

thing is specified; *brahmanah*, of Brahman. The Brāhmanas and the Vedas and the sacrifices were *vihitāh*, ordained, (194) created; *tena*, by that threefold designation; *purā*, in the days of yore (195)—this is said by way of eulogizing the designation.

तस्मादोमित्युदाहृत्य यज्ञदानतपःक्रियाः ।
प्रवर्तन्ते विधानोक्ताः सततं ब्रह्मवादिनाम् ॥२४॥

24. Therefore, acts of sacrifice, charity and austerities as prescribed through injunctions, of those who study and expound the Vedas, always commence after uttering the syllable *Om*.

Tasmāt, therefore; *yajña-dāna-tapah-kriyāh*, acts of sacrifice, charity and austerities—acts in the form of sacrifice etc.; *vidhāna-uktāh*, as prescribed through injunctions, as ordained by the scriptures; *brahma-vādinām*, of those who study and expound the Vedas; *satatam*, always; *pravartante*, commence; *udāhṛtya*, after uttering; *om iti*, the syllable *Om*.

तदित्यनभिसन्धाय फलं यज्ञतपःक्रियाः ।
दानक्रियाश्च विविधाः क्रियन्ते मोक्षकांक्षिभिः ॥२५॥

25. After (uttering) the word *tat*, acts of sacrifice and austerities as also the various acts of charity are performed without regard for results by persons aspiring for Liberation.

After uttering the word *tat*, which is a name of Brahman, *yajña-tapah-kriyāh*, acts of sacrifice and austerities; *ca*, as also; *vividhāh*, the various; *dāna-kriyāh*, acts of charity, such as gift of land, gold, etc.; *kriyante*, are performed; *anabhisandhāya*, without regard for; *phalam*, results of actions; *moksa-kāṅksibhiḥ*, by persons aspiring for Liberation.

The use of the words *Om* and *tat* has been stated. Thereafter, the use of the word *sat* is being presently stated:

सद्भावे साधुभावे च सदित्येतत्प्रयुज्यते ।
प्रशस्ते कर्मणि तथा सच्छब्दः पार्थ युज्यते ॥२६॥