

In a *Yajna*, Lord Fire is invoked in the sacrificial trough and into it are offered oblations by the devotees. From this analogy, the term *Jnaana Yajna* has been originally coined and used in the Geeta. Study of the Scriptures and regular contemplation upon their deep significances kindle the "Fire-of-Knowledge" in us and into this the intelligent seeker offers, as his oblation, his own false values and negative tendencies. This is the significance of the metaphorical phrase *Jnaana Yajna*. Therefore, here the Lord admits but a truth in the Spiritual science when He declares that those who study the Geeta --- contemplate upon its meaning, understand it thoroughly --- and those who can, at the altars of their well-kindled understanding, sacrifice their own ego-centric misconceptions about themselves, and about the world around them, are certainly the greatest devotees of the Infinite.

When a rusted key is heated in fire, the rust falls off and the key regains its original brightness. So too, our personality, when reacted with the knowledge of the Geeta, is chastened, since our wrong tendencies, unhealthy *vasanas* and false sense-of-ego which have risen from false-knowledge (*Ajnaana*), all get burnt up in Right-Knowledge (*Jnaana*).

AFTER THUS EXPLAINING THE GLORY OF THE TEACHER AND THE BENEFITS OF THE STUDY SO FAR, KRISHNA INDICATES IN THE FOLLOWING STANZA, THAT EVEN "LISTENING" TO THE GEETA DISCOURSES IS BENEFICIAL: