ऋग्वेद

मण्डल १०, अनुवाक ११, सूक्त १५१। अष्टक ८, अध्याय ८, वर्ग ९।

अनुवाद कर्ता: सञ्जय मोहन मित्तल

Rigveda

Maṇḍala 10, Anuvaaka 11, Sookta 151. Aṣhṭaka 8, Adhyaaya 8, Varga 9.

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There are two independent systems in place for classifying the 10522 Mantras from the Rigveda.

The first system has the Mantras broadly classified in Mandalas. Each Mandala has Anuvaakas which are further divided into Sooktas. However it is noteworthy that the Sooktas are numbered independently within a Mandala and their numbering do not reset at the switchover of Anuvaakas. Due to this, many scholars consider Anuvaaka to be redundant and do not use them in their translations. There are a total of 10 Mandalas, 85 Anuvaakas and 1028 Sooktas in the Rigveda. The sizes of the Mandalas vary considerably between 429 Mantras to 1976 Mantras. The sizes of the Sooktas vary from 1 Mantra to 58 Mantras.

The second system tries to evenly distribute the Mantras between 8 Ashtakas which are further divided into 8 Adhyaayas each. These 64 Adhyaayas are further subdivided into 2024 Vargas. The normal size of a Varga is five Mantras, however, it varies from one to twelve Mantras with either extremes being rare.

Even though the second system does not have the Sookta classification, it honors the sanctity of a Sookta. One Sookta belongs to only one Ashtaka and one Adhyaaya. The Mantras from a Sookta may be further grouped into multiple Vargas. The Vargas however, do not mix Mantras from different Sooktas.

Nowadays, Mandala / Anuvaaka / Sookta classification is more popular and has been used in this translation as well. However, the Ashtaka / Adhyaaya / Varga is mentioned in the page header for reference, if needed.

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साराँश

श्रद्धा सूक्त में ऋषि ईश्वर की वेदवाणी के सत्य होने में श्रद्धा और विश्वास रखने का महत्त्व समझाते हैं। श्रद्धा और दृढ़ निश्चय होने पर कुछ भी असम्भव नहीं। केवल श्रद्धा से ही समाज में सुधार लाया जा सकता है। मनुष्य को प्रतिक्षण श्रद्धापूर्वक वेदों के अनुसार कर्म करते रहना चाहिए।

नौवे वर्ग का आरम्भ होता है।

प्रथम मन्त्र में ऋषि श्रद्धापूर्वक हवन करने का संदेश देते हैं।

कामायनी श्रद्धा ऋषिः । श्रद्धा देवता । ३२ अक्षराणि । आर्ष्यन्ष्ट्रप् छन्दः । गान्धारः स्वरः ।

<u>श्रद्धया</u>ऽग्निः समिध्यते श्रद्धयां हूयते <u>ह</u>विः ।

<u>श्र</u>द्धां भगस्य मूर्<u>धनि</u> व<u>च</u>सा वेंदयामसि ॥१॥

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श्रुद्धया'। अग्निः। सम्। <u>इध्यते</u>। श्रुद्धया'। <u>हूयते</u>। <u>ह</u>विः॥ श्रुद्धाम्। भगस्य। मूर्धनि'। वचसा। आ। <u>वेदयामसि</u>॥१॥

अग्निहोत्र के लिए, हवनकुण्ड में (श्रद्धया) श्रद्धापूर्वक (अग्निः) अग्नि (सम्)(इध्यते) जलाई जाती है और (हिवः) आहुतियाँ भी (श्रद्धया) श्रद्धापूर्वक उत्तम हव्यपदार्थों की (हूयते) दी जाती हैं। (वचसा) वेद की वाणी से ही हम (आ) अच्छे से (वेदयामिस) जानते हैं कि (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धापूर्वक पूर्ण मनोयोग से किए कार्य ही (भगस्य) ऐश्वर्य के (मूर्धिने) शिखर पर पहुँचाते हैं। अग्निहोत्र से कोई प्रत्यक्ष लाभ हमें दिखाई नहीं देता, और हममें से कुछ को तो यज्ञ में धुएं से वातावरण दूषित होता और हव्य पदार्थों की बर्बादी ही होती दिखाई देती है। यह वेदों में श्रद्धा ही है जिससे हम पर्यावरण के हित में यज्ञ के महत्त्व को समझ उसे करते हैं।

दूसरे मन्त्र में ऋषि श्रद्धापूर्वक दानादि कर्म करने वालों के कल्याण की प्रार्थना करते हैं। कामायनी श्रद्धा ऋषिः। श्रद्धा देवता। ३० अक्षराणि। विराडार्घ्यन्ष्ट्रप् छन्दः। गान्धारः स्वरः।

प्रियं श्रद्धे ददंतः प्रियं श्रद्धे दिदांसतः।

<u>प्रियं भोजेषु</u> यज्वंस<u>िव</u>दं मं उ<u>दि</u>तं कृंधि ॥२॥

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प्रियम् । श्र<u>द्धे</u> । दर्दतः । प्रियम् । श्र<u>द्धे</u> । दिदासतः ॥ प्रियम् । भोजेषु । यज्वंऽसु । <u>इ</u>दम् । <u>मे</u> । <u>उदि</u>तम् । <u>कृधि</u> ॥२॥

Synopsis

In the "Shradhaa sookta" the sage is highlighting the benefits of having a steadfast faith in the Vedic wisdom. Nothing is impossible for a person with faith and a strong resolve. Positive changes can be attained in the society only with faith and devotion. A human should consistently and with faith perform actions as detailed in the Vedas.

Here begins the ninth Varga.

In the first mantra the sage preaches about the importance of faith and devotion while performing *yajña*.

rishih kaamaayanee shraddhaa, devataa shraddhaa, vowels 32, chhandah aarshy anushtup, svarah gaandhaarah.

. shraddhayaa'gniḥ samidhyate shraddhayaa hooyate haviḥ, shraddhaam bhagasya moordhani vachasaa vedayaamasi. Rig 10:11:151:1 shraddhayaa agniḥ sam idhyate shraddhayaa hooyate haviḥ, shraddhaam bhagasya moordhani vachasaa aa vedayaamasi.

For the agnihotra, (agniḥ) the fire (sam)(idhyate) is ignited into the kuṇḍa (shraddhayaa) with faith and devotion, (haviḥ) the offerings of the choicest things (hooyate) are made (shraddhayaa) with faith and devotion as well. (vachasaa) From the Vedic wisdom we (aa) very well (vedayaamasi) understand that only the deeds performed (shraddhaam) with unshakable faith and devotion help us reach (moordhani) the peaks (bhagasya) of achievement and abundance. There are no immediately visible benefits of the agnihotra. Some even feel that the smoke from the fire causes pollution and the material offered on fire is just wasted. However, it is the faith in the words of the Vedas that helps us understand the benefits that the yajña brings to the environment and to the living beings.

In the second mantra the sage offers a prayer for the wellbeing of the people engaged in charitable acts.

riṣhiḥ kaamaayanee shraddhaa, **devataa** shraddhaa, **vowels** 30, **chhandaḥ** viraaḍ aarṣhy anuṣḥṭup, **svaraḥ** gaandhaaraḥ.

priyañ shraddhe dadataḥ priyañ shraddhe didaasataḥ,
priyam bhojeṣhu yajvasvidam ma uditaṅ kṛidhi.

Rig 10:11:151:2

priyam shraddhe dadatah priyam shraddhe didaasatah, priyam bhojeshu yajva-su idam me uditam kridhi.

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(श्रद्धे) हे आस्था! (ददतः) दान देने वाले का (प्रियम्) भला हो। (श्रद्धे) हे आस्था! (दिदासतः) दान देने की इच्छा करने वाले का (प्रियम्) भला हो। (भोजेषु) अतिथियों को भोजन कराने वाले और (यज्वऽसु) यज्ञ को करने कराने वाले, सभी जनों का (प्रियम्) भला हो। (मे) मेरी (इदम्) इस याचना को स्वीकार कर मेरा (उदितम्) उत्थान (कृधि) कीजिये।

तीसरे मन्त्र में ऋषि समाज के सुधार में श्रद्धा का महत्त्व दर्शाते हैं। कामायनी श्रद्धा ऋषिः। श्रद्धा देवता। ३१ अक्षराणि। निचृदार्ष्यनुष्टुप् छन्दः। गान्धारः स्वरः।

यथां <u>दे</u>वा असुरेषु <u>श्</u>रद्धामुग्रेषुं चक्<u>रि</u>रे । एवं भोजेषु यज्वंस्<u>व</u>स्माकंमुद्धितं कृंधि ॥३॥

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यथा । देवाः । असुरेषु । श्रद्धाम् । उग्रेषु । चक्रिरे ॥

एवम् । भोजेषु । यज्वंऽसु । अस्माकंम् । उदितम् । कृधि ॥३॥

(यथा) जैसे (देवाः) विद्वान्, (उग्रेषु) उग्र (असुरेषु) आसुरी वृत्तियों वालों को (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा व विश्वास के साथ उपदेश दे, बिना हिम्मत हारे उनकी वृत्तियों का शमन (चिक्रिरे) कराते हैं (एवम्) वैसे ही (भोजेषु) अतिथियों को भोजन कराने वाले और (यज्वऽसु) यज्ञ करने वाले कभी भी इन कर्मों से पीछे न हटें। हमारी इस भावना को सत्य कर (अस्माकम्) हमारा (उदितम्) उत्थान (कृधि) कीजिए

चौथे मन्त्र में ऋषि कहते हैं कि केवल दृढ़ निश्चय वाले ही श्रद्धा का सहारा ले सकते हैं। कामायनी श्रद्धा ऋषिः। श्रद्धा देवता। ३२ अक्षराणि। आर्ष्यनुष्टुप् छन्दः। गान्धारः स्वरः।

<u>श्र</u>द्धां <u>दे</u>वा यजमाना वायुगोपा उपासते।

श्रद्धां ह<u>ृंद</u>य्य१<u>ः</u> ंयाकूंत्या श्रद्धयां विन्द<u>ते</u> वसुं ॥४॥

ऋग् १०:११:१५१:४

श्रुद्धाम् । देवाः । यजमानाः । वायुऽगोपाः । उपं । आसते ॥

श्रुद्धाम् । हृद्य्यया । आऽकूंत्या । श्रुद्धयां । विन्दते । वसुं ॥४॥

(देवाः) विद्वान्, (यजमानाः) यज्ञशील और (वायुऽगोपाः) प्राणायाम करने वाले व्यक्ति (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा को सदा अपने (उप)(आसते) निकट रखते हैं। (हृदय्यया) हृदय में (आऽकूत्या) दृढ़ सङ्कल्प वाला मनुष्य ही (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा को रख सकता है और (श्रद्धया) श्रद्धा से ही सब प्रकार के (वसु) उत्तम धन (विन्दते) प्राप्त किए जा सकते हैं।

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(shraddhe) O Faith! May (dadataḥ) the donors (priyam) be blessed! (shraddhe) O Faith! May the ones who are (didaasataḥ) desirous of donating (priyam) be blessed! May (bhojeṣhu) the ones offering food to the guests and (yajva-su) ones performing yajña (priyam) be blessed as well! Please accept (idam) this request (me) of mine and (uditam)(kṛidhi) elevate myself.

In the third mantra the sage highlights the importance of faith and devotion for those engaged in the upliftment of the society.

riṣhiḥ kaamaayanee shraddhaa, **devataa** shraddhaa, **vowels** 31, **chhandaḥ** nichṛid aarṣhy anuṣḥṭup, **svaraḥ** gaandhaaraḥ.

3. yathaa devaa asureşhu shraddhaamugreşhu chakrire, evam bhojeşhu yajvasvasmaakamuditan kridhi.

Rig 10:11:151:3

yathaa devaaḥ asureṣhu shraddhaam ugreṣhu chakrire, evam bhojeshu yajva-su asmaakam uditam kridhi.

(yathaa) As (devaaḥ) the scholars (shraddhaam) steadfast with faith and devotion (chakrire) inspire and preach the ones (ugreṣhu) with dominant (asureṣhu) evil tendencies and help them get rid of these tendencies, (evam) so should (bhojeṣhu) the ones offering food to the guests and (yajva-su) the ones performing yajña remain undeterred towards these performances. Please accept this request and (uditam)(kṛidhi) elevate (asmaakam) us.

In the fourth mantra the sage declares that only the ones with a strong resolve can have faith.

rishih kaamaayanee shraddhaa, devataa shraddhaa, vowels 32, chhandah aarshy anushtup, svarah gaandhaarah.

shraddhaan devaa yajamaanaa vaayugopaa upaasate, shraddhaan hridayya1yaakootyaa shraddhayaa vindate vasu.

Rig 10:11:151:4

shraddhaam devaaḥ yajamaanaaḥ vaayu-gopaaḥ upa aasate, shraddhaam hridayyayaa aa-kootyaa shraddhayaa vindate vasu.

(devaaḥ) Scholars, (yajamaanaaḥ) performers of yajña and (vaayu)(gopaaḥ) practitioners of yoga and breath control, all of them keep (shraddhaam) faith and devotion (upa)(aasate) close to their heart. Only someone (aa)(kootyaa) with a strong resolve (hṛidayyayaa) in one's heart can stay steadfast (shraddhaam) in faith and devotion. (shraddhayaa) With faith and devotion one (vindate) can get (vasu) all kinds of benevolent wealths.

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पाँचवे मन्त्र में ऋषि जीवन के हर पड़ाव पर श्रद्धा का महत्त्व समझाते हैं। कामायनी श्रद्धा ऋषिः। श्रद्धा देवता। ३२ अक्षराणि। आर्ष्यनुष्टुप् छन्दः। गान्धारः स्वरः।

<u>श्र</u>द्धां प्रातर्हवामहे श्रद्धां <u>म</u>ध्यन्दि<u>नं</u> परि ।

श्रद्धां सूर्यस्य <u>निम्रुचि</u> श्रद्धे श्रद्धांप<u>ये</u>ह नं: ॥५॥

ऋग् १०:११:१५१:५

श्रुद्धाम् । प्रातः । <u>हवामहे</u> । श्रुद्धाम् । <u>म</u>ध्यन्दिनम् । परिं ॥ श्रुद्धाम् । सूर्यस्य । <u>नि</u>ऽम्रुचि[']। श्रद्धे । श्रत् । <u>धापय</u> । <u>इ</u>ह । <u>नः</u> ॥५॥

(श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा को हम (प्रातः) प्रातः काल अथवा जीवन के आरम्भ में (हवामहे) पुकारते हैं। (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा को हम (मध्यन्दिनम्) दिन के मध्य अथवा जीवन के मध्यकाल में भी (पिर) चारों ओर से पुकारते हैं। और (सूर्यस्य) सूर्य के (निऽप्रुचि) अस्त होने के समय अथवा आयु के अन्त में भी हम (श्रद्धाम्) श्रद्धा को पुकारते हैं। (श्रद्धे) हे आस्था! (इह) इस जीवन में (नः) हमें (श्रत्) वेदों के सत्य वचन में (धापय) विश्वास करने वाला बना।

नौवा वर्ग समाप्त हुआ।

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In the fifth mantra the sage highlights the importance of faith at each and every stage of our lives.

rişhih kaamaayanee shraddhaa, devataa shraddhaa, vowels 32, chhandah aarşhy anuşhtup, svarah gaandhaarah.

5. shraddhaam praatarhavaamahe shraddhaam madhyandinam pari, shraddhaan sooryasya nimruchi shraddhe shraddhaapayeha naḥ.

Rig 10:11:151:5

shraddhaam praataḥ havaamahe shraddhaam madhyandinam pari, shraddhaam sooryasya ni-mruchi shraddhe shrat dhaapaya iha naḥ.

We (havaamahe) call upon (shraddhaam) faith and devotion (praataḥ) in the morning or in the early periods of our lives. We call upon (shraddhaam) faith and devotion (pari) from all directions (madhyandinam) during the middle of the day or our midlife. We call upon (shraddhaam) faith and devotion (ni)(mruchi) at the time of the setting (sooryasya) of the sun or towards the end of our life. (shraddhe) O Faith! (iha) In this life please make (naḥ) us (dhaapaya) a strong believer (shrat) in the truth of the Vedic wisdom.

Here ends the ninth Varga.