

Study AV Kand 6 English

Atharva Veda 6.62.2

वैश्वानरीं सूनृतामा रभध्वं यस्या आशास्तन्वो वीतपृष्ठाः ।
तया गृणन्तः सधमादेशु वयं स्याम पतयो रयीणाम् ।। 2 ।।

Vaiśvānarīm sūnṛtāmā rabhadhvaṁ yasyā āśāstanvo vītapṛṣṭhāḥ.
Tayā gṛṇantaḥ sadhamādeṣu vayaṁ syāma patayo rayīṇām. 2

(Vaiśvānarīm) doing welfare of all human beings, given by the Lord of Universal humanity (sūnṛtām) to the best and truthful speech (ārabhadhvaṁ) you make a beginning (yasyāḥ) of which (āśāḥ) directions (tanvaḥ) spread around (vītapṛṣṭhāḥ) varied and deep knowledge (tayā) with that (gṛṇantaḥ) while discussing, while glorifying God (sadhamādeṣu) equally at our place (vayaṁ) we (syāma) become (patayaḥ) lord and protector (rayīṇām) of splendid wealth.

Note: Some parts of verse AV 6.62.2 and YV 19.44 are similar to.

Elucidation:

What does the divine knowledge provide us?

You make a beginning of the best and truthful speech, which is doing welfare of all human beings and which is given by the Lord of Universal humanity. This is the varied and deep knowledge of which is spread around in all directions. With that, we become the lord and protector of the splendid wealth, while discussing, while glorifying God, equally at our place.

Practical utility in life:

What are the features of the divine knowledge?

The divine knowledge of God encompasses all knowledge required for the complete welfare of humanity. This is pure and positive knowledge with zero

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negativity or destructive path. This knowledge is for yajna i.e. for the welfare of all including all living beings on earth.

It's divine because it associates us to all divine powers and people and ultimately to the Supreme divine, God.

It's divine because it's spread in the atmosphere and is available to all seekers without any discrimination of any type.

It's divine because it's given by God who Himself is that pure knowledge to ensure the welfare of all human beings. That is why He is called 'Vaiśvānar'.

The only condition of acquiring this knowledge is purity because being totally pure, it comes to pure persons only.

Quote:

(Vaiśvānarīm sūnṛtām ārabhadhvaṁ, AV 6.62.2)

You make a beginning of the best and truthful speech, which is doing welfare of all human beings and which is given by the Lord of Universal humanity.

(vayaṁ syāma patayaḥ rayīṇām, AV 6.62.2, RV 10.121.10, YV 19.44)

We become the lord and protector of the splendid wealth.

Atharva Veda 6.64.1

सं जानीध्वं सं पृच्यध्वं सं वो मनांसि जानताम् ।
देवा भागं यथा पूर्वे संजानाना उपासते ॥१॥

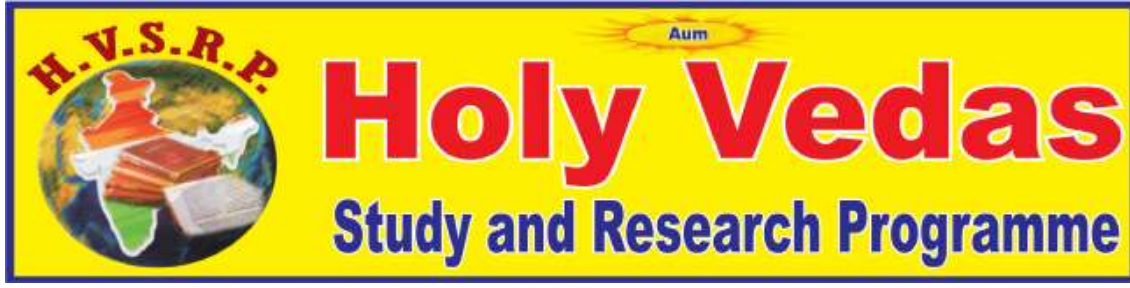
Sam jānīdhvaṁ saṁ prcyadhvaṁ saṁ vo manāṁsi jānatām.

Devā bhāgaṁ yathā pūrve saṁjānānā upāsate. 1

(Sam) equally, unitedly (jānīdhvaṁ) knowledgeable (saṁ) equally, unitedly (prcyadhvaṁ) associate (to work) (saṁ) equally, unitedly (vaḥ) your (manāṁsi) minds (jānatām) gain knowledge, develop thoughts (Devāḥ) divine people (bhāgaṁ) role, share (yathā) just as (pūrve) if the past (saṁjānānā) equally, unitedly know, thought about (upāsate) worshipped, sat together, performed together.

Note: AV 6.64.1 and RV 10.191.2 are same except the first step of the first line.

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Elucidation:

How to create equality and unity in the society?

- Equally united you all be knowledgeable.
- Equally united you all associate (to work). Don't clash for personal interests.
- Equally united be your minds to gain knowledge.

Just as divine people of the past played their role and shared everything. They worshipped, sat together and performed together, knowing and thinking equally and unitedly.

Practical Utility in life:

What was the vision of the framers of modern constitutions?

Why does the present society fail in implementing equality and unity?

People of the past were ancient sages and the role models of the social unity. They played their respective roles to create equality and unity in the society. Even the framers of the Constitution of India and of many other countries expressed the importance of equality and unity but the corrupt political practices and even the executive authorities failed to understand and implement this basic trait of the society. Still it's not very difficult to establish and execute these basic social traits of equality and unity, by creating a consciousness and awareness in the minds of the present generation about the importance of equality and unity by introducing them to the glorious history of such saints and sages.

Education for all should be equal, laws should be equal for all. Opportunities for progress should be equal for all, of course giving special care to the depressed people as per their prevailing conditions.

Atharva Veda 6.64.2

समानो मन्त्रः समितिः समानी समानं व्रतं सह चित्तमेषाम् ।
समानेन वो हविषा जुहोमि समानं चेतो अभिसंविशध्वम् ।। 2 ।।

Samāno mantrāḥ samitiḥ samānī samānaṁ vrataṁ saha cittamesām.

Samānena vo havisā juhomi samānaṁ ceto abhisamviśadhvam. 2

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(Samānaḥ) One and equal for all (mantraḥ) guiding rules, instructions, suggestions (samitiḥ) assembly, association (samānaḥ) One and equal for all (samānaḥ) be one and equal (vrataḥ) vows, resolves (saha) together (cittam) the intellect (eṣām) of all these people (samānena) with equal (vaḥ) for you (haviṣā) oblations (juhomi) associate (samānaḥ) One and equal for all (cetaḥ) intellect, consciousness (abhi saṁ viśadhvam) proceed towards and enter into equal and united.

Note: This verse is similar at AV 6.64.2 and RV 10.191.3 with some changes.

Elucidation:

What are the Vedic instructions on equality?

- Let there be guiding rules, instructions and suggestions one and equal for all.
- Let there be assemblies, associations etc. one and equal for all.
- Let their vows, resolves and intellect be one and equal and together.

I associate all of you with equal oblations.

Proceed towards and enter into equal and united intellect and consciousness.

Practical Utility in life:

Why have the modern governments failed in implementing equality in letter and spirit?

What's Vedic mandate on equality?

How can government working be a yajna?

It's the duty of every parent, elder, senior, leader and every government to establish one and equal rules etc. for all citizens.

Equality generate unity, whereas inequality results in disharmony among differently treated classes.

People of a nation should be guided by uniform laws that are implemented without any discrimination. Most of the laws and constitutions, across the globe, guarantee to check any type of inequality on the basis of community, caste, colour, creed or gender etc. Courts declare equality as a basic constitutional mandate. Actually, it is a Vedic mandate too. All are equal in the eyes of God, an ant to elephant. Every living being enjoys the same core power as the basic power of his life.

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Moreover, the governments are also supposed to perform yajnas while associating all citizens with the benefits of various plans and policies, without any discrimination of any nature. Just as fire yajna doesn't discriminate in extending the pure and purifying smoke to all within it's arena, similarly every work of government should be like yajna, equally beneficial for all citizens without any discrimination. Every head of the government should ensure that all departments implement their policies and programmes as yajna.

Atharva Veda 6.64.3

समानी व आकूतिः समाना हृदयानि वः ।
समानमस्तु वो मनो यथा वः सुसहासति ॥३॥

Samānī va ākūtiḥ samānā hṛdayāni vaḥ.
Samānamastu vo mano yathā vaḥ susahāsati. 3

(Samānī) be equal (vaḥ) your (ākūtiḥ) discussions, resolves (samānā) be equal (hṛdayāni) hearts (vaḥ) your (Samānam) equal (astu) be (vaḥ) your (mano) mind (yathā) so that (vaḥ) your (su saha asati) enjoy a common living (with equal peace, equal progress together).

Note: This verse is similar at AV 6.64.3 and RV 10.191.4.

Elucidation:

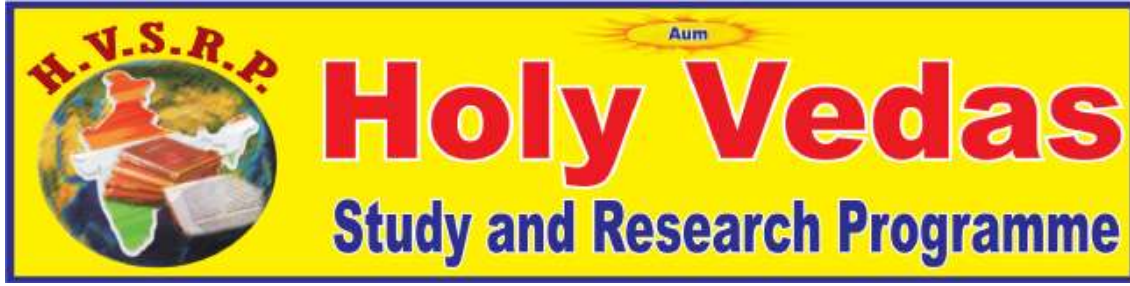
How can we all enjoy a common living?

- Let your discussions and resolves be equal.
- Let your hearts, feelings and passions be equal.
- Let your mind and will-power be equal.

So that you may enjoy a common living.

Practical Utility in life:

How can a spiritual society be ensured in the present times?



This verse focusses on suhāsatī i.e. common living which means equal peace, equal progress to all. Shri Narendra Modi, in his tenure as Prime Minister of India, raised a very popular slogan of his governance – "Sab kaa saath, sab kaa vikaas, sab kaa vishvas aur sab kaa prayas."

Only this common living, common peace, common efforts and common sharing of the progress can ensure a fast and complete development of the society and a nation.

Peace is generally considered as a spiritual achievement. Governments and society can certainly ensure outer peace for all with the implementation of equality and unity of all. If governing laws are different for different groups, it causes embracement to some people and sense of pride to some. Therefore, it's the responsibility of the governments and the society to guide and regulate all with equal esteem and pride of spiritual strength. A spiritual society only can become a place of common living i.e. equal peace and equal progress of all. Education, laws and opportunities should be equal for all. Everyone should be subject to the control and supervision of governments. No one is above law, if the laws are same.

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