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Editorial:

I am delighted to present yet another newsletter, full of news and events. The highlight was lecture by Professor Mahesh Ji and Shrimati Pratibha Ji. They provided their generous service to our Sabha and gave us lot of valuable knowledge on Vedas. I am so thankful to such people who come and tell us how the human life needs to be explored and lived in harmony to nature.

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Havan Satsangh at Finnish Hall and Professor Mahesh Vidhyalankar Ph.D presenting Lecture

APSQ- Satsangh and Ved Prachaar by Professor Mahesh Vidhyalankar Ph.D.

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland is privileged to acquire services of Professor Mahesh Vidhyalankar in accomplishing successful Satsangh programs for last couple months. Dr Mahesh Ji is from Delhi, and was in Brisbane for last two months.

The Ved Prachaar programs were scheduled with the Sunday Satsangh and Satsangh at the member's residence. The topics differed and highlighted according to the occasion, which gave the audience an opportunity to gain considerable knowledge in each aspect of life. Vedas are known to be oldest scriptures in the library of the world today, and such knowledge is wealth of knowledge. To acquire such true knowledge through learned persons like of Dr Mahesh Ji is indeed a great privilege.

The topic included Atma (Soul) and its association with our body and Ishwar (God). The ritual associated with death rites and its purpose. The value of Mother, as in Pitra Yaj (out of 5 Mahayaj, this is the third one). The reasons for observing five Mahayaj, and benefits one can attain from following them. The purpose of human life, and how we can attain Moksha through performing our duties by doing good Karma (deeds). The difference between humans and animals even though we all have same soul. The Prachaar highlighted why humans are superior and how we can take advantage of this human life to secure Moksha. The audio of the Prachaar is played through our Sunday religious programmes by Radio Brisvaani. I am more than happy to give you copy if you wish to listen to these subject matters.

Vedas specifically deal with following subject matters:

1. **Vijnana** or metaphysics means realisation of all things made by the almighty God. Indian philosophy and metaphysical studies deal with this subject. He, being the highest of all entities, the Vedas treat Him predominantly.
- 2-**Karma** means all sorts of actions or activities, physical or mental, with or without a desire for reward. The Vedas teach all these and explain in short all aspects or needs of human conduct which may be helpful in making human life cultured and sublime.
3. **Upasana** — Communion with the almighty God through the eight-fold observance of yoga.
4. **Jnana**—According to the Chhandogya Upanishad, Vedic study comprises natural sciences, physics, chemistry, science of numbers, chronology, science of logic, science of polity, grammar, etymology, sciences cognate to the Vedas, botany, zoology, anthropology, fine arts, science of war, science of spirituality etc. Wheeler Wilcox, an eminent American scholar, admitting the existence of sciences in the Vedas, remarked, "We have all heard and read about the ancient religion of India. It is the land of the great Vedas, the most remarkable works, containing, not only religious ideas for a perfect life, but also facts which all the sciences have since proved true. Electrons, Radium, airships all seem to be known to the seers who found the Vedas."



Havan Yaj at Mr & Mrs Sukarm Pal's Residence Pullenvale

Mr & Mrs Sukarm Singh and family performed Havan Yaj to bless their grandson Master Viaan Singh son of Mr Harsh and Mrs Ruchika Singh. Havan Yaj was conducted by Pandita Usha Rai . Bhajans were sang by Son-eel and Ravneel Deo. The Satsangh was well attended and delicious lunch was served by the family.

The Satsangh was also complemented by lecture by Professor Mahesh Ji and Pratibha Ji.



Part of the audience at Mr & Mrs Sukarm Pal's residence during Satsangh



Shrimati Pratibha Ji presenting lecture at Finnish Hall. Pratibha Ji is also poem writer and wrote books on her *Kavita* (poem).

Havan Yaj /Satsangh at Finnish Hall.

Yajmaan was at Mr & Mrs Hari Chand Family. The Yaj was conducted by Pta Usha Rai and Pta Ramkali Singh . It was conducted for family members birthday occasion.

The Satsangh was also complemented by lecture by Professor Mahesh Ji and Pratibha Ji.



Mr & Mrs Hari Chand family during havan Yaj at Finnish Hall

Bhajans were also part of celebration, Soneel Deo and Ravneel Deo performed. Refreshment was provided and served by the Chand family.

The Revelation

Animals differ from human. They pre-dominatingly work with their instincts (which, of course, is another name for divine knowledge that they receive from their creator) and insignificantly by instruction. Almost every member of the species instinctively works in accordance with its code of conduct. A calf does not acquire training in swimming. A honey bee does not get training in an engineering college to construct a beehive. Birds at the right time have been preparing their nests instinctively out of whatever material they get from their surroundings. They need not be trained in their art. And that is why their art has always remained consistent.

It is true that animals, who live in free surroundings, have very often social organisations and they have a social ethics of their own. Their herd instinct have given them a code of conduct. They also choose their leaders. There is often a clash or conflict between leaders of opposite groups. Sometimes they fight to the finish and the group accepts the leader who wins in the fight. But their social behaviour is also almost instinctive, not acquired. And that is why we generally do not talk about morals or ethics, and consequent reward or punishment, in the animal Kingdom.

Human comes to this world of activity in a physical body, more or less as a helpless creature. They cannot even walk as animals do. They cannot swim as fish do and cannot soar high in the sky as birds can. They cannot build houses as white ants build their moles or as bees built their hives. They cannot sing as the cuckoo does or prepare honey as the bees do. In all these matters, other creatures are in a more advantageous position than man.

To a certain extent, humans also works in accordance with their instincts. But they possesses intellect and own discrimination. Though weak by instinct, humans are the most powerful creature in the entire creation. Even where they work with instincts, they are free to impose certain restrictions or restrains on all types of instinctive enthusiasm. The more involved a man is, the better progress is achieved by the process of instruction. His greatness lies in a suppression of the demands of instincts, whenever necessary for himself or for others to whom he is dedicated. Since human enjoy intellect and freedom to will and act, they have to be instructed appropriately, and failing this they can be distracted to evil paths. Therefore, they need caution, schooling and tutoring. Humans very often need a code of Do's and Don'ts based on experience of those who have gone ahead of them. Humans acquires knowledge by reading books and receiving oral instructions from others. Knowledge is imparted through books, through preceptors and through experience of others.

At the beginning of creation, there was no system of teaching and learning, nor were there any books to read. How could, then, humans acquire knowledge? Humans could not be dependent on empirical knowledge, and instinctive knowledge, they have to acquire knowledge. Therefore only way of receiving instruction is from the primeval source of all knowledge — the one who had created him.

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Yoga-positive wellbeing

Sabha is offering free Yoga classes to greater Brisbane community at Finnish Hall 62 Newnham Rd, Mt Gravatt East. Just bring your Yoga Mat, towel, Cushion, and water bottle. You can also visit www.yogguru.com.au for further information about your conditions, and how Yoga can help, contact Jitendra Deo 3263 1914.

Havan Yajna Dates and Venue.

Finnish Hall 62 Newnham Rd, Mt Gravatt East.

6 July Satsangh 2-4pm. Yajman Mr & Mrs Dhurup Deo Family.

13 July Satsangh 2-4pm Yajman Mr & Mrs Dick Sen Family.

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20 July 2014 10-11.30am Satsangh