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Atharva Veda 9.3.25

प्राच्या दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ।।25।।

Prācyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 25

(Prācyāḥ) from eastern (east denotes progress) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāya) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the east direction?

From east direction, denoting progress, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

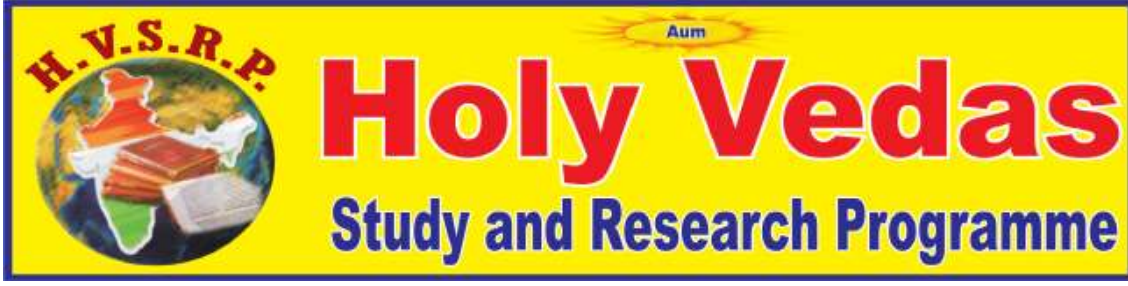
Practical utility in life:

How to offer salutations for a house?

These seven verses can be used for offering salutations and homage to all directions for the respective powers of these directions and for giving us an abode for comfortable living while worshipping the divine powers. It would be fortunate for us to remain associated with divine powers all around.

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दक्षिणाया दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ।।26 ।।

Dakṣiṇāyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 26

(Dakṣiṇāyāḥ) from south (south denotes expertise) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāya) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the south direction?

From south direction, denoting expertise, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

Atharva Veda 9.3.27

प्रतीच्या दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ।।27 ।।

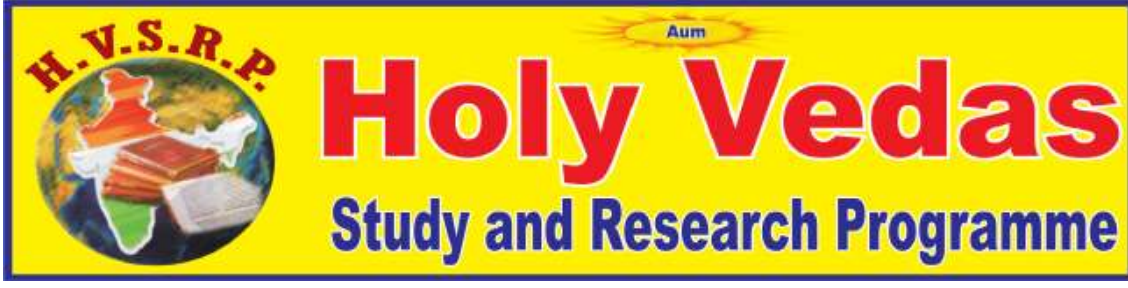
Pratīcyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 27

(Pratīcyāḥ) from western (west denotes returning back from various objects and focus on one like pratyahar) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāya) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the west direction?

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From west direction, denoting returning back from various objects and focus on one like pratyahar, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

Atharva Veda 9.3.28

उदीच्या दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ॥२८॥

Udīcyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 28

(Udīcyāḥ) from north (north denotes progress) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāyā) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the north direction?

From north direction, denoting progress, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

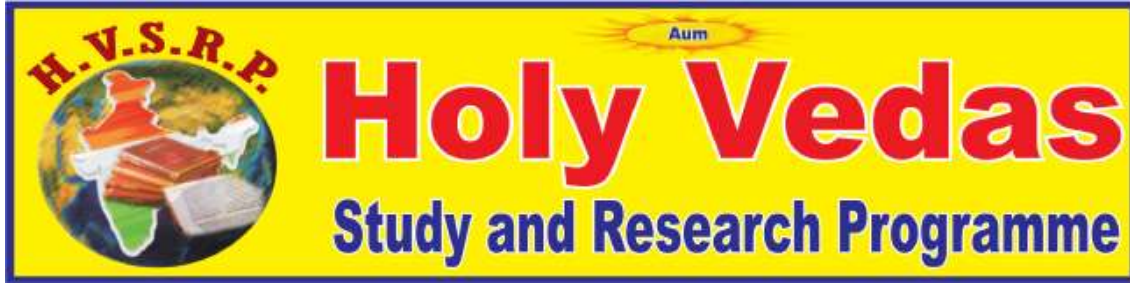
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ध्रुवाया दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ॥२९॥

Druvāyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 29

(Druvāyāḥ) from earth (earth denotes stability, determination) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāyā) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory,

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grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the earth direction?

From earth direction, denoting stability and determination, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

Atharva Veda 9.3.30

ऊर्ध्वाया दिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाह्येभ्यः ।। 30 ।।

Ūrdhvāyā diśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 30

(Ūrdhvāyāḥ) from upward (upward denotes living at higher consciousness of knowledge of Brahman) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāyā) of this dwelling (namah) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in the upward direction?

From upward direction, denoting living at higher consciousness of knowledge of Brahman, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

Atharva Veda 9.3.31



दिशोदिशः शालाया नमो महिम्ने स्वाहा देवेभ्यः स्वाहोभ्यः ॥३१॥

Diśodiśaḥ śālāyā namo mahimne svāhā devebhyaḥ svāhyebhyaḥ. 31

(Diśo) from all directions (denoting all round development, completion) (diśaḥ) direction (śālāya) of this dwelling (namaḥ) homage, salutations (mahimne) for the glory, grandeur, greatness (of God, of this dwelling) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (devebhyaḥ) for the divine (powers and people) (svāhā) oblations, blessings, holding truthful speeches, bliss (yebhyaḥ) for uttering, preaching truthful speeches.

Elucidation:

Why do we offer homage and salutations in all directions?

From all directions, denoting all round development, completion, we offer homage, salutations for the glory, grandeur and greatness of God and for this dwelling. May our oblations be for the divine powers and people to seek their blessings and truthful speeches for our bliss.

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