

*astu* let be इष्टकामधुक *ista kāma dhuk* milch cow of desires

Having created mankind in the beginning together with *Yajna*, the *Prajapati* said: "By this shall you propagate; this shall be the milch cow of your desires."

The creative force of nature is an aspect of *Iswara* Manifesting Himself in this aspect He governs and guides human destiny Then He is known as *Prajapati*

Life on earth is wrought with misery, however much man may pose to be free from it Still, there is an unfailing way to convert earthly life into a 'mansion of mirth' When all activities in life are changed into *Yajna*, the spectacle also undergoes a corresponding change Man is born to give and not to grab The grabbing man pays the penalty in the form of misery, the giver reaps the reward in the form of undiluted joy The means to give somehow increases in the man who has a mind to give The resources, the bodily effort and the mental disposition—all these become multiplied in the man of *Yajna* His life flowers in being useful to others and fruits in enlightenment

*Kāmadhuk* is also called *Kāmadhenu* It is a mythological milch cow, having a woman's head, a cow's body and a bird's wings The usefulness of the human, the beast and the bird are all combined in it The owner of this divine cow is believed to have all his wants immediately supplied Allegorically this milch cow is nothing other than *Yajna* The doer of *Yajna* is never in wants, he is always in