

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY HH

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Q - How can we implement what *Ve:das* say in our day to day life?

A - When we look at life purely from a materialistic perspective, we see the world around us, whether it be our friends and family, or society as a whole, as serving our purpose, i.e., our individual growth and well-being. What few relationships we have, and what teamwork we engage ourselves in, is done so as to serve ourselves and our individual development. But, to make sure that our individual development is good, we should make sure that those around us also grow such that we can develop along with them.

Ve:das say that God is the Ultimate Good, and Service to all living beings as service to Him is the correct path, as it benefits both the individual and the society. So, in order to make our daily life better, we can implement this important Vedic principle of *approaching life as an opportunity to serve the well-being of everyone as service to Him*.

“Let’s not ignore the whole for the sake of a part. Let’s not ignore the tree for the sake of a fruit.”

Q - Why should we pray *Indra* and other deities who are under the possession of ego & jealousy, when we are praying to the ultimate

God, Lord Narayana? Is it not enough?

A - While it is true that praying to the ultimate God will get us everything, we must also recognize that *Indra* and other deities are actually virtuous souls, who were arranged by Him to assume specific posts such that they can serve as Instruments of Him. Consequently, we continue to do *Pu:jas* and *Ho:mas* to them not confining that to them, but rather to pray for them such that they continue to function in this capacity in order to serve Him better. The Story of *Bali The great King* may help to provide an example of this from the other extreme.

Bali was a powerful king and a great devotee, but his ego caused him to seek out to capture and control all the gods including *Indra*. *Bali*, being a devotee performed a *Yajna* to please Lord Narayana. To honour the Vedic rule of *Yajna* he invited all the gods like *Indra*, *Agni* etc., and offered all oblations with great reverence. Pleased by this act of reverence, Lord *Na:ra:yana* Himself went to him and asked for 3 steps of Land from the King *Bali*.

All the demi-gods should be respected well, for, they all were arranged by the Lord only. If they too realise and receive our alms they enjoy their possession, otherwise, they will be thrown out. *Indra* did not



realise this fact and became arrogant, so, Bali kicked him out from his possession. Bali knows this fact, that he offered alms to the Lord in Indra, not just to a devatha Indra. We too can follow this.

Q - In *Sundara Ka:nda*, *Hanuma:n* & *Si:tha* discussed suicide. What do the *Ve:das* and *Pura:nas* say about suicide?

A- *I:sa:va:sya Upanishad*, *Ve:das*, and *Pura:nas* all say that suicide is the ultimate sin. And since we are to pay for the sins of our past in future lives, it is ridiculous to think that by ending this life our problems will be resolved.

To a true follower of *Ve:da*, to a true devotee of God, whatever he faces in this life he accepts it as *God's grace on him*, *Bhagavad Prasa:dam* bestowed by *Sri:man Na:ra:yana* for good only. Even the most difficult of problems can also be resolved if we see it as a means to our spiritual growth. Suicide is an act of cowardice.

Q - What is Surrendering to God?

A - Surrender is a heartfelt experience in which we rest our responsibility on the shoulders of God. We feel God's presence with us constantly, with the knowledge that all that we are, all that we do, all that we have in our lives, and all that inspires us, is solely because of Him. It is a feeling of complete gratitude and loving subservience to Him. It is not enough just physically falling at His Feet and uttering some words without the heart.

How this feeling is to be known and the process that takes us there, is defined in our *Sa:sthras*. One who aspires to surrender, should seek out a qualified Guru and receive initiation into a proper *Manthra*. The Guru will always be there to help us, serving as an instrument to God, both in our surrender, and in guiding us after surrender on the proper path. So, surrender through the Guru is necessary in order to properly surrender to God.

Q: Is the journey of this Body controlled by the planets? If so, should we pray to Navagrahas?

A- No. The body is not at all controlled by just the planets. However, the *Navagrahas*, along with all the stars, play a big role in the movement and balance of the Universe. So, even if a single star or planet moves out of alignment, it can have devastating effects on the Universe.

So, while worshipping the *Navagrahas*, we are worshipping their Inner force, i.e., *Sri:man Na:ra:yana* such that He will Bless the *Grahas* to be in harmony. So, we should do their worship for their benefit and with the thought of service to the Lord. If we merely worship a particular *Graha* to gain some material benefit, it will achieve nothing. But, by worshipping the Lord who has the whole Universe as His Body, all the material and spiritual benefits that we require will be fulfilled.

Q: If a soul get's *mo:ksham*, do the relations that it had in its



physical body also get mo:ksham?

A- No. If a person get a promotion in his/her job, the true power of that promotion belongs to that person only. However, the indirect benefits will undoubtedly go to the entire family.

Similarly, a person seeking out a spiritual goal needs to practice lots of rituals and prescribed activities, the fruit of which goes only to him/herself. Of course, those who support this person in this process will receive some good that will certainly go towards their own benefit. But, it is only that soul that seeks out the fruit that will get it.

But, it should be noted that **Sa:sthras** made it clear that nothing that one does by one's own efforts really leads to *Mo:ksham*. It is Only God's Grace that brings *Mo:ksham* to an individual, and it is God Alone who decides when to give it, whom to give it. The rituals and responsibilities are really provided for us to serve the world, and to show Him that we are not denying His grace, as if we are showing green signal, to His grace, whenever it falls on us.

So, it is best for us to seek out a path of serving God through service to all, leaving the burden of our salvation and the salvation of those whom we love on Him Alone.

Jai Sriman Narayana!



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are all Vedic people and we are not born of monkeys etc., as claimed by some pseudo theories. We are the direct heirs of great Rishis and saints who were born directly from God.

Realise O' man you are the heir of the Great Vedic lineage that is having millions of years of History recorded as it is. Our Ramayana and Mahabharatha are true and they teach us how great we are and how many millions of history we have, how much great civilization we have. Believe in our **original scripts** and True history of Mankind. Beware of cinemas and serials !! Raise voice against wrong portrayals ! How dare they corrupt our true history !

Save Vedas. To serve Vedas is to serve those who study Vedas in the traditional way. Our Vedic way of saving is not only in books or in CDs or cassttes, but, primarily the knowledge is stored lively in the human minds, thus in the very blood and flesh and the knowledge is embedded into genes. Every one need not read Vedas, but, Vedas grace those who support the cause, as His service. Every one can know the essence of Vedas from a bonafide scholar who speaks exactly as Sasthras say rather than those who contaminate the subject with their egos and selfish motives (or) one should learn only from a realised soul. To wrongly spell Veda or manthras is a sin greater than killing mothers, which is not at all spared by God or His subjects, as the Veda itself says so. Let us save such an invaluable treasure for the good of this Universe.