

Hero and protector of the land and forests, brilliant as the sun, our friend and heroic leader crossing over crises and challenges, be strong of body and power. Committed you are to the earth and traditions of humanity. Grow stronger and expand in power. And may your commander win all the battles for you.

# 53. (Vira Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

दिवः पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः पर्योज्ऽउद्भृतं वनस्पतिभ्यः पर्याभृतः सहः। अपामोज्मानं प<u>रि</u> गो<u>भि</u>रावृतमिन्द्रस्य वज्रेश्ह्विषा रथं यज ॥५३॥

Divaḥ pṛthivyāḥ paryoja'udbhṛtaṁ vanaspatibhyaḥ paryābhṛtaṁ sahaḥ. Apāmojmānaṁ pari gobhirāvṛtamindrasya vajraṁ haviṣā rathaṁ yaja.

Man of knowledge and power, receive, cultivate and socially promote the light and energy emanating from the sun and earth. Receive, cultivate and promote the strength, courage and endurance emanated from the trees. Cultivate and promote the energy of the waters. Refine and strengthen the chariot invincible as thunder and blazing with the rays of the sun, and develop it further by sacrifice and investment.

# 54. (Vira Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

इन्द्रस्य वज्रो मुरुतामनीकं <u>मि</u>त्रस्य गर्भो वर्रुणस्य नाभिः। सेमां नो हृव्यदर्तिं जुषाणो देवे रथ् प्रति हृव्या गृभाय ॥५४॥ Indrasya vajro marutāmanīkam mitrasya garbho varuņasya nābhiḥ. Semām no havyadātim juṣāṇo deva ratha prati havyā gṛbhāya.

Brilliant leader and warrior, devoted to the thunderbolt of Indra, army of the winds, light of the sun and depth of the sky and the ocean as ideals, in love with the power of lightning, inner thoughts of friends, and conscience of the best man, and enjoying our love and trust, may now receive our gifts and homage for further growth and development.

## 55. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

उपेश्वासय पृ<u>थि</u>वीमुत द्यां पुंरुत्रा ते मनुतां विष्ठितं जर्गत्। स दुंन्दुभे सुजूरिन्द्रेण देवैर्दूराद्दवीयोऽअपेसेध् शर्त्रून् ॥५५॥

Upa śvāsaya pṛthivīmuta dyām purutrā te manutām viṣṭhitam jagat. Sa dundubhe sajūrindreṇa devairdūrāddavīyo'apa sedha śatrūn.

Heroic leader, loud and bold, let the war-drum of action, your clarion-call to the nation, resound over earth and sky. Let the wide world, moving and non-moving, know you and hear the call. And, in unison with the power and grandeur of the nation and the best of nobility, let the call drive off the enemies farthest away.

# 56. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

आक्रेन्दय बल्मोजो न्ऽआधा निष्टेनिहि दु<u>रि</u>ता बार्ध-मानः। अपेप्रोथ दुन्दुभे दुच्छुनोऽ<u>इ</u>तऽइन्द्रेस्य मुष्टिरेसि वीडयेस्व ॥५६॥

Ā krandāya balamojo na'ādhā niṣṭanihi duritā bādhamānaḥ. Apa protha dundubhe ducchunā' ita'indrasya muṣṭirasi vīḍayasva.

Thunderous hero, rally the forces with the beat of the war drum. Loud and bold, instil and inspire us with passion for action. Resisting and suppressing evil, let the call resound as thunder. Fight and throw off the dogged enemies far from here. You are the measure and concentration of the power and glory of Indra, lord of humanity. Grow, expand and glorify the human nation.

# 57. (Viras Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

आमूर्रज प्रत्यावेर्त्तयेमाः केतुमहुंन्दुभिवीवदीति । समश्वे-पर्णाश्चरन्ति नो नरोऽस्माकेमिन्द्र रुथिनौ जयन्तु ॥५७॥

Āmūraja pratyāvarttayemāḥ ketumaddundubhirvāvadīti. Samaśvaparṇāścaranti no naro'smākamindra rathino jayantu.

Indra, mighty hero, rout those enemy forces to annihilation. Bring our armies back home with flying colours. The drum, with the flag flying, resounds. United, our men on the wings of horses fight on. May our heroes of the chariot be ever victorious.

## 58. (Vidvans Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

आग्नेयः कृष्णग्रीवः सारस्वती मेषी बुभुः सौम्यः पौष्णः श्यामः शितिपृष्ठो बार्हस्पत्यः शिल्पो वैश्वदेवऽऐन्द्रोऽकृणो मारुतः कुल्मार्षऽऐन्द्राग्नः सं<u>श्</u>हित्गेऽधोरीमः सा<u>वि</u>त्रो वारुणः कृष्णऽएकेशितिपात्पेत्वेः ॥५८॥

Āgneyaḥ kṛṣṇagrīvaḥ sārasvatī meṣī babhruḥ saumyaḥ pauṣṇaḥ śyāmaḥ śitipṛṣṭho bārhaspatyaḥ śilpo vaiśvadeva'aindro'ruṇo mārutaḥ kalmāṣa'aindrāgnaḥ samhito'dhorāmaḥ sāvitro vāruṇaḥ kṛṣṇa'ekaśitipāt petvaḥ.

The animal with black neck is holy, it has the

qualities of fire immanent in nature, so it is the favourite love of Agni. So the sheep is the favourite love of Sarasvati. The brown one is favourite of Soma. The dark one is favourite of Pusha. The one with white back is favourite of Brihaspati. The one of varied colour is favourite of Vishvedevas. The red one is favourite of Indra. The black and white is favourite of Maruts. The strong-bodied is favourite of Indra and Agni. The one which is white below is favourite of Savita. And the black one with one leg white and swift of speed is favourite of Varuna. (Know this, and take advantage of nature.)

# 59. (Agni & Others Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

अग्नयेऽनीकवते रोहिताञ्जिरनुड्वानुधोरामौ सा<u>वि</u>त्रौ पौष्णौ रंजुतनीभी वैश्वदेवौ <u>पि</u>शङ्गौ तूपुरौ मोरुतः कुल्मार्षऽआग्नेयः कृष्णोुऽजः सारस्वृती मेषी वोरुणः पेत्वः ॥५९॥

Agnaye'nīkavate rohitāñjiranaḍvānadhorāmau sāvitrau pauṣṇau rajatanābhī vaiśvadevau piśaṅgau tūparau mārutaḥ kalmāṣa'āgneyaḥ kṛṣṇo'jaḥ sārasvatī meṣī vāruṇaḥ petvaḥ.

The bull with a red mark on the forehead is for Agni, front rank of the army. Two animals with white below are for Savita. Two animals with silver navel are for the Pushas. Two animals of yellow colour and without horns are for Vishvedevas. The multicoloured is for Maruts. The black goat is for Agni. The sheep is for Sarasvati. And the fast one is for Varuna.

## 60. (Agni & Others Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

अग्नये गायुत्रायं त्रिवृते रार्थन्तरायाष्टाकंपालुऽइन्द्रीय त्रैष्टुंभाय पञ्चद्रशाय बाहीतायैकीदशकपालो विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यो जागतेभ्यः सप्तद्शेभ्यो वैरूपेभ्यो द्वादेशकपालो <u>मि</u>त्रा-वर्रुणाभ्यामानुष्टुभाभ्यामेक<u>विःशाभ्यो वैरा</u>जाभ्यो पयस्या बृह्स्पतेये पाङ्काय त्रिण्वायं शाक्वरायं च्रुकः संवित्रऽ- औष्णिहाय त्रयस्त्रिःशायं रैवताय द्वादेशकपालः प्राजा-पत्यश्चरुरित्ये विष्णुपत्न्ये च्रुरुरुनये वैश्वानुराय द्वादेश-कपालोऽनुमत्याऽअष्टाकंपालः ॥६०॥

Agnaye gāyatrāya trivṛte rāthantarāyāṣṭākapāla' indrāya traiṣṭubhāya pañcadaśāya bārhatāyaikādaśakapālo viśvebhyo devebhyo jāgatebhyaḥ saptadaśebhyo vairūpebhyo dvādaśakapālo mitrāvaruṇābhyāmanuṣṭubhābhyāmekavimśābhyām vairājābhyām payasyā bṛhaspataye pāṅktāya triṇavāya śākvarāya caruḥ savitra 'auṣṇihāya trayastrimśāya raivatāya dvādaśakapālaḥ prājāpatyaścaruradityai viṣṇupatnyai caruragnaye vaiśvānarāya dvādaśakapālo'numatyā' aṣṭākapālaḥ.

For Agni, sung in Gayatri metre and worshipped in three-part Stoma Rathantara Sama, eight-bowl oblations.

For Indra, sung in Trishtubh metre and worshipped in fifteen part Stoma Brihat Sama, eleven-jar oblations.

For Vishvedevas, sung in jagati metre and worshipped in seventeen-part Stoma Vairupa Sama, twelve-bowl oblations.

For Mitra and Varuna, sung in Anushtubh metre and worshipped in twenty-one part Stoma Vairaja Sama,

milky oblations.

For Brihaspati, sung in Pankti verses and worshipped in twenty-seven part Stoma Shakvara Sama, charu oblations of rice, barley and pulses boiled in milk and butter.

For Savita, sung in Ushnik metre and worshipped in thirty-three part Stoma Raivata Sama, twelve-bowl oblations.

For Prajapati, caru oblations.

For Aditi, sustained by Vishnu, caru oblations.

For Vaishvanara Agni, twelve-bowl oblations.

For Anumati, eight-bowl oblations.

**Note:** For practical application, Swami Dayananda interprets the Devatas as:-

Agni: brilliant scholar of science with knowledge of matter, energy and mind, specialist in modes of travel over land, sea and sky.

Indra: man of power and glory who is dedicated to the power and glory of humanity.

Vishvedevas: generous brilliant people.

Mitra-Varuna: pranic energies.

Brihaspati: guardian of the great and seniors.

Shakvara: man of potential and action.

Raivata: relating to wealth.

Savita: creator, producer, sustainer.

Prajapatya: relating to the guardian of creation.

Aditi: earth and sky.

Vishnu: of extensive power and potential.

Vaishvanara Agni: universal vitality.

Anumati: social discussion, agreement, approval.

#### CHAPTER-XXX

# 1. (Savita Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

देवे सिवतः प्र सुव युज्ञं प्र सुव युज्ञप<u>तिं</u> भगीय । <u>दि</u>व्यो गन्ध्रवः केत्पूः केतं नः पुनातु वाचस्प<u>ति</u>र्वाचं नः स्वदतु ॥१॥

Deva savitah pra suva yajñam pra suva yajñapatim bhagāya. Divyo gandharvah ketapūh ketam nah punātu vācaspatirvācam nah svadatu.

May Savita, generous lord creator of life, expand our yajna of light and action. May He inspire and bless the master of yajna for the achievement of wealth and honour. Glorious is Savita, sustainer of the earth and purifier and sanctifier of knowledge. May the lord sanctify our knowledge. Lord of Speech Divine, may He sweeten, sanctify and bless our tongue and speech.

## 2. (Savita Devata, Narayana Rshi)

तत्स<u>ंवितु</u>र्वरेण्यं भर्गों देवस्यं धीमहि । धियो यो नेः प्रचोदयात् ॥२॥

Tat saviturvareṇyam bhargo devasya dhīmahi. Dhiyo yo naḥ pracodayāt.

That blazing splendour of lord Savita, self-refulgent giver of light, which is the sole light worthy of choice, we perceive, meditate upon and absorb in the soul. May He inspire, enlighten and bless our vision and intelligence to follow the path of light and rectitude.

## 3. (Savita Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

विश्वनि देव सवितर्दु<u>रितानि</u> पर्रा सुव । यद्भुद्रं तन्नुऽआसुव ॥३॥

Viśvāni deva savitarduritāni parā suva. Yadbhadraṁ tanna ā suva.

Savita, glorious lord of inspiration, light and life, remove all the evil of the world from us, and bless us with all that is good.

# 4. (Savita Devata, Medhatithi Ŗshi)

विभक्तारेः हवामहे वस<u>ोश्चित्रस्य</u> रार्धसः । स<u>वि</u>तारें नृचक्षेसम् ॥४॥

Vibhaktāram havāmahe vasościtrasya rādhasaḥ. Savitāram nṛcakṣasam.

We invoke Savita and sing in praise of the ultimate judge and dispenser of the fruits of Karma and giver of the wondrous joys of life, who makes everything possible, who creates all and watches over all (what they are and what they do).

## 5. (Parameshvara Devata, Narayana Rshi)

ब्रह्मणे ब्राह्मणं क्ष्त्रायं राजन्यं मुरुद्भ्यो वैश्यं तपेसे शूद्रं तमेसे तस्करं नारकायं वीर्हणं पाप्पने क्लीबर्माक्रयायोऽ-अयोगूं कामीय पुँश्चलूमितिक्रुष्टाय मागुधम् ॥५॥

Brahmaņe brāhmaņam kṣatrāya rājanyam marudbhyo vaiśyam tapase śūdram tamase taskaram nārakāya vīrahaṇam pāpmane klībamākrayāyā' ayogūm kāmāya punścalūm atikruṣṭāya māgadham.

Give us, we pray, the Brahmanas for education

and research, culture and human values; the Kshatriyas for governance, defence and administration; the Vaishyas for economic development, and the Shudras for assistance and labour in the ancillary services.

Remove, we pray, the thief roaming in the dark, the murderer bent on lawlessness, the coward disposed to sin, the armed terrorist bent on destruction, the harlot out for pleasure of flesh, and the bastard fond of scandal.

Note: In mantras 5-22 in which various aspects of organised life are listed, there is repetition of 'āsuva' and 'parāsuva' from mantra 3, which means: 'Give us, we pray, what is good', and, 'Remove, we pray, what is evil'. This is the prayer.

Also, there are echoes of 'havamahe' from mantra 4, which means: 'We invoke and develop', and, 'we challenge and fight out'. This is the call for action under the divine eye.

# 6. (Parameshvara Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

नृत्तार्य सूतं गीतार्य शैलूषं धर्मीय सभाचरं निरष्ठीयै भीमलं नर्मार्य रेभश्हसीय कारिमानन्दार्य स्त्रीष्टखं प्रमदे कुमारीपुत्रं मेधार्यं रथकारं धैर्यीय तक्षाणम् ॥६॥

Nṛttāya sūtam gītāya śailūṣam dharmāya sabhācaram nariṣṭhāyai bhīmalam narmāya rebham hasāya kārim ānandāya strīṣakham pramade kumārīputram medhāyai rathakāram dhairyāya takṣāṇam.

For dance, the dancer; for song, the singer; for dharma, the active councillor; for social morale, the mighty man; for refinement, the poet; for fun, the comedian; for pleasure, fair company; for indulgence, the child of wantonness; for finesse, the chariot-maker; for patience, the carpenter.

# 7. (Vidvans Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

तपेसे कौलालं मायायै कुर्मारे रूपाये मणिकारः शुभे वपः शरव्यायाऽइषुकारः हेत्यै धेनुष्कारं कर्मणे ज्याकारं दिष्टाये रज्जुसुर्जं मृत्यवे मृगुयुमन्तकाय श्वनिनेम् ॥७॥

Tapase kaulālam māyāyai karmāram rūpāya maņikāram śubhe vapam śaravyāyā'iṣukāram hetyai dhanuṣkāram karmaṇe jyākāram diṣtāya rajjusarjam mṛtyave mṛgayum antakāya śvaninam.

For heat-treatment, the potter or metallurgist; for furnishing, the decorator; for ornament, the jeweller; for beauty, the beautician; for archery, the arrow-maker; for shooting, the bow-maker; for the target, the bow-string maker; for marking and delimitation, the string-maker; for killing, the hunter; for the border, the watch-dog.

# 8. (Vidvans Devata, Narayana Rshi)

न्दीभ्यः पौ<u>ञ्जि</u>ष्ठमृक्षीक्षीभ्यो नैषादं पुरुषव्याघ्रायं दुर्मदं गन्धर्वाप्सरोभ्यो ब्रात्यं प्रयुग्भ्यऽउन्मत्तः सर्पदेवजनेभ्योऽ प्रतिपद्मयेभ्यः कित्ववमीर्यतायाऽअकितवं पिशाचेभ्यो विदलकारीं यातुधानेभ्यः कण्टकीकारीम् ॥८॥

Nadībhyaḥ pauñjiṣṭhamṛkṣīkābhyo naiṣādaṁ puruṣavyāghrāya durmadaṁ gandharvā-psarobhyo vrātyaṁ prayugbhya'unmattaṁ sarpadevajanebhyo' pratipadam ayebhyaḥ kitavamīryatāyā'akitavaṁ piśācebhyo bidalakārīṁ yātudhānebhyaḥ kaṇṭakīkārīm.

For the rivers, the fisherman; for the fast shebears, the forester; for the tiger-man, the drunken fool; for the musicians and dancers, the brute; for the farmers, the demented; for the snakes and nobles, the neurotic; for the desirables, the gambler; for the retiring, the nongambler; for the frustrated, the cynic; for travellers, the thorns; for the sake of these former ones, keep off the latter ones.

# 9. (Vidvan Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

सन्धर्ये जारं गेहायोपपतिमार्त्ये परिवित्तं निर्ऋत्ये परिवि-विदानमर्राद्ध्याऽएदिधिषुः पतिं निष्कृत्ये पेशस्कारीछं-संज्ञानीय स्मरकारीं प्रकामोद्यीयोपसदं वर्णीयानुरुधं बलीयो-पदाम् ॥९॥

Sandhaye jāram gehāyopapatimārtyai parivittam nirṛtyai parivividānam arāddhyā' edidhişuḥ patim niṣkṛtyai peśaskārīm samjñānāya smarakārīm prakāmodyāyopasadam varṇāyā-nurudham balāyopadām.

Keep off the paramour out to meet his mistress; the adulterer heading to the house of his married love; the unmarried elder brother with his eye on the wife of his younger brother; the younger brother grabbing and encroaching upon the elder brother's share of land; the husband of younger sister entertaining love for the unmarried elder sister-in-law; the self-decorated sexdoll impatient to make up for lost opportunities; the amorous woman excited for sex; the inmate intending to abuse the house-mate; the solicitor trying for acceptance; the corrupt official in search of gratification for work.

## 10. (Vidvan Devata, Narayana Rshi)

उत्सादेभ्यः कुब्जं प्रमुदे वाम्नं द्वाभ्यः स्त्रामछं स्वप्नी-यान्धमधर्माय बिधरं पवित्रीय भिषनं प्रज्ञानीय नक्षत्र-दर्शम<u>िशिक्षायै प्रश्निनेमुपशिक्षायोऽअभिप्रश्निनं म</u>र्यादीयै प्रश्निववाकम् ॥१०॥

Utsādebhyaḥ kubjaṁ pramude vāmanaṁ dvārbhyaḥ srāmaṁ svapnāyāndhamadharmāya badhiraṁ pavitrāya bhiṣajaṁ prajñānāya nakṣatradarśam āśikṣāyai praśninam-upaśikṣāyā' abhipraśninaṁ maryādāyai praśnavivākam.

Remove the crooked on way to destruction, the small man addicted to gaiety, disease spreading to house doors, the man blind to dreams, and the deaf in love with adharma.

Develop medicine for health and purity, help and encourage the astronomer for science, inquisitive learner for education, the seminary for confirmation and application of learning, and analysis and discrimination for the judgement of truth and value.

# 11. (Vidvan Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

अमें भ्यो हित्तपं ज्वायश्वपं पुष्ट्यै गोपालं वीर्यायाविपालं तेजेसेऽजपालिमरिये कीनाशं कीलालीय सुराकारं भद्राये गृहपःश्रेयेसे वित्तधमाध्यक्ष्यायानुक्षृत्तारम् ॥११॥

Armebhyo hastipam javāyāśvapam puṣṭyai gopālam vīryāyāvipālam tejase'japālamirāyai kīnāśam kīlālāya surākāram bhadrāya gṛhapam śreyase vittadham ādhyakṣyāyānukṣattāram.

Create, develop and promote the elephant keeper for tourists, the horse keeper for fast movement, the cowherd for nourishment, the sheep-keeper for virility, the goat keeper for lustre, the farmer for food, the somamaker for vitality, the house keeper for good living, the treasurer for honour and credit, the burser for financial distribution and control.

### 12. (Vidvan Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

भायै दार्वाहारं प्रभायोऽअग्न्येधं ब्रध्नस्ये विष्टपोयाभिषेकतारं विषिंष्ठाय नाकाय परिवेष्टारं देवलोकायं पेशितारं मनुष्य-लोकायं प्रकितार् सर्वेष्यो लोकभ्येऽउपसेक्तार्मवंऽ-ऋत्यै व्धायोपमिथतार् मेधाय वासः पल्पूलीं प्रकामायं रजियत्रीम् ॥१२॥

Bhāyai dārvāhāram prabhāyā'agnyedham bradhnasya viṣṭapāyābhiṣektāram varṣiṣṭhāya nākāya pariveṣṭāram devalokāya peśitāram manuṣyalokāya prakaritāram sarvebhyo lokebhya'upasektāram ava' ṛtyai vadhāyopamanthitāram medhāya vāsaḥ palpūlīm prakāmāya rajayitrīm.

For light, the wood-man, for illumination, fire and fuel, for the horse-course, the water sprinkler, for high satisfaction and comfort, the cook and steward, for a vision of heaven, the scholar visionary, for a vision of humanity, the well-wisher, for the public, the public servant, for get-togethers, the launderer, for happy turnout, the printer and dyer, and fearsome guard to ward off danger.

### 13. (Ishvara Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

ऋतये स्तेनह्र्दयं वैरहत्याय पिशुनं विविक्त्ये क्ष्नार्-मौपेद्रष्ट्र्यायानुक्ष्तारं बलायानुच्रं भूम्ने पेरिष्कुन्दं प्रियाये प्रियवादिन्मरिष्ट्याऽअश्वसादः स्वर्गाये लोकाये भागदुघं वर्षिष्ठाय नाकाय परिवेष्टारम् ॥१३॥ Rtaye stenahrdayam vairahatyāya piśunam viviktyai kṣattāram aupadraṣṭryāyānukṣattāram balāyānucaram bhūmne pariṣkandam priyāya priyavādinam ariṣṭyā'aśvasādam svargāya lokāya bhāgadugham varṣiṣṭhāya nākāya pariveṣṭāram.

Remove the thievish hypocrite bent on envy and attack, and the slanderer bent on enmity and attack.

Give us the saviour for judgement and discrimination, the loving guide for vigilance, the supporter for strength, virile generosity for expansion, sweet talker for love, the horse rider for good news and safe arrival, just commonalty for a joyous community, and enlightened superintendence for all round happiness.

# 14. (Rajeshvara Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

मन्यवेऽयस्तापं क्रोधांय निस्तरं योगांय योक्तार्ः शोकांयाभिस्त्तारं क्षेमांय विमोक्तारंमुत्कूलनिकुलेभ्यं-स्त्रिष्ठिनं वर्षेषे मानस्कृतः शीलांयाञ्जनीकारीं निर्ऋत्यै कोशकारीं युमायासूम् ॥१४॥

Manyave'yastāpam krodhāya nisaram yogāya yoktāram śokāyābhisartāram kṣemāya vimoktāram utkūlanikūlebhyastriṣṭhinam vapuṣe mānaskṛtam śīlāyāñjanīkārīm nirṛtyai kośakārīm yamāyāsūm.

For moral passion, give us the heat of the furnace of steel, for cooling anger, the generous giver, for yoga, the persuasive teacher, for moral lustre, the man of foresight, for peace and well-being, the paternal protector, for the ebb and flow of water, the man who knows both and surveys from above, for good of the

body form, the man of thought, for the good of character, the giver of right vision, for the avoidance of adversity, the economic budget maker, for proper control, impartial administration.

### 15. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

यमायं यम्सूमर्थर्वभ्योऽवितोकाश्रं संवत्स्रायं पर्यायणीं परिवत्स्रायाविजातामिदावत्स्रायातीत्वरीमिद्वत्स्रायां-तिष्कद्वरीं वत्स्राय विजेर्जराश्रं संवत्स्राय पत्निक्नीमृभुभ्योऽ-जिनस्न्थः साध्येभ्यश्चर्मम्नम् ॥१५॥

Yamāya yamas ūm atharvabhyo'vatokām samvatsarāya paryāyiņīm parivatsarāyāvijātām idāvatsarāyātītvarīm idvatsarāyātiṣkadvarīm vatsarāya vijarjarām samvatsarāya paliknīm rbhubhyo'jinasandham sādhyebhyaścarmamnam.

For the man of law and order, give the law-maker; for the men of peace and meditation, the protective force; for the first year of a five-year plan for women, a woman who knows how time passes; for the second year, an unmarried woman; for the third year, a dynamic woman; for the fourth year, a white-haired woman; for the fifth year, an extremely wise woman; for any year, a woman of long age and experience; for the experts, an indefatigable man; for the men of achievement, a man of super-knowledge.

### 16. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

सरोभ्यो धैव्रम्पूपस्थावराभ्यो दाशं वैश्वन्ताभ्यो बैन्दं नंड्व्लाभ्यः शौष्केलं पारायं मार्गारमेवारायं कैवर्तं तीर्थेभ्यंऽआन्दं विषमेभ्यो मैनालछं स्वनेभ्यः पणिकं गृहीभ्यः किरातः सानुभ्यो जम्भकं पर्वतिभ्यः किम्पूरुषम् ॥१६॥ Sarobhyo dhaivaram upasthāvarābhyo dāśam vaiśantābhyo baindam naḍvalābhyaḥ śauṣkalam pārāya mārgāram avārāya kaivartam tīrthebhya' āndam viṣamebhyo mainālam svanebhyaḥ parṇakam guhābhyaḥ kirātam sānubhyo jambhakam parvatebhyaḥ kimpūruṣam.

For the lakes, the ferryman; for the tanks close by, a knowledgeable caretaker; for the pools, a forest man; for the reed beds, a dryer; for crossing over, the knowing forester; for damps and marshes, the man of marshes; for tourist and sacred places, the bridge and dam maker; for unknown lands, the man of self-discipline; for forest sounds, the man specialising in leaves; for the caves, the caveman; for the mountain peaks, the ferocious guard; for the mountains, the hill ranger.

#### 17. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

बीभृत्सायै पौल्कुसं वर्णीय हिरण्यकारं तुलायै वाणिजं पेश्चादोषाये ग्लाविनं विश्वैभ्यो भूतेभ्येः सिध्मलं भृत्यै जागरणमभूत्यै स्वपनमात्यै जनवादिनं व्यृद्ध्याऽअपगुल्भः संश्यराये प्रच्छिदेम् ॥१७॥

Bībhatsāyai paulkasam varņāya hiraņyakāram tulāyai vāņijam paścādoṣāya glāvinam viśvebhyo bhūtebhyaḥ sidhmalam bhūtyai jāgaraṇam abhūtyai svapanam ārtyai janavādinam vyrddhyā'apagalbham samśarāya pracchidam.

Remove the brute bent on cruelty, the nonperformer suffering from faultfinding, the slothful heading to adversity, the slanderer causing mischief and injury, the pessimist inviting poverty, the saboteur causing damage and destruction.

Give us the sun and the goldsmith for beauty of form, the measurer for correct measurement, all round capability for all living beings, wakefulness for prosperity, the public voice against adversity.

# 18. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

अक्षराजार्य कित्वं कृतायदिनवद्शं त्रेतिये कृल्पिनं द्वापरीयाधिकृल्पिनेमास्कृन्दार्य सभास्थाणुं मृत्यवे गोव्यच्छ-मन्तेकाय गोघातं क्षुधे यो गां विकृत्तन्तुं भिक्षमाणऽउपतिष्ठिति दुष्कृताय् चर्रकाचार्यं पाप्मने सैल्गम् ॥१८॥

Akṣarājāya kitavam kṛtāyādinavadarsam tretāyai kalpinam dvāparāyādhikalpinam āskandāya sabhāsthāņum mṛtyave govyaccham antakāya goghātam kṣudhe yo gām vikṛntantam bhikṣamāṇa'upatiṣṭhati duṣkṛtāya carakācāryam pāpmane sailagam.

Remove the gambler playing for his den-master, the tormenter of the cow to death, the butcher who slaughters the cow, the man who impairs the cow to satisfy hunger, the man who approaches the beef carver asking for food, the beggar serving his master of the den, and the robber out for sin and crime.

Give us the man of original vision for the age of truth (Krita-yuga), the man of imagination for the age of thought and resolution (Treta-yuga), the man of imagination and resolution for the age of thought and passion (Dvapara-yuga), and the man-pillar of the council for speedy progress and development.

### 19. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Rshi)

प्रतिश्रुत्कायाऽअर्तुनं घोषाय भ्षमन्ताय बहुवादिनेमन्नाय मूक्-ः शब्दायाडम्बराघातं महंसे वीणावादं क्रोशाय तूणवृध्ममेवरस्पराये शङ्ख्यमं वनाय वन्पमन्यतौरण्याय दावुपम् ॥१९॥

Pratiśrutkāyā' artanam ghoṣāya bhaṣam antāya bahuvādinam anantāya mūkam śabdāyā-dambarāghātam mahase vīṇāvādam krośāya tūṇavadhmam avarasparāya śaṅkhadhmam vanāya vanapam anyatoraṇyāya dāvapam.

For promise and agreement, simplicity of language and content, for proclamation, the announcer, for conclusion, the comprehensive speaker, for the endless talker, silence, for loud proclamation, the beat of the drum, for celebration, the notes of the lute, for sentiment, the flute player, for far and near, the conch blower, for the forests, the protector of the forest and gardens, for large heaths and forests, the fire-guard.

### 20. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

नुर्मायं पुँश्चलूछं हसाय कारिं यादसे शाबल्यां ग्राम्णयः, गणकमिक्रोशेकं तान्महंसे वीणावादं पाणिघ्नं तूणवध्मं तान्नृत्तायोनन्दायं तल्वम् ॥२०॥

Narmāya puňścalūm hasāya kārim yādase śābalyām grāmaṇyam gaṇakam abhikrośakam tānmahase vīṇāvādam pāṇighnam tūṇavadhmam tannṛttāyānandāya talavam.

Remove the flirt disposed to sport, the buffoon disposed to farce, and the courtesan disposed to voluptuous play.

Give us for reverence and honour the village

headman, the statistician, and the leader who gives the clarion-call.

Give us the music of the lute, the drum player, the flute player, and song and celebration for dance and joy.

# 21. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

अग्नये पीवानं पृ<u>षि</u>व्यै पीठस्पिणं वायवे चाण्डालम्न-रिक्षाय वश्शनितिने <u>दि</u>वे खेलितिश सूयीय हर्यक्षं नक्षेत्रेभ्यः कि<u>र्मि</u>रं चन्द्रमेसे <u>कि</u>लासमह्रे शुक्लं पिङ्गक्षश रात्र्यै कृष्णं पिङ्गक्षम् ॥२१॥

Agnaye pīvānam pṛthivyai pīṭhasarpiṇam vāyave cāṇḍālam antarikṣāya vamśanartinam dive khalatim sūryāya haryakṣam nakṣatrebhyaḥ kirmiram candramase kilāsam ahne śuklam piṅgākṣam rātryai kṛṣṇam piṅgākṣam.

For fire and heat work, the strong man and solid materials; for ground work or earthwork, the carrier on the back; for work in the wind, a man of special strength; for work in the sky, a bamboo dancer; for work on and in space, a man who knows the dynamics of space; for work on the sun, a man with green eye-glass; for work on stars and planets, a man with orange eye-glass; for work on the moon, a clear glass; for work on day-light, a man in white with brown eyes; for work on the night, a man in black with brown eyes.

# 22. (Rajeshvarau Devate, Narayana Ŗshi)

अथैतानुष्टौ विरूपानालंभितेऽतिदीर्घं चातिहस्वं चातिस्थूलं चातिकृशं चातिशुक्लं चातिकृष्णं चातिकुल्वं चातिलोमशं च । अशूद्राऽअब्रोह्मणास्ते प्रोजापत्याः । मागुधः पुँश्चली कितुवः क्लीबोऽशूद्राऽअब्रोह्मणास्ते प्रोजापुत्याः ॥२२॥ Athaitānaṣṭau virūpānālabhate'tidīrgham cātihrasvam cātisthūlam cātikṛśam cātiśuklam cātikṛṣṇam cātikulvam cātilomaśam ca. Aśūdrā' abrāhmaṇāste prājāpatyāḥ. Māgadhaḥ puňścalī kitavaḥ klībo'śūdrā' abrāhmaṇāste prājāpatyāḥ.

The good human being accepts and works with these eight classes of people of different forms and colours: too tall, too short, too fat, too thin, too white, too dark, too hairless, too hairy. Also they are neither Brahmanas nor Shudras (nor the others). They too, all of them, are children of God, Prajapati. Even the bastard and the 'despicable', the wanton, the gambler, and the coward and the eunuch, neither Shudras nor Brahmanas (nor the others), they too are children of God, Prajapati, father of all.

इति त्रिंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXI

1. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

सहस्र्रशीर्षा पुरुषः सहस्राक्षः सहस्र्रपात् । स भूमिः सर्वतं स्पृत्वाऽत्यंतिष्ठदृशाङ्गुलम् ॥१॥

Sahasrasīrṣā puruṣaḥ sahasrākṣaḥ sahasrapāt. Sa bhūmim sarvata spṛtvā'tyatiṣṭhaddaśāṅgulam.

Purusha, the Cosmic Soul of Existence, is the soul of the universe of a thousand heads, a thousand eyes and a thousand feet. It pervades the universe wholly and entirely and, pervading and sustaining the universe of ten constituents of living Prakriti, It transcends the world of existence.

2. (Ishvara Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

पुरुषऽएवेदः सर्वं यद् भृतं यच्चे भाव्यम् । उतामृतत्वस्येशानो यदन्नेनातिरोहेति ॥२॥

Puruṣa'evedam sarvam yadbhūtam yacca bhāvyam. Utāmṛtatvasyeśāno yadannenātirohati.

All this that is and was and shall be is Purusha ultimately, sovereign over immortality and ruler of what grows by living food.

3. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

एतावीनस्य म<u>हि</u>मातो ज्यायाँश्च पूर्रुषः । पादौऽस्य विश्वा भूतानि त्रिपादस्यामृतं <u>दि</u>वि ॥३॥

Etāvānasya mahimāto jyāyāňśca pūruṣaḥ. Pādo' sya viśvā bhūtāni tripādasyāmṛtaṁ divi.

So great as the universe is the grandeur and glory of It, and yet the Purusha is greater. The entire worlds of existence are but one fourth aspect of Its reality (just like the foot-stool of a mighty monarch). Three parts of Its mystery are in the transcendental heaven of immortality, Infinity, beyond the created universe of existence.

### 4. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

त्रिपादृ्ध्वं उद्दैत्पुरुषः पादौऽस्येहाभवत्पुनेः । ततो विष्वुङ् व्युक्रामत्साशनानश्ननेऽअभि ॥४॥

Tripādūrdhva udaitpuruṣaḥ pādo'syehābhavat punaḥ. Tato viṣvaṅ vyakrāmat sāśanānaśane' abhi.

Thrice more glorious arises the Purusha above the created universe wherein one measure of His greatness and grandeur manifests again and again, pervading all the eating and non-eating world, and thence remains transcendent across and over the universe.

### 5. (Srashta Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

ततौ <u>वि</u>राडंजायत <u>वि</u>राजोऽअ<u>धि</u> पूर्रुषः । स जातोऽअत्यरिच्यत पृश्चाद् भू<u>मि</u>मथौ पुरः॥५॥

Tato virādajāyata virājo'adhi pūruṣaḥ. Sa jāto' atyaricyata paścād bhūmimatho puraḥ.

From Purusha arises Virat, the cosmic form, Prakriti. The Purusha manifests therein and remains sovereign over the Virat. Yet, even while manifest in the Virat, He remains apart and uninvolved before and after the creation and then creates the earth and human habitations. (That is cosmic yajna.)

#### 6. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

तस्मोद्यज्ञात्सेर्वेहुतः सम्भृतं पृषदाज्यम् । पृश्राँस्ताँश्चेक्रे वायुव्यानारुण्या ग्राम्याश्च ये ॥६॥

Tasmādyajñātsarvahutaḥ sambhṛtaṁ pṛṣadājyam. Paśūňstānścakre vāyavyānāraṇyā grāmyāśca ye.

From that cosmic yajna was born the sacred ghrta, universal material of creation. He created the animals, all those birds of the air, rangers of the forest and inmates of the village.

### 7. (Srashteshvara Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

तस्मोद्यज्ञात्सर्वेहुत्ऽऋचः सामोनि जज्ञिरे । छन्दोर्छसि जज्ञिरे तस्माद्यजुस्तस्मोदजायत ॥७॥

Tasmādyajñāt sarvahuta'ṛcaḥ sāmāni jajñire. Chandāmsi jajñire tasmād yajustasmādajāyata.

From that Lord of universal yajna were born the Riks and the Samans. From Him were born the Chhandas, and from Him were born the Yajus.

#### 8. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

तस्मादश्वीऽअजायन्त ये के चौभ्यादेतः । गावौ ह जिज्ञरे तस्मात्तस्मीज्जाताऽअजावयैः॥८॥

Tasmādaśvā'ajāyanta ye ke cobhayādataḥ. Gāvo ha jajñire tasmāttasmājjātā' ajāvayaḥ.

From That yajna were born the horses, and those which have two rows of teeth up and down. From That were born the cows, and from That were born the goats and sheep.

#### 9. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

तं युज्ञं बहिं<u>षि</u> प्रौक्ष्नन् पुरुषं जातमेग्रतः । तेने देवाऽअयजन्त साध्याऽऋषयश्च ये ॥९॥

Tam yajñam barhişi praukşan puruşam jātamagratah. Tena devā'ayajanta sādhyā'ṛṣayaśca ye.

The Rishis of universal vision, and sages of universal achievement, and scholars of the Veda invoke and worship the eternal Purusha, self-manifested in advance of everything else. They sprinkle and consecrate the sacred grass of yajna in their mind and offer the oblations in the fire with Vedic mantras.

# 10. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

यत्पुर्रुषं व्यदेधः क<u>ति</u>धा व्यंकल्पयन् । मुख्ं किर्मस्यासीत्किं बाह् किम्रूरू पादीऽउच्येते ॥१०॥

Yatpuruṣaṁ vyadadhuḥ katidhā vyakalpayan. Mukhaṁ kimasyāsīt kiṁ bāhū kimūrū pādā' ucyete.

How do the Rishis visualise the various manifestive modes of the Purusha? What was His mouth? What the arms? What the thighs? What are the feet as they are said to be?

#### 11. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

ब्राह्मणोऽस्य मुर्खमासीद् बाहू राजन्यः कृतः । ऊरू तदस्य यद्वैश्यः पुद्भ्याथः शृद्धोऽअजायत ॥११॥

Brāhmaņo'sya mukhamāsīd bāhū rājanyaḥ kṛtaḥ. Ūrū tadasya yadvaiśyaḥ padbhyām śūdro' ajāyata.

The Brahmana, man of divine vision and Vedic Word, is the mouth of the Samrat Purusha, the human community. The Kshatriya, man of justice and polilty, is created as the arms of defence. The Vaishya, who produces food and wealth for the society, is the thighs. And the man of sustenance and support with labour is the Shudra who bears the burden of the human family.

### 12. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

चन्द्रमा मनेसो जातश्चक्षोः सूर्यो'ऽअजायत । श्रोत्रोद्वायुश्चे प्राणश्च मुर्खाद्गिनरंजायत ॥१२॥

Candramā manaso jātaścakṣoḥ sūryo'ajāyata. Śrotrādvāyuśca prāṇaśca mukhādagnirajāyata.

The moon is born of the cosmic mind, the sun is born of the eye, the air and prana energy is born from the ear, and the fire is born from the mouth.

#### 13. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

नाभ्यो ऽ आसीद्-तरिक्षः शीष्णों द्यौः समेवर्त्तत । पुद्भ्यां भूमिर्दिशः श्रोत्रात्तथा लोकाँ२॥ऽअंकल्पयन् ॥१३॥

Nābhyā'āsīdantarikṣam śīrṣṇo dyauḥ samavarttata. Padbhyām bhūmirdiśaḥ śrotrāttathā lokān'akalpayan.

The Rishis visualise that the sky was born of the navel of the Cosmic Purusha, that is, the sky is the navel part of the universe, the heaven of light arose from the head, the earth solidified from the dust of the feet, the space directions emanated from the ear, and similarly the other regions of the universe arose from the Purusha.

# 14. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Ŗshi)

यत्पुर्रुषेण हुविषां देवा यज्ञमतेन्वत । वसुन्तोऽस्यासीदाज्यं ग्रीष्मऽङ्घ्मः शुरुद्धविः॥१४॥ Yatpuruṣeṇa haviṣā devā yajñamatanvata. Vasanto'syāsīdājyaṁ grīṣma' idhmaḥ śaraddhaviḥ.

When the saints and sages visualise the universal yajna in terms of nature and enact it in the mind with universal materials in communion with the Cosmic Soul in meditation, then the spring season is the ghrita (clarified butter), summer is the fuel of fire and winter is the havi (fragrant materials) for oblations.

# 15. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rishi)

सप्तास्योसन् परिधयस्त्रिः सप्त समिर्धः कृताः। देवा यद्यज्ञं तेन्वाना ऽ अर्बध्नन् पुरुषं पृशुम् ॥१५॥

Saptāsyāsan paridhayastriḥ sapta samidhaḥ kṛtāḥ. Devā yadyajñaṁ tanvānā'abadhnan puruṣaṁ paśum.

Seven are the bonds and bounds of the vedi (altar) of the mental yajna in meditation, thrice seven, i.e., twentyone are the samidhas (fuel sticks) ordained. When the saints and sages enact the yajna within, they concentrate on the Purusha, the universal observer, whose presence they crystallise and fix upon in the soul.

Note: Seven bounds and thrice seven samidhas is the mystique of yajna which has been explained in different ways. Swami Dayanand explains it thus:

Seven bounds are the seven chhandas (metrical compositions) of the Veda-mantras such as Gayatri.

Twenty-one samidhas are: Prakriti (the potential material cause of the universe), Mahat (actualised material cause), Ahankara (individualized identity of the universe), five subtle elements or Tanmatras, five

gross elements, five faculties of perception, and three qualities of the material universe which are Sattva, Rajas and Tamas (Thought/intelligence, energy and matter).

In Rgvedadi-Bhashya-Bhumika, his Introduction to the Commentary on the Vedas, he explains the same thing in a different and detailed manner in the chapter on Creation.

For an average reader, the simpler way to understand is to refer to the seven stages of creative evolution: Prakriti, Mahan, Ahankara, Tanmatra, Perception faculty, Volition faculty, and gross elements. These stages of evolution are the seven bounds of creative yajna performed by Purusha. These are also the Samidhas because each succeeding evolute arises from yajnic consumption of the previous one. And each one has three orders of quality, Sattva, Rajas and Tamas. That makes it thrice seven.

This is the Sankhya order of evolution, and 'Sankhya' is the word from which comes the English word 'Science' through Latin in which it is written as 'Scienkia'.

Another way to realise the seven boundaries is to refer to the seven Vyahritis: Bhuh, Bhuvah, Svah, Maha, Janah, Tapah and Satyam which are the boundaries of each loka or region in ascending order.

# 16. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

युज्ञेने युज्ञमेयजन्त देवास्ता<u>नि</u> धर्मीणि प्रथमान्यासन् । ते हु नाकं महिमानेः सचन्त यत्र पूर्वे साध्याः सन्ति देवाः॥१६॥

Yajñena yajñamayajanta devāstāni dharmāṇi prathamānyāsan. Te ha nākaṁ mahimānaḥ sacanta yatra pūrve sādhyāḥ santi devāḥ.

By that yajna of the mind the sages worship the master of cosmic yajna and realise the eternal and original Dharmas of existence. Blest with the light of the Divine they experience that heaven of freedom which the primeval sages of the world enjoyed at the dawn of creation.

# 17. (Aditya Devata, Uttara Narayana Ŗshi)

अद्भ्यः सम्भृतः पृ<u>थि</u>व्यै रसाच्च <u>वि</u>श्वकर्मणः समेवर्त्त-ताग्रे । तस्य त्वष्टा <u>वि</u>दर्धद्रूपमै<u>ति</u> तन्मर्त्यंस्य देवृत्वमाजान-मग्रे ॥१७॥

Adbhyaḥ sambhṛtaḥ pṛthivyai rasācca viśvakarmaṇaḥ samavartatāgre. Tasya tvaṣṭā vidadhadrūpameti tanmartyasya devatvamājānamagre.

Before the essence of the waters was distilled by Vishvakarma for the creation of the earth, the model of the universe existed in the eternal mind of the Purusha, Prajapati Vishvakarma. Tvashta, the makermanifestation of Purusha, sculpted that form of the universe. The origin of the divinity of the human being too existed in the eternal mind. (That too Tvashta brought into existence.)

# 18. (Purusha Devata, Narayana Rshi)

वेदाहमेतं पुरुषं महान्तेमा<u>दि</u>त्यवेर्णं तमेसः पुरस्तीत् । तमेव वि<u>दि</u>त्वाति मृत्युमै<u>ति</u> नान्यः पन्था विद्यतेऽयेनाय ॥१८॥

Vedāhametam puruṣam mahāntam ādityavarṇam tamasaḥ parastāt. Tameva viditvāti mṛtyumeti nānyaḥ panthā vidyate'yanāya.

I know this great and glorious Purusha of the

brilliance of the sun beyond the dark. Having realized Him only does man transcend the world of existence, birth and death. There is no other way than this to the final freedom of Moksha.

# 19. (Aditya Devata, Uttara Narayana Ŗshi)

प्रजापेतिश्चर<u>ित</u> गर्भे'ऽअन्तरजीयमानो बहुधा वि जीयते । तस्य यो<u>निं</u> परिं पश्य<u>न्ति</u> धीरा्स्तस्मिन्ह तस्थुर्भुवेना<u>नि</u> विश्वो ॥१९॥

Prajāpatiścarati garbhe'antarajāyamāno bahudhā vi jāyate. Tasya yonim pari paśyanti dhīrāstasmin ha tasthurbhuvanāni viśvā.

Prajapati, father spirit of the created universe, immanent deep in the soul, moves everywhere, and although ever unborn He variously manifests Himself with all the forms of life. Men of thought and wisdom feel His presence manifest all round. In Him alone do all the worlds of existence find their haven and repose.

# 20. (Surya Devata, Uttara Narayana Ŗshi)

यो देवेभ्यंऽआतर्पति यो देवानी पुरोहितः। पूर्वो यो देवेभ्यो जातो नमी रुचाय ब्राह्मये ॥२०॥

Yo devabhya'ātapati yo devānām purohitaḥ. Pūrvo yo devebhyo jāto namo rucāya brāhmaye.

That which blazes with the sun for the divinities such as the earth, who is the high-priest and prime mover of the generous excellencies of the world, who rises first and foremost for the nobilities of the world, to that divine light our homage and offer of reverence.

#### 21. (Vishvedeva Devata, Uttara Narayana Rshi)

रुचं ब्राह्मं जुनयेन्तो देवाऽअग्रे तदंब्रुवन् । यस्त्वैवं ब्रोह्मणो विद्यात्तस्य देवाऽअसुन्वशे ॥२१॥

Rucam brāhmam janayanto devā'agre tadabruvan. Yastvaivam brāhmaņo vidyāt tasya devā'asan vaśe.

The sages of yore rising in vision of the divine glory saw the light of the dawn and proclaimed of that: Oh! the Brahmana who would know you thus! The lights of the world would be at his command.

### 22. (Aditya Devata, Uttara Narayana Ŗshi)

श्रीश्चे ते लुक्ष्मीश्च पत्यिवहोरात्रे पाश्वें नक्षित्राणि रूपमृश्विनौ व्यात्तम् । इष्णन्निषाणामुं मेऽइषाण सर्वलोकं मेऽइषाण ॥२२॥

Śrīśca te lakṣmīśca patnyāvahorātre pārśve nakṣatrāṇi rūpamaśvinau vyāttam. Iṣṇanniṣāṇāmuṁ ma'iṣāṇa sarvalokaṁ ma'iṣāṇa.

Beauty is yours. Glory is yours. The day and night like consorts are at your sides. The stars and planets are your form incarnate. The sun and moon are your open face.

Kind, loving and generous, give me that bliss of freedom, that supreme wealth of joy. Wish me all well and the world is mine.

इत्येकत्रिंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXII

1. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

तदेवाग्निस्तद<u>ीदि</u>त्यस्तद्वायुस्तद्वं चन्द्रमाः । तदेव शुक्रं तद् ब्रह्म ताऽआपः स प्रजापेतिः ॥१॥

Tadevāgnistadādityastadvāyustadū candramāḥ. Tadeva śukraṁ tadbrahma tā'āpaḥ sa prajāpatiḥ.

The One Eternal Lord Supreme is Agni, self-effulgent and omniscient. That is Aditya, all-consuming on annihilation. That is Vayu, omnipotent, all-sustaining. The same is Chandrama, blissful giver of joy. The same is Shukra, instant and immaculate. That is Brahma, greatest and infinite. That is Apah, immanent and omnipresent. And He is Prajapati, lord of creation and father of all His children.

2. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Rshi)

सर्वे' निमेषा जिज्ञरे विद्युतः पुरुषादिधि । नैनेमूर्ध्वं न तिर्यञ्चं न मध्ये परिजग्रभत् ॥२॥

Sarve nimeṣā jajñire vidyutaḥ puruṣādadhi. Nainamūrdhvaṁ na tiryañcaṁ na madhye pari jagrabhat.

From the brilliant supreme Purusha are born all the divisions of time from the moment onward, and all the movements from the twinkling of the eye onward. No one can ever catch or hold this Lord from above or middle or crosswise. 3. (Hiranyagarbha Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Rshi)

न तस्ये प्रतिमाऽअस्ति यस्य नामे महद्यशः । हिर्ण्यगुर्भऽ-इत्येष मा मो हिश्सीदित्येषा यस्मान्न जातऽइत्येषः॥३॥

Na tasya pratimā'asti yasya nāma mahadyaśaḥ. Hiraṇyagarbha'ityeṣa mā mā himsīdityeṣā yasmānna jāta'ityeṣaḥ.

There is none and nothing like Him, no picture, no icon, no simile, no metaphor. Great is His Name, mighty His glory. "He is the Golden Seed of the universe", it is apparent. "No, no, do not kill me, do not punish, I pray", such is the prayer of humanity to Him. "No one ever born is greater than He or beyond Him", such is clearly the voice of the Veda.

4. (Atma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Rshi)

एषो है देवः प्रदिशोऽनु सर्वाः पूर्वो ह जातः सऽउ गभैंऽअन्तः। सऽएव जातः स जिन्ष्यमीणः प्रत्यङ् जनी-स्तिष्ठति सुर्वतौमुखः॥४॥

Eṣo ha devaḥ pradiśo'nu sarvāḥ pūrvo ha jātaḥ sa' u garbhe' antaḥ. Sa'eva jātaḥ sa janiṣyamāṇaḥ pratyaṅ janāstiṣṭhati sarvatomukhaḥ.

Children of divinity, verily this glorious lord of the universe pervades all regions and quarters of space. First born, i.e., manifested, of existence, in truth, He is at the very centre of the universe and in the depths of the soul. Existent and manifest, He continues to manifest every moment and abides everywhere in everything facing forward in all directions.

# 5. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

यस्मज्जातं न पुरा किं चनैव य आंब्रभूव भुवेना<u>नि</u> विश्वो । प्रजापेतिः प्रजयो सःरराणस्त्री<u>णि</u> ज्योतींशंषि सचते स षोडशी॥५॥

Yasmājjātam na purā kim canaiva ya ābabhūva bhuvanāni viśvā. Prajāpatiḥ prajayā samrarānastrīni jyohmsi sacate sa sodasī.

The glorious lord is He, nothing whatever was born before Him, none of all those worlds of the universe which came into existence later. Father and sustainer, abiding and rejoicing with His creation, lord of sixteen powers of perfection, He pervades and feeds the three lights of the earth, sky and heaven, i.e., fire, electric energy and sunlight.

Note:- Sixteen seems to be the number of kalas (qualities, attributes, virtues and faculties) which comprise the model of perfection from different points of view. From Prashnopanishad, 6, 4, for example, we learn that 'sixteen kalas' means the sixteen creative powers of the Purusha, sixteen evolutionary stages of the created universe, and sixteen virtues, qualities and faculties of both cosmic and individual existence. These kalas are: Prana or energy and the Hiranyagarbha or the universally fertilized golden seed of the universe, shraddha or faith, akasha or space, vayu or wind energy, agni or fire and light, apah or waters, prithivi or earth, indriva or faculties of perception and volition, mana or mind, anna or food, virya or vitality of generation, tapa or discipline of inviolable austerity, mantra or knowledge or the art of living, karma or action, loka or world regions of the universe, and nama or individuality and identity.

In Atharva-veda, 13, 4, 47-54, the divine virtues are described as: Shachipati or omnipotent, vibhu or infinite, prabhu or lord of all, ambha or cool as water, ama or energiser, mahasaha or constant, aruna rajata raja or brilliant, lovely and glorious, uru prithu or vast, subhu or grand, bhuva or omniscient, pratho vara or highest and best, vyacho loka or omnipresent, bhavad-vasu or lord of universal wealth, samyatvasu or perefectly self-controlled, and ayat-vasu or ever lustrous and honourable.

Reference may be made to Satyarth Prakash, chapter I, in which Swami Dayanand has listed 108 attributive names of Ishvara. 'Sixteen' refers to an ideal conceptual model.

### 6. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

येन द्यौरुग्रा पृ<u>थि</u>वी चे दृढा येन स्वः स्त<u>भि</u>तं येन नाकः। योऽअन्तरिक्षे रजेसो <u>वि</u>मानः कस्मै देवाये ह्विषी विधेम ॥६॥

Yena dyaurugrā pṛthivī ca dṛḍhā yena svaḥ stabhitam yena nākaḥ. Yo'antarikṣe rajaso vimānaḥ kasmai devāya haviṣā vidhema.

By Him the heavens blaze, by Him the earth is firm, by Him the heaven of bliss is sustained, by Him the ecstasy of Moksha is constant, and He is the creator of the worlds in space. Let us worship that lord of glory and eternal bliss, and let us sing in honour of Him with the fragrance of yajna.

7. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Rshi)

यं क्रन्दंसीऽअवंसा तस्तभानेऽअभ्येक्षेतां मनसा रेजमाने । यत्रा<u>धि सूर</u>ऽउदितो <u>वि</u>भा<u>ति</u> कस्मै देवार्य ह्विषां विधेम । आपो ह यद् बृहतीर्यशिचदार्पः ॥७॥

Yam krandasī' avasā tastabhāne'abhyaikṣetām manasā rejamāne. Yatrādhi sūra' udito vibhāti kasmai devāya haviṣa vidhema.

To Him the heaven and earth, both constant and moving in ecstasy at heart, do homage with awe and reverence. Under His eye does the sun rise and blaze with light. To that Lord of awe and glorious bliss let us offer our homage of praise and worship with love and faith. Whatever the vast oceans of water, and whatever the expansive spaces, all exist in Him.

8. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

वेनस्तत्पेश्यन्निहितं गुहा सद्यत्र विश्वं भवत्येकेनीडम् । तस्मि<u>न्नि</u>दः सं च वि चै<u>ति</u> सर्वः सऽओतः प्रोतेश्च <u>वि</u>भूः प्रजासुं ॥८॥

Venastatpaśyannihitam guhā sadyatra viśvam bhavatyekanīḍam. Tasminnidam sam ca vi caiti sarvam sa'otaḥ protaśca vibhūḥ prajāsu.

The man of vision and wisdom sees that eternal spirit hidden in mystery where the universe lies nestled in His presence. Therein all this comes into being together, and therein it falls asunder. Infinite is He, immanent and omnipresent in the created beings.

9. (Vidvan Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Rshi)
प्र तद्वीचेद्रमृतं नु विद्वान् गन्धर्वो धाम् विभृतं गृहा सत् ।

त्रीणि पुदा<u>नि</u> निहिता गुहास्य यस्ता<u>नि</u> वेद स <u>पितुः</u> <u>पिताऽस्तत् ॥९॥</u> Pra tadvocedamṛtaṁ nu vidvān gandharvo dhāma vibhṛtaṁ guhā sat. Trīṇi padāni nihitā guhāsya yastāni veda sa pituḥ pitā'sat.

The man of knowledge gifted with the divine voice may speak of this immortal haven and eternal spirit covered in mystery yet shining in the soul. Three parts of it are hidden in the cave. He who knows them is the man of super-wisdom, father of the paternal wise.

### 10. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

स नो बन्धुर्ज<u>िन</u>ता स विधाता धामीनि वेद भुवेना<u>नि</u> विश्वो । यत्रे देवाऽअमृतमानशानास्तृतीये धामेन्न-ध्यैरयन्त॥१०॥

Sa no bandhurjanitā sa vidhātā dhāmāni veda bhuvanāni viśvā. Yatra devā'amṛtamānaśānāstṛtīye dhāmannadhyairayanta.

He is our father and our brother. He is our sustainer and controller. He knows all the worlds of existence which are home to the created beings. There in His supreme presence, third haven of being (the other two are Prakriti and jiva), the divine souls tasting of the immortal joy of heaven roam around at will.

# 11. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

प्रीत्यं भूतानि प्रीत्यं लोकान् प्रीत्यं सर्वाः प्रदिशो दिशेश्च। उपस्थायं प्रथम्जामृतस्यात्मनात्मानेमुभि संविवेश ॥११॥

Parītya bhūtāni parītya lokān parītya sarvāḥ pradiśo diśaśca. Upasthāya prathamajāmṛtasyātmanā'tmānamabhi saṁ viveśa.

Having known and crossed over the material forms of existence, having gone over the regions of the

world, having crossed through directions and subdirections all, and reaching the original voice of eternal truth in the Veda by the soul, the man of knowledge and vision attains to the supreme soul of the universe and, one with it in union, abides.

#### 12. (Paramatma Devata, Svayambhu Brahma Ŗshi)

पि द्यावीपृथिवी सद्यऽङ्कत्वा पिरं लोकान् पिर दिशः पिर स्वः। ऋतस्य तन्तुं वितंतं विचृत्य तदंपश्यत्तदंभवृत्त-दासीत् ॥१२॥

Pari dyāvāpṛthivī sadya'itvā pari lokān pari diśaḥ pari svaḥ. Rtasya tantum vitatam vicṛtya tadapaśyattadabhavattadāsīt.

Having known and crossed over earth and heaven simultaneously, having gone over the regions of the universe, having crossed through the directions and subdirections, and having transcended even the visions of paradise, and having over-seen the network of reality constituting the structure of the universe, the transcendent soul sees that Supreme Soul and finally grows one with That.

# 13. (Indra Devata, Medhakama Rshi)

सर्दस्<u>र</u>पतिमद्भृतं <u>प्रियमिन्द्रस्य</u> काम्यम् । सुनिं मेधामेयासिष्**र स्वाहो ॥१३॥** 

Sadasaspatimadbhutam priyamindrasya kāmyam. Sanim medhāmayāsiṣam svāhā.

In truth of word and deed with all sincerity of mind and spirit I invoke the Lord of the universe, wondrous great, loved and worshipped by the human soul, and, pray for a gift of that intelligence which distinguishes between the temporary and the permanent.

### 14. (Paramatma Devata, Medhakama Rshi)

यां मेधां देवगुणाः <u>पि</u>तर्रश्चोपासते । तया मामुद्य मेधयाग्ने मेधाविनं कुरु स्वाहा ॥१४॥

Yām medhām devagaṇāḥ pitaraścopāsate. Tayā māmadya medhayā'gne medhāvinam kuru svāhā.

Agni, lord of light and knowledge, I pray, enlighten me here and now with that discriminative intelligence which the noblest people of piety and senior guardians of humanity value and pray for.

This is the voice of the heart in truth of word and deed.

#### 15. (Paramatma & Vidvan Devate, Medhakama Rshi)

मेधां मे वर्रुणो ददातु मेधामुग्निः प्रजापितिः । मेधामिन्द्रश्च वायुश्चे मेधां धाता देदातु मे स्वाहां ॥१५॥

Medhām me varuņo dadātu medhāmagniḥ prajāpatiḥ. Medhāmindraśca vāyuśca medhām dhātā dadātu me svāhā.

May Varuna, supreme lord of the universe, and the scholar of highest knowledge, bless me with supreme intelligence.

May Agni, lord of universal light, and the eminent scholar and teacher, bless me with discriminative intelligence.

May Prajapati, guardian sustainer of creation, and the generous scholar, bless me with generous and lifesustaining intelligence. May Indra, lord of universal grandeur, and the leader of honour and power, bless me with honourable intelligence.

May Vayu, lord of universal energy and power, and the scholar of science and technology, bless me with intellectual and vitalizing intelligence.

May Dhata, lord preserver of the universe, and scholar of life-sciences, bless me with life-preserving intelligence.

This is the divine voice from the heart.

#### 16. (Vidvan & Raja Devate, Shrikama Ŗshi)

इदं मे ब्रह्मं च क्ष्र्त्रं चोभे श्रियंमश्नुताम् । मियं देवा दंधतु श्रियमुत्तमां तस्यै ते स्वाहां ॥१६॥

Idam me brahma ca kṣatram cobhe śriyam-aśnutām. Mayi devā dadhatu śriyamuttamām tasyai te svahā.

May this knowledge of mine and the Brahmana fellowship, and this power and honour of mine and the Kshatra organisation, both grow to excellence and grace. May the noblest people bless me with the best of excellence and grace.

All the best for you in truth of word and deed. This is the divine voice of the soul.

इति द्वात्रिंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXIII

### 1. (Agnayah Devata, Vatsapri Ŗshi)

अस्याजरीसो दमाम्रित्रीऽअर्चद्धूमासोऽअग्नर्यः पावकाः । <u>श्विती</u>चर्यः श्वात्रासो भुरुण्यवौ वनुर्षदौ वायवो न सोमीः॥१॥

Asyājarāso damāmaritrā'arcaddhūmāso' agnayaḥ pāvakāḥ. Śvitīcayaḥ śvātrāso bhuraṇyavo vanarṣado vāyavo na somāḥ.

The fires (such as heat, light, electricity, lightning and yajna fire) of this lord of the universe are unaged and unaging, homely, protective and promotive, bearing sacred and fragrant flames of brilliance, purifying, holy white, invigorating bringers of wealth, dynamic energy, riding the sun-beams, cooling and exhilarating like the breeze and a drink of soma.

### 2. (Agnayah Devata, Vishvarupa Ŗshi)

हरेयो धूमकेतवो वार्तजूताऽउप द्यवि । यर्तन्ते वृथेगुग्नयेः ॥२॥

Harayo dhūmaketavo vātajūtā'upa dyavi. Yatante vṛthagagnayaḥ.

Fast as sunbeams, with banners of flame flown by the winds, the fires arise, each in its own way, upto the heights of heaven.

#### 3. (Agni Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

यजो नो <u>मित्रावर्रुणा</u> यजो देवाँ२॥ऽऋतं बृहत् । अग्ने यक्षि स्वं दर्मम् ॥३॥ Yajā no mitrāvaruņā yajā devāň'ṛtaṁ bṛhat. Agne yakṣi svaṁ damam.

Sagely scholar brilliant as Agni, perform yajna for us, for the sake of our friends and the best people, for the divine powers of nature, in honour of the universal law, and for your own home. (Kindle the fire, develop the light, let the flames arise for all.)

# 4. (Agni Devata, Vishvarupa Ŗshi)

युक्ष्वा हि देवहूर्तमाँ२॥ऽअश्वाँ२॥ऽअग्ने र्थीरिव । नि होता पूर्व्यः सेदः ॥४॥

Yukṣvā hi devahūtamāň'aśvāň'agne rathīriva. Ni hotā pūrvyaḥ sadaḥ.

Sagely scholar, brilliant as Agni, veteran highpriest of the science of fire, taught by eminent masters, rise like a heroic warrior of the chariot, yoke the fastest horses consecrated by the divinities and carry on the pursuit of yajna relentlessly.

#### 5. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

द्वे विरूपे चरतः स्वर्थे'ऽअन्याऽन्यां वृत्समुपं धापयेते । हरिर्न्यस्यां भवति स्वधावांञ्छुक्रोऽअन्यस्यां ददृशे सुवर्चीः॥५॥

Dve virūpe carataḥ svarthe'anyā'nyā vatsamupa dhāpayete. Hariranyasyāṁ bhavati svadhāvāñchukro' anyasyāṁ dadṛśe suvarcāḥ.

Two powers of nature (the night and day), both different in form and colour, are busy doing good work. Both (like two women) separately nurse each other's child. In one develops and arises the moon, soothing and brilliant, bearing its own bliss and beauty. In the

other develops and arises the sun, a blazing radiant power which illuminates and purifies everything.

# 6. (Agni Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

अयमिह प्रथमो धायि धातृभिहोता यजिष्ठोऽअध्वरेष्वीड्यः। यमप्रवानो भृगवो विरुरुचुर्वनैषु चित्रं विभ्वं विशेविशे॥६॥

Ayamiha prathamo dhāyi dhātṛbhirhotā yajiṣṭho'adhvareṣvīḍyaḥ. Yamapnavāno bhṛgavo virurucurvaneṣu citram vibhvam viśe viśe.

This agni (in the form of heat, light and electricity), wonderful and omnipresent energy of prime importance in this world and first kindled in the vedi by the pioneers of yajna, is the high-priest of the dynamics of existence, worthiest of develoment by joint effort and adorable in the creative projects of life. Generous and intelligent fore-fathers of humanity and dedicated sages of yajna kept it safe in the woods and burning in the light of sun-beams for all classes of their children.

# 7. (Vidvans Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

त्रीणि शता त्री सहस्त्रीण्यगिं त्रिःशच्ये देवा नवं चास-पर्यन् । औक्षेन् घृतैरस्तृणन् बर्हिरस्माऽआदिद्धोतारं न्यसा-दयन्त ॥७॥

Trīṇi śatā trī sahasrāṇyagniṁ trimśacca devā nava cāsaparyan. Aukṣan ghṛtairastṛṇan barhirasmā'ādiddhotāraṁ nyasādayanta.

Three hundred, three thousand and thirty three divinities of nature and nine serve this universal energy of agni, feed it with holy fuels of ghrita and waters, spread the holy grass for its seat on earth and in the sky

and kindle this high-priest of universal yajna to move all round across the spaces.

### 8. (Vidvans Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

मूर्द्धानं दिवोऽअंरतिं पृ<u>थि</u>व्या वैश्वान्रमृतऽआ जात-मग्निम् । कुविः सम्राजमिति<u>ष्</u>यं जनीनामासन्ना पात्रं जनयन्त देवाः ॥८॥

Mūrddhānam divo' aratim pṛthivyā vaiśvānaramṛta'ā jātamagnim. Kavim samrājamatithim janānāmāsannā pātram janayanta devāḥ.

Noble scholars of the science of fire energy generate this power present everywhere from the top of heaven to the surface and body of the earth, friend of humanity, created for the sake of the universal yajna of existential dynamics, creative, illuminated, loved as an honourable guest, and close at hand for the nourishment and protection of the people.

# 9. (Agni Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

अग्निर्वृत्राणि जङ्घनद् द्रविण्स्युर्विप्न्ययो । समिद्धः शुक्रऽआहृतः ॥९॥

Agnirvṛtrāṇi jaṅghanad draviṇasyurvipanyayā. Samiddhah śukra' āhutah.

Just as the pure and brilliant fire, the sun, breaks the clouds, so should the yajaka desirous of wealth burn off sins with joyful oblations in the fire kindled and raised in the vedi of yajna.

# 10. (Agni Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

विश्वेभिः सोम्यं मध्वग्नुऽइन्द्रेण वायुनी । पिर्बा मित्रस्य धार्मभिः ॥१०॥ Viśvebhiḥ somyam madhvagna'indreṇa vāyunā. Pibā mitrasya dhāmabhiḥ.

Agni, brilliant scholar and yajaka, just as the sun, by the currents of energy and the wind, drinks up the honey-sweets of soma from the world of nature, so should you, along with the sun and the green sunny haunts of nature and your friends and seats of sacred fire drink the honey-sweets of yajna-soma.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Parashara Ŗshi)

आ य<u>िषे नृपतिं तेज</u>ऽआन्ट् श<u>ुचि</u> रेतो निषिक्तं द्यौ-रभीके । अग्निः शर्द्धमनवृद्यं युवीनः स्वाध्यं जनयत्सूद-यच्य ॥११॥

Ā yadiṣe nṛpatiṁ teja'ānaṭ śuci reto niṣiktaṁ dyaurabhīke. Agniḥ śardhamanavadyaṁ yuvānāṁ svādhyaṁ janayat sūdayacca.

When the brilliant fragrance, pure and sanctified in yajna for the sake of nourishment and energy, reaches the sun, luminous ruler of the world, then the living energy of the sun creates pure, energising, praiseworthy, youthful, lovable, fertilizing waters close to the light of heaven and showers them as the seed of life on earth.

### 12. (Agni Devata, Vishvavara Ŗshi)

अग्ने शर्द्धं महते सौभंगाय तर्व द्युम्नान्युंत्तमानि सन्तु । सं जस्पत्यः सुयम्मा कृणुष्व शत्रूयताम्भि तिष्ठा महिं । सि ॥१२॥

Agne śardha mahate saubhagāya tava dyumnānyuttamāni santu. Sam jāspatyam suyamamā kṛṇuṣva śatrūyatāmabhi tiṣṭhā mahāmsi. Agni, scholar, ruler, rise and assert yourself for honour and prosperity. May your power and fame rise to the heights. Make the home and family happy and disciplined full of conjugal felicity. Face the enermys' powers and fix them all round.

### 13. (Vishvedeva Devata, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

त्वाछंहि मुन्द्रतेममर्कशोकैर्व'वृमहे महि नः श्रोष्यंग्ने । इन्द्रं न त्वा शर्वसा देवता वायुं पृणि<u>न्ति</u> राधसा नृतेमाः ॥१३॥

Tvām hi mandratamamarkaśokairvavṛmahe mahi naḥ śroṣyagne. Indram na tvā śavasā devatā vāyum pṛṇanti rādhasā nṛtamāḥ.

Agni, joyous and great, we approach you with songs of praise and flames of fire. You alone listen to our pious words of solemnity. Brilliant as the sun, powerful as the wind, the noblest of humanity serve you whole-heartedly with their power and potential, love and reverence.

### 14. (Vidvans Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

त्वेऽअंग्ने स्वाहुत प्रियासेः सन्तु सूरयेः । यन्तारो ये मुघवनो जनानामूर्वान्दयेन्त गोनीम् ॥१४॥

Tve'agne svāhuta priyāsaḥ santu sūrayaḥ. Yantāro ye maghavāno janānāmūrvān dayanta gonām.

Agni, honoured with praise and served with flames of fragrant fire, may all the heroes and scholars be dear to you, all those self-controlled leaders of people blessed with power and prosperity who suppress the destroyers of cows and support the development of animal wealth.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Praskanva Rshi)

श्रुधि श्रुत्कर्ण् वह्निभिर्देवैरंग्ने स्याविभिः । आसीदन्तु बुर्हिषि <u>मि</u>त्रोऽअर्युमा प्रातुर्यावाणोऽअध्वरम् ॥१५॥

Śrudhi śrutkarņa vahnibhirdevairagne sayāvabhiḥ. Ā sīdantu barhiṣi mitro'aryamā prātaryāvāṇo'adhvaram.

Agni, brilliant ruler, man of good ear, keen to listen, listen to our prayer alongwith your noble companions of the administrative yajna who carry the holy fire and oblations with you.

May Mitra, friend of all the people, and Aryama, chief of justice for the citizens, come and grace their seats of honour in the morning and join the yajnic business of governance.

### 16. (Agni Devata, Gotama Rshi)

विश्वेषामिदितिर्यक्तियानां विश्वेषामितिश्विमानुषाणाम् । अग्निर्देवानामवऽआवृणानः सुमृडीको भवतु जात-वेदाः ॥१६॥

Viśveṣāmaditiryajňiyānām viśveṣāmatithirmānuṣāṇām. Agnirdevānāmava' āvṛṇānaḥ sumṛḍīko bhavatu jātavedāḥ.

Inviolable among all the devotees of yajna, guestlike honoured by all the humans, protective cover for the noblest divines, may Agni, brilliant ruler and mastermind of world knowledge, be kind and gracious to all.

# 17. (Savita Devata, Lushodhanaka Ŗshi)

महोऽअग्नेः संमिधानस्य शर्मण्यनांगा मित्रे वर्रुणे स्व-स्तये । श्रेष्ठे स्याम स<u>वितुः सवीमनि</u> तद्देवानामवीऽअद्या वृणीमहे ॥१७॥ Maho'agneḥ samidhānasya śarmaṇyanāgā mitre varuṇe svastaye. Śreṣṭhe syāma savituḥ savīmani taddevānāmavo'adyā vṛṇīmahe.

Under the shelter and protection of great and glorious Agni, lord of light, may we live pure and sinless toward our friends and chosen people of virtue.

May we, under the care of Mitra, divine friend of life, and Varuna, lord of chosen virtue, enjoy the highest state of goodness and well-being.

And may we, in obedience to the will of Savita, lord giver of life, have the divine gifts of food, energy and protection in this life.

#### 18. (Indra Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

आपेश्चित्पप्यु स्त्यों, न गावो नक्षेत्रृतं जित्तारेस्तऽइन्द्र । याहि वायुर्न नियुतौ नोऽअच्छा त्वश् हि धीभिर्दयेसे वि वाजीन् ॥१८॥

Āpaścitpipyu staryo na gāvo nakṣannṛtaṁ jaritārasta'indra. Yāhi vāyurna niyuto no'acchā tvaṁ hi dhībhirdayase vi vājān.

Indra, ruling lord of light and glory, the saving waters of grace abound like waves of light exuberant. Your worshippers and admirers attain the light of truth and law.

Kind and gracious, come like the wind on the wings of light and bless us. You alone, with the gifts of intelligence, bless us with food, energy and victory.

# 19. (Indra & Vayu Devata, Purumidha Ajamidha Rshis)

गावऽउपवितावृतं मुही यज्ञस्य रृप्सुदी । उभा कर्णी हिर्ण्ययो ॥१९॥ Gāva'upāvatāvataṁ mahī yajñasya rapsudā. Ubhā karṇā hiraṇyayā.

The rays of the sun and the cows both sustain and preserve the earth, and heaven and earth give form to the yajna and guard it closely. So may Indra and Vayu, both of good and golden ear, listen to our prayer and protect and promote yajna.

#### 20. (Savita Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

यद्द्य सूर्ऽउ<u>दि</u>तेऽनीगा <u>मि</u>त्रोऽअर्युमा । सुवाति स<u>वि</u>ता भर्गः ॥२०॥

Yadadya sūra' udite'nāgā mitro'aryamā. Suvāti savitā bhagaḥ.

To-day when the sun has arisen, then the immaculate Mitra, friend of all, Aryama, lord of justice, Savita, lord of life, and Bhaga, lord of glory and prosperity, inspire, energise and bless the world.

### 21. (Vena Devata, Suniti Ŗshi)

आ सुते सिञ्चत श्रियः रोदंस्योर<u>भि</u>श्रियम् । रुसा दंधीत वृष्भम् । तं प्रत्नथा । अयं वेनः ॥२१॥

Ā sute siñcata śriyam rodasyorabhiśriyam. Rasā dadhīta vṛṣabham. Tam pratnathā' yam venaḥ.

In this holy yajnic world of the Lord, consecrate the light and glory of the sun which shines over the beauty of heaven and earth. May all the essences of nature and the best of humanity hold on to this flood of light and life. The wisest of the ancients consecrated and worshipped it, this light and wisdom of the world.

### 22. (Indra Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

आतिष्ठेन्तं परि विश्वेऽअभूष् ञ्छ्रियो वसनिश्चरित स्वरोचिः। महत्तद् वृष्णोऽअसुरस्य नामा विश्वरूपोऽअमृतानि तस्थौ ॥२२॥

Ātiṣṭhantam pari viśve'abhūṣañchriyo vasānaścarati svarociḥ. Mahattadvṛṣṇo'asurasya nāmā viśvarūpo'amṛtāni tasthau.

Let one and all adore and consecrate that energy which abides firm and unshaken. Self-refulgent, wearing the wealth and beauty of the world, it rolls around. Great is the name and fame of this generous and bountiful lord giver of showers and prosperity. It is of universal character and abides in all permanent forms of life and nature.

#### 23. (Indra Devata, Suchika Rshi)

प्र वो महे मन्दमानायान्ध्रसोऽची <u>वि</u>श्वानेराय विश्वाभुवे । इन्द्रस्य यस्य सुमेख्ः सहो महि श्रवो नृम्णं च रोदसी सपुर्यतेः ॥२३॥

Pra vo mahe mandamñayāndhaso'rcā viśvānarāya viśvābhuve. Indrasya yasya sumakham saho mahi śravo nṛmṇam ca rodasī saparyatah.

All of you offer worship and homage in honour of Indra, supreme, beatific, support, energy and spirit of the universe whose creative yajna, omnipotence, eternal glory and universal wealth, the earth and heaven serve and celebrate.

# 24. (Indra Devata, Trishoka Ŗshi)

बृहन्नि<u>दि</u>ध्मऽएषां भूरि शृस्तं पृथुः स्वर्नः। येषामिन्द्रो युवा सर्खा ॥२४॥ Bṛhannididhma'eṣām bhūri śastam pṛthuḥ svaruḥ. Yeṣāmindro yuvā sakhā.

Great is the fame and excellence of those whose friend is Indra, boundless, blazing, expansive, glorious and unaging lord.

# 25. (Indra Devata, Madhuchhanda Rshi)

इन्द्रे<u>हि</u> मत्स्यन्धंसो विश्वेभिः सोम्पर्वंभिः । मृहाँ२॥ऽअं<u>भि</u>ष्टिरोजंसा ॥२५॥

Indrehi matsyandhaso viśvebhih somaparvabhih. Mahāň'abhiṣṭirojasā.

Indra, lord of might and knowledge, great, honoured and worshipped by virtue of your own splendour and glory, come and join all our soma offerings and enjoy the delicacies of our yajna to your heart's content.

### 26. (Indra Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

इन्द्रौ वृत्रमेवृणो्च्छर्द्धंनीतिः प्र मायिनामिमनाद्वर्पंणीतिः। अहुन् व्युःसमुशध्यवेनेष्वाविर्धेनाऽअकृणोद्राम्याणाम् ॥२६॥

Indro vṛtramavṛṇocchardhanītiḥ pra māyināmaminād varpaṇītiḥ Ahan vyamsamuśadhagvaneṣvāvirdhenā'akṛṇodrāmyāṇām.

Indra, ruling lord of light and power, challenges the dark clouds of evil and crime. Strong of policy and versatile of working ways and forms, he frustrates the designs of the cunning. Scourge of thieves and grabbers hiding in the forests, he breaks their arms and burns them to dust. And he gives full expression to the voice and actions of those who contribute to delightful peace and prosperity.

# 27. (Indra Devata, Agastya Rshi)

कुत्तस्त्वमिन्द्व माहिनः सन्नेको यासि सत्पते किं तेऽङ्गत्था । सं पृच्छसे समराणः श्रुभानैर्वोचेस्तन्नो हरिवो यत्तेऽ-अस्मे । महाँ२ऽइन्द्रो यऽओजेसा । क्वदाचन स्त्रीरेसि । क्वदा चन प्रयुच्छिसि ॥२७॥

Kutastvamindra māhinaḥ sanneko yāsi satpate kiṁ ta'itthā. Saṁ pṛcchase samarāṇaḥ śubhānairvocestanno harivo yatte'asme. Mahaň'indro ya'ojasā. Kadā cana starīrasi. Kadā cana prayucchasi.

Whence, where, do you, Indra, praised and powerful, go alone all by yourself? Lord of truth, shelter and support of the wise and good, why thus? What is the cause? Gliding past by horses on the wing, tell us that in confidence, we ask you in so many words of sincerity, since we are your own. Indra, by your own power and splendour you are great, rarely relenting, rarely remiss.

# 28. (Indra Devata, Gauriviti Ŗshi)

आ तत्तेऽइन्द्रायवेः पनन्ताभि यऽऊर्वं गोमेन्तं तितृत्सान् । सकृत्स्वुं ये पुरुपुत्रां महीथं सहस्त्रधारां बृह्तीं दुर्दुक्षन् ॥२८

Ā tatta'indrāyavaḥ panantābhi ya'ūrvaṁ gomantaṁ titṛtsān. Sakṛtsvaṁ ye puruputrāṁ mahīm sahasradhārāṁ bṛhatīṁ dudukṣan.

Indra, enlightened and powerful ruler, the people who are good and true, who wish to punish those who are cruel to the cow and the self-disciplined man of the wealth of cows, and who cultivate the vast, generous mother earth, sustainer of her many children and flowing

with her gifts in a thousand streams — all these admire and advance your governance and administration.

# 29. (Indra Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

इमां ते धियं प्रभीरे महो महीमस्य स्तोत्रे धिषणा यत्तेऽ-आनुजे । तमृत्सुवे चे प्रसुवे चे सासुहिमिन्द्रं देवासुः शर्वसामदुन्ननुं ॥२९॥

Imām te dhiyam pra bhare maho mahīmasya stotre dhiṣaṇā yatta'ānaje. Tamutsave ca prasave ca sāsahimindram devāsaḥ śavasāmadannanu.

Indra, lord of power and enlightenment, I acknowledge, admire and stand by this great word, wisdom and policy of yours which, powerful as it is, emerges clearly in this eulogy of yours.

That same great Indra of courage and conquest by virtue of his valour, the noblest poets and leaders glorify with great enthusiasm in festivals and celebrations of growth and development.

### 30. (Surya Devata, Vibhrat Rshi)

विभ्राड् बृहित्पेबतु सोम्यं मध्वायुर्दर्धद्यज्ञपेताविविहुतम् । वार्तजूतो योऽअभिरक्षिति त्मना प्रजाः पुपोष पुरुधा वि राजिति ॥३०॥

Vibhrāḍ bṛhat pibatu somyaṁ madhvāyur-dadhad yajñapatāvavihrutam. Vātajūto yo' abhirakṣati tmanā prajāḥ pupoṣa purudhā vi rājati.

Brilliant and boundless, may the sun drink the honey-sweet nectars of soma, and bless the yajnapati with life full and inviolate.

Going at the speed of energy, he sustains and nourishes the living beings with his own might and shines on in wondrous ways.

### 31. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Rshi)

उदु त्यं जातवेदसं देवं वेहन्ति केतवेः । दृशे विश्वीय सूर्यीम् ॥३१॥

Udu tyam jātavedasam devam vahanti ketavaḥ. Dṛśe viśvāya sūryam.

Surely the rays of light convey and reveal the glory of the Sun, lord of light, omniscient, omnipresent and all-illuminant, so that the world may see the eternal light and glory of the lord of the universe.

# 32. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

येना पावक चक्षसा भुरुण्यन्तं जनाँ २॥ऽअनी । त्वं वेरुण पश्यसि ॥३२॥

Yenā pāvaka cakṣasā bhuraṇyantaṁ janāň'anu. Tvaṁ varuṇa paśyasi.

Varuna, lord of universal justice, purifier and sanctifier, with the eye with which you watch the blazing lord of nourishment and protection, with the same benigh eye watch the whole humanity.

# 33. (Vidvan Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

दैव्यविध्वर्यूऽआगंतुः रथेनु सूर्यंत्वचा । मध्वा युज्ञः समेञ्जाथे । तं प्रत्नथा । अयं वेनः। चित्रं देवानाम् ॥३३॥

Daivyāvadhvaryū'ā gatam rathena sūryatvacā. Madhvā yajñam samañjāthe. Tam pratnathā. Ayam venah. Citram devānām. Divine high-priests of love and compassion, come by the wondrous chariot of sunbeams, take up and conduct the yajna with honeyed materials of piety and purity.

Like the yajna of ancient time, this yajna too is brilliant and beautiful, wonderful and darling of the divinities.

### 34. (Savita Devata, Agastya Rshi)

आ नुऽइडीभिर्विदथे सुशृस्ति विश्वानेरः सिवता देवऽ-एतु । अपि यथा युवानो मत्सिथा नो विश्वं जगदिभिपित्वे मेनीुषा ॥३४॥

Ā na'iḍabhirvidathe suśasti viśvānaraḥ savitā deva'etu. Api yathā yuvāno matsathā no viśvam jagadabhipitve manīṣā.

Generous and brilliant Savita, celebrated life of the world, and Vaishvanara, vital heat of life, may be gracious to come to our yajna with holy materials and voices of Divinity. Divinities ever young and young scholars too may come to us rejoicing on way to yajna so that they may sanctify our mind and all our life of the world.

# 35. (Surya Devata, Shrutakaksha & Sukaksha Rshis)

यद्द्य कच्चे वृत्रहत्रुदगाऽअभि सूर्य । सर्वुं तिदेन्द्र ते वशे ॥३५॥

Yadadya kacca vṛtrahannudagā' abhi sūrya. Sarvaṁ tadindra te vaśe.

Indra, lord of might and glory, Sun, blazing power of light, destroyer of the clouds of darkness, wherever

you rise and shine today, all that is under your power and control.

# 36. (Surya Devata, Praskanva Ŗshi)

त्रिणिर्विश्वदेशितो ज्योतिष्कृदेसि सूर्य । विश्वमा भीसि रोचनम् ॥३६॥

Taraṇirviśvadarśato jyotiṣkṛdasi sūrya. Viśvamābhāsi rocanam.

Sun, benevolent energy of the world, universal eye, you are the light, creator of light and knowledge. And you illuminate the beautiful world of existence.

# 37. (Surya Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

तत्सूर्यं स्य देवत्वं तन्मंहित्वं मध्या कर्त्तोवितंतः सञ्जीभार। युदेदयुक्त हुरितः सुधस्थादाद्रात्री वासंस्तनुते सिमस्मै ॥३७॥

Tatsūryasya devatvam tanmahitvam madhyā kartorvitatam sam jabhāra. Yadedayukta haritah sadhasthādādrātrī vāsastanute simasmai.

That divine light of the Sun, eternal creator, and that grandeur of His, is positively extended in the midst of the universe as His power and will to create. The same He withdraws (and the structure goes off). When the power is thus disconnected and withdrawn from space back into the centre, then from the centre itself, the Night, the Lord's power of negation, weaves the cover of darkness for all.

# 38. (Surya Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

ति<u>म</u>त्रस्य वर्रुणस्या<u>भि</u>चक्षे सूर्यो रूपं कृणुते द्योरुपस्थे । अनुन्तमुन्यद्वर्शदस्य पाजेः कृष्णमुन्यद्धरितः सम्भरन्ति॥३८॥ Tanmitrasya varuṇasyābhicakṣe sūryo rūpam kṛṇute dyorupasthe. Anantamanyadruśadasya pājaḥ kṛṣṇamanyaddharitaḥ sambharanti.

In the midst of the heaven of existence, the Sun, eternal creator, creates the form of Mitra, divinity of the day, and of Varuna, spirit of the night, to watch (the work of His own creation) for all. One power of His is light, brilliant and boundless. The other is dark which the eternal spaces hold.

# 39. (Vishvedeva Devata, Jamadagni Ŗshi)

बण्महाँ२॥ऽअसि सूर्ये बडोदित्य महाँ२॥ऽअसि । महस्ते सतो मेहिमा पेनस्यतेऽद्धा देव महाँ२॥ऽअसि ॥३९॥

Baṇ mahāň'asi sūrya baḍāditya mahāň'asi. Mahaste sato mahimā panasyate'ddhā deva mahāň'asi.

Truly, great is the Sun, eternal creator. Surely, infinite is the light of omniscience of the Lord indestructible. The glory, Lord Divine, great and true, is universally sung and celebrated. Lord of Light sublime, you are all time great.

# 40. (Surya Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

बट् सूर्ये श्रवंसा महाँ२॥ऽअसि सृत्रा देव महाँ२॥ऽअसि । मुह्रा देवानामसुर्युः पुरोहितो <u>वि</u>भु ज्यो<u>ति</u>रद्यिभ्यम् ॥४०॥

Baṭ sūrya śravasā mahāň'asi satrā deva mahāň' asi. Mahnā devānāmasuryaḥ purohito vibhu jyotiradābhyam.

O Sun, lord of light and generosity, in all truth, you are great. By virtue of your own glory, you are the ever living highpriest of the divinities and humanity, infinite and omnipresent, eternal light of existence, sole

and unchallengeable.

### 41. (Surya Devata, Nrimedha Ŗshi)

श्रायेन्तऽइव सूर्यं विश्वेदिन्द्रेस्य भक्षत । वसूनि जाते जनमानुऽओजेसा प्रति भागं न दीधिम ॥४१॥

Śrāyanta'iva sūryam viśvedindrasya bhakṣata. Vasūni jāte janamāna'ojasā prati bhāgam na dīdhima.

Only in the shelter and protection of the Sun, light and lord of existence, do you partake of the gifts of Indra, lord of the world's wealth, exactly as we, in the world created and yet to be created by the lord's might, receive and gratefully enjoy just our share.

# 42. (Surya Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

अद्या देवाऽउदिता सूर्यंस्य निरश्हंसः पिपृता निरंवद्यात् । तन्नो मित्रो वर्रुणो मामहन्तामदितिः सिन्धुः पृथिवीऽउत द्यौः ॥४२॥

Adyā devā'uditā sūryasya niramhasah pipṛtā niravadyāt. Tanno mitro varuņo māmahantā-maditih sindhuh pṛthivī'uta dyauh.

Today on the rise of the sun, the noblest sages and divinities, we pray, may save us from sin and despicable action. Similarly may Mitra, light of the day, Varuna, spirit of the night, the sky, the sea, the earth and heaven exalt us with honour.

# 43. (Surya Devata, Hiranyastupa Ŗshi)

आ कृष्णोन् रजेसा वर्त्तीमानो निवेशयेन्नमृतं मर्त्यं च । <u>हिर</u>ण्ययेन स<u>वि</u>ता रथेना देवो य<u>ोति</u> भुवेना<u>नि</u> पश्येन् ॥४३॥ Ā kṛṣṇena rajasā varttamāno niveśayannamṛtam martyam ca. Hiraṇyayena savitā rathenā devo yāti bhuvanāni paśyan.

Savita, the sun, with his force of gravity and sphere of light revolves (in space), sustaining all its mortal and immortal family in place. By the golden chariot of splendour, the lord of light travels on, watching the various worlds of space.

# 44. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रवावृजे सुप्रया बहिरेषामा <u>वि</u>श्पतीव बीरिटऽइयाते । <u>वि</u>शामक्तोरुषसीः पूर्वहूंतौ वायुः पूषा स्वस्तये <u>नि</u>यु-त्वान् ॥४४॥

Pra vāvṛje suprayā barhireṣāmā viśpatīva bīriṭa' iyāte. Viśāmaktoruṣasaḥ pūrvahūtau vāyuḥ pūṣā svastaye niyutvān.

Vayu, the wind, and Pusha, the sun, both as a team of divinity, invoked early at the meeting of the night and day, move through the sky like two parental rulers of the world and energise the waters of life for the good of all these people of the earth.

### 45. (Indra & Vayu Devate, Medhatithi Rshi)

इन्द्रवायू बृहस्पतिं <u>मित्राग्नि पूषणं</u> भर्गम् । आ<u>दि</u>त्यान्मार्रुतं गुणम् ॥४५॥

Indravāyū bṛhaspatim mitrāgnim pūṣaṇam bhagam. Ādityān mārutam gaṇam.

For the good of all the people of the earth, invoke Indra, universal electric energy, Vayu, the wind, Brihaspati, light of the universe, Mitra, pranic energy, Agni, fire energy, Pusha, the spirit of health and nourishment, Bhaga, the wealth vested in nature, Adityas, the various phases of the solar movements of the earth, and Maruts, various forms of air and modes of the wind. Invoke these divinities of nature working in unison as a united group of powers.

### 46. (Varuna Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

वर्रणः प्रा<u>वि</u>ता भुव<u>न्मि</u>त्रो विश्वाभिक्तिभिः । कर्रतां नः सुरार्धसः ॥४६॥

Varuṇaḥ prāvitā bhuvanmitro viśvābhirūtibhiḥ. Karatām naḥ surādhasaḥ.

May Varuna, lord of kindness and justice, and Mitra, lord of love and friendship, be good and gracious with all kinds of favour and protection and make us prosperous with blissful wealth.

### 47. (Vishvedeva Devata, Kutsidi Ŗshi)

अधि नऽइन्द्रैषां विष्णो सजात्यानाम् । इता मर्रुतोऽअश्विना। तं प्रत्नथाऽयं वेनो ये देवासऽ आ नऽ इडाभिर्विश्वेभिः सोम्यं मध्वोमासश्चर्षणीघृतः॥४७॥

Adhi na'indraiṣām viṣṇo sajātyānām. Itā maruto' aśvinā. Tam pratnathā. Ayam venaḥ. Ye devāsaḥ. Ā na'iḍābhir viśvebhiḥ somyam madhu. Omāsaścarṣaṇīdhṛtaḥ.

Come Indra, lord giver of prosperity, Vishnu, omnipresent lord of the universe, Maruts, lords of energy and power, Ashvins, givers of health for body and mind, come and with your presence grace us all and all these fellow humans.

Like the ancients we invoke Him, the one self-refulgent Divinity and all the divine powers of heaven and earth and the sky.

Protectors and sustainers of life and humanity, come you all with voices divine and all the blessed honey wealth of the world and rejoice.

# 48. (Vishvedeva Devata, Pratikshatra Ŗshi)

अग्नुऽइन्द्वं वर्रुण् मित्रं देवाः शर्द्धः प्रयेन्त् मार्रुतोत विष्णो । उभा नासत्या रुद्रोऽअध् ग्नाः पूषा भगः सर्रस्वती जुषन्त ॥४८॥

Agna'indra varuṇa mitra devāḥ śardhaḥ pra yanta mārutota viṣṇo. Ubhā nāsatyā rudro'adha gnāḥ pūṣā bhagaḥ sarasvatī juṣanta.

May Agni, lord of light, Indra, lord of power, Mitra, universal friend, and all divines bless us with strength of body, mind and soul. May Vishnu, lord omnipresent, the Maruts, powers of energy, kind and favourable Ashvinis, teacher and preacher, Rudra, lord of justice and punishment, the divine voices, Pusha, giver of health and nourishment, Bhaga, lord of honour and prosperity, and Sarasvati, mother of knowledge, come and bless us and enjoy our hospitality.

# 49. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vatsara Ŗshi)

ड्रन्द्राग्नी <u>मित्रावरुणादितिः</u> स्वः पृ<u>थि</u>वीं द्यां मुरुतः पर्वीताँ२॥ऽअपः। हुवे विष्णुं पूषणुं ब्रह्मणस्प<u>तिं</u> भगुं नु शःसंस्मि<u>व</u>तारंमूतये ॥४९॥

Indrāgnī mitrāvaruṇāditim svaḥ pṛthivīm dyām marutaḥ parvatān' apaḥ. Huve viṣṇum pūṣaṇam brahmaṇaspatim bhagam nu śamsam savitāramūtaye.

I invoke Indragni, fire and energy, Mitra and Varuna, pranic energies, Aditi, riches of the sky, Sva,

peace and joy, Prithivi, riches of the earth, Dyau, the sun in heaven, Maruts, fastest human powers, wealth of the mountains and clouds, the energy of waters and rain, and I pray to Vishnu, omnipresent spirit of the universe, Pusha, nature's spirit of health and refreshment, Brahmanaspati, guardian Spirit of the universe and knowledge, Bhaga, lord giver of wealth and honour, and the celebrated Savita, creator, sustainer and light-giver of the world, for protection and wellbeing.

# 50. (Mahendra Devata, Pragatha Rshi)

अस्मे रुद्रा मेहना पर्व'तासो वृत्रहत्ये भरेहूतौ सुजोषीः । यः शश्सेते स्तुवते धार्यि पुत्रऽइन्द्रेज्येष्ठाऽअस्माँ२॥ऽअवन्तु देवाः ॥५०॥

Asme rudrā mehanā parvatāso vṛtrahatye bharahūtau sajoṣāḥ. Yaḥ śaṃsate stuvate dhāyi pajra'indrajyeṣṭhā' asmāň'avantu devāḥ.

For him who prays, sings hymns of praise, and is strong and rich with oblations for the divinities: for him and for us all, the Rudras, powers of justice and punishment, rich and generous people, clouds and mountains, heroes who rise with us on the call to battle for elimination of the enemy, followers of the powerful leader Indra, and the noblest powers of nature and humanity, we pray, protect us.

# 51. (Vishvedeva Devata, Kurma Ŗshi)

अर्वाञ्चौऽअद्या भवता यजत्राऽआ वो हार्<u>दि</u> भयमानो व्ययेयम्। त्राध्वं नो देवा <u>निजुरो</u> वृकस्य त्राध्वं कुर्तादेवपदौ यजत्राः ॥५१॥

Arvāñco'adyā bhavatā yajatrā'ā vo hārdi bhayamāno vyayeyam. Trādhvam no devā nijuro vṛkasya trādhvam kartādavapado yajatrāḥ.

Protective divinities of the yajakas, come to bless us to-day so that I may benefit from the strength innate in your heart. Come lest I feel afraid. Save us from the damage the thief or the tiger might cause.

Devotees of yajna, worshippers of Divinity and admirers of the sages, save us from falling into the pit of sin.

### 52. (Vishvedeva Devata, Lusha Rshi)

विश्वैऽअद्य मुरुतो विश्वैऽऊती विश्वै भवन्त्व्ग्नयः सिमद्धाः। विश्वै नो देवाऽअवसार्गमन्तु विश्वेमस्तु द्रविणं वाजौऽअस्मे ॥५२॥

Viśve'adya maruto viśva'ūtī viśve bhavantvgnayaḥ samiddhāḥ. Viśve no devā'avasā gamantu viśvamastu draviṇaṁ vājo'asme.

May the Maruts, fastest powers of the world, come to-day and bring us all the wealth and favours. May all the fires of yajna light for us. May all the divinities come to us with protection. May the food, energy and wealth of the world be for us all.

# 53. (Vishvedeva Devata, Suhotra Ŗshi)

विश्वे देवाः शृणुतेमः हवं मे येऽअन्तरिक्षे यऽउप द्य<u>वि</u> ष्ठ । येऽअग्नि<u>जिह्वाऽउत वा</u> यजेत्राऽआसद्यास्मिन् बहिषि मादयध्वम् ॥५३॥

Viśve devāḥ śṛṇutemam havam me ye'antarikṣe ya'upa dyavi ṣṭha. Ye agnijihvā uta vā yajatrā' āsadyāsmin barhiṣi mādayadhvam. All the divinities of the world listen to this prayer of mine, all those existent in the sky and in heaven, and all those who have knowledge of the sky and heaven watch this yajna of science and education. May the divinities of fire and participants of yajna hear, come and join us on this vedi and rejoice.

## 54. (Vishvedeva Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

देवेभ्यो हि प्रेथमं यज्ञियेभ्योऽमृतत्वः सुविस भागर्मुत्तमम्। आदिद्यमार्नः सवितर्व्यूर्णुषेऽनूचीना जी<u>वि</u>ता मार्नुषेभ्यः॥५४

Devebhyo hi prathamam yajñiyebhyo'mṛtatvam suvasi bhāgamuttamam. Ādiddāmānam savitarvyūrṇuṣe'nūcīnā jīvitā mānuṣebhyaḥ.

Savita, lord of light and universal yajna of creation, you alone create the first and highest part of the joy of existence, Moksha, for the sagely nobilities of yajna. And then you alone weave the warp and woof of the means of light and knowledge and appropriate means of life and living for humanity.

# 55. (Vayu Devata, Rijishva Rshi)

प्र वायुमच्छी बृहती मेनीषा बृहद्रीयें विश्ववीरः रथ्प्राम् । द्युतद्योमा नियुतः पत्येमानः कविः कविमियक्षसि प्रयज्यो ॥५५॥

Pra vāyumacchā bṛhatī manīṣā bṛhadrayim viśvavāram rathaprām. Dyutadyāmā niyutaḥ patyamānaḥ kaviḥ kavimiyakṣasi prayajyo.

Yajamana dedicated to yajna, poet and sagely scholar of broad vision and deep universal reflection, having obtained the right men and materials try to join the imaginative man of vision and knowledge and relentlessly pursue the scientific yajna for the development of wind energy, source of universal wealth, universal presence and protection, motive power for vehicles, and energy leading to heat and light.

# 56. (Indravayu Devate, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

इन्द्रेवायूऽर्डमे सुताऽउप प्रयो<u>भि</u>रागेतम् । इन्देवो वामुश<u>न्ति</u> हि ॥५६॥

Indravāyū'ime sutā'upa prayobhirāgatam. Indavo vāmuśanti hi.

Indra and Vayu, scholars of energy and wind, distilled are the essences and ready these materials. Come with all preparations and pleasure. The drops of nectar juices wait for you.

# 57. (Mitra & Varuna Devata, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

मित्रः हुवे पूतर्दक्षं वर्रुणं च रिशादसम् । धियं घृताची्छं सार्धन्ता ॥५७॥

Mitram huve pūtadakṣam varuṇam ca riśā-dasam. Dhiyam ghṛtācīm sādhantā.

I invoke Mitra, spirit of universal friendship, pure and versatile like the day, and I invoke Varuna, silencer of violence and enmity into peace like the night, both of which develop intelligence abounding in the creation of waters and energy.

# 58. (Ashvinau Devate, Madhucchanda Ŗshi)

दस्रो युवाकेवः सुता नासेत्या वृक्तबेहिषः । आयोतः रुद्रवर्त्तनी । तं प्रत्नथो । अयं वेनः॥५८॥ Dasrā yuvākavaḥ sutā nāsatyā vṛktabarhiṣaḥ. Ā yātam rudravarttanī. Tam pratnathā. Ayam venaḥ.

Come scholars, both of you like the Ashvins, of extraordinary knowledge, sincere and truthful, behaving justly like Rudra. Ready are the disciples waiting for you both, having gathered and spread the holy grass for seats on the vedi.

# 59. (Indra Devata, Kushika Rshi)

विदद्यदी सुरमा रुग्णमद्वेर्मिह् पार्थः पूर्व्यः सुध्यक्कः। अग्रं नयत्सुपद्यक्षराणामच्छा रवं प्रथमा जानुती गात् ॥५९॥

Vidadyadī saramā rugņamadrermahi pāthaḥ pūrvyam sadhryakkaḥ. Agram nayatsupadyakṣarāṇāmacchā ravam prathamā jānatī gāt.

If the blessed and blissful first Voice, well-structured in human speech, were to reveal the breach of the cloud, then, one with the ancient path of Divinity, proclaiming the original thunder of the Immortal and advancing, it would take humanity forward.

# 60. (Vaishvanara Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

नृहि स्पशुमविदन्नन्यम्स्माद्वैश्वानुरात्पुरऽएतारम्गनेः । एमेनमवृधन्नमृताऽअमेर्त्यं वैश्वानुरं क्षेत्रजित्याय देवाः ॥६०॥

Nahi spaśamavidannanyamasmād vaiśvānarāt pura'etāramagneḥ. Emenamavṛdhannamṛtā' amartyaṁ vaiśvānaraṁ kṣaitrajityāya devāḥ.

The immortal ancient sages saw no other messenger coming, felt no other presence arising in their mind than this omnipresent Agni, none before this Divine Light. And they developed and ever develop the

knowledge and awareness of this immortal light and power for their victory over the universal battlefield of existence.

# 61. (Indragni Devate, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

उग्रा विघनिना मृधेऽइन्द्राग्नी हेवामहे । ता नौ मृडातऽईृदृशे ॥६१॥

*Ugrā vighaninā mṛdha'indrāgnī havāmahe. Tā no mṛḍāta'īdṛśe.* 

We invoke Indra, lord of rule and power, and Agni, lord of light and leadership, both compelling in advancement and destroyers of enemies in the battles of life. May they be kind and gracious and make us happy and successful in such battles of living.

### 62. (Soma Devata, Devala Rshi)

उपस्मि गायता नरः पर्वमानायेन्दवे । अभि देवाँ२॥ऽइयेक्षते ॥६२॥

Upāsmai gāyatā naraḥ pavamānāyendave. Abhi devāň' iyakṣate.

Leaders and teachers, teach and train this brilliant and blessed young man of innocent and purifying nature, keen to meet and reverence the nobilities of honour and learning.

#### 63. (Indra Devata, Vishvamitra Rshi)

ये त्व<u>िहि</u>हत्ये मघवन्नवर्द्धन्ये शम्बिरे हरिवो ये गविष्ठौ । ये त्वा नुनर्मनुमद<u>ित</u> विप्राः पिबेन्द्र सोम्र सर्गणो मरुद्धिः ॥६३॥

Ye tvā' hihatye maghavannavardhan ye śāmbare harivo ye gaviṣṭhau. Ye tvā nūnamanumadanti viprāḥ pibendra somam sagaṇo marudbhiḥ. Indra, lord of honour and power, commanding homage and obedience, riding horses of lightning speed, those noble scholars and pious people who invoke you and exalt you with the call to battle against the clouds of drought and darkness, those who call you to battle against the enemies of goodness, and those who exhort you to battle for light along with the sun-beams, and those who join you rejoicing with you in celebrations, with all these, with your troops and commandos, and with your tempestuous friends and forces drink the soma of honour and glory of success.

### 64. (Indra Devata, Gauriviti Rshi)

जिनेष्ठाऽउग्रः सहसे तुराये मुन्द्रऽओजिष्ठो बहुलाभिमानः। अर्वर्द्धन्निन्द्रं मरुतिश<u>्चि</u>दत्रं माता यद्वीरं दुधनुद्धनिष्ठा ॥६४॥

Janiṣṭhā'ugraḥ sahase turāya mandra'ojiṣṭho bahulābhimānaḥ. Avardhannindraṁ marutaścidatra mātā yadvīraṁ dadhanad dhaniṣṭhā.

Indra, mighty ruling power, awfully strong, whom the noblest mother bore and shaped as a great hero, highly adorable for instant action and splendid victories, most lustrous and pride of many whom the most dynamic leaders and scholars admire and exalt here in the land, rise and create joy and prosperity all round.

#### 65. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

आ तू नेऽइन्द्र वृत्रहत्रुस्माकेमुर्द्धमा गेहि । मुहान्मुहीभिरूतिभिः ॥६५॥

Ā tū na'indra vṛtrahannasmākamardhamā gahi. Mahān mahībhirūtibhih.

Indra, glorious leader and ruler, destroyer of the demon of darkness, come soon and bring all round prosperity for us. Great as you are, advance us with the best ways of protection and progress.

# 66. (Indra Devata, Nrimedha Ŗshi)

त्वर्मिन्द्व प्रतूर्त्तिष्वभि विश्वीऽअ<u>सि</u> स्पृर्धः। <u>अशस्ति</u>हा ज<u>िन</u>ता विश्वतूर<u>ेसि</u> त्वं तूर्य्य तरुष्यृतः॥६६॥

Tvamindra pratūrtiṣvabhi viśvā'asi spṛdhaḥ. Aśastihā janitā viśvatūrasi tvaṁ tūryya taruṣyataḥ.

Indra, mighty ruler, over all your rivals in the fierce battles of life you are supreme. Creator of joy and prosperity, destroyer of detractors, subduer of opponents, eliminate those who damage and destroy life and nature.

### 67. (Indra Devata, Nrimedha Ŗshi)

अर्नु ते शुष्मं तुरयेन्तमीयतुः क्षोणी शिशुं न मातरो । विश्वसिते स्पृधंः श्नथयन्त मुन्यवे वृत्रं यदिन्द्र तूर्वीसि॥६७॥

Anu te śuṣmaṁ turayantamīyatuḥ kṣoṇī śiśuṁ na mātarā. Viśvāste spṛdhaḥ śnathayanta manyave vṛtraṁ yadindra tūrvasi.

Indra, lord of might and rectitude, just as mother and father love and admire their child, so may the earth and heaven admire and exhort you for your power to sap the strength of the enemy. When you break and destroy the cloud of darkness, all the fighting forces of the rivals lay down arms before your power and passion.

# 68. (Aditya Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

युज्ञो देवानां प्रत्येति सुम्नमादित्यासो भवता मृड्यन्तः। आ वोऽर्वाची सुमृतिर्वीवृत्यादुःहो<u>श्चि</u>द्या वेरिवोवित्तरासंत्॥६८॥ Yajño devānām pratyeti sumnamādityāso bhavatā mṛḍayantaḥ. Ā vo'rvācī sumatirva-vṛtyādamhościdyā varivovittarāsat.

Powers of knowledge and brilliance, may the yajna and gatherings of noble sages bring us peace and prosperity. May the Adityas, eminent scholars, sages and blazing warriors be kind and gracious to us. The vision and wisdom of yours which abides with us right here may, we pray, be the harbinger of wealth and virtue more and ever more, and do good even to the sinner and save him.

### 69. (Savita Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

अदेब्धेभिः सवितः पायुभिष्ट्वः <u>शि</u>वेभिर्द्य परिपाहि नो गर्यम् । हिर्रण्यजिह्वः सु<u>वि</u>ताय नव्यसे रक्षा मार्किर्नोऽ-अ्घर्शःसऽईशत ॥६९॥

Adabdhebhiḥ savitaḥ pāyubhiṣṭvam śivebhiradya pari pāhi no gayam. Hiraṇyajihvaḥ suvitāya navyase rakṣā mākirno'aghaśamsa' īśata.

Savita, blazing lord of light and life, protect our hearth and home to-day with free and fearless, promotive and auspicious means of protection. Lord of the Golden Voice, protect and direct us for the latest joy and prosperity of life. We pray, let no thief rule over us, let no sinner boss over us.

# 70. (Vayu Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

प्र वीर्या शुचेयो दद्रिरे वामध्वर्यु<u>भि</u>र्मधुमन्तः सुतासः। वहं वायो <u>नि</u>युतो याह्यच्छा पिबो सुतस्यान्धसो मदीय॥७०॥

Pra vīrayā śucayo dadrire vāmadhvaryubhirmadhumantaḥ sutāsaḥ. Vaha vāyo niyuto yāhyacchā pibā sutasyāndhaso madāya. Vayu, powerful ruler, and people, your brilliant forces, trained through discipline like distilled soma, decent men of honeyed culture, have beaten the enemy with courage and yajnic actions.

Come Vayu, with them rejoicing, bear the soma and the gifts of yajna and drink with joy the distilled nectar of active life.

# 71. (Mitra & Varuna Devate, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

गावऽउपवितावृतं मही यज्ञस्ये रृप्सुदो । उभा कणी हिर्ण्ययो ॥७१॥

Gāva'upāvatāvatam mahī yajñasya rapsudā. Ubhā karṇā hiraṇyayā.

May the cows and rays of the sun rays protect and promote yajna. May the great earth and heaven, both active and golden generous, makers of beautiful forms, protect and promote the form and function of yajna.

### 72. (Vidvan Devata, Daksha Rshi)

काव्ययोराजानेषु क्रत्वा दक्षस्य दुरोणे । रिशार्दसा सुधस्थऽआ ॥७२॥

Kāvyayorājāneşu kratvā dakṣasya duroņe. Riśādasā sadhastha'ā.

Scholars, teachers and preachers, dispellers of the darkness of ignorance, come to the assembly home of this versatile genius and grace the seats of the creation of great literature with your knowledge and wisdom of truth and noble action.

#### 73. (Adhvaryu Devate, Daksha Rshi)

दैव्यविध्वर्यूऽआ गंतुः रथेन् सूर्यंत्वचा । मध्वा युज्ञः समेञ्जाथे । तं प्रत्नथा । अयं वेनः॥७३॥

Daivyāvadhvaryū'ā gatam rathena sūryatvacā. Madhvā yajñam samañjāthe. Tam pratnathā. Ayam venaḥ.

Brilliant highpriests of the yajna of love and development, come by the car shining as sunlight and create the honey-sweets of the yajna of science and technology, the new one brilliant as of old.

# 74. (Surya Devata, Prajapati Ŗshi)

तिर्श्चीनो वितेतो र्श्मिरेषाम्धः स्विदासी३दुपरि स्विदा-सी३त्।रेतोधाऽआसन्मिहिमानेऽआसन्स्वधाऽअवस्तात्प्रयेतिः प्रस्तीत्॥७४॥

Tiraścīno vitato raśmireṣāmadhaḥ svidāsīdupari svidāsīt. Retodhā'āsan mahimāna'āsantsvadhā' avastāt prayatiḥ parastāt.

The light of the stars moves in waves, downward as well as upward, centripetal as well as centrifugal. They carry seeds of life, replete with grandeur, divine energy itself in motion far and near, nature below, a gift from above.

Know and be masters of vitality, fertility, grandeur and greatness, all your own, all round.

# 75 (Vidvan Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

आ रोदंसीऽअपृण्दा स्वर्मेहज्जातं यदेनम्पसो॒ऽअधीरयन्। सोऽअध्वराय परि णीयते क्वितरत्यो न वार्जसातये चर्नी-हितः ॥७५॥ Ā rodasī'apṛṇadā svarmahajjātaṁ yadenamapaso'adhārayan. So'adhvarāya pari ṇīyate kaviratyo na vājasātaye canohitaḥ.

This light energy fills the earth and sky and heaven, born of the Great Mahat mode of Prakriti. When the veteran performers place, light and develop it in yajna, it is radiated all round. It is kavi too, carrier of the Word and sound constantly on the move, immensely valuable for food, energy and victory.

# 76. (Indragni Devate, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

उक्थेभिर्वृत्रहन्तेमा या मेन्दाना <u>चि</u>दा <u>गि</u>रा । आङ्गूषेराविवासतः ॥७६॥

Ukthebhirvṛtrahantamā yā mandānā cidā girā. Āṅgūṣairāvivāsataḥ.

Indra and Agni, energy and light of the world, shining and exhilarating, dispellers of darkness and destroyers of sin, when they are constantly invoked, served and developed with holy formulaic words, hymns, and songs of celebration, they illuminate life and make it pleasant and fragrant.

# 77. (Vishvedeva Devata, Suhotra Ŗshi)

उपं नः सूनवो गिर्रः शृ्ण्वन्त्वमृतस्य ये । सुमृडीका भवन्तु नः ॥७७॥

Upa naḥ sūnavo giraḥ śṛṇvantvamṛtasya ye. Sumṛḍīkā bhavantu naḥ.

Our children who closely hear the voice of Immortality, may they be good and create peace and comfort for us all.

### 78. (Indra and Marut Devate, Agastya Rshi)

ब्रह्मणि मे मृतयः शःसुतासः शुष्मेऽइयर्ति प्रभृतो मेऽअद्रिः। आश्रासते प्रति हर्यन्त्युक्थेमा हरी वहतुस्ता नोऽअच्छे ॥७८॥

Brahmāṇi me matayaḥ śam sutāsaḥ śuṣma' iyarti prabhṛto me'adriḥ. Ā śāsate prati haryant-yukthemā harī vahatastā no accha.

The sacred songs of adoration which the seasoned scholars love and teach us, the peace and comfort which the children create for us, the riches which the fire and wind and cloud fed by yajna shower on us: may the teacher and learner carry on all these as tradition and bring up well for us.

### 79. (Indra Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

अर्नुत्तमा ते मघवृत्र<u>किर्नु</u> न त्वावाँ२॥ऽअस्ति देवता विदानः। न जार्यमानो नशते न जातो यानि क<u>रि</u>ष्या कृणुहि प्रवृद्ध ॥७९॥

Anuttamā te maghavannakirnu na tvāvāň'asti devatā vidānaḥ. Na jāyamāno naśate na jāto yāni kariṣyā kṛṇuhi pravṛddha.

Indra, Unmoved existence, inexhaustible, there is nothing un-initiated by you. There is no god existent or omniscient as you. Exalted and most high, unborn, constant and non-evolving, whatever you do or shall ever do, no one can comprehend.

#### 80. (Mahendra Devata, Brihaddiva Rshi)

तदिदस्य भुवनेषु ज्येष्ठं यतौ ज्ज्ञऽउग्रस्त्वेषनृम्णः । सद्यो जेज्ञानो निरिणाति शत्रृननु यं विश्वे मदन्त्यूमीः॥८०॥ Tadidāsa bhuvaneşu jyeşṭhaṁ yato jajña' ugrastveṣanṛmṇaḥ. Sadyo jajñāno ni riṇāti śatrūnanu yaṁ viśve madantyūmāḥ.

That alone is the highest and most exalted in the world of existence whence the awful sunlike hero of blazing power is born. Upon the rise, he instantly destroys the enemies such as darkness. All protective powers of the world rejoice with him.

### 81. (Vishvedeva Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

इमाऽउं त्वा पुरूवसो गिरौ वर्द्धन्तु या मर्म । पावकर्वर्णाः शुचेयो विपृश्चितोऽभि स्तोमैरनूषत ॥८१॥

Imā'u tvā purūvaso giro vardhantu yā mama. Pāvakavarņāḥ śucayo vipaścito'bhi stomairanūṣata.

Lord omnipresent, all inspiring, these addresses of mine which celebrate and exalt you may inspire the wise divines who, brilliant and pure like sacred fire, do homage to you with hymns of praise.

### 82. (Vishvedeva Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

यस्यायं विश्वऽआर्यो दासः शेवधिपाऽअरिः। तिरश्चिद्यें रुशमे पवीरिव तुभ्येत्सोऽअज्यते रुयिः।८२॥

Yasyāyam viśva'āryo dāsaḥ śevadhipā'ariḥ. Tiraścidarye ruśame pavīravi tubhyetso'ajyate rayiḥ.

The noble people of the world are obedient supporters of yours. The treasurer is pious and faithful. And whatever is treasured or hoarded or hidden with the trader, the violent man or the armed guard, all that is wealth preserved for you ultimately.

#### 83. (Vishvedeva Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अयः सहस्त्रमृषिभिः सहस्कृतः समुद्रऽईव पप्रथे । सत्यः सोऽअस्य महिमा गृणे शवी युज्ञेषु विप्रराज्ये ॥८३॥

Ayam sahasramṛṣibhiḥ sahaskṛtaḥ samudra'iva paprathe. Satyaḥ so'asya mahimā gṛṇe śavo yajñeṣu viprarājye.

This ruler, taught, trained, strengthened and fortified by seers and sages shines and rises a thousand ways like the sea. Great and true is his power and glory which I celebrate in the priest-like projects of his reign of piety.

### 84. (Savita Devata, Bharadvaja Rshi)

अर्दब्धेभिः सवितः पायु<u>भि</u>ष्ट्वः <u>शि</u>वेभिर्द्य परि पाहि नो गर्यम् । हिर्रण्यजिह्वः सु<u>वि</u>ताय नव्यसे रक्षा मार्किर्नोऽ-अ्घर्शःसऽईशत ॥८४॥

Adabdhebhiḥ savitaḥ pāyubhiṣṭvam śivebhiradya pari pāhi no gayam. Hiraṇyajihvaḥ suvitāya navyase rakṣā mākirno' aghaśamsa' īśata.

Savita, ruler of the golden flame, today protect our hearth and home and our people with bold and benevolent methods of all round defence and progress. Protect and promote us for the latest comfort and prosperity. Let no sinner ever boss over us as ruler.

### 85. (Vayu Devata, Jamadagni Rshi)

आ नौ युज्ञं दि<u>वि</u>स्पृश्<u>चं</u> वायौ याहि सुमन्मीभः । अन्तःपृवित्रेऽउपिर श्रीणानोुऽयः शुक्रोऽअयामि ते ॥८५॥

Ā no yajñam divispṛśam vāyo yāhi sumanmabhiḥ. Antaḥ pavitra'upari śrīṇāno'yam śukro' ayāmi te.

Vayu, ruler of the winds and power, come and grace our yajna with precious gifts of knowledge and science so that the flames of fire may rise and reach the heights of heaven, and I, this devotee of the holy fire, inward purified, upward expansive with the flames, mentally shining and spiritually crystallized may come to you.

# 86. (Indra-Vayu Devate, Tapasa Ŗshi)

इन्द्रवायू सुंसन्दृशां सुहवेह हंवामहे । यथां नः सर्वेऽइज्जनोऽनमी्वः सङ्गमें सुमनाऽअसंत् ॥८६॥

Indravāyū susandṛśā suhaveha havāmahe. Yathā naḥ sarva'ijjano'namīvaḥ saṅgame sumanā'asat.

Unto this yajna of life and progress, we invoke and invite Indra, sovereign ruler of the world, and Vayu, universal power and energy, both of benign and blissful eye and eager to come and bless, so that, we pray, this entire human family of ours live free from want and suffering and, happy at heart, unite to act in joint ventures of universal well-being.

#### 87. (Mitra & Varuna Devate, Jamadagni Rshi)

ऋर<u>्धगि</u>त्था स मर्त्यः शशुमे देवतातये । यो नूनं <u>मि</u>त्रावर्रुणावभिष्टंयऽआचक्रे हृव्यदातये ॥८७॥

Ŗdhagitthā sa martyaḥ śaśame devatātaye. Yo nūnaṁ mitrāvaruṇāvabhiṣṭaya'ācakre havyadātaye.

Blessed is the man, for sure, who thus for the sake of peace and service of the wise and for positive values invokes and invites Mitra, lord of universal love

and friendship, and Varuna, lord of justice and favourite of universal choice, to his yajna for the creation and gift of life's fragrance for happiness and fulfilment of humanity.

## 88. (Ashvins Devate, Vasishtha Rshi)

आ योत्मुप भूषत्ं मध्वेः पिबतमश्विना । दुग्धं पयो वृषणा जेन्यावसू मा नौ मधिष्ट्मा गेतम् ॥८८॥

Ā yātamupa bhūṣataṁ madhvaḥ pibatamaśvinā. Dugdhaṁ payo vṛṣaṇā jenyāvasū mā no mardhiṣṭamā gatam.

Ashvins, powers of health and joy, come and join us (ruler and people both), beatify our yajna and drink of the honey-sweets of fragrance. Virile and generous lords and pillars of wealth and victory, come with a shower of milk and waters, neglect us never.

#### 89. (Vishvedeva Devata, Kanva Rshi)

प्रैतु ब्रह्मण्स्पितः प्र देव्येतु सूनृता । अच्छा वीरं नर्यां पुङ्किराधसं देवा युज्ञं नेयन्तु नः॥८९॥

Praitu brahmaṇaspatiḥ pra devyetu sūnṛtā. Acchā vīraṁ naryaṁ paṅktirādhasaṁ devā yajñaṁ nayantu naḥ.

May Brahmanaspati, lord of wealth and knowledge, come and bless us. May the divine voice of truth and rectitude enlighten us and bless our speech. May the sagely scholars conduct our yajna for the attainment of common good and rise of the good, and brave and noble people of the community.

#### 90. (Indra Devata, Trita Rshi)

चन्द्रमोऽअप्स्वुन्तरा सुंपुर्णो धावते <u>दि</u>वि । रुयिं <u>पि</u>शङ्गे बहुलं पुं<u>रुस्पृह</u>ः हरिरे<u>ति</u> कनिक्रदत् ॥९०॥

Candramā'apsvantarā suparņo dhāvate divi. Rayim piśangam bahulam puruspṛham harireti kanikradat.

The moon of celestial hue rushes on through space in the light of heaven as a roaring horse on the wing, attaining the tremendous glory of ruddy gold, darling love of many people.

#### 91. (Vishvedeva Devata, Manu Ŗshi)

देवं देवं वोऽवेसे देवं देवम्भिष्टये । देवं देवः हुवेम् वार्जसातये गृणन्तौ देव्या <u>धि</u>या ॥९१॥

Devam devam vo'vase devam devamabhisṭaye. Devam devam huvema vājasātaye gṛṇanto devyā dhiyā.

Childern of mother earth, with pious intentions, brilliant intelligence and noble actions, singing and celebrating, we call upon every princely hero for protection and security. We invoke every divine power for happiness and well-being. We invite every scholar and leader of eminence for victory in the battles of life.

# 92. (Vaishvanara Devata, Medha Rshi)

द्विवि पृष्टोऽअरोचता॒ग्निवैंशवान्रो बृहन् । क्ष्मयां वृधानऽओजेसाः चनोहितोः ज्योतिषा बाधते तमः॥९२॥

Divi pṛṣṭo'arocatāgnirvaiśvānaro bṛhan. Kṣmayā vṛdhāna'ojasā canohito jyotiṣā bādhate tamah. The great universal Agni sanctified in heavenly light grows with the earth and, raised and exalted with holy food, kind and favourable to humanity, dispels the darkness with its light and glory.

# 93. (Indragni Devate, Suhotra Ŗshi)

इन्द्रीग्नीऽअपा<u>दि</u>यं पूर्वागीत्पद्वतीभ्यः । <u>हि</u>त्वी शिरौ <u>जिह्वया</u> वार्वदुच्चर<u>ित्</u>रिःशत्पदा न्यंक्रमीत् ॥९३॥

Indrāgnī' apādiyam pūrvāgāt padvatībhyaḥ. Hitvī śiro jihvayā vāvadaccharat trimśatpadā nyakramīt.

Indra and Agni, powers of light and fire, this dawn, radiating, not walking, from the heights of heaven, descends (to the earth), first in the morning, for the moving humanity. It speaks with the tongue of birds and humans, walks on for thirty steps of the thirty-muhurta (twenty four hour) day, and then re-turns in the diurnal course.

## 94. (Vishvedeva Devata, Manu Ŗshi)

देवासो हि ष्मा मनेवे समन्यवो विश्वे साकः सरीतयः। ते नौऽअद्य तेऽअपुरं तुचे तु नो भवेन्तु वरिवोविदेः॥९४॥

Devāso hi ṣmā manave samanyavo viśve sākam sarātayaḥ. Te no'adya te'aparam tuce tu no bhavantu varivovidah.

May all the noble saints and scholars and men of wealth and power, zealous and generous, together be liberal and kind to the entire humanity. May they be givers of freedom and prosperity to us to-day, and comfort and advancement to our children to morrow.

# 95. (Indra Devata, Nrimedha Ŗshi)

अपोधमद्भिशस्तीरश<u>स्ति</u>हाथेन्द्रौ द्युम्न्याभेवत् । देवास्तेऽइन्द्र सुख्याये येमिरे बृह्रद्भानो मर्सद्गण ॥९५॥

Apādhamadabhiśastīraśastihāthendro dyumnyābhavat. Devāsta'indra sakhyāya yemire bṛhadbhāno marudgaṇa.

May Indra, lord of power and ruler of the world, destroyer of cursers and evil-wishers, be the liberal giver of prosperity and splendour, and may he eliminate all fear, violence and terror.

Indra, lord of light and glory like the sun, may all the nobilities of humanity, divinities of nature and powers of the winds be friends with you with all their support.

### 96. (Indra Devata, Nrimedha Ŗshi)

प्र वऽइन्द्रीय बृह्ते मर्रुतो ब्रह्मीर्चत । वृत्रः हेनति वृत्र्हा शृतक्रेतुर्वेज्रेण शृतपेर्वणा ॥९६॥

Pra va'indrāya bṛhate maruto brahmārcata. Vṛtram hanati vṛtrahā śatakraturvajreṇa śataparvaṇā.

Maruts, leaders and commanders of humanity, sing hymns of praise in honour of Indra, great ruler of the world. Lord of a hundred yajnic acts, destroyer of darkness and want with his thunderbolt of a hundred-fold power, and saviour of humanity with a hundred safeguards, he eliminates evil and terror.

### 97. (Mahendra Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

अस्येदिन्द्रौ वावृधे वृष्णयुः शवो मदे सुतस्य विष्णवि । अद्या तमस्य महिमानेमायवोऽनुष्टुवन्ति पूर्वथा । इमा ऽउं त्वा । यस्यायम् । अयः सहस्रोम् । ऊर्ध्वऽऊ ष् णीः॥९७॥ Asyedindro vāvṛdhe vṛṣṇyam śavo made sutasya viṣṇavi. Adyā tamasya mahimānamāyavo' nuṣṭuvanti pūrvathā. Imā u tvā. Yasyāyam. Ayam sahasram. ūrdhva'ū ṣu ṇaḥ.

In the rapture of soma distilled in this world of Lord Vishnu's yajna of creation, Indra, lord of power and grandeur, strengthens the vitality and virility of this devotee.

And that generosity of this Indra all the devotees celebrate to-day as the ancients did of old.

These celebrations exalt you only. Yours is the glory. The lord promotes a hundred yajnas. He is up on high over us all.

इति त्रयस्त्रिशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXIV

# 1. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Rshi)

यज्जाग्रेतो दूरमुदैति दैवं तद् सुप्तस्य तथैवैति । दूरङ्गमं ज्योतिषां ज्योतिरेकं तन्मे मनः शिवसिङ्कल्पमस्तु ॥१॥

Yajjāgrato dūramudaiti daivam tadu suptasya tathaivaiti. Dūrangamam jyotiṣām jyotirekam tanme manaḥ śivasankalpamastu.

The 'Daiva mind', perceptive faculty of the intelligent soul, which in the waking state goes far and shines, which in the dream state also roams around the same way and takes us far, that one unique light of lights, that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

# 2. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Ḥshi)

येन कर्मीण्यपसी मनीषिणी यज्ञे कृण्वन्ति <u>वि</u>दर्थेषु धीरीः। यदंपूर्वं यक्षमन्तः प्रजानां तन्मे मर्नः <u>शि</u>वसंङ्कल्पमस्तु ॥२॥

Yena karmāṇyapaso manīṣiṇo yajñe kṛṇvanti vidatheṣu dhīrāḥ. Yadapūrvaṁ yakṣamantaḥ prajānāṁ tanme manaḥ śivasaṅkalpamastu.

The 'Yaksha mind', volitional faculty, by which men of action, thought and constancy organise and perform all acts in yajnic programmes of life, the matchless faculty, present in all people, may that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

### 3. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Rshi)

यत्प्रज्ञानेमुत चेतो धृतिश्च यज्ज्योतिर्न्तर्मृतं प्रजास् । यस्मान्नऽऋते किं चन कर्म क्रियते तन्मे मनः शिव-संङ्कल्पमस्तु॥३॥

Yatprajñānamuta ceto dhṛtiśca yajjyotirantaramṛtaṁ prajāsu. Yasmānna'ṛte kiṁ cana karma kriyate tanme manaḥ śivasaṅkalpamastu.

The 'Prajnana, Chitta and Dhriti mind', instrument of awareness, memory and deeper retention, which is the internal light immortal of living beings, without which no action whatsoever is possible, may that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

# 4. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Rshi)

येनेदं भूतं भुवेनं भ<u>वि</u>ष्यत्परिगृहीतम्मृतेन सर्वीम् । येने युज्ञस्तायते सप्तहोता तन्मे मनेः <u>शि</u>वसेङ्कल्पमस्तु ॥४॥

Yenedam bhūtam bhūvanam bhaviṣyat parigṛhītamamṛtena sarvam. Yena yajñastāyate saptahotā tanme manaḥ śivasaṅkalpamastu.

The mind, immortal faculty by which all this that was, and is, and shall be is perceived and retained, and by which the seven-priest (five senses, feeling-will and understanding) yajna is planned and performed, may that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

# 5. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Rshi)

य<u>स्मि</u>न्नृचः साम् यर्जूछं<u>षि</u> य<u>स्मि</u>न् प्रतिष्ठिता रथनाभा-विवाराः। यस्म<u>िँश्चित्तं सर्वमोतं प्रजानां</u> तन्मे मर्नः <u>शि</u>व-सङ्कल्पमस्तु ॥५॥ Yasminnṛcaḥ sāma yajūmṣi yasmin pratiṣṭhitā rathanābhāvivārāḥ. Yasmiñścittam sarvamotam prajānām tanme manaḥ śivasaṅkalpamastu.

The mind in which are woven Riks, hymns of knowledge, Yajus, hymns of application, and Samans, hymns of celebration and devotion (and the hymns of divinity), in which they are inter-fixed like spokes in the nave of a wheel, in which the Chitta, memory and unconscious of all the people, is inter-woven, may that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

# 6. (Mana Devata, Shivasankalpa Ḥshi)

सुषार्थिरश्वनिव यन्मेनुष्यान्नेनीयतेऽभीश्रीभर्वाजिनेऽइव । हृत्प्रतिष्ठं यद<u>िजि</u>रं जविष्ठं तन्मे मनेः <u>शि</u>वसिङ्कल्प-मस्तु ॥६॥

Suṣārathiraśvāniva yanmanuṣyānnenīyate' bhīśubhirvājina iva. Hṛtpratiṣṭhaṁ yadajiraṁ javiṣṭhaṁ tanme manaḥ śivasaṅkalpamastu.

The mind which leads people by stimulation of the senses like a good driver controlling fast moving horses with bridle strings, which abides in the heart, which is unageing and fastest in motion, may that mind of mine, I pray, be full of noble thoughts, intentions and resolutions.

# 7. (Anna Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

<u>पितुं</u> नु स्तौषं मुहो धुर्माणुं तविषीम् । यस्ये <u>त्रि</u>तो व्योजसा वृत्रं विपर्वमुर्देयत् ॥७॥

Pitum nu stoṣam maho dharmāṇam taviṣīm. Yasya trito vyojasā vṛtram viparvamardayat. In truth I celebrate food and energy, might and majesty, justice and piety, and power and splendour, by the force of which Indra, saviour in all three phases of time, destroys the otherwise invulnerable Vritra, demon of darkness, want and sin.

### 8. (Anumati Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

अन्विदेनुमते त्वं मन्यसि शं चे नस्कृधि। क्रत्वे दक्षीय नो हिनु प्र णुऽआयूं छंषि तारिषः॥८॥

Anvidanumate tvaṁ manyāsai śaṁ ca naskṛdhi. Kratve dakṣāya no hinu pra ṇa ʾāyūňṣi tāriṣaḥ.

Anumati, spirit and power of agreeability, common consent and assent, whatever you approve, and whatever you agree is good, give us that, do that for us. Help us grow in intelligence and expertise for good action. Help us all cross the seas of life with success.

### 9. (Anumati Devata, Agastya Ŗshi)

अनु नोऽद्यानुमितिर्युज्ञं देवेषु मन्यताम् । अग्निश्चं हव्यवाहनो भवतं दाशुषे मर्यः॥९॥

Anu no'dyānumatiryajñām deveṣu manyatām. Agniśca havyavāhano bhavatam dāśuṣe mayaḥ.

May Anumati, spirit of consent and common will, have our yajna of positive action accepted among the noblest people, and may both the common will and Agni, brilliant leader and carrier of oblations and investments to the heights of success, be good and generous to the contributive participant in the corporate yajna of life.

# 10. (Sinivali Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

सिनीवा<u>लि</u> पृथुष्टुके या देवानामिस स्वसी । जुषस्वे हृव्यमाहुतं प्रजां देवि दिदिह्वि नः ॥१०॥ Sinīvali pṛthuṣṭuke yā devānāmasi svasā. Juṣasva havyamāhutaṁ prajāṁ devi didiḍḍhi naḥ.

Lady of love and loyalty, virgin beauty of fertility, brilliant and pious, sister of the learned, accept the holy offer of marriage, take the hand of the noble groom invited, enjoy life, and give us the gift of lovely children.

#### 11. (Sarasvati Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

पञ्चे नृद्धः सरस्वतीमिपयि<u>न्त</u> सस्त्रीतसः । सरस्वती तु पेञ्चधा सो देशेऽभेवत्स्रित् ॥११॥

Pañca nadyaḥ sarasvatīmapi yanti sasrotasaḥ. Sarasvatī tu pañcadhā so deśe'bhavatsarit.

Five streams of sense experience with their perceptions flow into the one Sarasvati of the mind, and then the mind, converting the experience into language, flows out in five streams of expression.

(This is the Vedic triangle of Shabda, Artha and Pratyaya, that is, the semantic triangle of language, reality and meaning, which is the mental association of word and object in an integrated mental picture. The mantra also draws the full circle of experience, interpretation and expression for communication of the experience. The central interpretive role is played by the soul through its consciousness, chetana, which is its essential property, senses and mind being its instruments.)

#### 12. (Agni Devata, Hiranyastupa Angirasa Rshi)

त्वमंग्ने प्रथमोऽअङ्गिराऽऋषिर्देवो देवानामभवः शिवः सर्खा । तर्व व्रते क्वयों विद्यनापुसोऽजीयन्त मुरुतो भ्राजीदुष्टयः॥१२॥ Tvamagne prathamo'aṅgirā' ṛṣīrdevo devānāmabhavaḥ śivaḥ sakhā. Tava vrate kavayo vidmanāpaso'jāyanta maruto bhrājadriṣṭayaḥ.

Agni, first vibration and spirit of life, visionary light of lights, you arise ahead, blessed and blissful, leader and friend of the learned and the wise. Within your code of life and living, knowledge, action and piety, arise great souls, masters of knowledge and action, visionary heroes of arms, poets and men of tempestuous speed headed towards great achievements.

# 13. (Agni Devata, Hiranyastupa Angirasa Ŗshi)

त्वं नौऽअग्ने तर्व देव पायुभिर्म्घोनौ रक्ष तुन्वश्च वन्द्य । त्राता तोकस्य तनेये गर्वामस्यनिमेष् रक्षमाणस्तर्व व्रते ॥१३॥

Tvam no'agne tava deva pāyubhirmaghono rakṣa tanvaśca vandya. Trātā tokasya tanaye gavāmasyanimeṣam rakṣamāṇastava vrate.

Agni, brilliant power and divine celebrity, living within your laws of life and system, we pray, with your methods of protection, preserve and promote our body-system and the generous leader of our social yajna. You are the saviour and vigilant protector of our children and grand children, our health of body and mind, and our cows and forms of culture.

### 14. (Agni Devata, Devashrava Devavata Bharata Rshis)

उत्तानायामवेभरा चिकित्वान्सद्यः प्रवीता वृषेणं जजान । अरुषस्तूर्पो रुशेदस्य पाज्ऽइडीयास्पुत्रो वयुनैऽजनिष्ट ॥१४॥

Uttānāyāmava bharā cikitvāntsadyaḥ pravītā vṛṣaṇaṁ jajāna. Aruṣastūpo ruśadasya pāja' iḍāyāsputro vayune'janiṣṭa.

The scholar of the science of yajna, fire and water, inspired to do good, generates rain and fills the extended sky and earth.

The child of the Voice divine, seer of the secrets of nature, brilliant and keen to raise men of peace, breaks new grounds in science and creates new modes of energy and power.

Agni, lord of light and power, inspire and fill this child of the Voice with light and knowledge to the full.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Devashrava Devavata Bharata Rshis)

इडोयास्त्वा पुदे वृयं नाभौ पृ<u>थि</u>व्याऽअधि । जातेवेदो नि धीमुह्यग्नै हव्याय वोढेवे ॥१५॥

Idāyāstvā pade vayam nābhā pṛthivyā'adhi. Jātavedo nidhīmahyagne havyāya voḍhave.

Holy fire and omniscient power of light, in the sanctity of the Divine Word, on the centre-vedi of the earth, we instal you and light you in faith for the creation and diffusion of the fragrant materials and means of life in the state of yajna.

#### 16. (Indra Devata, Nodha Rshi)

प्र मेन्महे शवसानाये शृषमोङ्गृषं गिर्वणसेऽअङ्गिर्स्वत् । सुवृक्तिभिः स्तुव्तऽऋंग्मियायाचीमार्कं नरे विश्रुताय ॥१६॥

Pra manmahe śavasānāya śūṣamāṅgūṣaṁ girvaṇase'aṅgirasvat. Suvṛktibhiḥ stuvata' ṛgmiyāyārcāmārkaṁ nare viśrutāya.

We study and meditate on nature's energy and the hymns in praise of divine energy, we study the sun, lightning and the roaring winds, and we honour the venerable learned and the wise, dear as the breath of life for the sake of scientific knowledge and power, and, with cleansing words and deeds, we pray for the noble leader, a man of holy speech, who studies the Riks for knowledge, hears the learned for wisdom, and worships the hymns of divine praise.

### 17. (Indra Devata, Nodha Rshi)

प्र वो महे महि नमी भरध्वमाङ्गूष्यः शवसानाय सामे । येना नः पूर्वे पितरः पद्जाऽअर्चन्तोऽअङ्गिरसो गाऽ-अविन्दन् ॥१७॥

Pra vo mahe mahi namo bharadhvamāṅgūṣyaṃ śavasānāya sāma. Yenā naḥ pūrve pitaraḥ padajñā'arcanto'aṅgiraso gā'avindan.

Offer great hospitality and high reverence to Indra, lord of power and majesty, and in his honour, sing hymns of Sama by which our ancient forefathers, scholars of the Veda in possession of the knowledge of creation, singing songs of worship, realized the holy speech for you and for us all.

18. (Indra Devata, Devashrava & Devavata Bharata Rshis) इच्छन्ति त्वा सोम्यासः सखायः सुन्व<u>न्ति</u> सोमं दर्ध<u>ति</u> प्रयोश्रंसि। तितिक्षन्तेऽअभिशं<u>सिंत</u> जनानामिन्द्र त्वदा कश्चन हि प्रकेतः ॥१८॥

Icchanti tvā somyāsaḥ sakhāyaḥ sunvanti somam dadhati prayāmsi. Titikṣante'abhiśastim janānāmindra tvadā kaścana hi praketaḥ.

Indra, lord of knowledge and majesty, friends love you, lovers of soma wait on you, they distil the soma and offer delightful oblations to you, they even forbear the imprecations of people, because there is hardly anyone more knowledgeable than you, since all knowledge flows from you.

19. (Indra Devata, Devashrava & Devavata Bharata Rshis) न ते दूरे पंरमा चिद्रजा्छंस्या तु प्र यहि हरिवो हरिभ्याम्। <u>स्थि</u>राय वृष्णे सर्वना कृतेमा युक्ता ग्रावाणः समिधानेऽ-अग्नौ ॥१९॥

Na te dūre paramā cidrajāmsyā tu pra yāhi harivo haribhyām. Sthirāya vṛṣṇe savanā kṛtemā yuktā grāvāṇaḥ samidhāne'agnau.

Indra, lord of power and majesty, ruler of the world, even the farthest regions are not too far for you. Lord of the fastest carriers, come post-haste by the steeds at your command. These offerings of yajna have been made for the constant lord of showers. The clouds are full and ready. The fire is lit and blazing.

# 20. (Soma Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

अषढिं युत्सु पृतेनासु पप्रिष्ठं स्वर्षाम्प्सां वृजनेस्य गोपाम्। भरेषुजाछंसुं<u>क्षि</u>तिःसुश्रवेसं जर्यन्तं त्वामनुमदेम सोम ॥२०॥

Aṣāḍhaṁ yutsu pṛtanāsu paprim svarṣāmapsāṁ vṛjanasya gopām. Bhareṣujām sukṣitim suśravasaṁ jayantaṁ tvāmanu madema soma.

Soma, lord of power and joyous prosperity, formidable hero in battles, defender of the force of armies, winner of light, giver of cool waters, preserver of strength, guardian of fortifications, victor of wars, ruler of the beautiful earth, spirit of fame and honour, and all round victorious, let us rejoice with you and celebrate with soma.

#### 21. (Soma Devata, Gotama Rshi)

सोमो धेनुश्सोमोऽअवीन्तमाशुश्सोमो वीरं केर्मण्यं ददित। सादन्यं विद्थ्यःसभेयं पितृश्रवेणं यो ददिशदस्मै ॥२१॥

Somo dhenum somo 'arvantamāśum somo vīram karmanyam dadāti. Sādanyam vidathyam sabheyam pitṛśravaṇam yo dadāśadasmai.

Whoever offers honour and oblations to Soma, ruler of life and yajna, Soma blesses him with the gift of cows and cultured speech, Soma gives him the fastest carrier 'horse', Soma blesses him with a brave son or daughter heroic in action, gracious in gatherings, pious in yajna, worthy of high office in assemblies, and obedient follower of parental tradition.

# 22. (Soma Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

त्व<u>िम</u>माऽओषंधीः सोम् विश्वास्त्वम्पोऽअंजनयस्त्वं गाः । त्वमातंतन्थोुर्वुन्तरिक्षुं त्वं ज्योतिषा वि तमौ ववर्थ ॥२२॥

Tyamimā'oṣadhīḥ soma viśvāstvamapo' ajanayastvam gāḥ. Tvamātatanthorvantarikṣam tvam jyotiṣā vi tamo vavartha.

Soma, creative power of nature and the world, you create all these herbs of the world, you create the waters and yajnic actions, you create the earth, cows and holy speech. You create and expand the wide skies, and you dispel and replace the darkness with light and remove ignorance and sin with knowledge and Dharma.

# 23. (Soma Devata, Gotama Ŗshi)

देवेने नो मनेसा देव सोम रायो भागः सहसावन्नभि युध्य। मा त्वाऽऽतेन्दीशिषे वीर्यस्योभर्येभ्यः प्र चिकित्सा गविष्टो ॥२३॥ Devena no manasā deva soma rāyo bhāgam sahasāvannabhi yudhya. Mā tvā"tanadīśiṣe vīryasyobhayebhyaḥ pra cikitsā gaviṣṭau.

Soma, lord ruler of honour and prosperity, mighty and brilliant power, defend and grant our share of wealth with a noble and generous mind. No one can stop or restrict you since you rule the power and valour as master. And when there is desire for the supreme bliss, help us as physician to achieve both earth and heaven.

# 24. (Savita Devata, Angirasa Hiranyastupa Ŗshi)

अष्टौ व्यंख्यत्क्कुभः पृ<u>थि</u>व्यास्त्री धन्व योजेना सप्त सिन्धून् । हिर्ण्याक्षः सं<u>वि</u>ता देवऽआगाद्दधद्रत्नां दाशुषे वार्याणि ॥२४॥

Aṣṭau vyakhyat kakubhaḥ pṛthivyāstrī dhanva yojanā sapta sindhūn. Hiraṇyākṣaḥ savitā deva' āgād dadhadratnā dāśuṣe vāryāṇi.

Savita, self-effulgent lord of golden eye, comes bearing choice gifts of jewels for the giver of charity through yajna, he comes filling and illuminating the eight directions and sub-directions of the earth, crossing the three regions, namely, the heavenly sphere, the middle sphere and the earth, through the seven seas of space, viz., Bhu, Bhuva, Sva, Maha, Jana, Tapa and Satyam.

# 25. (Savita Devata, Angirasa Hiranyastupa Ŗshi)

हिरंण्यपाणिः स<u>वि</u>ता विचेर्षणिरुभे द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअन्त-रीयते । अपामीवां बाधते वेति सूर्यमिभ कृष्णेन रजसा द्यामृणोति ॥२५॥ Hiraṇyapāṇiḥ savitā vicarṣaṇirubhe dyāvāpṛthivī'antarīyate. Apāmīvāṁ bādhate veti sūryamabhi kṛṣṇena rajasā dyāmṛṇoti.

Savita, lord of golden arms, all illuminator, moves the sun over both heaven and earth, dispels the dark and wards off disease. And when it retires it withdraws the sun and, with the centripetal force of its energy, sucks in the world of light to zero in the dark.

# 26. (Savita Devata, Angirasa Hiranyastupa Rshi)

हिरंण्यहस्तोऽअसुरः सुनी्थः सुमृडी्कः स्ववाँ यात्व्रवाङ् । अपुसेर्धत्रक्षसौ यातुधानानस्थाद्देवः प्रतिदोषं गृणानः ॥२६॥

Hiraņyahasto'asuraḥ sunīthaḥ sumṛḍīkaḥ svavāň yātvarvāṅ. Apasedhan rakṣaso yātudhānānasthāddevaḥ pratidoṣaṁ gṛṇānaḥ.

Come Savita, self-refulgent lord of golden beams, rise and shine forth, energizing, lighting the path of guidance, gracious and blissful, throwing off the wicked, the unjust and the evil doers, and exposing every sin and crime.

# 27. (Savita Devata, Angirasa Hiranyastupa Ŗshi)

ये ते पन्थाः सवितः पूर्व्यासोऽरेणवः सुकृताऽअन्तरिक्षे । तेभिनीऽअद्य पृथिभिः सुगेभी रक्षां च नोऽअधि च ब्रूहि देव ॥२७॥

Ye te panthāḥ savitaḥ pūrvyāso'reṇavaḥ sukṛtā'-antarikṣe. Tebhirno'adya pathibhiḥ sugebhī rakṣā ca no'adhi ca brūhi deva.

Savita, lord of light and knowledge, ancient and eternal are your paths, free from dust, well laid out between heaven and earth. By those paths, straight and

simple, come to us to-day, brilliant lord, protect us, and speak to us from above.

#### 28. (Ashvinau Devate, Praskanva Rshi)

उभा पिंबतमश्विनोभा नः शर्मं यच्छतम् । अ<u>वि</u>द्रियाभि<u>र</u>ूतिभिः ॥२८॥

Ubhā pibatamaśvinobhā naḥ śarma yacchatam. Avidriyābhirūtibhiḥ.

Ashvins, harbingers of light and peace like the sun and moon, givers of knowledge and wisdom like teacher and preacher, come both of you, drink to your pleasure the juice of soma and give us safety and comfort with inviolable means of defence and protection.

#### 29. (Ashvins Devata, Kutsa Rshi)

अप्नस्वतीमश्विना वार्चम्स्मे कृतं नौ दस्रा वृषणा मनीषाम् । अद्यूत्येऽवसे निह्वये वां वृधे च नो भवतं वार्जसातौ ॥२९॥

Apnasvatīmaśvinā vācamasme kṛtaṁ no dasrā vṛṣaṇā manīṣām. Adyūtye'vase ni hvaye vāṁ vṛdhe ca no bhavataṁ vājasātau.

Ashvins, auspicious powers of wonderful acts, generous lords, render our mind and speech worthy of noble action and achievement I invoke you for sure defence and protection without a gamble. Be with us for victory and advancement in the battle of life.

#### 30. (Ashvinau Devate, Kutsa Rshi)

द्युभिर्क्तु<u>भिः</u> परिपातम्स्मानरिष्टेभिरिश्वना सौभेगेभिः । तन्नो <u>मि</u>त्रो वर्रुणो मामहन्तामदि<u>तिः</u> सिन्धुः पृ<u>थि</u>वीऽउत द्यौः ॥३०॥

Dyubhiraktubhiḥ pari pātamasmānariṣṭebhiraśvinā saubhagebhiḥ. Tanno mitro varuṇo māmahantāmaditiḥ sindhuḥ pṛthivī'uta dyauḥ.

Ashvins, powers of piety and prosperity, protect us by days and by nights and by the noblest forms of sinless prosperity. May Mitra, universal friend, and Varuna, lord of justice, safeguard that, and may the earth, heaven, sea and sky promote that prosperity.

# 31. (Surya Devata, Hiranyastupa Ŗshi)

आ कृष्णेन रर्जसा वर्त्त'मानो निवेशयेन्नमृतं मत्यं च । हिर्ण्ययेन स<u>वि</u>ता रथेना देवो याति भुवनानि पश्येन्॥३१

Ā kṛṣṇena rajasā vartamāno niveśayannamṛtaṁ martyaṁ ca. Hiraṇyayena savitā rathenā devo yāti bhuvanāni paśyan.

Revolving with its own force of gravity, moved round and round by the force of cosmic dynamics, lighting the constant and the changing forms of nature, Savita, the brilliant sun, goes on and on by his golden chariot, watching the worlds of the universe.

# 32. (Ratri Devata, Kutsa Ŗshi)

आ रात्रि पार्थिवः रजः <u>पितु</u>रंप्रा<u>यि</u> धामेभिः । <u>दि</u>वः सदीर्थंसि बृह्ती वितिष्ठसुऽआ त्वेषं वर्त्तते तमेः ॥३२॥

Ā ratri pārthivam rajah pituraprāyi dhāmabhih. Divah sadāmsi bṛhatī vi tiṣṭhasa'ā tveṣam vartate tamaḥ.

The great night comes and covers the regions of the earth alongwith the regions of the skies. Away from the regions of the sun it stays and eclipses the areas of light, and the darkness remains until the light comes again.

### 33. (Usha Devata, Gotama Rshi)

उष्स्त<u>च्चित्र</u>मार्थरास्मभ्यं वाजिनीवति । येने तोकं च तनेयं च धामहे ॥३३॥

*Uṣastaccitramābharāsmabhyaṁ vājinīvati. Yena tokaṁ ca tanayaṁ ca dhāmahe.* 

Usha, lady of the light at dawn, mistress of beauty and excitement, come bearing that food and wondrous energy for us by which we may beget, support and rejoice with our children and the children of our children.

### 34. (Agni, etc., Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

प्रातर्गिन प्रातरिन्द्रेश हवामहे प्रात<u>र्मि</u>त्रावर्रुणा प्रातर्शिवनी। प्रातर्भर्गे पूषणुं ब्रह्मणस्पतिं प्रातः सोर्ममुत रुद्रश हुवेम॥३४॥

Prātaragnim prātarindram havāmahe prātarmitrāvaruņā prātaraśvinā. Prātarbhagam pūṣaṇam brahmaṇaspatim prātaḥ somamuta rudram huvema.

Early morning we invoke Agni, lord of light, light the fire and pray for the light of life. Early morning we invoke Indra and pray for power and honour. Early morning we invoke Mitra and Varuna, and pray for the energy of prana and udana. Early morning we invoke the Ashvins and pray for learning and wisdom. Early morning we invoke Bhaga, and pray for strength and prosperity. We invoke Pusha and pray for health and nourishment. We invoke Brahmanaspati, lord omniscient, and pray for knowledge and vision. Early

morning we invoke Soma, and pray for peace and joy. Early morning we invoke Rudra and pray for spiritual strength.

# 35. (Bhaga Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

प्रातिर्जितं भगेमुग्रः हुवेम वयं पुत्रमितियों विधर्ता । आ<u>धश्चि</u>द्यं मन्यमानस्तुर<u>श्चि</u>द्राजी <u>चि</u>द्यं भगे भृक्षी-त्याहे ॥३५॥

Prātarjitam bhagamugram huvema vayam putramaditeryo vidhartā. Ādhraścidyam manyamānasturaścidrājā cidyam bhagam bhakṣītyāha.

Early morning we invoke Bhaga, and pray for honour and prosperity, Bhaga, all victorious, lustrous child of immortality and sustainer of the social system, which everybody — whether poor and helpless, or fast and impetuous, or a ruling king — loves and honours, and of which the Lord of Life says: Acquire honour and glory won by effort and endeavour and enjoy.

# 36. (Bhagavan Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

भग प्रणेत्भंग सत्यंराधो भगेमां धियमुदेवा ददेनः। भग प्र नौ जनय गोभिरश्वैभंग प्र नृभिर्नृवन्तः स्याम॥३६॥

Bhaga praņetarbhaga satyarādho bhagemām dhiyamudavā dadannaḥ. Bhaga pra no janaya gobhiraśvairbhaga pra nṛbhirnṛvantaḥ syāma.

Lord of glory, lord of inspiration for advancement, lord of truth and beneficence, lord of light and knowledge, blessed us as you have with intelligence, we pray, save this intelligence of ours from sin and lead us to the vision of divinity. Lord of power and prosperity,

help us grow with cows and horses, let us advance with manpower, bless us with men of vision and leaders of quality.

# 37. (Bhaga Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

उतेदानीं भगवन्तः स्यामोत प्रे<u>पि</u>त्वऽउत मध्येऽअह्मीम्। उतोदिता मघवन्त्सूर्यस्य वयं देवानीछं सुमृतौ स्योम ॥३७॥

Utedānīm bhagavantah syāmota prapitva'uta madhye'ahnām. Utoditā maghavantsūryasya vayam devānām sumatau syāma.

Maghavan, magnanimous lord of honour and prosperity, we pray, we may be prosperous at the present time. And may we be prosperous at the rise of the sun. Let us prosper at the middle of the day. And let us be prosperous in the evening. Let us always abide in the wisdom and guiding vision of the noble and brilliant saints and sages for the achievement of wealth and other wherewithal of life

### 38. (Bhagavan Devata, Vasishtha Rshi)

भगेऽ<u>ए</u>व भगेवाँ२॥ऽअस्तु देवास्तेने वयं भगेवन्तः स्याम । तं त्वो भग् सर्वेऽइज्जोहवी<u>ति</u> स नो भग पुरऽ<u>ए</u>ता भवेह ॥३८॥

Bhaga'eva bhagavāň'astu devāstena vayam bhagavantaḥ syāma. Tam tvā bhaga sarva' ijjohavīti sa no bhaga pura etā bhaveha.

Masters of wisdom and brilliance, the Lord creator of the glorious universe alone is the Lord Supreme of honour and prosperity. May we be prosperous by virtue of His generosity.

Lord of honour and glory, the entire humanity

invokes, adores and worships you only.

Lord giver of honour and prosperity, may you be our guide, inspire us and lead us to prosperity.

# 39. (Bhaga Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

सर्मध्वरायोषसौ नमन्त द<u>धि</u>क्रावैव शुचेये प्दार्य । अर्वाचीनं वेसुविदं भगं नो रथे<u>मि</u>वाश्वा वाजिन्ऽआवेहन्तु ॥३९॥

Samadhvarāyoṣaso namanta dadhikrāveva śucaye padāya. Ārvācīnam vasuvidam bhagam no rathamivāśvā vājina'ā vahantu.

The lights of the dawn, inspired and inspiring to silence and prayer, advancing like the golden chariot of the sun for the achievement of yajnic acts of love and creation may, we pray, bring us the newest treasures of honour and prosperity, just like the fastest horses flying chariot-loads of a hero's trophies of victory.

# 40. (Usha Devata, Vasishtha Ŗshi)

अश्वावती॒र्गोमेतीर्नऽड्षासों वी॒रवेतीः सर्वमुच्छन्तु भ॒द्राः । घृतं दुहोना विश्वतः प्रपीता यूयं पति स्वस्तिभिः सर्वा नः ॥४०॥

Aśvāvatīrgomatīrna' uṣāso vīravatīḥ sadamucchantu bhadrāḥ. Ghṛtaṁ duhānā viśvataḥ prapītā yūyaṁ pāta svastibhiḥ sadā naḥ.

The holy dawns, replete with vapours, blest with sunbeams, pregnant with energy and generous with bliss may, we pray, sanctify our home and, bringing showers of ghrta and water, may fill our life with all round prosperity. And may you, brilliant ladies, protect and promote us always with good fortune like the dawn.

#### 41. (Pusha Devata, Suhotra Rshi)

# पूष्-तर्व व्रते व्ययं न रिष्येम् कदौ चन । स्तोतारस्त इह स्मीस ॥४१॥

Pūṣan tava vrate vayaṁ na riṣyema kadā cana. Stotārasta iha smasi.

Pushan, lord of health and joy, living within the rules of your discipline, we pray, we may never suffer harm or loss and, singing songs of thanks for you here, live long and happily.

#### 42. (Pusha Devata, Rijishva Rshi)

पृथस्पेथः परिपतिं वचस्या कामेन कृतोऽअभ्यानडकंम् । स नौ रासच्छुरुधेश्चन्द्राग्रा धियै धियः सीषधा<u>ति</u> प्र पूषा ॥४२॥

Pathaspathaḥ paripatim vacasyā kāmena kṛto' abhyānaḍarkam. Sa no rāsacchurudhaś-candrāgrā dhiyam dhiyam sīṣadhāti pra pūṣā.

Let the devotee seasoned by honest words and desire come and surrender to adorable Pusha, lord of health and growth, protector of every way of life. And Pusha grants the most protective and brilliant means of advancement and helps realise every thought and intention of the devotee for us.

#### 43. (Vishnu Devata, Medhatithi Ŗshi)

त्रीणि पुदा विचेक्रमे विष्णुर्गोपाऽअदीभ्यः । अतो धर्मीणि धारयेन् ॥४३॥

Trīṇi pada vi cakrame viṣṇurgopā' adābhyaḥ. Ato dharmāṇi dhārayan.

Vishnu, omnipresent lord of the universe,

inviolable and intrepidable protector, sustaining the laws of existence and maintaining the sustainers of life such as earth and sun, takes the three steps of creation through the causal Prakriti, subtle materials, and the concrete forms of life and matter. Hence He alone is the lord adorable.

#### 44. (Vishnu Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

तद्विप्रसो विप्न्यवी जागृवाथंसः समिन्धते । विष्णोर्यत्परुमं पुदम् ॥४४॥

Tadviprāso vipanyavo jāgṛvamsaḥ samindhate. Viṣṇoryatparamam padam.

That which is the highest stage of human attainability is Vishnu's divinity. That is what the sages, celebrants, ever wakeful among humanity, meditate, light up, realise and live.

# 45. (Dyava-prithivi Devate, Bharadvaja Ŗshi)

घृतवेती भुवेनानामिश्रियोवी पृथ्वी मेधुदुधै सुपेशेसा । द्यावीपृथिवी वर्रुणस्य धर्मणा विष्केभितेऽअजरे भूरि-रेतसा ॥४५॥

Ghṛtavatī bhuvanānām abhisriyorvī pṛthvī madhudughe supeśasā. Dyāvāpṛthivī varuṇasya dharmaṇā viṣkabhite'ajare bhūriretasā.

By the eternal power and existential law of Varuna, Lord Supreme, are sustained firmly the sun and the earth together, both unageing, mighty prolific, abundant in living waters, glory of the worlds, wide, expansive, full of honey sweets and wondrous beautiful.

### 46. (Prithivi & others Devata, Vihavya Rshi)

ये नेः सपत्नाऽअप ते भवन्त्वन्द्राग्निभ्यामवेबाधामहे तान् । वसेवो रुद्राऽअ<u>वि</u>त्याऽउपरिस्पृशं मोग्रं चेत्तारमधि राजमेक्रन् ॥४६॥

Ye naḥ sapatnā'apa te bhavantvindrāgnibhyāmava bādhāmahe tān. Vasavo rudrā'ādityā' uparispṛśaṁ mograṁ cettāramadhi rājamakran.

Whoever are our enemies, we keep off. We throw them off with arms of fire and electric energy. May the Vasus, Rudras and Adityas raise me sky-high, mighty strong and wide-awake to preside over the rulers of the world.

#### 47. (Ashvinau Devate, Hiranyastupa Rshi)

आ नांसत्या <u>त्रि</u>भिरेकाद्शै<u>रि</u>ह देवेभिर्यातं मधुपेयेमश्विना। प्रायुस्तारिष्ट्ं नी रपांछंसि मृक्षतः सेधतं द्वेषो भवेतः सचाभुवां ॥४७॥

Ā nāsatyā tribhirekādaśairiha devebhiryātam madhupeyamaśvinā. Prāyustāriṣṭam nī rapāmsi mṛkṣatam sedhatam dveṣo bhavatam sacābhuvā.

Ashvins, powers true and incorruptible, come here with thirty three divinities to drink the honey-sweets of nectar, promote our health and age, wash off our sins and evil, ward off jealousy and enmity, and be close friends with us in truth.

#### 48. (Maruts Devata, Agastya Rshi)

एष व स्तोमो मरुतऽइयं गीमीन्दार्यस्य मान्यस्य कारोः । एषा यसिष्ट तन्वे वयां विद्यामेषं वृजनं जीरदोनुम् ॥४८॥ Eṣa va stomo maruta' iyaṁ gīrmāndāryasya mānyasya kāroḥ. Eṣā yāsīṣṭa tanve vayāṁ vidyāmeṣaṁ vṛjanaṁ jīradānum.

Maruts, dynamic citizens of the land, this valuable work of the venerable artist of eminence and this treatise is for you. Come with food and energy for the growth and protection of the health of the people of all ages. And we shall find the food, energy and knowledge for a general tonic and panacea for all disease.

# 49. (Rishis Devata, Prajapatya Yajna Ŗshi)

सहस्तोमाः सह च्छेन्दसऽआवृतेः सहप्रेमाऽऋषेयः सप्त दैव्याः । पूर्वेषां पन्थामनुदृश्य धीराऽअन्वालेभिरे र्थ्योः न रुश्मीन् ॥४९॥

Sahastomāḥ saha cchandasa'āvṛtaḥ sahapramā' ṛṣayaḥ sapta daivyāḥ. Pūrveṣāṁ panthā-manudṛśya dhīrā'anvālebhire rathyo na raśmīn.

Sages and scholars collaborating on projects of common interest, working together on learned subjects, graduates equally competent in reason and science, visionaries of divinity with penetrating senses, mind and intellect, courageous and resolute of will, having studied and realised the paths traversed by the predecessors, extend the bounds of knowledge and hold the reins of the human community on the march to progress.

# 50. (Hiranyanteja Devata, Daksha Rshi)

आयुष्यं वर्चस्यः रायस्पोषमौद्भिदम् । इदःहिरेण्यं वर्चीस्वुज्जैत्रायाविशतादु माम् ॥५०॥

Āyuṣyaṁ varcasyam rāyaspoṣamaudbhidam. Idam hiraṇyaṁ varcasvajjaitrāyāviśatādu mām. This golden glow of life and health which bursts forth from within is the gift of mother earth. It is the giver of health and long age and physical and intellectual brilliance. It is the guardian giver of wealth and insurance against suffering and disease. May this golden treasure of lustrous victory, I pray, come in to bless me with success in life.

#### 51. (Hiranyanteja Devata, Daksha Rshi)

न तद्रक्षां थं सि न पिशाचास्तरिन्त देवानामोर्जः प्रथम्जथं ह्येतत् । यो <u>बि</u>भित्ते दाक्षायणः हिरण्यः स देवेषु कृणुते दीर्घमायुः स मेनुष्येषु कृणुते दीर्घमायुः ॥५१॥

Na tadrakṣāmsi na piśācāstaranti devānāmojaḥ prathamajam hyetat. Yo bibharti dākṣāyaṇam hiraṇyam sa deveṣu kṛṇute dīrghamāyuḥ sa manuṣyeṣu kṛṇute dīrghamāyuḥ.

That golden glow of celibate life the demons and ogres cannot violate, nor can they cross over and attain it. It is the splendour of the divines, first born of Mother Nature. One who commands this golden essence of the art of life and living lives a long age of activity among the divines, lives a long age of activity among humanity.

# 52. (Hiranyanteja Devata, Daksha Ŗshi)

यदार्बध्नन् दाक्षायुणा हिरंणयः शृतानीकाय सुमन्स्यमोनाः। तन्मुऽआ बेध्नामि शृतशोरदायायुष्माञ्जरदे<u>ष्टि</u>र्यथासेम् ॥५२॥

Yadābadhnan dākṣāyaṇā hiraṇyam śatānīkāya sumanasyamānāḥ. Tanma'ā badhnāmi śataśāradāyāyuṣmāñjaradaṣṭiryathāsam.

That golden glowing science and discipline of life which the sages of noble mind and expertise of living

hold and prescribe for a man desirous of a hundred fold lustre, I hold and observe so that I may live a full abundant age of hundred years.

# 53. (Prithivi etc. Devata, Rijishva Ŗshi)

उत नोऽहिर्बुध्न्यः शृणोत्वज ऽ एकपात् पृ<u>ष्</u>यिवी संमुद्रः । विश्वे देवाऽऋतावृधो हुवानाः स्तुता मन्त्राः कविश्वस्ताऽ-अवन्तु ॥५३॥

Uta no' hirbudhnyaḥ śṛṇotvaja'ekapāt pṛthivī samudraḥ. Viśve devā'ṛtāvṛdho huvānāḥ stutā mantrāḥ kaviśastā'avantu.

Just as our voice reaches the clouds floating in the sky, the earth and the sea, so may it reach the eternal Lord of omniscience, and may the Lord listen to our prayer.

Also, may the pursuers and promoters of truth and eternal law, the noblest minds of the world, and the mantras and formulas of divine celebration created and sung by the poets of imagination, protect and promote us.

### 54. (Adityas Devata, Kurma gartsamada Ŗshi)

इमा गिरंऽआदित्येभ्यों घृतस्नूः सनाद्राजेभ्यो जुह्ना जुहोमि। शृणोतुं <u>मि</u>त्रोऽअर्युमा भगों नस्तुविजातो वर्रुणो दक्षोऽ-अश्राः ॥५४॥

Imā gira'ādityebhyo ghṛtasnūḥ sanādrājabhyo juhvā juhomi. Śṛṇotu mitro'aryamā bhago nastuvijāto varuṇo dakṣo'amśaḥ.

These words of prayer sanctified by holy waters and ghrta I always take and offer in yajna with the ladle of faith and love to the Adityas for the brilliant rulers.

May Mitra, universal friend, Aryama, lord of justice, Bhaga, lord of honour and prosperity, Tuvijata, manifesting for all, Varuna, best power and highest, Daksha, master of the art of creation, and Ansha, the brilliant Sun, hear my prayers for all.

### 55. (Adhyatma & Pranas Devata, Kanva Ŗshi)

सप्तऽऋषेयः प्रतिहिताः शरीरे सप्त रेक<u>्षन्ति</u> सद्मप्रेमादम्। सप्तापः स्वर्पतो लोकमीयुस्तत्रं जागृतोऽअस्वेजजौ सत्रसदौ च देवौ॥५५॥

Sapta'ṛṣayaḥ pratihitāḥ śarīre sapta rakṣanti sadamapramādam. Saptāpaḥ svapato lokamīyustatra jāgṛto'asvapnajau satrasadau ca devau.

Seven sages, i.e., five faculties of perception, one mana (mind), and one buddhi (intellect), vested in the body, the seven together serve and protect the body without let up and negligence. Of the sleeping person, the seven, still there, retire with the soul into the heart. But two other sages, i.e., prana and apana, keep awake in the body and do not go to sleep.

### 56. (Brahmanaspati Devata, Kanva Rshi)

उत्तिष्ठ ब्रह्मणस्पते देव्यन्तस्त्वेमहे । उपु प्र यन्तु मुरुतः सुदानवऽइन्द्रं प्राशूर्भवा सर्चा ॥५६॥

Uttiṣṭha brahmaṇaspate devayantastvemahe. Upa pra yantu marutaḥ sudānava'indra prāśūrbhavā sacā.

Arise, lord of universal Vedic knowledge, we have come to you in search of divinity in pursuit of knowledge. The most charitable, generous and dynamic people of the speed of the winds come to you. Indra,

lord of knowledge and power, be friends, be smart with instant action.

# 57. (Brahmanaspati Devata, Kanva Ŗshi)

प्र नूनं ब्रह्मण्स्पितिर्मन्त्रं वदत्युक्थ्यम् । य<u>स्मि</u>न्निन्द्रो वर्मणो <u>मि</u>त्रोऽअर्युमा देवाऽओकां छंसि च<u>कि</u>रे ॥५७॥

Pra nūnam brahmaņaspatirmantram vadatyukthyam. Yasminnindro varuņo mitro'aryamā devā'okāmsi cakrire.

Brahmanaspati, lord of universal knowledge, speaks to us, for sure, of the wonder mantra of celebrated knowledge in which divinities such as Mitra, Varuna, Aryama and Indra abide in mystery with their power and secret of prana, water, spirit and light.

# 58. (Brahmanaspati Devata, Gritsamada Ŗshi)

ब्रह्मणस्पते त्वम्स्य यन्ता सूक्तस्य बो<u>धि</u> तनेयं च जिन्व । विश्वं तद्भद्रं यदवेन्ति देवा बृहद्वेदेम <u>वि</u>दथे सुवीरोः। यऽ इमा विश्वो । <u>वि</u>श्वकेर्मा । यो नेः <u>पि</u>ता । अन्नपतेऽन्नस्य नो देहि ॥५८॥

Brahmaṇaspate tvamasya yantā sūktasya bodhi tanayaṁ ca jinva. Viśvaṁ tadbhadraṁ yadavanti devā bṛhadvadema vidathe suvīrāḥ. Ya' imā viśvā. Viśvakarmā. Yo naḥ pitā. Annapate'nnasya no dehi.

Brahmanaspati, lord of the universe and universal knowledge, you are the leading light and controller of this world.

Listen, and acknowledge our praise and prayer. Love, protect and promote our children. The universal good which the divinities protect and extend may come and bless us. Brave with heroic children, we sing great songs of praise in honour of the Lord.

Vishvakarma who is our father has created all these worlds of existence.

Lord of food and energy, bless us with food, energy and the power to grow and rise.

इति चतुस्त्रिशोऽध्यायः ॥

# CHAPTER-XXXV

1. (Pitara Devata, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

अपेतो येन्तु पणयोऽसुम्ना देवपीयवेः । अस्य लोकः सुतावेतः । द्युभिरहोभिर्क्तुभिर्व्यक्तं यमो देदात्ववसानेम-स्मै ॥१॥

Apeto yantu paṇayo' sumnā devapīyavah. Asya lokaḥ sutāvataḥ. Dyubhirahobhiraktubhirvyaktaṁ yamo dadātvavasānamasmai.

Go off from here the niggards, the malevolent and the revilers of Divinity. This is the beauteous place of the generous and inspired yajamana. May Yama, the leading light and controller of the world, grant him a place of rest and freedom blest by the lights of heaven and by days and nights.

2. (Savita Devata, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

स<u>िव</u>ता ते शरीरेभ्यः पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां लोकिमिच्छतु । तस्मै युज्यन्तामुस्त्रियोः ॥२॥

Savitā te śarīrebhyaḥ pṛthivyāṁllokamicchatu. Tasmai yujyantāmusriyāh.

Human soul, may Savita, Lord of life and Law, will and determine a suitable place of residence for your bodies on the earth or in the skies, and may the rays of the sun be instrumental to that placement for you.

3. (Savita Devata, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

वायुः पुनातु स<u>वि</u>ता पुनात्वग्नेभ्राजिसा सूर्यस्य वर्चसा । विमुच्यन्तामुस्त्रियाः ॥३॥ Vāyuḥ punātu savitā punātvagnerbhrājasā sūryasya varcasā vimucyantāmusriyāḥ.

May the wind purify you. May Savita, lord of light, purify you with the blazing heat of agni and the light of the sun. And may the rays of light deliver you from bondage.

4. (Vayu & Savita Devate, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

अश्वत्थे वौ <u>नि</u>षदेनं पुर्णे वौ वस्तिष्कृता । गोभाजुऽइत्किलासथु यत्सनवेथु पूर्रुषम् ॥४॥

Aśvatthe vo niṣadanaṁ parṇe vo vasatiṣkṛtā. Gobhāja itkilāsatha yatsanavatha pūruṣam.

Short is your stay in a temporary world. Your nest is built but on a leaf. Live here as co-sharers of existence with the earth, the senses, the sun-beams and the divine Word, and abide in worship close to the eternal Spirit of the universe.

5. (Vayu & Savita Devate, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

स<u>िवता ते</u> शरीराणि मातुरुपस्थऽआवेपतु । तस्मै पृथि<u>वि</u> शम्भेव ॥५॥

Savitā te śarīrāṇi māturupastha'ā vapatu. Tasmai pṛthivi śambhava.

May Savita, lord of creation and generation, plant your bodies in the womb of the mother and seat you on her lap of love.

Mother, mother earth, Mother Nature, be kind and gracious to this soul.

#### 6. (Prajapati Devata, Adityas Devas Rshis)

प्रजापतौ त्वा देवतीयामुपौदके लोके नि देधाम्यसौ । अपे नुः शोशुचद्घम् ॥६॥

Prajāpatau tvā devatāyāmupodake loke ni dadhāmyasau. Apa naḥ śośucadagham.

O soul, I place you securely in the beautiful world close to the sacred waters within the divine Prajapati, father of his children.

May He wash off our sins and shine us to brilliance.

### 7. (Yama Devata, Sankasuka Ŗshi)

परं मृत्योऽअनुपरेहि पन्थां यस्तैऽअन्यऽइतेरो देवयानीत् । चक्षुष्मते शृण्वते ते ब्रवीमि मा नेः प्रजार्थरीरिषो मोत वीरान् ॥७॥

Param mṛtyo'anu parehi panthām yaste'anya' itaro devayānāt. Cakṣuṣmate śṛṇvate te bravīmi mā naḥ prajām rīriṣo mota vīrān.

Yama, lord of death and reckoning, keep off the path that is other than the divine. Come following the path that is supreme.

Lord of vision, lord of the ear, I speak to you in prayer: Do not hurt our children, do not strike the brave.

### 8. (Vishvedeva Devata, Adityas or Devas Rshis)

शं वातः शश्हि ते घृणिः शं ते भवन्त्वष्टेकाः । शं ते भवन्त्वग्नयः पार्थिवासो मा त्वाऽभिशृंशुचन् ॥८॥

Śaṁ vātaḥ śam hi te ghṛṇiḥ śaṁ te bhavantviṣṭakāḥ. Śaṁ te bhavantvagnayaḥ pārthivāso mā tva'bhi śūśucan. May the winds be good and kind to you, cool and refreshing. May the sun be good and kind, warm and soothing. May the vedi and the home be happy and blissful. May the fires of the hearth and yajna be good and fragrant. May nothing on earth cause you sorrow and suffering.

# 9. (Vishvedeva Devata, Aditya Deva Rshis)

कल्पन्तां ते दिश्क्तुभ्यमापेः <u>शि</u>वर्तमास्तुभ्यं भवन्तु सिन्धवः । अन्तरिक्ष<u>ःशिवं तुभ्यं</u> कल्पन्तां ते दिशः सर्वीः ॥९॥

Kalpantām te diśastubhyamāpaḥ śivatamāstubhyam bhavantu sindhavaḥ. Antarikṣam śivam tubhyam kalpantām te diśaḥ sarvāḥ.

May the spaces be harmonious and good to you. May the waters be soothing and blissful to you. May the rivers and the seas be kind and favourable to you. May the skies be kind and generous. And may all the directions feed, nourish, strengthen and season you with love and kindness (for life and death).

### 10. (Vishvedeva Devata, Suchika Ŗshi)

अश्मेन्वती रीयते सःरंभध्वमुत्तिष्ठत् प्र तेरता सखायः । अत्रो जहीमोऽशिवा येऽअसं<u>ञ्</u>छिवान्वयमुत्तरेमाभि वाजीन्॥१०॥

Aśmanvatī rīyate sam rabhadhvamuttiṣṭhata pra taratā sakhāyaḥ. Atrā jahīmo'śivā ye'asañchivānvayamuttaremābhi vājān.

Friends, brothers and comrades, the river of rocks and boulders rushes on. Gird up your loins all, arise and cross over. Whatever be the hurdles against us, we crush, and let us win the battles of life to victory.

### 11. (Apah Devata, Shunahshepa Ŗshi)

अपाघमप् किल्विष्मपे कृत्यामपो रपेः। अपोमार्गे त्वम्स्मदपे दुःष्वप्येः सुव ॥११॥

Apāghamapa kilbiṣamapa kṛtyāmapo rapaḥ. Apāmāraga tvamasmadapa duḥṣvapnyam suva.

Sage physician of mind and soul, great as apamarga, universal cure, wash out sin, cleanse impurity, eliminate evil action, rectify sensual frailties, and root out dirty dreams.

# 12. (Apah Devata, Adityas Devas Ŗshis)

सु<u>मित्रि</u>या नुऽआपुऽओषेधयः सन्तु दुर्मि<u>त्रि</u>यास्तस्मै सन्तु य्गोऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे वृयं द्विष्मः ॥१२॥

Sumitriyā na' āpa' oṣadhayaḥ santu durmitriyāstasmai santu yo'smandveṣṭi yaṁ ca vayaṁ dviṣmaḥ.

May the waters and pranic energies, and herbs such as somalata be good friends to us, and may they be antidotes to those negativities which harm us and which we hate to suffer.

### 13. (Krishivalah Devata, Aditya Devah Rshis)

अनुड्वाहंमुन्वारंभामहे सौरंभेयः स्वस्तये । स नुऽइन्द्रंऽइव देवेभ्यो वह्निः सुन्तरंणो भव ॥१३॥

Anaḍvāhamanvārabhāmahe saurabheyam svastaye. Sa na'indra'iva devebhyo vahniḥ santāraṇo bhava.

Just as we employ the bullock, off-spring of the cow, as carrier power for the service of noble people in

farming, so may the fire energy like electricity be our carrier over long distances.

# 14. (Surya Devata, Aditya Devah Rshis)

उद्वयं तमेस्स्पिर् स्वः पश्येन्तऽउत्तरम् । देवं देवत्रा सूर्यमगेन्म ज्योतिरुत्तमम् ॥१४॥

Udvayam tamasaspari svaḥ paśyanta'uttaram. Devam devatrā sūryamaganma jyotiruttamam.

Let us rise beyond the dark to the regions of light and bliss, watching higher and higher, and reach to the self-refulgent Sun, the highest light among the brilliancies of the universe.

### 15. (Ishvara Devata, Sankasuka Ŗshi)

इमं जीवेभ्येः परिधिं देधामि मैषां नु गादपेरोऽअर्थमेतम् । शतं जीवन्तु शरदेः पुरूचीरन्तर्मृत्युं देधतां पर्वतेन ॥१५॥

Imam jīvebhyaḥ paridhim dadhāmi maiṣām nu gādaparo' arthametam. Śatam jīvantu śaradaḥ purūcīrantarmṛtyum dadhatām parvatena.

I fix and raise this limit and boundary wall for the safety and discipline of the living souls so that nothing alien may encroach upon their freedom and property. May these abundant souls live for a hundred years and by their law and discipline resist death from within.

### 16. (Agni Devata, Aditya Devah Rshis)

अग्नऽआयूथ्धंषि पवसुऽआ सुवोर्जुमिषं च नः । आरे बोधस्व दुच्छुनीम् ॥१६॥

Agna'āyūmṣi pavasa'ā suvorjamiṣam ca naḥ. Āre bādhasva ducchunām. Agni, lord giver of life, you purify and sanctify the long years of our life. We pray, create and promote food, energy and the light of knowledge for us, and throw off all evil and violence far from us.

# 17. (Agni Devata, Vaikhanasa Ŗshi)

आयुष्मानग्ने ह्विषां वृधानो घृतप्रतीको घृतयौनिरेधि । घृतं पीत्वा मधु चारु गव्यं पितेवं पुत्रम्भिरक्षताद्मान्त्-स्वाहां ॥१७॥

Āyuṣmānagne haviṣa vṛdhāno ghṛtapratīko ghṛtayoniredhi. Ghṛtaṁ pītvā madhu cāru gavyaṁ piteva putramabhi rakṣatādimāntsvāhā.

Agni, long-lived ruler of power and light, growing by fragrant offerings, manifesting in the rising flames of ghrta, abiding in ghrta, come and, having drunk of ghee and the honey-sweet delicious products of the cow, protect and promote these dedicated souls as father protects the children.

This is the voice of the heart in truth of word and deed.

# 18. (Indra Devata, Bharadvaja Shirambitha Ḥshi)

परीमे गामेनेषत् पर्यगिनमेहृषत । देवेष्वेक्रत् श्रवः कऽड्रमाँ२॥ऽआ देधर्षति ॥१८॥

Parīme gāmaneṣata paryagnimahṛṣata. Deveṣvakrata śravaḥ ka'imāň'ā dadharṣati.

All these, you all, protect and promote the cow, raise the holy voice of knowledge, preserve and replenish the earth, expand the fire of yajna, and feed the divinities of nature and the environment, and who can dare to challenge you? None!

### 19. (Agni Devata, Damana Rshi)

क्रव्यादमििंन प्रिहिणोमि दूरं येमराज्यं गच्छतु रिप्रवाहः । इहैवायमितरो जातवैदा देवेभ्यो हृव्यं वहतु प्रजानन् ॥१९॥

Kravyādamagnim pra hiņomi dūram yamarājyam gacchatu ripravāhaḥ. Ihaivāyamitaro jātavedā devebhyo havyam vahatu prajānan.

Knowing well (what is right and what is wrong), I reject and cast away the flesh-eating fire. The carrier of sin must go to Yama, lord of justice and reckoning.

And I pray: may this other fire of yajna, symbol of knowledge and power of light and heat of life, come bringing auspicious food and fragrance for the divinities of nature and the best of humanity.

#### 20. (Jataveda Devata, Aditya Devah Rshis)

वहं वृपां जातवेदः <u>पि</u>तृभ्यो यत्रैनान्वेत्थ् निर्हितान् पराके । मेर्दसः कुल्याऽउप तान्त्स्र्वन्तु सृत्याऽएषामाशिषः सं नेमन्ताथ्धं स्वाहां ॥२०॥

Vaha vapām jātavedaḥ pitṛbhyo yatrainān vettha nihitān parāke. Medasaḥ kulyā'upa tāntsravantu satyā'eṣāmāśiṣaḥ sam namantām svāhā.

Man of knowledge brilliant as Agni, for the parents and forefathers, manage the land where, far off, you know the hidden treasures therein, so that streams of delicacies flow for them and their dreams and wishes come true in holy word and deed.

#### 21. (Prithivi Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

स्योना पृथिवी नो भवानृक्ष्र्रा <u>नि</u>वेशनी । यच्छा नः शर्म सप्रथाः । अपे नः शोश्चिदघम् ॥२१॥ Syonā pṛthivi no bhavānṛkṣarā niveśanī. Yacchā naḥ śarma saprathāḥ. Apa naḥ śośucadagham.

Earth, sweet mother, be good and kind to us, thornless and smooth, generous and hospitable. Wide and expansive, give us a happy home. Wash off our sins and make us shine.

# 22. (Agni Devata, Aditya Devah Rshis)

अस्मात्त्वमधिजातोऽ<u>सि</u> त्वद्यं जीयतां पुनेः । असौ स्वर्गायं लोकाय स्वाहो ॥२२॥

Asmāttvamadhi jāto'si tvadayam jāyatām punaḥ. Asau svargāya lokāya svāhā.

Agni, lord of brilliance and master of a happy home, far higher above have you risen from this world. May this homely world be reborn of you as a new paradise. Our homage to that paradisal world of bliss.

इति पञ्चत्रिंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXVI

1. (Agni Devata, Dadhyang-atharvana Ŗshi)

ऋचं वाचं प्र पेद्ये मनो यजुः प्र पेद्ये सामे प्राणं प्र पेद्ये चक्षुः श्रोत्रं प्रपेद्ये । वागोर्जः सहौजो मिय प्राणापानौ ॥१॥

Rcam vācam pra padye mano yajuh pra padye sāma prāṇam pra padye cakṣuḥ śrotram pra padye. Vāgojaḥ sahaujo mayi prāṇāpānau.

I arise and come to Rigveda, voice of Divinity. I come to Yajurveda, mind and resolution divine. I come to Samaveda, energy and ecstasy divine. I come to Atharva-veda, vision and vibration of Divinity. That speech is my light and glory. That light and mind is my strength and spirit of courage and fortitude. By virtue of the divine, the prana and apana energy is my real might.

2. (Brihaspati Devata, Dadhyang-atharvana Rshi)

यन्में छिद्रं चक्षुंषो हृदयस्य मनसो वातितृण्णं बृह्स्पतिर्में तद्देधातु । शं नौ भवतु भुवेनस्य यस्पतिः ॥२॥

Yanme chidram cakṣuṣo hṛdayasya manaso vātitṛṇṇam bṛhaspatirme taddadhātu. Śam no bhavatu bhuvansya yaspatiḥ.

Whatever the weakness of my eye, of my heart, and of my mind, whatever the loop-holes anywhere, may the Lord of Infinity make up and re-fill. May the lord who is father and guardian of the universe, we pray, be good and gracious to us.

#### 3. (Savita Devata, Vishvamitra Ŗshi)

भूर्भुवः स्वः । तत्स<u>वितु</u>र्वरेण्यं भर्गो देवस्य धीमहि । धियो यो नेः प्रचोदयात् ॥३॥

Bhūrbhuvaḥ svaḥ. Tat saviturvareṇyaṁ bhargo devasya dhīmahi. Dhiyo yo naḥ pracodayāt.

With the knowledge of Being, Becoming, and Spirit, with knowledge, karma and prayer, we meditate upon the blazing glory of self-effulgent lord Savita, Lord of existence, intelligence and bliss, the only worthy choice of ours, and we pray that He may inspire and guide our vision and intelligence to the right path.

### 4. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कर्या न<u>श्चि</u>त्रऽआभीवदृती सदावृधः सखी । कया शचिष्ठया वृता ॥४॥

Kayā naścitra'ā bhuvadūti sadāvṛdhaḥ sakhā. Kayā śaciṣṭhayā vṛtā.

By what modes and acts of protection, by which might and brilliant, current and recurrent power and intelligence, does the wondrous lord of the universe, great and ever greater, abide by us as our universal friend and inspire our noble thoughts and actions?

(By divine acts, blissful intelligence, and inspiration.)

### 5. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Ŗshi)

कस्त्वी सत्यो मदीनां मःहिष्ठो मत्सदन्धेसः । दृढा चिदाुरुजे वसी ॥५॥

Kastvā satyo madānām mamhistho matsadandhasah. Dṛḍhā cidāruje vasu.

Who is it, true and constant, strong and inviolable, most abundant treasure and most liberal giver of the joyous gifts of food and soma, who gives you and sends you to the ecstasy of living, O dear soul, in search of brilliance and bliss? (The Lord Beatific.)

#### 6. (Indra Devata, Vamadeva Rshi)

अभी षु णः सर्खीनाम<u>वि</u>ता जीरतृणाम् । शृतं भेवास्यृतिभिः ॥६॥

Abhī ṣu ṇaḥ sakhīnām avitā jaritṛṇām. Satam bhavāsyūtibhiḥ.

Lord Supreme, be all-round saviour of ours, of friends and admirers, in a hundred ways of your divine protection.

## 7. (Indra Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

कया त्वं नेऽऊत्याभि प्र मेन्दसे वृषन् । कर्या स्तोतृभ्युऽआभेर ॥७॥

Kayā tvaṁ na'ūtyābhi pra mandase vṛṣan. Kayā stotrbhya'ā bhara.

Lord of abundant showers, let us know by which ways of protection you save and bless your worshippers with joy, and by which forms of generosity you raise your devotees.

## 8. (Indra Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

इन्द्रो विश्वस्य राजित । शन्नोऽअस्तु द्विपदे शं चतुष्पदे ॥८॥

Indro viśvasya rājati. Śaṁ no'astu dvipade śaṁ catuṣpade.

Indra, lord of light, power and glory, rules the world. By His grace, may all be peace and joy with the humans and with the animals.

9. (Mitra & Others Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

शन्नो <u>मि</u>त्रः शं वर्रुणः शन्नो भवत्वर्य्यमा । शन्नुऽइन्द्रो बृहुस्पतिः शन्नो विष्णुरुरुक्रमः ॥९॥

Śam no mitrah śam varuṇaḥ śam no bhavatvaryamā. Śam'na indro bṛhaspatiḥ śam no viṣṇururukramaḥ.

May Mitra, lord and friend of the world, be good and kind to us. May Varuna, giver of cool and bliss be good and kind to us. May Aryama, lord of universal justice, be good and kind. May Indra, lord of power and glory be good and gracious. May Brihaspati, lord infinite and omniscient, be good and generous. May Vishnu, lord infinite and omnipresent of grand action be good and generous with gifts of peace and joy for us all.

10. (Vatah & Others Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

शन्नो वार्तः पवता्छं शन्नस्तपतु सूर्यः । शन्नः किनक्रदद्देवः पुर्जन्यौऽअभिवर्षतु ॥१०॥

Śam no vātaḥ pavatām śam nastapatu sūryaḥ. Śam naḥ kanikradaddevaḥ parjanyo'abhi varṣatu.

May the winds blow cool and calm for us. May the sun shine warm and clear for us all. May lightning, thunderous brilliant, bring peace for us all. And may the generous cloud shower rains of soothing joy and prosperity for us all over the world.

#### 11. (Aharadaya Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

अहां शिष्टि शं भवेन्तु नः शःरात्रीः प्रतिधीयताम् । शन्नेऽइन्द्राग्नी भवतामवीं भिः शन्नऽइन्द्रावर्रुणा रातहेव्या । शन्नेऽइन्द्रापूषणा वाजसातौ शमिन्द्रासोमा सुविताय शंयोः ॥११॥

Ahāni śam bhavantu naḥ śam rātrīḥ prati dhīyatām. Śam na'indrāgnī bhavatāmavobbiḥ śam na'indrāvaruṇā rātahavyā. Śam na'indrāpūṣaṇā vājasātau śamindrāsomā suvitāya śam yoḥ.

May the days be good and useful for us. May the nights hold peace and comfort for us. May Indra and Agni, energy and heat, be good and productive with safety and protection. May Indra and Varuna, power and water, be good and generous with food and wealth. May Indra and Pusha, power and good health, bring peace and freedom. May Indra and Soma, power and peace, bring inspiration for the joy of living.

#### 12. (Apah Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

शन्नो देवीर्भिष्टंयऽआपौ भवन्तु पी॒तयै । शंयोर्भिस्त्रेवन्तु नः ॥१२॥

Śaṁ no devīrabhiṣṭaya'āpo bhavantu pītaye. Śaṁ yorabhi sravantu naḥ.

May the heavenly waters be full of soothing sweetness and give us the pleasure of desired bliss. May they bring us generous showers of profound peace and joy.

#### 13. (Prithivi Devata, Medhatithi Rshi)

स्योना पृथिवि नो भवानृक्ष्रा निवेशनी । यच्छो नुः शर्म सुप्रथाः ॥१३॥ Śyonā pṛthivi no bhavānṛkṣarā niveśanī. Yacchā naḥ śarma saprathāḥ.

May this dear green earth be free from vexations and full of wealth in abundance. Generous and expansive, may it provide a happy and comfortable home for all of us to live in peace and joy.

## 14. (Apah Devata, Sindhudvipa Ŗshi)

आपो हि ष्ठा मेयोभुवस्ता नेऽ<u>ऊ</u>र्जे देधातन । मुहे रणीय चक्षेसे ॥१४॥

Āpo hi ṣṭhā mayobhuvastā na'ūrje dadhātana. Mahe raṇaya cakṣase.

Surely the waters, full of peace and well-being, abide by us holding energy, greatness, victory and vision for all of us.

#### 15. (Apah Devata, Sindhudvipa Rshi)

यो वेः <u>शि</u>वर्तमो रस्तस्य भाजयतेह नेः । <u>उश्</u>तीरिव मातरेः ॥१५॥

Yo vaḥ śivatamo rasastasya bhājayateha naḥ. Uśatīriva mātaraḥ.

Like generous mothers overflowing with love for their children, blessed women, give us here in life our full share of the most blissful nectar that you hold for us as the essence of nature's gift of vitality.

## 16. (Apah Devata, Sindhudvipa Rshi)

तस्माऽअरं गमाम वो यस्य क्षयाय जिन्वेथ । आपो जनयेथा च नः ॥१६॥

Tasmā aram gamāma vo yasya kṣayāya jinvatha. Āpo janayathā ca naḥ. Women, cool and blessed like heavenly waters, as you arise for the peace and bliss of the home of the man you love, we would provide for the joy and comfort of him and for you too. And you too create and generate joy and bliss for us.

## 17. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

द्यौः शान्तिर्न्तिरेक्षः शान्तिः पृ<u>थि</u>वी शा<u>न्ति</u>रापः शा<u>न्ति</u>-रोषेधयः शान्तिः । वनस्पतेयः शा<u>न्ति</u>र्विश्वे देवाः शा<u>न्ति</u>र्ब्रह्म शा<u>न्तिः सर्वेः शान्तिः शान्तिरेव शान्तिः सा मा शान्ति-रेधि ॥१७॥</u>

Dyauḥ śāntirantarikṣam śantiḥ pṛthivī śāntirāpaḥ śāntiroṣadhayaḥ śāntiḥ. Vanaspatayaḥ śāntirviśve devāḥ śāntirbrahma śāntiḥ sarvam śāntiḥ śāntireva śāntiḥ sā mā śāntiredhi.

May the heavens bring us peace. May peace be with the skies, and may the skies shower us with peace. May there be peace on earth, and may the earth mother bring us peace. May there be peace with the waters, and may the waters bring us peace. May there be peace in the herbs, and may the herbs bring us peace. May peace be with the trees and may the trees bring us peace. Peace be with the divinities of the world, and may they bless us with peace. May the Great Lord of the universe bless us with peace, and may the Veda inspire us with peace. May all existence be at peace and may peace come from all existence to all. May there be peace only, universal peace for all. May that heavenly peace come and bless me. May It bless all.

#### 18. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

दृते दृःहं मा <u>मि</u>त्रस्यं मा चक्षुषा सर्वीणि भूता<u>नि</u> समी-क्षन्ताम् । <u>मि</u>त्रस्याहं चक्षुषा सर्वीणि भूता<u>नि</u> समीक्षे । <u>मि</u>त्रस्य चक्षुषा समीक्षामहे ॥१८॥

Dṛte dṛmha mā mitrasya mā cakṣuṣā sarvāṇi bhūtāni samīkṣantām. Mitrasyāham cakṣūṣā sarvāṇi bhūtāni samīkṣe. Mitrasya cakṣuṣā samīkṣāmahe.

Lord of light and power, strengthen us for a place of honour and respect. May all the living beings view me with the eye of a friend. May I look at all the living beings with the eye of a friend. May we all view all with friendly eyes of love and understanding.

## 19. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

दृते दृःहं मा । ज्योक्ते सन्दृशि जीव्यासं ज्योक्ते सन्दृशि जीव्यासम् ॥१९॥

Dṛte dṛmha mā. Jyokte sandṛśi jīvyāsam jyokte sandṛśi jīvyāsam.

Lord of light, remove the veil of darkness and illusion, strengthen me, so that I may live for ever in the light of reality under your benign eye, live for ever in the holy light of your benign presence.

#### 20. (Agni Devata, Lopamudra Rshi)

नर्मस्ते हरसे शोचिषे नर्मस्तेऽअस्त्वर्चिषे । अन्याँस्तेऽ-अस्मत्तपन्तु हेतयेः पावकोऽअस्मभ्ये<u>ःशि</u>वो भेव ॥२०॥

Namaste harase śocișe namaste'astvarcișe. Anyāňste'asmattapantu hetayaḥ pāvako' asmabhyam śivo bhava. Salutations to the Lord extinguisher of the passion and smoke of evil, to the blazing holy fire of sanctification! Homage be to the Lord of light adorable.

May your flames burn up the evils other than our real selves. May the light and holy fire be good and kind to us.

## 21. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु <u>विद्युते</u> नर्मस्ते स्तन<u>यि</u>त्नवे । नर्मस्ते भगवन्नस्तु यतः स्वः सुमीहंसे ॥२१॥

Namaste'astu vidyute namaste stanayitnave. Namaste bhagavannastu yatah svah samīhase.

Homage to the lord of lightning! Homage to the lord of thunder! Salutation to you, lord of omnipotence, since you alone love, inspire and gather us into light and bliss!

#### 22. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

यतौयतः समीहंसे ततौ नोऽअभयं कुरु । शं नेः कुरु प्रजाभ्योऽभयं नः पृशुभ्येः ॥२२॥

Yato yataḥ samīhase tato no'abhayaṁ kuru. Śaṁ naḥ kuru prajābhyo'bhayaṁ nah paśubhyah.

Here, there, anywhere, wherever you initiate and inspire us, from there itself render us free and fearless. Create peace, freedom and prosperity for our people. Create peace, freedom and fearlessness for our animals. Create freedom and fearlessness for us from people and from animals.

#### 23. (Soma Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

सु<u>मित्रि</u>या नुऽआपुऽओषंधयः सन्तु दुर्मि<u>त्रि</u>यास्तस्मै सन्तु । य्गोऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे वृयं द्विष्मः ॥२३॥ Sumitriyā na'āpa'oṣadhayaḥ santu durmitriyāstasmai santu. Yo'smān dveṣṭi yaṁ ca vayaṁ dviṣmaḥ.

May the waters, pranic energies and herbs be friendly tonics for us, and may they be antidotes to whatsoever hates and injures us and what we hate and disapprove. (Prayer for health against negativities.)

# 24. (Surya Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

तच्चक्षेर्देविहेतं पुरस्तोच्छुक्रमुच्चेरत् । पश्येम श्ररदेः शृतं जीवेम श्ररदेः शृतः शृणीयाम श्ररदेः शृतं प्र ब्रवाम श्ररदेः शृतमदीनाः स्याम श्ररदेः शृतं भूयेश्च श्ररदेः शृतात्॥२४॥

Taccakṣurdevahitaṁ purastācchukram-uccarat. Paśyema śaradaḥ śataṁ jīvema śaradaḥ śataṁ śṛṇuyāma śaradaḥ śataṁ pra bravāma śaradaḥ śataṁadāṇ āḍ syāma śaradaḥ śataṁ bhūyaśca śaradaḥ śatāt.

That light divine, blissful to the divinities, pure and wide awake since eternity, may we continue to see for a full hundred years, live under its benign eye for a hundred years, hear for a hundred years, speak and celebrate for a hundred years, and be fit and fine in a state of freedom and independence for a hundred years, and even more than a hundred years!

इति षट्त्रिंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXVII

1. (Savita Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्<u>वे</u>धुऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। आदंदे नारिरसि ॥१॥

Devasya tvā savituḥ prasave'śvinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ā dade nārirasi.

In the yajnic creation of Savita, I invoke and welcome you with the arms of Ashvins, currents of energy, and the hands of Pushan, Mother Nature's power of nourishment. You are the leader of the world and indestructible light of life.

2. (Savita Devata, Shyavashva Rshi)

युञ्जते मर्नेऽउत युञ्जते धियो विप्रा विप्रस्य बृहतो विप्रिश्चतः। वि होत्रा दधे वयुनाविदेकऽइन्मही देवस्य सि<u>वितुः</u> परिष्टुतिः ॥२॥

Yuñjate mana'uta yuñjate dhiyo viprā viprasya bṛhato vipaścitaḥ. Vi hotrā dadhe vayunāvideka' inmahī devasya savituḥ pariṣṭutiḥ.

Saints and scholars join their mind and intellect with the great, omniscient and omnipresent lord of the universe, in meditation. The One Lord alone knows the ways and laws of the universe, He alone holds the worlds together. This universe is the great song and celebration of the self-manifestive lord Savita, the Creator.

3. (Dyava-prithivi Devate, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi) देवी द्यावापृथिवी मुखस्य वामुद्य शिरो राध्यासं देवयर्जने पृथिव्या:। मुखार्य त्वा मुखस्य त्वा शीृष्णी ॥३॥

Devī dyāvāpṛthivī makhasya vāmadya śiro rādhyāsam devayajane pṛthivyāḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Brilliant heaven and generous earth, brilliant teacher and preacher, in this divine yajna of the holy earth to-day I worship and honour you both at the head of the ritual. I welcome you to the yajna, and pray take it to the top of success.

## 4. (Yajna Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

देव्यो वम्यो भूतस्य प्रथम्जा मुखस्य वोऽद्य शिरो राध्यासं देवयजने पृथिव्याः। मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णे ॥४॥

Devyo vamryo bhūtasya prathamajā makhasya vo'dya śiro rādhyāsaṁ devayajane pṛthivyāḥ Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Young and brilliant first graduate learned ladies, I welcome you to-day to the top position of this divine assembly of yajna in honour of the earth for the living beings.

Highpriest of yajna, I welcome you for the organisation of the yajna. I honour you for the top success of the yajna.

# 5. (Yajna Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

इयुत्यग्रेऽआसीन्म्खस्यं तेऽद्य शिरों राध्यासं देवयर्जने पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः। मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णे ॥५॥

Iyatyagra'āsīnmakhasya te'dya śiro rādhyāsam devayajane pṛthivyāḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Young scholar, so much in advance of the yajna is this offer and invitation to you today to the top position

of the ritual in the divine yajna of the earth. I honour you for the conduct of the yajna and wish you bring it to the top of success.

# 6. (Yajna Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

इन्द्रस्यौर्जः स्थ मुखस्यं वोऽद्य शिरौ राध्यासं देवयर्जने पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याः। मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें ॥६॥

Indrasyaujah stha makhasya vo'dya śiro rādhyāsam devayajane pṛthivyāh. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Sages and scholars, I exhort you to shine in the glory of Indra. I pray for Indra's blessings of honour and power in yajna. I invite and welcome you to be the head of yajna in honour of the divines and children of mother earth.

I invite you to the yajna of knowledge and pray you bring it to the top of success.

I invite you to the yajna of karma and pray you bring it to the top of success.

I welcome you to the yajna of worship and meditation and pray you bring it to the top of success.

## 7. (Ishvara Devata, Kanva Rshi)

प्रैतु ब्रह्मण्स्पितः प्र देव्येतु सूनृता । अच्छा वीरं नयी पुङ्किराधसं देवा यज्ञं नेयन्तु नः। मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीष्णे । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीष्णे । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीष्णे ॥७॥ Praitu brahmaņaspatiḥ pra devyetu sūnṛtā. Acchā vīraṁ naryaṁ paṅktirādhasaṁ devā yajñaṁ nayantu naḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

May the sagely scholar of the Veda come and advance the yajna. May the noble ladies, scholars of the Law of Truth and the Divine Voice, come and take on the yajna for conduct. May the noble sages guide our yajna and take it forward, yajna which is good and gracious, maker of the brave, creator of great men and women, and inspirer of the leaders of the communities.

Sage and scholar of the Veda, we welcome you to the yajna and request you to take it to the top of success in knowledge.

Ladies of the Law, we welcome you to the yajna and we request you take it to the top of success in Dharmic values.

Noble saints and scholars, we welcome you to the yajna for meticulous conduct of it and pray you take it to the top of success in the advancement of culture, good conduct and civilized manners.

# 8. (Yajna Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

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मुखस्य शिरौऽसि । मुखाये त्वा मुखस्ये त्वा शीृष्णे ।
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Makhasya śiro'si. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhasya śiro'si. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhasya śiro'si. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

You are at the head of yajna, dedicated to the yajna of Brahmacharya. We exort you to take it to the top of success.

You are at the helm of the household, we commit you to the yajna of intelligent, creative and cooperative social action, and and wish and pray for you that you take it to the top of success.

You are at the head of the yajna of thinking and meditation, we elect you to the yajnic task of research, discovery and invention, and we hope and pray that you take it to the heights of achievement.

You are of the yajna, for the yajna, destined to be on top.

You are of the yajna, for the yajna, destined to take it to the top of success.

You are born of yajna, trained for yajna, committed to yajna, and destined to reach the top and take it to the top of success.

# 9. (Vidvan Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

अश्वस्य त्वा वृष्णीः शुक्ना धूपयामि देवयजेने पृ<u>ष्</u>यिव्याः। मुखाये त्वा मुखस्ये त्वा शीष्णे । अश्वस्य त्वा वृष्णीः शुक्ना धूपयामि देवयजेने पृ<u>ष</u>िव्याः। मुखाये त्वा मुखस्ये त्वा शीष्णे । अश्वस्य त्वा वृष्णेः श्वना धूपयामि देवयजेने पृ<u>श</u>िव्याः। मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें ॥९॥

Aśvasya tvā vṛṣṇaḥ śaknā dhūpayāmi devayajane pṛthivyāḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Aśvasya tvā vṛṣṇaḥ śaknā dhūpayāmi devayajane pṛthivyāḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Aśvasya tvā vṛṣṇaḥ śaknā dhūpayāmi devayajane pṛthivyāḥ. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā makhasya tvā makhasya tvā makhasya tvā makhasya tvā makhasya tvā sīrṣṇe.

With the speed of the Ashvins and the generosity of Pusha, I season you for the yajna of the divinities of the earth. We want you for the yajna, we select you for the conduct of the yajna to the top of success for us.

With the energy and generosity of Indra, I temper you for the yajna of the divine powers of the skies. We select you for the yajna, we elect you for the yajna to take it to the top of success for us.

With the light and generosity of Savita, lord of sun-beams, I enlighten you for the yajna of the divinities of heaven. We elect you for the yajna, we consecrate you for the yajna to lead the yajna to the top of success for us

Of the yajna, for the yajna, we want you, we select you for the top of success.

You are of the yajna, you are for the yajna. We select you, we elect you for the top of success.

Of the yajna you are, for the yajna you are. We elect and consecrate you for the top of success for yourself, for us and for the yajna itself.

## 10. (Vidvan Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

ऋजवें त्वा साधवें त्वा सु<u>क्षि</u>त्यै त्वां । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मुखस्यं त्वा शीृष्णें । मुखायं त्वा मखस्यं त्वा शीष्णें ॥१०॥

Rjave tvā sādhave tvā sukṣityai tvā. Makhāya tvnā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe. Makhāya tvā makhasya tvā śīrṣṇe.

Sagely scholar, for the simple and natural people, we want you. For the virtuous and the excellent, and for social good we elect you. For the sake of happy homes, we consecrate you. We want you for the yajna, and select you for the top success of yajna.

We select you for yajna. We elect you for yajna, for the top success of it.

We elect you for the yajna. We consecrate you for the top success of the yajna.

# 11. (Savita Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

यमार्य त्वा मुखार्य त्वा सूर्यंस्य त्वा तपेसे । देवस्त्वी सि<u>व</u>ता मध्वीनक्तु पृ<u>थि</u>व्याः सुः स्पृशंस्पाहि । अर्चिरंसि शोचिरं<u>सि</u> तपोऽसि ॥११॥

Yamāya tvā makhāya tvā sūryasya tvā tapase. Devastvā savitā madhvānaktu pṛthivyāḥ samspṛśaspāhi. Arcirasi śocirasi tapo'si.

For law and social justice, for yajna and social

cooperation, and for the discipline of piety in the service of the Sun, light of the universe, may the self-effulgent Savita, creator and generator of life, bless you with the honey-sweets of the earth. Protect yourself and us from the pollution of sin. You are the light of brilliance. You are the light of purity. You are the tempering fire of the austerity of Dharma.

## 12. (Prithivi Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

अनिधृष्टा पुरस्तिद्ग्नेराधिपत्युऽआयुर्मे दाः। पुत्रवेती दक्षिणृतऽइन्द्रस्याधिपत्ये प्रजां में दाः। सुषदी पृश्चाद्देवस्ये सिवतुराधिपत्ये चक्षुर्मे दाः। आश्रुतिरुत्तरतो धातुराधिपत्ये रायस्पोषं मे दाः। विधृतिरुपरिष्टाद् बृहुस्पतेराधिपत्युऽओजी मे दाः। विश्वीभ्यो मा नाष्ट्राभ्यस्पाहि मनोरश्वीसि ॥१२॥

Anāḍḥṛṣṭāpurastādagnerādhipatya'āyurmedāḥ. Putravatīdakṣiṇata'indrasyādhipatyeprajāṁmedāḥ. Suṣadā paścāddevasya saviturādhipatyecakṣurmedāḥ. Āśrutiruttaratodhāturādhipatyerāyaspoṣaṁ me dāḥ. Vidhṛtirupariṣṭadbṛhaspaterādhipatya'ojomedāḥ. Viśvābhyomānāṣṭrābhyaspāhi manoraśvāsi.

Mother Earth, unassailable and unviolated, from the east, under the rule and laws of Agni, bless me with life and age.

Mother of brave children, from the south, under the rule and supremacy of Indra, bless me with children.

Blessed home for humanity, from the west, under the rule and supremacy of Savita, bless me with light of the eyes.

Universal listener, praised and admired all round, from the north, under the rule and supremacy of the lord sustainer of the world, bless me with health and wealth.

Mother of constancy, from above, under the rule and supremacy of Brihaspati, bless me with the light and lustre of life.

You are the Queen omnipresent in the heart and mind, protect me from the defilement and pollutions of the world.

#### 13. (Vidvans Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

स्वाहो मुरुद्धिः परिश्रीयस्व <u>दि</u>वः सुः स्पृशेस्पाहि । मधु मधु मधु ॥१३॥

Svāhā marudbhiḥ pari śrīyasva divaḥ saṃspṛsaspāhi. Madhu madhu madhu.

Man of knowledge, with truth of word and deed, shine as a flame with the children of the earth, mix with them and provide all round sustenance. Save the earth from the scorching blaze of the sun. May knowledge be holy sweet. May karma be honey-sweet. May worship be heavenly sweet. May life be honey-sweet.

## 14. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

गर्भों देवानां पिता मेतीनां पितः प्रजानीम् । सं देवो देवेने सिवत्रा गेत सः सूर्येण रोचते ॥१४॥

Garbho devānām pitā matīnām patiḥ prajānām. Sam devo devena savitrā gata sam sūryeṇa rocate.

The Origin of divinities, father of the wise, sustainer of His children, light of the universe, pervading the brilliant sun, giver of light and sustainer of life, the Lord shines all over, self-manifested. Know Him, be with Him, go with Him.

#### 15. (Agni Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

सम्गिनर्ग्निना गत् सं दैवेन सि<u>व</u>त्रा सःसूर्ये'णारोचिष्ट । स्वाहा सम्गिनस्तर्पसा गत् सं दैव्येन सि<u>व</u>त्रा सःसूर्ये'णा-रूरुचत ॥१५॥

Samagniragninā gata sam daivena savitrā sam sūryeṇārociṣṭa. Svāhā samgnistapasā gata sam daivyena savitrā sam sūryeṇārūrucata.

Agni, heat and vitality of fire, burns and shines in the world in unison with Agni, universal heat and light of Divinity, in unison with the Supreme Savita, creator of life (from whom the heat and vitality emanates to the fire), and in unison with the brilliant sun (who receives the emanation of light from Savita and radiates it to the fire).

Agni, Supreme Creator of light and life, pervades the heat of fire, being one with it; inspires the divine creative and generative power of nature, being one with it, and blazes as one with the sun, and thus illuminates the universe with His self-effulgent glory.

This is the voice of Divinity, in truth of word and deed.

#### 16. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Rshi)

धर्त्ता <u>दि</u>वो वि भ<u>िति</u> तपसस्पृ<u>थि</u>व्यां धर्त्ता देवो देवानाम-मर्त्यस्तपोजाः। वार्चमस्मे नियच्छ देवायुर्वम् ॥१६॥

Dhartā divo vi bhāti tapasaspṛthivyāṁ dhartā devo devānamamartyastapojāḥ. Vācamasme ni yaccha devāyuvam.

The self-effulgent wielder of the heavens, controller of the heat and light of the universe, sustainer

of the divinities of nature, and lord immortal manifesting through His passion for existence, shines on the earth, thunders in the skies and blazes in the stars.

Saint and sagely scholar, give us that voice and vision which may lead us to the life divine.

## 17. (Ishvara Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अपेश्यं गोपामनिपद्यमानुमा च पर्रा च पृथि<u>भि</u>श्चरन्तम् । स सुधीचीः स विषूचीर्वसानुऽआवरीव<u>र्त</u>्ति भुवेने-ष्वन्तः ॥१७॥

Apaśyam gopāmanipadyamānamā ca parā ca pathibhiścarantam. Sa sadhrīcīḥ sa viṣū-cīrvasāna'ā varīvarti bhuvaneṣvantaḥ.

O that I could see that protective power divine, unassailable and incomprehensible, which is constant and unmoved and yet by mysterious ways vibrates within and beyond the universe, which pervades all the centripetal and centrifugal forces of nature in all directions of space and whirls around in the worlds of the universe.

# 18. (Ishvara Devata, Dadhyangatharvana Ŗshi)

विश्वांसां भुवां पते विश्वंस्य मनसस्पते विश्वंस्य वचसस्पते सर्वंस्य वचसस्पते । देवश्रुत्त्वं देव धर्म देवो देवान् पाह्यत्र प्रावीरने वां देववीतये । मधु माध्वीभ्यां मधु माध्वीभ्याम् ॥१८॥

Viśvāsām bhuvām pate viśvasya manasaspate viśvasya vacasaspate sarvasya vacasaspate. Devaśruttvam deva gharma devo devān pāhyatra prāvīranu vām devavītaye. Madhu mādhvībhyām madhu mādhūcībhyām.

Lord creator and sustainer of the worlds of the universe, lord of the dynamics of universal mind, lord of the universal voice of knowledge, lord protector of the speech of humanity, listener of the voice of nobilities, lord of light, self-effulgent, save the divinities of nature and blessed souls of humanity.

Teacher and preacher, may the lord protect you both for the sake of divine gifts of knowledge and virtue.

Give us the sweets of life with the months of spring. Give us the sweets of knowledge and science by the hands of Ashvinis.

## 19. (Ishvara Devata, Atharvana Ŗshi)

हृदे त्वा मनेसे त्वा <u>दि</u>वे त्वा सूर्यीय त्वा । ऊर्ध्वोऽअध्वरं <u>दि</u>वि देवेषु धेहि ॥१९॥

Hṛde tvā manase tvā dive tvā sūryāya tvā. Ūrdhvo'adhvaraṁ divi deveṣu dhehi.

Lord and Light of the universe, for the purity of heart, for the enlightenment of mind, for the bliss of heaven and gift of energy, and for the light of the sun and knowledge of the stars, we meditate on you and the divine knowledge. Lord highest of existence, advance our yajna of love and non-violence among the divinities of nature and humanity and bless it that it may rise to the heavens.

## 20. (Ishvara Devata, Atharvana Ŗshi)

पिता नौऽसि पिता नौ बोधि नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु मा मौ हि॰सीः। त्वष्टॄमन्तस्त्वा सपेम पुत्रान् पशून् मिय धेहि प्रजामस्मासु धेह्यरिष्टाह॰ सह पत्या भूयासम् ॥२०॥ Pitā no'si pitā no bodhi namaste'astu mā mā himsīh. Tvastṛmantastvā sapema putrān paśūn mayi dhehi prajāmasmāsu dhehyariṣṭā' ham saha patyā bhūyāsam.

You are our father. As father, enlighten us. Homage and worship to you. Pray injure me not. Lord maker of the world, we are your children blest with brilliant gifts, and we wish to be with you. Bless us with children and animal wealth. Bless us with a noble community, I pray, unhurt and untarnished, I may always abide by you, my lord and protector.

#### 21. (Ishvara Devata, Atharvana Ŗshi)

अहं: केतुनां जुषताछं सुज्योतिज्योतिषा स्वाहां । रात्रिः केतुनां जुषताछं सुज्योतिज्योतिषा स्वाहां ॥२१॥

Ahaḥ ketunā juṣatām sujyotirjyotiṣā svāhā. Rātrih ketunā juṣatām sujyotirjyotiṣā svāhā.

May the day, our wakeful state of the soul, join with knowledge, and may the light of our knowledge join with the light divine in truth of word and deed.

May the night, our dream-and-sleep state of the mind, join with knowledge, and may the light of knowledge join with the light divine in truth of word and deed.

इति सप्तत्रिंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXVIII

#### 1. (Savita Devata, Atharvana Ŗshi)

देवस्यं त्वा स<u>वितुः</u> प्रेस्वेऽश्विनौर्बाहुभ्यां पूष्णो हस्तभ्याम्। आददेऽदित्ये रास्नोऽसि ॥१॥

Devasya tvā savituh prasave'svinorbāhubhyām pūṣṇo hastābhyām. Ā dade'dityai rāsnā'si.

In the yajnic creation of Savita, universal creator and progenitor, I take you unto me with the procreative powers of the Ashvins, sun and moon, and the sustaining powers of Pusha, the wind. You are the generous and gracious power of Mother Nature's fertility for expansive growth and freedom.

#### 2. (Sarasvati Devata, Atharvana Rshi)

इडऽएह्यदितऽए<u>हि</u> सरस्वत्येहि । असावेह्यसावेह्यसावेहि ॥२॥

Ida'ehyadita'ehi sarasvatyehi. Asāvehyasāve hyasāvehi.

Come Ida, voice divine. Come Aditi, mother of fertility. Come Sarasvati, mother of knowledge and spirit of life's onward flow.

And come he who seeks the voice divine, who seeks generation and sacred growth, and who seeks knowledge and progress.

#### 3. (Pusha Devata, Atharvana Rshi)

अदित्यै रास्नीसीन्द्राण्याऽउष्णीर्षः । पूषाऽसि घुर्मायं दीष्व ॥३॥ Adityai rāsnāsīndrāņyā'uṣṇīṣaḥ. Pūṣāsi gharmāya dīṣva.

Pushan, like the protective head-gear and the graceful crown of life, you are the giver of noble policy for the progress of society.

You are the mother spirit of nourishment and growth. Give us, we pray, give for the sake of yajna, sanctity, piety and humanity.

## 4. (Sarasvati Devata, Atharvana Ŗshi)

अशिवभ्यां पिन्वस्व सर्रस्वत्यै पिन्वस्वेन्द्रीय पिन्वस्व । स्वाहेन्द्रेवृत् स्वाहेन्द्रेवृत् स्वाहेन्द्रेवत् ॥४॥

Aśvibhyām pinvasva sarasvatyai pinvasvendrāya pinvasva. Svāhendravat svāhendravat svāhendravat.

Grow for Sarasvati in dynamic knowledge and wisdom, for Indra in dignity and power, and for the Ashvins in beauty and glory of the nation.

In truth of word and deed, be like Indra in knowledge.

In truth of word and deed, be like Indra in power.

In truth of word and deed, be like Indra in beauty and vitality.

#### 5. (Vak Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

यस्ते स्तनेः शश्यो यो मयोभूर्यो रत्न्धा वसुविद्यः सुदत्रेः। येन् विश्वा पुष्ये<u>सि</u> वार्य<u>ीणि</u> सरस्विति तिमह धार्तवेऽकः। उर्वुन्तरिक्षमन्वेमि ॥५॥ Yaste stanaḥ śaśayo yo mayobhūryo ratnadhā vasuvidyaḥ sudatraḥ. Yena viśvā puṣyasi vāryāṇi sarasvati tamiha dhātave' kaḥ. Urvantarikṣamanvemi.

Sarasvati, like the mother's breast which overflows for the baby, which is blissful, and which is a generous jewel box of the choicest gifts of life, is your gift of the Word and Vision, which is supremely generous, and by which you feed the entire humanity.

That stream of voice and vision, mother, let flow here on earth for the nourishment of your children so that I too may follow the voice and rise to the vast skies.

# 6. (Ashvins Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

गायत्रं छन्दोऽसि त्रैष्टुंभं छन्दोऽसि द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीभ्यां त्वा परिगृह्णाम्यन्तरिक्षेणोपयच्छामि । इन्द्रीश्विना मधुनः सार्घस्य घुमं पात् वसेवो यजेत वाट् । स्वाहा सूर्यंस्य र्श्मये वृ<u>ष्टि</u>वनेये ॥६॥

Gāyatram chando'si traiṣṭubham chando'si dyāvāpṛthivībhyam tvā pari gṛhṇamyantarikṣeṇopayacchāmi. Indrāśvinā madhunaḥ sāraghasya gharmam pāta vasavo yajata vaṭ. Svāhā sūryasya raśmaye vṛṣṭivanaye.

Happy bride, you are bright and joyous like the twenty-four syllable verse of the Gayatri metre. Happy groom, you are strong and free like the fortyfour syllable Trishtubh metre. For the sake of heaven and earth I accept you both as wedded couple, and I lead you home by the paths of the sky. Like Indra and the Ashvins, promote and advance the yajna fire of the sweets of honey in life. Inmates of the home, perform yajna in the home in honour of the Vasus and rays of the sun which

bring showers of rain for the earth. This is the voice of Divinity, follow it in truth of word and deed.

#### 7. (Vata Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

समुद्रायं त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो। सिर्रायं त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो । अनाधृष्यायं त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो । अप्रतिधृष्यायं त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो । अवस्यवे त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो । अशिमिदायं त्वा वार्ताय स्वाहो ॥७॥

Samudrāya tvā vātāya svāhā. Sarirāya tvā vātāya svāhā. Anādhṛṣyāya tvā vātāya svāhā. A pratidhṛṣyāya tvā vātāya svāhā. Avasyave tvā vātāya svāhā. Aśimidāya tvā vātāya svāhā.

Wedded couple, in truth of word and deed we accept you for the sea and the sky and the winds. In truth of word and deed, we accept you for the flowing waters and floods and storms. In truth of word and deed, we accept you for courage and freedom and the social environment. In truth of word and deed, we accept you for irresistible power and creation of freedom from the winds of tension. We accept you for all round protection of body, mind and soul and the study of prana energy, in honesty of word and deed. Surely, we accept you for the science of food and nourishment and udana vayu, all sustaining energy. This is the divine voice.

## 8. (Indra Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

इन्द्रीय त्वा वसुमते रुद्रवते स्वाहेन्द्रीय त्वाऽ<u>दि</u>त्यवेते स्वाहेन्द्रीय त्वाऽभिमा<u>ति</u>घ्ने स्वाहा । स<u>िवित्रे</u> त्वेऽऋभुमते विभुमते वाजेवते स्वाहा बृह्स्पतेये त्वा <u>वि</u>श्वदेव्यावते स्वाहा ॥८॥ Indrāya tvā vasumate rudravate svāhendrāya tvā'dityavate svāhendrāya tvā'bhimātighne svāhā. Savitre tvā'rbhumate vājavate svāhā bṛhaspataye tvā viśvadevyāvate svāhā.

Homage to you, Indra, ruler of power, prosperity and justice. Salutations to Indra, lord of blazing splendour. Exhortations to you, Indra, destroyer of enemies. All hail to you, blest with light and generosity, supported by the wise, universally admired, and wielding plenty of food, energy and power of defence. Homage to you, lord of wide knowledge and wisdom blest with divine qualities.

## 9. (Vayu Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

यमाय त्वाऽङ्गिरस्वते पितृमते स्वाहा । स्वाहा घुर्माय स्वाहा घुर्मः पित्रे ॥९॥

Yamāya tvā'ngirasvate pitṛmate svāhā. Svāhā gharmāya svāhā gharmaḥ pitre.

Hail to the lord of justice, master of law and divinity with faith and love for traditions and the seniors. Homage to the ruler, father and guardian of the people, dedicated to social yajna, and himself an image of yajna.

## 10. (Ashvins Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

विश्वाऽआशां दक्षिण्सिद्वश्वान् देवानयां हिह । स्वाहांकृतस्य घुर्मस्य मधौः पिबतमश्विना ॥१०॥

Viśvā'āśā dakṣiṇasad viśvān devānayāḍiha. Svāhākṛtasya gharmasya madhoḥ pibatamaśvinā.

Ashvins, teachers and preachers, men and women, in this world, enjoy the honey sweets of the

fragrant gifts of yajna from the holy materials offered into the sacred fire.

So also the highpriest sitting south of the vedi should offer homage of yajna for all the directions of space and all the divinities of nature and humanity.

## 11. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

दिवि धोऽर्म युज्ञ<u>मि</u>मं युज्ञं दिवि धोः। स्वाहाग्नये युज्ञियाय शं यजुभ्यः ॥११॥

Divi dhā'imam yajñamimam yajñam divi dhāḥ. Svāhā'gnaye yajñiyāya śam yajurbhyaḥ.

Men and women, wedded couples, pursue this yajna of home life, society and sacrificial ritual wakefully in the light of the day and raise it to the regions of the sun. Offer oblations to Agni in truth of word and deed. Perform yajna with verses of Yajurveda for the lovers of Yajurveda and let it emanate peace and fragrance all round.

#### 12. (Ashvinau Devate, Dirghatama Rshi)

अश्विना घुर्मं पातुःहाद्वीनुमह<u>र्दि</u>वाभि<u>र</u>ूतिभिः । तुन्त्रायिणे नमो द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीभ्यीम् ॥१२॥

Aśvinā gharmam pātam hārdvānamahardivābhirūtibhiḥ. Tantrāyiņe namo dyāvāpṛthivībhyām.

Ashvins, men and women, wedded couples, promote yajna with all kinds of protection and support day and nigh, and offer homage to the earth and heaven and to the sun, mover of the wheel of time. Yajna is so dear to the heart, so blissful to the soul.

## 13. (Ashvinau Devate, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अपोताम्शिवनो घर्ममनु द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वीऽअमश्साताम् । इहैव रातयीः सन्तु ॥१३॥

Apātāmaśvinā gharmamanu dyāvāpṛthivī' amamsātām. Ihaiva rātayaḥ santu.

May the Ashvins, winds and sun rays, men and women, wedded couples, protect and promote the fire of yajna and yajnic living. And may the earth and heaven approve and advance the yajna so that here itself we may experience all the joys and comforts of life.

#### 14. (Dyava-prithivi Devate, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

ड्रषे पिन्वस्वोर्जे पिन्वस्व ब्रह्मणे पिन्वस्व क्षुत्राये पिन्वस्व द्यार्वापृ<u>थि</u>वीभ्यां पिन्वस्व । धर्मीसि सुधर्मामेन्यस्मे नृम्णानि धारय ब्रह्मं धारय क्षुत्रं धारय विशं धारय ॥१४॥

Iṣe pinvasvorje pinvasva brahmaṇe pinvasva kṣatrāya pinvasva dyāvāpṛthivībhyām pinvasva. Dharmāsi sudharmā'menyasme nṛmṇāni dhāraya brahma dhāraya kṣatram dhāraya viśam dhāraya.

Man of yajnic power, grow for the growth of food. Grow for the growth of energy. Grow for the growth and expansion of divine knowledge. Grow for the strength and protection of the social system. Grow for the growth and protection of the earth and the environment. You are Dharma, the sustainer. You are Sudharma, noble ruler and sustainer. You are the man of love and non-violence. Hold and bring the wealths of life for us. Sustain and support research, education and the Brahmana. Support and strengthen organisation,

governance and the Kshatriya. Govern, support and promote the economic system and the Vaishya producer of wealth.

## 15. (Pusha & Others Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

स्वाहां पूष्णे शरेसे स्वाहा ग्रावेभ्यः स्वाहां प्रतिर्वेभ्यः । स्वाहां पितृभ्यंऽ<u>क</u>र्ध्वबिर्हिभ्यों घर्मपावेभ्यः स्वाहा द्यावां-पृ<u>ष</u>िवीभ्या्थं स्वाहा विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यः ॥१५॥

Svāhā pūṣṇe śarase svāhā grāvabhyaḥ svāhā pratiravebhyaḥ. Svāhā pitṛbhya' ūrdhvabarhirbhyo gharmapāvabhyaḥ svāhā dyāvāpṛthivībhyām svāhā viśvebhyo devebhyaḥ.

Homage to gentle Pusha, sweet mother Earth, giver of nourishment and growth. Homage to the clouds and mountains. Homage to the reverberating caves and skies. Homage to the forefathers and the seniors. Homage to the higher powers of intelligence and the sustainers of pure yajna fire. Homage to heaven and earth. Homage to all divinities.

# 16. (Rudra & Others Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

स्वाहां क्रुद्रायं क्रुद्रहूतये स्वाहा सं ज्योतिषा ज्योतिः । अहैः केृतुनां जुषताथं सुज्योतिज्योतिषा स्वाहां । रात्रिः केृतुनां जुषताथं सुज्योतिज्योतिषा स्वाहां । मधु हुतमिन्द्रतमेऽ-अग्नावृश्यामं ते देव धर्म नर्मस्तेऽअस्तु मा मां हिःस्साः ॥१६॥

Svāhā rudrāya rudrahūtaye svāhā sam jyotiṣā jyotiḥ. Ahaḥ ketunā juṣatām sujyotirjyotiṣā svāhā. Rātriḥ ketunā juṣatām sujyotirjyotiṣā svāhā. Madhu hutamindratame' agnāvaśyāma te deva gharma namaste' astu mā mā himsīḥ.

Homage to Rudra who rallies and calls up the Rudra prana energy (for the destruction of evil). The light of the world joins with the light of the universe.

May the day with its lustre, beautiful light, join with the light divine. Homage to this communion.

May the night with its beauty, soothing grace, join with the grace divine. Salutations to this communion.

Lord of the universe, cosmic yajna, grant us a taste of the celestial honey sweets offered into the mightiest fire of cosmic yajna. Salutations to you!

Mighty Rudra, lord of pranic energy, lord of justice and reckoning, pray injure us not.

## 17. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अभी मं मेहिमा दिवं विप्रो बभूव सप्रथाः । उत श्रवंसा पृ<u>थि</u>वी छंसःसीदस्व महाँ २ ॥ऽअसि रोचेस्व देववीर्तमः। वि धूममग्नेऽअरुषं मियेद्ध्य सृज प्रेशस्त दर्शतम् ॥१७॥

Abhīmam mahimā divam vipro babhūva saprathāḥ. Uta śravasā pṛthivīm sam sīdasva mahāň'asi rocasva devavītamaḥ. Vi dhūmamagne'aruṣam miyedhya sṛja praśasta darśatam.

Agni, inspired and expansive, this grandeur of yours predominates the heaven and fills this earth with fame.

Great you are indeed, most pleasing and blissful to the divinities. Pray be settled in the vedi and shine.

Agni, lord admirable, pray create the red flames of divine beauty (and fragrance from the vedi).

## 18. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

या ते घर्म <u>वि</u>व्या शुग्या गांयुत्र्याछं ह<u>िव</u>धांने । सा तृऽआप्यायतानिष्ट्यायतां तस्यै ते स्वाहां । या ते घर्मान्तरिक्षे शुग्या <u>त्रिष्टु</u>भ्याग्नीध्ने । सा तुऽआप्यायतानिष्ट्यायतां तस्यै ते स्वाहां । या ते घर्म पृ<u>थि</u>व्याछं शुग्या जगत्याछं-सद्स्या । सा तुऽआप्यायतानिष्ट्यायतां तस्यै ते स्वाहां ॥१८॥

Yā te gharma divyā śugyā gāyatryām havirdhāne. Sā ta'ā pyāyatām niṣṭyāyatām tasyai te svāhā. Yā te gharmāntarikṣe śugyā triṣṭubhyāgnīdhre. Sā ta'ā pyāyatām niṣṭyāyatām tasyai te svāhā. Yā te gharma pṛthivyām śugyā jagatyām sadasyā. Sā ta'āpyāyatām niṣṭyāyatām tasyai te svāhā.

Light and spirit of yajna, the light of your bright flames that is in heaven, in the Gayatri verses and in the house of yajna, may that increase and may that grow higher and stronger. For that all hail to you and homage in worship in truth of word and deed.

The energy of your bright flames that is in the sky, in the Trishtubh verses and in the fire, may that increase and grow faster and stronger. For that all hail to you and exhortation.

The heat of your bright flames that is on the earth, in the jagati verses, and in the house of Assembly, may that increase and grow wider and stronger. For that all hail and exhortation to you.

# 19. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

क्षुत्रस्ये त्वा पुरस्पीय ब्रह्मणस्तुन्वं पाहि । विशस्त्वा धर्म'णा वयमनुक्रामाम सुविताय नव्यसे ॥१९॥ Kṣtrasya tvā paraspāya brahmaṇastanvaṁ pāhi. Viśastvā dharmaṇā vayamanu krāmāma suvitāya navyase.

Ruler of the land, for the protection of the people and advancement of the nation, protect and promote the Brahmana body of education and research. Protect and strengthen the Kshatra body of defence and administration. And all the people and we too support and follow you as a matter of discipline and Raja-Dharma for the achievement of new and newer forms of wealth and well-being.

## 20. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

चर्तुःस्र<u>क्ति</u>र्नाभिर्<u>ऋ</u>तस्यं सप्प्रथाः स नो <u>वि</u>श्वायुः सप्प्रथाः स नेः सर्वायुः सप्प्रथाः । अप् द्वेषोऽअप् ह्वरोऽन्यव्रतस्य सश्चिम ॥२०॥

Catuḥsraktirnābhirṛtasya saprathāḥ sa no viśvāyuḥ saprathāḥ sa naḥ sarvāyuḥ saprathāḥ. Apa dveṣo'apa hvaro'nyavratasya saścima.

Ruler, head of the national yajna of governance and administration, well-armed you are all round in the four directions. Centre-hold of the law and the bodypolitic, you are expansive (omnipresent, as if, through the system). Universally popular, may you attain to full age to protect and promote us. Celebrated head of universal development and friend of all, may you live a full age of dignity for us. We reject hate and hostility, crooked opposition and those committed to contrary values

#### 21. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

घर्मेंतत्ते पुरीषं तेन वर्द्धंस्व चा चं प्यायस्व । वर्द्धिषीमिंहं च वयमा चं प्यासिषीमिंह ॥२१॥ Gharmaitatte purīṣam tena vardhasva cā ca pyāyasva. Vardhiṣīmahi ca vayamā ca pyāsiṣīmahi.

Dharma, brilliant ruler and high-priest of this blazing yajna, this nation and this yajna is the measure of your power and potential. Grow by it and attain to your full stature. And may we too grow by it and rise to our full national honour and glory.

## 22. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अचिक्रद्द् वृषा हरिर्म्हान् मित्रो न देर्श्तः । सःसूर्येण दिद्युतदुद्धिर्निधिः ॥२२॥

Acikradad vṛṣā harirmahān mitro na darśataḥ. Sam sūryeṇa didyutadudadhirnidhiḥ.

Agni, brilliant light of cosmic yajna, roaring with thunder, showering with the clouds, shooting as lightning, great and glorious, universal friend, bright and beautiful, and blazing with the sun is a jewel treasure of wealth deep as the oceans of space.

#### 23. (Apah Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

सु<u>मित्रिया न</u> ऽआपुऽओषंधयः सन्तु दुर्मि<u>त्रि</u>यास्तस्मै सन्तु युग्गेऽस्मान् द्वे<u>ष्टि</u> यं चे व्ययं द्विष्मः ॥२३॥

Sumitriyā na'āpa'oṣadhayaḥ santu durmitriyāstasmai santu yo'smān dveṣṭi yaṁ ca vayaṁ dviṣmaḥ.

May the herbs and waters and the pranic energies they bear be efficacious as good friends to us, and may they carry strong antidotes for those negativities that injure us and which we hate to suffer.

#### 24. (Savita Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

उद्घयन्तर्मस्पर्याः स्वः पश्यन्तऽउत्तरम् । देवं देवत्रा सूर्यमर्गन्म ज्योतिरुत्तमम् ॥२४॥

Udvayam tamasaspari svaḥ paśyanta'uttaram. Devam devatrā sūryamaganma jyotiruttamam.

High and higher beyond the dark, looking up to the heavens, let us rise and reach to the sun, bright and blazing, light supreme among the stars of the universe.

# 25. (Ishvara Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

एधोऽस्येधिषीमहि समिदिसि तेजोऽसि तेजो मिय धेहि॥२५॥

Edho'syedhiṣīmahi samidasi tejo'si tejo mayi dhehi.

Lord of the universe, you are the fire. You are the fuel. You are the furnace. You are the light and you are the radiation.

Radiate that fire and splendour unto me. May we grow intense radiant by the blaze of that light and fire divine.

#### 26. (Indra Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

यावेती द्यावीपृ<u>थि</u>वी यावेच्च सप्त सिन्धेवो वित<u>स्थि</u>रे । तावेन्तमिन्द्र ते ग्रहंमूर्जा गृह्याम्यक्षितं मिये गृह्याम्यक्षि-तम् ॥२६॥

Yāvatī dyāvāpṛthivī yāvacca sapta sindhavo vitasthire. Tāvantamindra te grahamūrjā gṛhṇāmyakṣitaṁ mayi gṛhṇāmyakṣitam.

Indra, lord of fire and splendour, as far as the heaven and earth abound, as far as the seven seas of

space roll on, that far do I hold on to that immortal zone of power and splendour and receive it unto me intact and indestructible with all my strength and energy.

## 27. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

मि<u>य</u> त्यदि<u>न्द्रियं बृहन्मिय</u> दक्षो मि<u>य</u> क्रतुः । घुर्म<u>स्त्रि</u>-शुग्विरोजित <u>वि</u>राजा ज्योतिषा सह ब्रह्मणा तेजसा सह ॥२७॥

Mayi tyadindriyam bṛhanmayi dakṣo mayi kratuḥ. Gharmastriśugvirājati virājā jyotiṣā saha brahmaṇā tejasā saha.

That expansive power in me, that yajnic efficiency of action like threefold passion of fire, lightning and the sun shines in me with the immanence of light, omniscience and cosmic power of Infinity.

#### 28. (Yajna Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

पर्यसो रेत्रऽआभृतं तस्य दोहंमशीमृह्युत्तरामुत्तरा्छं समीम्। त्विषः संवृक्क्रत्वे दक्षस्य ते सुषुम्णस्यं ते सुषुम्णाग्निहुतः। इन्द्रंपीतस्य प्रजापंतिभक्षितस्य मधुमत्ऽउपहूत्ऽउपहूतस्य भक्षयामि ॥२८॥

Payaso reta'ābhṛtaṁ tasya dohamaśīmahyuttarāmuttarām samām. Tviṣaḥ saṁvṛk kratve dakṣasya te suṣumṇasya te suṣumṇāgnihutaḥ. Indrapītasya prajāpatibhakṣitasya madhumata' upahūta'upahūtasya bhakṣayāmi.

From the milk of cosmic plenty, vitality is received. We receive the shower of that vitality rising in abudance year by year.

Lord of infinite peace and joy, for the human observance and extension of your cosmic yajna I am one with your light and splendour, lord of omnipotence and bliss of life. And having invoked and fed the fire of yajna, inspired and sanctified by the holy fire, I taste the honey-sweets of yajna raised by the waves of Indra's energy, and consumed, revitalized and showered by the sun, father and guardian of the children of divinity.

इति अष्टात्रिंशोऽध्यायः ॥

#### CHAPTER-XXXIX

# 1. (Prana & Others Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

स्वाहां प्राणेभ्यः साधिपतिकेभ्यः । पृ<u>थि</u>व्यै स्वाहाग्नये स्वाहान्तरिक्षाय स्वाहां वायवे स्वाहां । <u>दि</u>वे स्वाहा सूयीय स्वाहां ॥१॥

Svāhā prāṇebhyaḥ sādhipatikebhyaḥ. Pṛthivyai svāhāgnaye svāhāntarikṣāya svāhā vāyave svāhā. Dive svāhā sūryāya svāhā.

This oblation is for the pranas, companions of the soul, (at the end of life when the pranas merge with the universal prana). This oblation is for the earth. This is for the fire. This is for the sky. This is for the air. This is for the heaven. This is for the sun.

This is the end of life in truth of word and deed. (The divinities of nature take their portion of the temporal existence of the human being when death overtakes life.)

### 2. (Digadayah Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

दिग्भ्यः स्वाहां चन्द्रायं स्वाहा नक्षेत्रेभ्यः स्वाहाऽद्ध्यः स्वाहा वर्रुणायं स्वाहां । नाभ्यै स्वाहां पृतायं स्वाहां ॥२॥

Digbhyaḥ svāhā candrāya svāhā nakṣatrebhyaḥ svāhā'dbhyaḥ svāhā varuṇāya svāhā. Nābhyai svāhā pūtāya svāhā.

This oblation is for the quarters of space, this is for the moon, this is for the nakshatra stars, this is for the waters, this is for the seas, this is for the navel, this is for purification through the fire.

### 3. (Vak etc. Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

वाचे स्वाही प्राणाय स्वाही प्राणाय स्वाही । चक्षुषे स्वाहा चक्षुषे स्वाहा श्रोत्रीय स्वाहा श्रोत्रीय स्वाही ॥३॥

Vāce svāhā prāṇāya svāhā prāṇāya svāhā. Cakṣuṣe svāhā cakṣuṣe svāhā śrotrāya svāhā śrotrāya svāhā.

This oblation is for speech and its purity, this is for the breath of one nostril, this is for the breath of the other, this is for the sight of one eye, this is for the sight of the other, this is for the hearing by one ear, this is for the other.

### 4. (Shri Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

मनेसः काममाकूतिं वाचः सत्यमेशीय । पुशूनाथ्धंरूपमन्नेस्य रसो यशः श्रीः श्रीयतां मिय स्वाही ॥४॥

Manasaḥ kāmamākūtiṁ vācaḥ satyamasīya. Paśūnāṁ rūpamannasya raso yaśaḥ śrīḥ śrayatāṁ mayi svāhā.

May I get the sanctified will and resolution of the mind. May I get the divine truth of speech. May I beget the beautiful forms of living beings. May I get the sweet vitality and taste of food. May all these and honour, beauty and grace be vested in me in life again and again.

This is the voice of the soul in truth of word and deed.

### 5. (Prajapati Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

प्रजापितः सिभ्भियमीणः सम्राट् सम्भृतो वैश्वदेवः सेःसन्तो घर्मः प्रवृक्तस्तेजऽउद्यतऽआ<u>श्वि</u>नः पर्यस्यानीयमिन पौष्णो विष्युन्दमिने मारुतः क्लर्थन् । मैत्रः शर्रसि सन्ताय्यमिने वायुव्यो ह्रियमीणऽआग्नेयो हुयमीनो वाग्धुतः ॥५॥

Prajāpatiḥ sambhriyamāṇaḥ samrāṭ sambhṛto vaiśvadevaḥ samsanno gharmaḥ pravṛktasteja' udyata'āśvinaḥ payasyānīyamāne pauṣṇo viṣyandamāne mārutaḥ klathan. Maitraḥ śarasi santāyyamāne vāyavyo hriyamāṇa'āgneyo hūyamāno vāgghutaḥ.

Jiva, the soul, nourishing and supporting life, is prajapati, guardian of life. Fully provided and prosperous, it is Samrat, brilliant and sovereign. Well-positioned in society, it is vaishhvadeva, a human divinity. High and distinguished it is gharma, yajnic fire. Risen to the heights, it is teja, splendour. Sanctified and initiated in water, it is ashvina, blessed with pranic energy. Abundant and generous, it is paushna, child of the sun. Destroyer of enemies, it is maruta, of the winds. Developing waters, it is maitra, generous and friendly. Moving tempestuously, it is of the air, flying and floating. Kindled and challenged, it is fiery. Invoked and invited, it is vak, voice of divinity.

# 6. (Savita & Others Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

स<u>वि</u>ता प्रेथमेऽह्नेन्नुऽग्निर्द्वितीये वायुस्तृतीयेऽआ<u>दि</u>त्यश्चेतुर्थे चन्द्रमाः पञ्चमऽऋतुः षुष्ठे मुरुतः सप्तमे बृहुस्पतिरष्टमे। <u>मित्रो नेव</u>मे वर्रुणो दशमऽइन्द्रेऽएकाद्शे विश्वे देवा द्वादशे ॥६॥

Savitā prathame'hann'agnirdvitīye vāyustṛtīya' ādityaścaturthe candramāḥ pañcama'ṛtuḥ ṣaṣthe marutaḥ saptame bṛhaspatiraṣṭame. Mitro navame varuṇo daśama'indra'ekādaśe viśve devā dvādaśe.

When the soul leaves the body, on the first stage it goes to Savita, the sun, to Agni on the second, to Vayu on the third, to Aditya on the fourth, to Chandrama on the fifth, to Ritu on the sixth, to Maruts on the seventh, to Brihaspati on the eighth, to Mitra on the nineth, to Varuna on the tenth, to Indra on the eleventh, and to Vishvedevas on the twelfth.

# 7. (Marutah Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

उग्रश्चे भीमश्च ध्वान्तश्च धुनिश्च । सासहाँश्चीभियुग्वा चे विक्षिपः स्वाही ॥७॥

Ugraśca bhīmaśca dhvāntaśca dhuniśca. Sāsahvāńścā'bhiyugvā ca vikṣipaḥ svāhā.

According to its nature and action, the soul after death is violent or peaceful, fearful or fearless, dark or bright, roaring or quiet, patient or impatient, cooperative or non-cooperative, disruptive or concentrative, (and is reborn in an appropriate form).

### 8. (Agni etc. Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अग्निःहृदयेनाशिनिःहृदयाग्रेणे पशुपितं कृतस्नहृदयेन भ्वं यक्ना । शर्वं मतस्नाभ्यामीशीनं मृन्युनी महादेवमेन्तः पर्श्ववेनोग्रं देवं विनिष्ठुनी विसष्ठहनुः शिङ्गीनि कोश्यी-भ्याम् ॥८॥ Agnim hṛdayenāśanim hṛdayāgreṇa paśupatim kṛtsnahṛdayena bhavam yaknā. Śarvam matasnābhyāmīśānam manyunā mahādevamantaḥ parśavyenogram devam vaniṣṭhunā vasiṣṭhahanuḥ śiṅgīni kośābhyām.

The soul comes to attain and hold Agni by the heart, electric energy by the front part of the heart, Pashupati Shiva by the whole heart, the kind Shiva by the liver, the fearsome Shiva by sides of the heart, ruling power by righteous anger, the great lord by ribs on both sides of the chest, heat and light of spirits by the intestines, manly excellence by the ventricles of the heart.

# 9. (Ugra etc. Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

उग्रं लोहितेन <u>मित्रश्सौव्र</u>त्येन रुद्रं दौर्व्रीत्येनेन्द्रं प्रक्रीडेने मुरुतो बलेन साध्यान् प्रमुद्धा । भुवस्य कण्ठ्यश्रुद्ध-स्यान्तःपा्श्र्व्यं महादेवस्य यकृच्छ्वस्य वि<u>न</u>िष्ठुः पशुपतेः पुरीतत् ॥९॥

Ugramllohitena mitram sauvratyena rudram daurvratyenendram prakrīdena maruto balena sādhyān pramudā. Bhavasya kaṇṭhyam rudrasyāntaḥpārśvyam mahādevasya yakṛccharvasya vaniṣṭhuḥ paśupateḥ purītat.

The soul comes to have hypertension by the blood, friendliness by noble thoughts and values, violence by negative thoughts and values, honour and power by good conduct, strong people by power, good people and success by love and cheerfulness. Sweetness of the throat is the seat of praise and social appreciation. Inside of the ribs is the seat of Rudra. The liver is the seat of Mahadeva. The intestines are the seat of strength. The arteries of the heart are the seat of Pashupati.

### 10. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

लोमेभ्यः स्वाहा लोमेभ्यः स्वाहा त्वचे स्वाहा त्वचे स्वाहा लोहिताय स्वाहा लोहिताय स्वाहा मेदोभ्यः स्वाहा मेदोभ्यः स्वाहा । माछंसेभ्यः स्वाहा माछंसेभ्यः स्वाहा स्नावेभ्यः स्वाहा स्नावेभ्यः स्वाहाऽस्थभ्यः स्वाहास्थभ्यः स्वाहा मुज्जभ्यः स्वाहा मुज्जभ्यः स्वाहा । रेतेसे स्वाहा पायवे स्वाहा॥१०॥

Lomabhyaḥ svāhā lomabhyaḥ svāhā tvace svāhā tvace svāhā lohitāya svāhā lohitāya svāhā medobhyaḥ svāhā. Māmsebhyaḥ svāhā māmsebhyaḥ svāhā snāvabhyaḥ svāhā snāvabhyaḥ svāhā snāvabhyaḥ svāhā snāvabhyaḥ svāhā sthabhyaḥ svāhā majjabhyaḥ svāhā. Retase svāhā pāyave svāhā.

This oblation is for the hair in parts of the body, this is for the hair of the whole body. This is for the skin in parts, this for the whole. This is for blood in the parts, this for the whole. This is for the fat in the parts, this for the whole. This is for the flesh in parts, this for the whole. This is for the tendons, this for the nerves. This is for single bones, this for all. This is for the marrow in the parts, this is for the whole marrow in the body. This is for the semen. This is for the anus.

# 11. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

आयासाय स्वाही प्रायासाय स्वाही संयासाय स्वाही वियासाय स्वाहीद्यासाय स्वाही । शुचे स्वाहा शोचेते स्वाहा शोचेमानाय स्वाहा शोकीय स्वाही ॥११॥

Āyāsāya svāhā prāyāsāya svāhā saṁyāsāya svāhā viyāsāya svāhodyāsāya svāhā. Śuce svāhā śocate svāhā śocamānāya svāhā śokāya svāhā. In all truth of word and deed and in all commitment to faith: homage to the spirit of new attainment, to effort for the new attainment, to balance and peace in the effort and attainment, to success in various new attainments, to effort for rising higher and higher, to purify and purification of the body, mind and soul.

Homage to the purifier, to the light of purification, and all hail to the body, mind and soul for the intake of purity from the process of purification.

### 12. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

तपेसे स्वाहा तप्येते स्वाहा तप्येमानाय स्वाही तप्ताय स्वाही घुर्माय स्वाही। निष्कृत्यै स्वाहा प्रायेश्चित्त्यै स्वाही भेषुजाय स्वाही। १२।।

Tapase svāhā tapyate svāhā tapyamānāya svāhā taptāya svāhā gharmāya svāhā. Niṣkṛtyai svāhā prāyaścityai svāhā bheṣajāya svāhā.

In all truth of word and deed and in all commitment to faith: homage to the fire of purification, to the soul in the crucibles of purification, to the soul receiving the light of purification, to the soul purified and redeemed, to the heat and light of the new day, to purity from pollution and evil, to disintegration of body and release of the soul, to penitence and self-introspection, and homage to new health and new happiness.

### 13. (Agni Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

यमाय स्वाहाऽन्तेकाय स्वाही मृत्यवे स्वाही । ब्रह्मणे स्वाही ब्रह्महृत्यायै स्वाहा विश्वेभ्यो देवेभ्यः स्वाहा द्यावी-पृथिवीभ्यार्थस्वाही ॥१३॥ Yamāya svāhā'ntakāya svāhā mṛtyave svāhā. Brahmaṇe svāhā brahmahatyāyai svāhā viśvebhyo devebhyaḥ svāhā dyāvāpṛthivībhyām svāhā.

In truth of word and deed and faith, homage to Yama, lord of justice and reckoning. Homage to Antaka, transcendent time that ends up everything in existence. Homage to Death that consumes all that is born. Homage to Brahma, the Supreme. Homage to the migration of the soul. Homage to the divinities of existence. Homage to Heaven and to Mother Earth.

इत्येकोनचत्वारिंशोऽध्याय: ॥

#### CHAPTER-XL

### 1. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

र्डुशा वास्य<u>ि</u>पदः सर्वं यत्किञ्च जर्गत्यां जगत् । तेने त्यक्तेने भुञ्जीथा मा गृधः कस्ये <u>स्वि</u>द्धनेम् ॥१॥

Īśā vāsyamidam sarvam yatkim ca jagatyām jagat. Tena tyaktena bhuñjīthā mā gṛdhaḥ kasya sviddhanam.

All this that is, moving in the moving universe, is pervaded by the Ruling Lord of Existence. Therefore, live it as given by Him, enjoy it objectively in a spirit of detachment. Covet not anyone's wealth. It belongs to none (except to the Lord).

### 2. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

कुर्वन्नेवेह कर्मीणि जिजी<u>वि</u>षेच्छ्तः समीः । एवं त्व<u>यि</u> नान्यथे<u>तोऽस्ति</u> न कर्म लिप्यते नरे ॥२॥

Kurvanneveha karmāṇi jijīviṣecchatam samāḥ. Evam tvayi nānyatheto'sti na karma lipyate nare.

Only doing one's duty here should everyone wish to live for a full hundred years. Only this way—there is no other way—Karma does not smear the soul of man within.

### 3. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

असुर्य्या नाम ते लोकाऽअन्थेन तमसावृताः । ताँस्ते प्रेत्यापि गच्<u>छन्ति</u> ये के चत्मिहनो जनाः॥३॥ Asuryā nāma te lokā'andhena tamasāvṛtāḥ. Tāňste pretyāpi gacchanti ye ke cātmahano janāḥ.

Surely after death and even while living, demonical souls sunk in darkness who kill their conscience and live only a physical existence (void of virtue) go to those sunless regions of the world which are covered in the impenetrable darkness of sufferance.

# 4. (Brahma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अनेजुदेकं मनसो जवीयो नैनद्देवाऽआप्नुवन् पूर्वमर्षत् । तद्धावेतोऽन्यानत्येति तिष्ठुत्तस्मिन्नुपो मतिरश्वा दधाति॥४॥

Anejadekam manaso javīyo nainaddevā' āpnuvan pūrvamarṣat. Taddhāvato'nyānatyeti tiṣṭhattasminnapo mātariśvā dadhāti.

Brahma is constant, unmoving, One and only One, without a second, and faster than the mind. The mind and senses cannot attain to It, although It is present everywhere, already and always. Though still, It surpasses and transcends others who are at the fastest move in nature. Within It the wind holds the waters of the universe. Within the Divine Presence the soul performs its actions. (If somthing moves faster than the velocity of light, it becomes omnipresent. And what is omnipresent, is still too, because there is no space to move through.)

# 5. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

तदेजित तनौजित तद् दूरे तद्वि<u>न्ति</u>के । तद्नत्तरेस्य सर्वीस्य तदु सर्वीस्यास्य बाह्यतः॥५॥

Tadejati tannaijati taddūre tadvantike. Tadantarasya sarvasya tadu sarvasyāsya bāhyataḥ. It moves, yet It does not move, (being omnipresent). It is at the farthest of space, even farther, and It is at the nearest. It is within this all, and surely It is outside of all this.

### 6. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

यस्तु सर्वाणि भूतान्यात्मन्नेवानुपश्यति । सर्वभूतेषु चात्मानं ततो न विचिकित्सति॥६॥

Yastu sarvāṇi bhūtānyātmannevānupaśyati. Sarvabhūteṣu cātmānaṁ tato na vi cikitsati.

One who sees all the forms of existence existing within the Supreme Soul, and the Supreme Soul immanent in all the forms of being, suffers from no doubt or illusion (and holds on to faith).

### 7. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

य<u>स्मि</u>न्त्सर्वीणि भूतान्यात्मैवाभूद्विजानृतः। तत्र को मोहः कः शोकेऽएकृत्वमेनुपश्यतेः॥७॥

Yasmintsarvāṇi bhūtānyātmaivābhūdvijānataḥ. Tatra ko mohaḥ kaḥ śoka'ekatvamanupaśyataḥ.

In the state of knowledge wherein the knower knows all the forms of being as pervaded by the same One Soul, how can there be any illusion or suffering for the person who sees the same Unity in existence everywhere.

### 8. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

स पर्य्यगाच्छुक्रमेकायमेव्रणमेस्नाविरःशुद्धमपोपविद्धम् । कविर्मनीषी पेरिभूः स्वयम्भूर्यीथातथ्यतोऽअर्थान् व्यवधा-च्छाश्वतीभ्यः समोभ्यः ॥८॥ Sa paryagācchukramakāyamavraṇam asnāviram śuddhamapāpaviddham. Kavirmanīṣī paribhūḥ svayambhūryāthātathyato'arthān vyadadhācchāśvatībhyaḥ samābhyaḥ

The Supreme Soul is omnipresent, omnipotent, without body, without any flaw, without sinews, pure, sinless, visionary poetic creator and omniscient, existent in the heart and mind of all, transcendent, self-existent, who for the infinite ages of eternity creates, organises, reveals and sustains all the forms of existence as they are and ought to be.

### 9. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अन्धन्तमः प्र विश<u>न्ति</u> येऽसम्भूतिमुपासेते । ततो भूयेऽइव ते तमो यऽउ सम्भूत्याथः रताः॥९॥

Andham tamaḥ pra viśanti ye'sambhūtimupāsate. Tato bhūya iva te tamo ya'u sambhūtyām ratāḥ

Down into the darkest dark do they fall who worship only the primordial prakriti. Still deeper and darker do they fall who worship only the existential forms and are lost therein.

### 10. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अन्यदेवाहुः सम्भवादन्यदोहुरसम्भवात् । इति शुश्रुम् धीरोणां ये नुस्तद्विचच<u>क्षि</u>रे ॥१०॥

Anyadevāhuḥ sambhavādanyadāhurasambhavāt. Iti śuśruma dhīrāṇāṁ ye nastadvicacakṣire.

Different is the result, they say, from primordial prakriti, and different is the result, they say, from the

existential forms. This have we heard from the Wise who revealed it to us.

### 11. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

सम्भूतिं च विनाशं च यस्तद्वेदोभर्यः सह । विनाशेने मृत्युं तीत्वां सम्भूत्यामृतमश्नुते ॥११॥

Sambhūtim ca vināśam ca yastadvedobhayam saha. Vināśena mṛtyum tīrtvā sambhūtyāmṛtamaśnute.

One who knows the immortal/constant primordial and the mortal/mutable existential and knows that Supreme Spirit along with both, masters the facts of death by the mortal and realizes the immortal by the primordial.

### 12. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अन्धन्तमः प्र विश<u>न्ति</u> येऽविद्यामुपसिते । ततो भूयेऽइव ते तमो यऽउं <u>वि</u>द्यायीछंर्ताः॥१२॥

Andham tamaḥ pra viśanti ye'vidyāmupāsate. Tato bhūya iva te tamo ya'u vidyāyām ratāḥ.

Down into the darkest dark do they fall who worship Avidya, i.e., illusion, or mere karma (action). Still deeper, and darker do they fall who are lost in Vidya, i.e., knowledge without reference to karma or the reality content of it.

### 13. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

अन्यदेवाहुर्विद्यायोऽअन्यदोहुरविद्यायाः । इति शुश्रुम् धीरोणां ये नुस्तद्विचचक्षिरे ॥१३॥

Anyadevāhurvidyāyā'anyadāhuravidyāyāḥ. Iti śuśruma dhirāṇām ye nastadvicacakṣire.

Different is the result of Vidya, they say, and different is the result of Avidya, they say. This we have heard from the wise who revealed the difference of both to us.

# 14. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

<u>वि</u>द्यां चार्विद्यां च यस्तद्वेदोभर्यःसह । अविद्यया मृत्युं ती्रत्वां <u>वि</u>द्ययामृतमश्नुते ॥१४॥

Vidyām cāvidyām ca yastadvedobhayam saha. Avidyayā mṛtyum tīrtvā vidyayā' mṛtamaśnute.

One who knows Vidya, i.e., the constant reality and the knowledge of it, and Avidya, i.e., illusion, for what it really is, and Karma including the order of change, and knows that Supreme Spirit along with both Vidya and Avidya, masters the reality and meaning of death by Avidya, and realises Immortality by Vidya.

## 15. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

वायुरनिलम्मृतमथेवं भस्मन्तिःशरीरम् । ओ३म् क्रतौ स्मर । <u>क्लि</u>बे स्मर । कृतःस्मर ॥१५॥

Vāyuranilamamṛtamathedam bhasmāntam śarīram. Om krato smara. Klibe smara. Kṛtam smara.

The end of the body is ash. The prana-vayu merges with the cosmic energy. And this soul is immortal.

O soul, remember Om, Supreme Soul of Existence. Agent of Karma, remember your karma. Remember both these to realise your real form and potential.

### 16. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Rshi)

अग्ने नयं सुपर्था रायेऽअस्मान् विश्वानि देव वयुननि विद्वान् । युयोध्युस्मञ्जुहुराणमेनो भूयिष्ठां ते नर्मऽउक्ति विधेम ॥१६॥

Agne naya supathā rāye'asmān viśvāni deva vayunāni vidvān. Yuyodhyasmajjuhurāṇameno bhūyiṣṭhāṁ te nama uktiṁ vidhema.

Agni, brilliant lord omniscient of all the laws and ways of existence, lead us to the wealth of life by the right path of honesty and simplicity. Remove from us all sin and crookedness. We sing the most joyous songs of celebration in praise of you. Homage to you again and again.

### 17. (Atma Devata, Dirghatama Ŗshi)

हिर्ण्मयेन पात्रेण स्त्यस्यापिहितं मुर्खम् । योऽसाव<u>दि</u>त्ये पुरुषः सोऽसाव्हम् । ओ३म् खं ब्रह्मं ॥१७॥

Hiraṇmayena pātreṇa satyasyāpihitaṁ mukham. Yo' sāvāditye puruṣaḥ so' sāvaham. Om khaṁ brahma.

The face of truth is covered by a golden veil. The veil is removed by the Lord of golden glory.

The life and light that shines in the sun is that Supreme Purusha. That is there, and that is here in me.

Om is the saviour. Om is Brahma, Brahma is infinite, sublime.

इति चत्वारिंशोऽध्याय: ॥

### **NOTE**

Swami Dayananda has accepted this version of Yajurveda chapter 40. There is another version, which is also accepted as Ishopanishad, and that has eighteen mantras. That version from mantra 15 to mantra 18 is given below:

- 15. The face of truth is covered with a golden veil (the veil of Prakrti). That veil, O Lord preserver and promoter of life, unveil so that we may see the Truth and eternal Dharma.
- 16. Lord giver of life and protection, universal guide, eternal light, lord of creation, Sole Lord, one and absolute, universal Eye, seer omniscient, gather up your light for me. The splendour that is yours is the most auspicious and sublime form I see. The light that shines in the sun is the Purusha. That is there, That is in me.
- 17. The end of the body is ash. The breath of life goes to eternal energy. The soul is immortal. O soul, remember Om. Remember your karma. Lord of yajna, agent of karma, remember the actions performed.
- 18. Agni, light of life, lead us on by the right path to the wealth of life. Brilliant lord omniscient of all laws and ways of existence, and all our thoughts and deeds, remove from us all sin and crookedness. We sing songs of celebration in praise of you. Homage to you again and again

Note: In the Vaidic tradition of religious studies, thought and practice specially after Swami

Shankaracharya, three works have been prominent. They are: Vedanta Sutras, Upanishads, and the Gita. The three together are known as Prasthana-trayi, and summed up as 'Vedanta' in popular parlance. And Vedanta is sometimes understood to be an 'End of the Vedas', a 'take off' and even a substitute for the Vedas. For the information of the dedicated readers it is important to mention that:

1. The Vedanta Sutras are an extensive commentary on the closing words of Yajurveda. The closing words of Yajurveda are: Om Kham Brahma. And the opening words of Vedanta Sutras are: Athāto Brahma Jijñāsa

Which means: And now, an enquiry into the nature of Brahma. Clearly the Vedanta Sutras are an extensive act of meditation on the open-ended close of Yajurveda. Similarly Mandukyopanishad also is an expansive act of meditation on OM, the first of the closing words quoted above and Yajurveda (40, 15): Om Krato Smara.

- 2. Chief among Upanishads for the common reader are Ishopanishad and Mandukyopanishad. Ishopanishad is a literal version of the closing chapter of Yajurveda, and Mandukya, an act of meditation on OM.
- 3. The Gita is a call to action, an extensive commentary on the second mantra of the closing chapter of Yajurveda:

Kurvanneveha karmāṇi jijiviṣecchatam samāḥ, Evam tvayi nānyatheto'sti na karma lipyate nare.





Prasthana-trayi thus is neither the 'End of the Vedas', nor a substitute, nor a take off. Each work is a continuation of Vedic studies in its own context of meditation, meditative teaching, and a rousing call to action in a situation of karmic crisis.

The three are, thus, not a departure from the Vedas, they are a homage to the Vedas.

