



# THE ARYA VAANI

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**Dear All, this is to inform you that the management committee has decided to stop printing hard copies of this newsletter from next month onwards, but, can be made available on member's request. Thank you.**

## GOD IS THE POWER OF HIS DEVOTEES ( YASH ARYA )

Namaste agna ojase grinanti deva kristayah.  
Amaira amitram mardaya. — Rigveda

O God, the Supporter of the enlightened persons, you are the power of our life. You provide us all strength of doing good deeds. You are the only one who punishes the wicked through your eternal justice.

In this Mantra, God is invoked by His devotees as the Supreme power of the world. God is the greatest of all greats, Mighty of the Might's. No one can overpass His power because no one is even equal to Him. If anyone transgresses His teaching manifested in four Vedas is bound to suffering. He pervades the whole universe thus cannot be hidden from Him. In human society, we can realize His rules and control over the people that many people are experimenting the fruit of their own deeds done in the past. Therefore, we should always do good deeds that are in accordance with the divine scriptures and avoid bad deeds.

According to the Mantra, God is the only power of His followers and bless them with all divine virtues. Whoever meditates upon Him in the transcendental state of mind obtains His blessing. Our ancient Rishis and the learned scholar would obtain His bliss through unbreakable practice of Yoga in serenity. The Vedic philosophy emphasizes that God can also be realized by virtues like honesty, truth, non-violence and justice etc. In fact, these virtues are must to avoid sins and attain happiness.

Another attributes of God is also explained in this Mantra that He is the strongest punisher of those who do not follow His teachings and engaged in evil thoughts and activities. It is also important to note that all souls are equal to Him. He does justice to all without failure.

Therefore, we should always accept only Him to be worshiped and take action according to His teachings. This is the only way to obtain knowledge, peace and happiness.

(CONTRIBUTION BY MS. MANJU, U.K.)

## TWO GREAT NATIONS WITH ONE GLORIOUS FUTURE: NEWS BRIEF; Manju Dhiri UK

MODI will bring together individuals from the 1.6 million-strong Indian community in Britain- from all backgrounds, generations and regions – two great nations with one glorious future. An extraordinary *DEEPAVALI TYAUHAR* for the families this year:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Wembley stadium** capacity of 90,000. The event will kick off with a specially produced cultural show featuring some of the very best of British and Indian artists; a landmark speech to be delivered by Pradhan Mantri Modi and to end a grand finale featuring the biggest fireworks display in the whole country

This Olympic style welcome shall be the largest reception any foreign head of government has ever received.

This is an invite style event, FREE. should anyone not only Aryan pariwar member is around in UK who is interested in this big reception, for registration please connect for a code for seating until **18 th September**.

## DONATIONS (AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup> TO SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> )

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| 1. Mr. & Mrs. Mohanbhai Jethwa                         | 1,005/- |
| 2. Mr. Sandeep Suvarna<br>(Son-in-law of Mr. Kanchan)  | 1,001/- |
| 3. Mrs. Kiran Sabharwal                                | 1,000/- |
| 4. Mr. K.S. Chandrashekar                              | 1,001/- |
| 5. Mrs. Shruti Kotyankar<br>(Mr. S.Kanchan's Daughter) | 1,001/- |
| 6. Mr. Janak Babla                                     | 2,000/- |

### WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?

We all want to be remembered for something or to be known as more than merely an ordinary person or to be seen as someone who truly makes a difference. We all want to be known as someone who truly made a difference and to leave an imprint on this world and to leave behind something that can make the future a little brighter.

As we move along our own daily life, we get so caught up in the daily grind that we lose sight of the bigger picture. If you live each day as if it were your last, we should all look in the mirror every morning and ask yourself as to what sort of legacy you are going to leave after you die. Your time is limited and you need to find an answer quick.

Often when you think about legacy, it's something that is left behind after a person has passed away. A more holistic definition of legacy is when you make a meaningful and lasting contribution to society or to an organization.

India's history is full of people who have left us with legacies. As we celebrate the auspicious occasion of Krishna Janamashtmi let us remember Lord Krishna's legacies. His qualities, thought and action, character and totality of personality rank in the class of the enlightened ones. Mahatma Gandhi left a legacy on the Nation of non-violence. Maharishi Swami Dayanand left us with the legacy of Truth and Back to the Vedas. Similar personalities can also be found in other religion and countries. From the time we as kids were told that we are special and we are destined for something wonderful, that we can take the world by the horns and that whatever we set our minds to we can accomplish, that it is our world and what we choose to do with it is up to us.

But what happens when our lives change and our legacy turns into something we didn't plan on? Things change in a moment and suddenly everything we believed, understood or desired goes out the window and then suddenly, we are faced with a chance to rewrite our destinies, to make things right no matter how bad it became. We try to bounce back and fight when giving up is not an option. We have all got roles in our lives. If we really try and want it, we can actually change the world and make or break our own destinies.

At the end of the day, when you are gone, what people will remember the legacy you leave behind. In short, legacy is the residue of a life well lived and treating people with the respect which each person is due should be part of what you will leave behind.



### **DID YOU KNOW?**

- Bhaskaracharya calculated the time taken by the earth to orbit the sun hundreds of years (5th century) before the astronomer, Smart. Time taken by earth to orbit the sun: 365.258756484 days
- Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans. Charaka, the father of medicine consolidated Ayurveda 2500 years ago. Today Ayurveda is fast regaining its rightful place in our civilization.
- The art of Navigation was born in the river Sindh 6000 years ago. The very word Navigation is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATI. The word navy is also derived from Sanskrit 'Nou'.
- According to the Gemological Institute of America, up until 1896, India was the only source for diamonds to the world.
- Chess (Shataranja or AshtaPada) was invented in India.
- Sushruta is the father of surgery. 2600 years ago he and health scientists of his time conducted complicated surgeries like cesareans, cataract, artificial limbs, fractures, urinary stones and even plastic surgery and brain surgery. Usage of anesthesia was well known in ancient India over 125 surgical equipments were used. Deep knowledge of anatomy, physiology, etiology, embryology, digestion, metabolism, genetics and immunity is also found in many texts
- The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra
- When many cultures were only nomadic forest dwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus Valley Civilization)



## BRIEF INTRODUCTION by Manju Dhiri UK

**Dr Tanaji Durgale** is a scholar and a registered Minister of Religion in UK and Ireland. Tangi has performed several Vedic marriages amongst the non Indians. Tanaji Acharya also writes articles related on Vedic Scripture and also lecturers regularly.

## MEANING OF DEVOTEE - EXPLAINED BY DR TANAJI ACHARYA DURGAL- UK

Understanding the meaning of the word devotee as its popular use as per its root: To devote means dedicated to a particular purpose.

Devoted means who is showing loyalty to Almighty God or some saint and seer or some sort of service to humanity or some great mission or some noble cause of humanity

Devotee means who is very enthusiastic about something; a true follower of some personal faith or mission.

Devotion means strong affection for or loyalty to someone or something; Religious zeal.

Devotions mean prayers or devotional songs with at most loyalty, love, enthusiasm and honesty for Almighty God following His laws, the laws of Ecology.

The levels of devotion vary from person to person and time to time.

If someone is not loyal to anything in practical life as a mission of his life, he cannot be known as a devotee. Your true zeal and earnest dedication is vital here. It is equally applicable to all, not just to **Arya Samaj** or any cult or faith (may be a blind faith, unfortunately) some how, we do not see that sort of devotion and dedication loyalty, zeal and love in many so called members of **Arya Samaj** for the divine mission of **Arya Samaj**.

But there are many who have that zeal and loyalty to Vedic philosophy, Almighty God, laws or patterns the of created world and The Vedas (**Arya Samaj**)

To me all I can say in general is the members of **Arya Samaj** need to have more Shradha Devotion, Dedication ,Loyalty, Honesty and Love for the Vedic Mission of the Vedas as interpreted by Respected Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, who lived and died for the mission of the Vedas, the source of absolute truth and compassion for humanity, in practical life.

Maharshi Dayanand was a true **devotee** of Almighty God , the Creator of the universe, the philosophy of The Vedas and the service to humanity, in the form of **Arya Samaj**. That is what he lived, preached and died for the same noble cause. That is the criteria of a devotee.

When we say I am not a devotee means I am not that loyal to someone or something as a devotee should be, totally enthusiastic, loyal and dedicated to the mission I talk about or my preaching. Dedication means, to have utmost love and regard for something or someone beyond normal level.

Going to the temple or any place of worship is not only the criteria of a devotee.

**Arya Samaj** is a temple, a place of worship, a spiritual centre, and movement of physical, spiritual and social well-being of all. So they are supposed to be the true devotees of the Maharshi Dayanand and the Vedas in

## BIRTHDAY'S / WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**Birthday: Here's to a rocking year of good health, happiness and Success...Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns! ☺**

- Mrs. Sheila Soni 13th.Oct
- Mr. Amit Solanki 15th.Oct
- Mrs. Seema Taneja 16th.Oct
- Miss Saumya Gupta 20th.Oct
- Mrs. Shalini Rajpal 26th.Oct
- Miss Srishti Gupta 27th.Oct

## MESSAGE FROM VEDA DHARMA SABHA (VERULAM)

**Ramesh Niranjana** <rameshniranjan@live.co.za>

Namaste!

I am a secretary at the APS and I am a member of the above SABHA. I worked with a web designer who helped us produce our own website: **www.vedmantra.co.za**

We will be pleased to keep in touch with your organization and provide an interactive communication.

Please view our site and keep in touch by email. Let us know about our site and contribute to the growth.

Regards

RAMESH NIRANJAN

## WELFARE ACTIVITY BY ARYA SAMAJ, MOMBASA

Arya Samaj, Mombasa donated one more borehole for free water at the Kilifi district on September 20th 2015.

Villagers expressed their overwhelming happiness when members of Samaj reached the borehole site last Sunday for its official opening.

We also distributed stationery, maize flour and other goodies to some 250 children there.

Our Trustee, Mr. Raj Uppal, in his speech stressed that the borehole is donated with the intention of supplying **FREE** water to the locals there and it should be ensured at all times that this objective is met. He also promised that Arya Samaj will keep working towards the welfare of villagers should they succeed in taking care of this borehole. If maintained properly, it shall work for a minimum period of ten years. Chairlady Dr. Lata Magon thanked the trustees for allowing the management committee to undertake this noble project.

Below are some photographs of the event, clicked by our passionate Aryan, Mrs. Laxmi Kanchan.



## BHAJAN SANDHYA

Arya Samaj, Mombasa organized a bhajan night on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Acharya Sateesh Satayam and some members sang melodious bhajans and entertained members and their friends. Mrs. Anu Bhalla kindly prepared and served everyone with delicious dinner after the event.

