

# WHY ?

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## 1. Why are the *Ve:das* important?

The *Ve:das* are important due to many reasons. The following are some of them

- (i) The *Ve:das* are the Supreme Truth, and they are the breath of the Supreme Lord.
- (ii) They contain instructions on how to achieve any goal in life (e.g. earning wealth, going to a higher world after death, attaining the supreme goal of being with the Supreme Lord in His abode).
- (iii) They contain instructions on how to lead a productive and useful life.

## 2. Why are the *Ve:das* in Sanskrit? Why not in English or Russian?

The *Ve:das* are actually sounds. These sounds are not specific to a language. Till a few thousand years back, the *Ve:das* were learnt and taught only using mind and the mouth which is called oral tradition. There was no written form of the *Ve:das*. A few thousand years back, our forefathers started using the scripts to represent the sounds (to preserve the *Ve:das* as the number of people learning *Ve:das* was decreasing), and hence we currently have the *Ve:das* represented in

different scripts. Sanskrit is only a language formed by ancient sages to have perfect communication. They picked up a few sounds and their roots from *Ve:das*, thus coined the Sanskrit Language. It is only an offshoot from *Ve:das*. So also other oriental languages are coined from sounds and roots picked up from the same *Ve:das* only, thus created Greek, Latin German, Hebrew etc. The holy Veda is only the root cause of all the Universal languages and yet it is above all.

## 3. Why should I believe in the *Ve:das*? Aren't they partial to the Supreme Soul? And, if it is the Supreme Soul who gave us *Ve:das*, how can I believe that it is a neutral and solid source of knowledge?

The *Ve:das* are *Apowrushe:ya:s* - not written/composed by anyone. The Lord saves the *Ve:dic* sounds during the dissolution of the universe, and lets the sounds out through His breath when the universe is created again. Since it is not written/composed by the Supreme Soul, we can accept it as a neutral source of knowledge just like the Universal forces



like wind, the Sun and the water.

**4. Why should I follow the *Ve:dic* teachings? Everyone else does not care. When everyone wants to earn money and buy a big house, why should I follow this ancient knowledge?**

Money and everything that one gets during his/her lifetime is not permanent. After one dies, money and wealth does not go with them.

A rough analogy is as follows. Let us say you are an actor, acting in a play. You have a specific character - say a watchman. That character lasts till the end of the scene in which the watchman's role is present, or may even last till the end of the play if the watchman's role is prominent. In the next play, you may play the role of a shopkeeper. In the next one, you may be a rich businessman. Throughout all these things, two points are clear - (i) You are the same person, irrespective of whether your role is a watchman or a shopkeeper or a businessman, and (ii) The attributes of the role (dress, words etc., used while acting) last only till the end of each role (i.e. you act and speak like a watchman only till that role ends).

Now, let us apply the same



analogy to our lives. The current life, which one is leading, is just one in an infinite number of lives that the person in concern has taken. Just as there is a single actor who is always the same, irrespective of the role, you the soul is the same irrespective of what form your body takes. You are a human being in this life. You may have been an animal in your previous life. In the one prior to that, you may have been a *De:vatha*.

Now that you have the human body, which is unique because you are now able to think and act according to your thoughts, should you not consider how to improve your coming lives? Some people have thought about this and they conclude that they do not want to be born again, and hence surrender to the Lord to cut short this cycle of lives. Whatever your motivation may be, the moment you start thinking "How can I improve my life, and improve my chances of living well after this life", you have to come to the *Ve:das*. As Only the *Ve:das* contain the knowledge necessary for such a study, i.e., The soul and its journey.

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