

righteous warfare to wipe out wickedness from the world is an act of *Yajna*. Increasing the wealth of the country not for self-aggrandizement but for people's welfare is definitely *Yajna*. Humble and obscure labourers such as hewers of wood, drawers of water, tillers of soil and carriers of load are also performing *Yajna* when they assume the attitude that with the sweat of their brow they are serving the Lord and His creation. It is the attitude that transforms the soul-entangling karma into the soul-emanipating *Yajna*. Divinity reveals itself best where *Yajna* takes place. That "*Yajna* is Vishnu" is an Upanishadic statement. Performance of *Yajna* leads man to *Sreyas*.

He lives in vain who does not utilize the human birth which is very rare to obtain, for the attainment of Divinity.

— Sri Ramakrishna

Has *Yajna* any place in cosmic plan? The answer comes:—

सहयज्ञाः प्रजाः सृष्ट्वा पुरोवाच प्रजापतिः ।

अनेन प्रसविष्यध्वमेवोऽस्त्वष्टकामधुक् ॥ १०

सह-यज्ञाः प्रजाः सृष्ट्वा पुरा उवाच प्रजा-पतिः ।

अनेन प्र-सविष्यध्वम् एष वः अस्तु इष्ट-काम-धुक् ॥

*sahayajñāḥ prajāḥ sṛṣṭvā puro 'vāca prajāpatiḥ ।*

*anena prasaviṣyadhvam eṣa vo 'stv iṣṭa kāma dhuk ॥*

सहयज्ञाः *sahayajñāḥ* together with sacrifice प्रजाः *prajāḥ* mankind सृष्ट्वा *sṛṣṭvā* having created पुरा *purā* in the beginning उवाच *uvāca* said प्रजापतिः *prajāpatiḥ* Prajapati अनेन *anena* by this प्रसविष्यध्वम् *prasaviṣyadhvam* shall ye propagate एषः *eṣaḥ* this वः *vaḥ* your अस्तु