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perceived, felt, and thought of in our everyday life --- is called *Sat*.

Thus, to invoke the thoughts of *Om*, which express the TRANSCENDENTAL ABSOLUTE, or to invoke "*Tat*," the UNIVERSAL TRUTH, or to cherish the concept of "*Sat*," the REALITY, is to tune up our instruments of action and thereby chasten all our activities in the world outside.

The Eternal Reality, indicated in the triple designation of *Brahman* "*Om Tat Sat*," is the Source from which all castes, the *Vedas* and the sacrifices proceeded, even at the time of Creation. All super-impositions can only arise from, exist in and disappear into that which is their own substratum.

All human activities and endeavours can be classified under the heads: (a) activities (*Ahaara*) undertaken for the maintenance of the body, and (b) activities (*Niyata*) that nourish the culture by all co-operative activities pursued with a spirit of dedication (*Yajna*), all charities (*Daana*), and all intelligent methods of self-control (*Tapas*).

WHEN ARE WE TO USE THE TERM "OM"?

24. Therefore, with the utterance of 'OM' are begun the acts of sacrifice, gifts and austerity as enjoined in the scriptures, always by the students of BRAHMAN.