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Editorial:

We begin 2013 with a lot of enthusiasm and looking forward for yet another memorable year. As youth group member, we wish to have more active role this year and even carry out some projects that will help the younger generation in understanding importance of our culture and identity. We all must put a lot of effort to keep the Vedic Flag flying High.

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Yuva Dal (Youth Group) members Ravneel & Soneel donating food items to Salvation Army for Christmas.

APSQ contributes to Salvation Army for Christmas donation

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Qld (APSQ) members got together and donated food items to the Salvos who in turn will provide assistance to the unfortunate and needy families. This initiative was taken by the Arya Samaj members by considering the less fortunate ones, who may be needing such assistance to fulfil their festive season wish. The members provided food items and it was collected and delivered to Salvation Army centre in Taigum Northside in Brisbane. What we have shared with others, the needy, poor and downtrodden gives lasting happiness. The Sabha will in future continue to take active part in sharing and providing help and available resources to the wider community. The President of the Sabha Mr Jitendra Deo thanked all the members for this noble cause and pointed that by undertaking this sort of activities our communities can also integrate with wider society.

According to **The VEDAS** it is mankind's **Dharma** (our duty) to help others. **Dharma** means duties and essential characteristics, without which a thing cannot retain its very own existence. Religion may be a personal affair owing its allegiance to personal beliefs and convictions of a person, but **Dharma** is an universal affair. **Dharma** makes people broad minded and as such binds and holds them together. Righteous people, adhering to **VEDAS**, therefore, consider the whole world as one family. **VEDAS** expect every human being to be humane in true sense and thus advocate "humanism" as the **Dharma** of the entire humanity. Donations are an integral part of Religion. Since time immemorial both the terms 'Donations' and 'Religion' have been used together, so much so that they have become synonymous to each other. Be human and humanise others, this is the message of **VEDAS** since its eternity.

The Sabha wishes all the readers, members, and well wishers a Happy and Prosperous 2013. Let us all move forward with **Dharma** and consider the whole world as one family. There is definitely optimism as we look to the year ahead and we will emerge stronger and more resilient than ever. May GOD bless you all.

VISION OF ARYA SAMAJ IN THE 21ST. CENTURY

Arya Samaj is a sleeping giant and, it has been in a state of slumber for a long time. It is time it woke up in order to play its proper role on the world stage in the 21st century. This is the age of electronic communication and this technology is developing rapidly. This is the age when spirituality is going to take centre stage. A few weeks ago the International Monetary Fund - I M F invited scholars from all religious denominations to study the life style of people in almost all countries of the world in relation to spirituality. A Hindu is also a member of this study group. You are right in thinking that he is not from Arya Samaj and, how could he be? Arya Samaj is not on the world map. Buddhists, Hare Krishna, Vedanta and even Osho have made places for themselves. Where has Arya Samaj failed? I would say, in two major areas. One, Public Relations and secondly by sticking to the past glories. Yes, our past has been superlatively glorious but that was the ancient past - almost pre-historic.

Our very survival in the 21st century will be at stake if we do not come out of this cocoon. We will have to face changes without compromising our principles. We will have to sharpen our image and, we will have to engage in aggressive Public Relations' exercise in order to showcase our profile. The best arena for all this is 'MAHARISHI VYAS BHOOMI'- North America. American soil, it appears, is the most fertile land for the propagation of eastern philosophy. Sarvadeshak Pratinidhi Sabha, though a resourceful body doesn't have the will to exercise its role and give direction to the movement. Moreover, they are not alive to the needs of Arya Samaj's in foreign countries perhaps for want of a vision.

I am of the firm opinion that Arya Pratinidhi Sabha North America should take it upon itself to project itself as a guiding stars for 'Paar Deshiyee' Arya samajes. We will have to have a unified front in order to forge ahead. We will have to pool our resources in order to translate Rishi's mission into action. Fortunately, we have managed to acquire a number of properties, which I think, should induce responsibility in the society. Now that we have our fixed abode, we need to utilize the facilities to the best of our needs. The foremost demand of the 21st century is that Arya Samaj becomes a high - tech society.

The other day my attention was drawn to an article published in a local weekly, criticizing Arya Samaj and Mahrishi Daya Nanda and his works, especially Satyarath Prakash. The article was written by Osho - Bhagwan Rajnish, and was circulated in the cyber space (that is what the editor of the weekly said that he had picked it from). A latest addition to the Saturday TV religious programmes in Toronto, Canada is 'Christ in Vedas'. Since the knowledge of Vedas is being widely acknowledged as true knowledge, various denominations are trying to hijack this true source of knowledge. No doubt, Internet is a powerful medium of propaganda and is now readily available through cable at our television sets at home. Sh. Bhuvnesh Khosla deserves a pat on his back by providing an Internet page for Arya Samaj, but it requires more aggressive approach and more meaningful material relevant to the new - look Arya Samaj - Arya Samaj of the 21st century. Print media and television should be extensively used to propagate the message of the Rishi. Based on my broadcasting experience I can firmly state that television programmes, if produced professionally, can easily fetch sponsors. This article adapted from Arya Samaj Canada. Pundit Mahendra Bhalla



*Wishing you all
a Prosperous and
Happy
New Year.*

*May you attain good health,
wealth and internal bliss.
May God bless Us All.*



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20 January 2013 10-11.30am Australia Day Celebrations
10 February 2013 10-11.30am
24 February 2013 10-11.30am

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