

The phenomenon-*jagat* constituted of the three Gunas is known as Brahma or as Veda. It is also constituted of time, space and causation. This manifested universe expands into infinitude. It is therefore designated as all-pervading. Having come out of Brahman the Supercosmic Intelligence, this cosmos itself beams with intelligence. For this reason it is styled as Veda. This phenomenon is again in a constant state of flux. As such, karma and the cosmos are equated. When karma is performed perfectly and with the best of motives it becomes *Yajna*. Eating for example may be done as an act of glorifying the Divinity enshrined in one. Living itself is turned into *Yajna* when directed to the service of the Divine. An earthly government becomes ideal when all people are law abiding. On a higher level still, when people take to the performance of *Yajna*, the functioning of the universe itself becomes elevated and sublime. The universe is therefore stated to be ever centred in *Yajna*. It is possible for man to convert the earth into heaven. And sacrifice is the sure means to it. The scheme of Nature is verily centred on *Yajna*.

Does any harm accrue to man if he does not engage himself in *Yajna*? The answer comes.—

एवं प्रवर्तितं चक्रं नानुवर्तयतीह यः ।

अघायुरिन्द्रियारामो मोघं पार्थ स जीवति ॥ १६

एकम् प्र-वर्तितम् चक्रम् न अनु-वर्तयति इह यः ।

अध-आयुः इन्द्रिय-आ-रामः मोघम् पार्थ सः जीवति ॥

*evam pravartitam cakram nā 'nuvartayati 'ha yah ।*

*aghāyur indriyārāmo mogham pārtha sa jīvati ॥*