

Yajur Veda

Y.V. 3.35

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(Bhoo) To be, to work, beneath the earth (Bhuvah) to gain knowledge, atmosphere (Swaha) realizing brahma, space (Tat) that (God) (Savituh) Creator (God), Sun (Varennyam) worth to be adopted (Bhargo) the effect, Supreme intelligence (Devasya) of the divine desirable, enlightened (Dheemahi) may we concentrate and meditate upon (Dhiyah) intellects (Yah) who (Nah) our (Prachodayat) inspire to do the best.

Elucidation :

What's the meaning of Gayatri mantra?

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The Creator is worth to be adopted. May we concentrate and meditate on the effect, on the Supreme intelligence of the Supreme Divine Enlightened. Who may inspire the intelligence of all of us to do the best.

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The effect of the Sun is present everywhere, in all our acts, knowledge and on the path of realization. The Sun is worthy to be adopted. May we meditate on the effect of that Sun i.e. morning rising Sun's rays, to inspire our mind to do best works.

Practical utility in life :

What does Gayatri mantra inspire us?

This verse answers three fundamental questions of life as follows :-

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2. To concentrate and meditate on the Supreme intelligence of the Divine Enlightened and desirable because that Creator is worth to be adopted.
3. To receive His inspirations in the intellects of all of us to do the best.

Note : Gayatri Mantra is found in three vedas i.e. R.V. 3.62.10, Y.V. 3.35, 30.2, 36.3
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YV 16.1

Elucidation :-

Why shall we salute the Rudra form of God?

Salutations to You, Rudra, the Lord of Justice, competent to make the evils cry, for your wrath against evils and wicked; Salutations to Your arrows and armaments: Salutations for awareness; Salutations for Your inspirations; Salutations to Your powerful arms.

Theme :-

Who are Rudras in society?

What is the importance of punishments in our life?

Since Rudra is the Supreme Lord of Justice, a Supreme Ruling Power of God, therefore, while saluting that dimension of God, we must be conscious of His Supreme Power of awarding fruits of all our acts i.e. Karma Phala.

A great king or a judicial authority who acts like Rudra, while ruling over the country and punish the evil and wicked minds, he also deserves salutations and applauses from the masses. It's the bounden duty of people also to salute such a Rudra King or the judicial authority.

Great parents who keep their progeny in discipline and chastise them in case of wrong deeds, also deserve salutations.

All superior authorities also should act like Rudra King and parents, because all punishments are to improve our performance by raising our awareness and inspirations.

YV 16.2

What does the Rudra manifestation of God ensure in our life?

Rudra, the Lord of Justice, making the evils cry, which is the manifestation of Your presence to ensure :-

- (i) Shiva i.e. welfare doing, auspicious and blissful,
- (ii) Aghoraa i.e. free from fear and imbalances,
- (iii) Apaapa kaashinii i.e. enlightening with sinless purity.

May the gracious manifestation of You emanate peace for us. You, God, the huge mountain of peace, may educate and protect us in all ways.

YV 16.17

Elucidation :-

What's the Song of Salutations to various powers and people performing like Rudra?

Our Salutations to the warrior with golden arms;

Our Salutations to the Governor in all directions;

Our Salutations to the true green foliage;

Our Salutations to the Governor of animal kingdom;

Our Salutations to those free from sensory bondages having light of judicious mind;

Our Salutations to the Governor of all paths;

Our Salutations to those removing the pains of people and bearing sacred thread and mindful of their religious duties;

Our Salutations to the Governor and protector of nutritious foods and practices;

This Chapter 16 of Yajur Veda has salutations to around 247 Rudras in the society.

YV 16.49

Elucidation :-

What is an all purpose medicine i.e. panacea?

The Lord of Justice, making the evils cry! Your auspicious presence in the form of shivaa i.e. Giver of peace and happiness is the all purpose medicine i.e. panacea. This power of granting peace and happiness is medicine for the sick. With that medicine, please make our whole life comfortable.

YV 16.50

Elucidation :-

How to avoid the thunderbolt powers of Rudra against us?

Rudra, the Lord of Justice! keep us separate from all sides from Your thunderbolt power of punishing by keeping us away from all sides from disposition of anger, evil mind and committing sins against atman.

Make the people, having splendid wealth, determined and firm and spread them to elevate.

The Rainer of happiness! Make our children and their progeny happy.

YV 16.54

Elucidation :-

How many Rudras are ruling over the earth?

Rudras, the Lords of Justice i.e. God's divine powers and people vested with the powers of Rudra are thousands in number, rather innumerable, ruling over earth.

We spread the powers of those Rudras far away thousand fold over vast areas.

YV 16.58

Elucidation :-

Do Rudras favor or disfavor among their subjects?

Those (Rudras) have risen above personal bonds as regards those who are liable to be destroyed i.e. inner and outer enemies.

YV 16.59

Elucidation :-

Do Rudras protect everything made of five elements?

Those (Rudras) are the Lords (protectors) of five elements i.e. living beings and non-living things; protectors of those intellectuals having special light of knowledge; protectors of recluses and saints with knotted braided hair.

YV 16.60

Elucidation :-

Do Rudras protect all paths of life?

Those (Rudras) are the protectors of the paths and travelers; protectors and promoters of materials related to earth; they are the warriors till the whole life.

YV 16.61

Elucidation :-

Do Rudras remove our ignorance?

Those (Rudras) propagate to make people cross over (the darkness or ignorance about God). They hold bows, arrows and swords in their hands.

YV 16.62

Elucidation :-

Do Rudras guide us in eating, drinking also?

Those (Rudras) specially regulate, govern people in respect of food and drinking in vessels.

Y.V. 30.2

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YV 40.1

Elucidation :-

Whatever is there moving in the moving world, lying in transient phase of this transient world, everything is liable to be pervaded by God, is the abode of God. Use or consume it with the spirit of detachment. Don't covet or desire anyone's wealth at all or don't covet because whose wealth is this at all.

YV 40.2

Elucidation :-

Desire to live for hundred years here in this life while performing karmas only. This way, there is no other way for you. Human beings are not attached to karmas.

YV 40.3

Elucidation :-

Devilish, Hellish is the name of those places or people that are covered, surrounded with blind darkness, ignorance. Whosoever people are conscience killer, working against atman or violating the deep core universal power within, proceed towards those places (lokas) after death and in this life also.

YV 40.4

Elucidation :-

God is the only one alone who is motionless i.e. unmoving. He is swifter than mind. The divine powers of sense organs cannot catch, receive or understand that God. He reaches everywhere in advance. He crosses over the others running, as He is already established there. The air like jivaatma, the subtlest, holds or bestows all acts, karmas in that God only.

YV 40.5

Elucidation :-

He moves, He doesn't move.

He is farthest, He is nearest.

He is inside of everything here, He is outside of everything here.

YV 40.6

Elucidation :-

One who perceives (sees and follows) (beholds) all beings and things made of five elements in his own self, in God and sees his own self, God, in all beings and things, thereafter, he never doubts, never ponders.

In Ishopanishada, the term vijupupsate has been used in place of vichikitsati. Na vijugupsate means never turns away from reality, neither commits sins nor hates.

YV 40.7

Elucidation :-

In whom all beings and things made of five elements become like soul, self or God, he becomes one having special knowledge. For such a person, there is neither any

bewilderment, delusion, distortion etc. nor any grief remains because he perceives, holds unity and non-duality in that (Supreme universal reality of existence i.e. God).

YV 40.8

Elucidation :-

He, the Supreme essential reality, God, has the following features :- (i) Encircles all, (ii) Bright shining, (iii) without body or form, (iv) scatheless, unharmed, (v) without arteries and veins, (vi) pure, (vii) untouched with evils, sins (viii) seers (ix) complete intellectual, (x) Omnipresent, (xi) self-existent, uncaused cause, (xii) He has revealed everything and every knowledge as it should be exactly for the eternal i.e. sanatana people and the creation.

YV 40.15

Elucidation :-

The Air (having feature of movement) that we breathe is non-physical, through the causal power of air i.e. anilam, atmosphere, sky, merges into the non-dying ultimate cause i.e. God. Thereafter, this mortal body, which is liable to be destroyed, is converted into ash. Therefore, the agent of karma, who is empowered to do yajna, should always remember the name of God, should remember his competence, potential and should also remember his actual karmas in deed that he has performed.

YV 40.17

Elucidation :-

The face of the truth is covered with a veil made of gold. He who is the Supreme Personality in Sun is the same who is in me. That AUM, the original vibration of the universe, is the Supreme Brahman, vast and infinite like sky.

Ishopnishad verse 16

O Nourishing God! The unique seer, the only one Supreme Rishi, You are empowered to keep everyone in discipline; You are inspiring like Sun; Protector and Sustainer of all beings. You have spread the rays of light and knowledge (like Sun). Please gather all of them, so that I may see You in reality. That Your form is shining. It is for the extreme welfare. Now I see You like that. You are the Supreme Personality, the same You are in me.