

syllable Om. The truths and the facts in Nature conveyed through languages are the Vedas. This way, Iswara reveals Himself as the five elements each of which has a distinctive feature in the revelation of *jnana*.

It is not sufficient for man simply to assume the human form and carry on the human existence. He is verily man who exhibits human excellence in all of his doings. Man fulfils himself this way and this fulfilment is for the glory of the Lord. He adores God best who fulfils himself perfectly.

पुण्यो गन्धः पृथिव्यां च तेजश्चास्मि विभावसौ ।

जीवनं सर्वभूतेषु तपश्चास्मि तपस्विषु ॥ ९

पुण्यः गन्धः पृथिव्याम् च तेजः च अस्-मि विभावसौ ।

जीवनम् सर्व-भूतेषु तपः च अस्-मि तपस्-विषु ॥

*punyaṁ gandhaḥ pṛthivyāṁ ca tejaś cā 'smi vibhāvasau |*  
*jīvanam sarva bhūtesu tapas cā 'smi tapasviṣu ||*

पुण्य. *punyaḥ* sweet गन्धः *gandhaḥ* fragrance पृथिव्याम् *pṛthivyāṁ* in earth च *ca* and तेजः *tejaḥ* brilliance च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi am* (I) विभावसौ *vibhāvasau* in fire जीवनम् *jīvanam* life सर्वभूतेषु *sarva bhūtesu* in all beings तपः *tapas* austerity च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi am* (I) तपस्विषु *tapas-viṣu* in ascetics

I am the sweet fragrance in earth and the brilliance in fire; I am the life in all beings and the austerity in ascetics. 9

Odour in all of its forms is characteristic of the element earth. But the sweet fragrance is specified here because of aroma being associated with the ritualistic worship of the Lord.