

वेदानां सामवेदोऽस्मि देवानामस्मि वासवः ।

इन्द्रियाणां मनश्चासि भूतानामस्मि चेतना ॥ २२

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इन्द्रियाणाम् मन च अस्मि भूतानाम् अस्मि-चि चेतना ॥

*vedānām sāmavedo 'smi devānām asmi vāsavaḥ ।*

*indriyānām manas cā 'smi bhūtānām asmi cetanā ॥*

वेदानाम् *vedānām* among the Vedas सामवेद *sāma-vedaḥ* the Sama Veda अस्मि *asmi* (I) am देवानाम् *devānām* among the gods अस्मि *asmi* (I) am वासव *vāsavaḥ* Vasava इन्द्रियाणाम् *indriyānām* among the senses मन *manas* mind च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi* (I) am भूतानाम् *bhūtānām* among living beings अस्मि *asmi* (I) am चेतना *cetanā* intelligence

Of the Vedas I am the Saman; I am Vasava among the Devas, of the senses I am the mind and among living beings I am consciousness. 22

One of the names attributed to Vishnu is *Sāmaga*, which means the chanter of the Sama Veda. Among the four Vedas, Saman is the one best set to music. It is therefore enchanting even to those who cannot understand it. Thought of God comes to all who chant or hear it. It is verily the glory of God.

Vasava is another name of Indra, the lord of the Devas. By sheer merit the deserving ones rise to this position. And all merits are the glories of God.

The functioning of all the five senses becomes purposeless when the mind wanders away from them. The ways of the absent-minded man verify this position very clearly. Mind being the recorder