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Swami Dayanands Stature

His stature was nearly 6 ft. high. His body was plump and somewhat corpulent. He shaved all the hair. A scarf formed his upper garment. A sash passed round the waist, and between the legs. He sat on the folds of a blanket. It appeared from the long time he was engaged in conversation that he used no stimulant drugs like other ascetics. The colour of his body was light swarthy tending to fair. His eyes were of middle size, calm and penetrating. He preferred to sit cross-legged upon the ground. The mouth was a little wide; the voice sonorous; pronunciation clear; accentuation well marked, enunciation loud, distinct, and slow; the modulation of tone very harmonious; the delivery of speech fluent, eloquent, and impressive; the dialectical power highly persuasive; reasoning convincing; arguments sound, concise, and logical; and judgments quick and decisive. The recitation and quotation of long passages of poetry and prose without any hitch or hesitation on the requirement of occasion, attested the wonderful retention of memory and readiness of knowledge. His answers were always to the point. The anger of opponents never disturbed and ruffled the placidity of mind and the gravity of features. Abusive epithets never called from him corresponding ill names either explicitly or suggestively. The sweetness of the language called forth the admiration of opposition. The profundity of Sanskrit learning was astounding to the Indian scholars. The acuteness of argumentation confounded even the Christians and Mohammedans. On all reformatory matters his decision was marked with deliberation and pregnant with universal good. All objections were silenced in anticipation. His language was easy, natural, and well adapted to the communication of his thoughts with intelligibility and in consonance with the capacity of hearers. His method of expressing things was so unique and uncommon and agreeable to the nature of mind, that however long his lecture might be, the audience listened to it with breathless attention. Though his comments sometimes produced smiles and laughter in the audience, yet no gust of pride ever flushed upon his cheek. Seriousness and earnestness were always displayed in the expression of thoughts; no interest however dear caused his deviation from truth. His undivided attention enabled him to grasp speedily and surely the import of speaker's statements. His affability induced the most taciturn to talk with him. Politeness was the chief characteristic of his conduct; perfect equanimity pervaded all his actions. Decency and decorum adorned his deportment. He had no ambition to shine in the world by the royal or popular favor. Being advised to learn English he told the good intentioned counselors that they should accomplish what was deficient in him. He said that he was like one of them, which proved that no pride of knowledge, great as it was, puffed him up so as to set up for a prophet, as was the case with some shallow people. He further illustrated his satisfaction with Sanskrit alone; by relating what had happened at his interview with Babu Keshub Chander Sen. The illustrious teacher of the Brahmo Samaj expressed his regret at the Swamiji's ignorance of the English tongue; for otherwise the Vedic scholar would have formed a very desirable companion in his visit to England. But as vanity did not guild the character of the luminary of ancient philosophy, he replied to the Indian orator of English that he was equally sorry for the want of Sanskrit knowledge in the Brahmo leader, who professed to teach a civilized religion to the Indian people by the medium of a foreign language which they did not commonly understand. Such was the effect of the Swamiji's lecture on some of the Muir College pupils that they are members of the Arya Samaj in different parts of India unto this day. (Source: English Translation of Satyarth-Prakash, By: Durga Prasad)

Editorial:

Namaste All,

We have progressed into February and it can officially be said that 2017 is here. This year we start building our community center and look forward to the greater public assisting us in our endeavors.

We hope to have the community center completed quickly and we'd greatly appreciate any kind donations or provision of materials, we urge anyone who can assist to come forward. This community center is aimed to be available to all people and we would greatly appreciate any support.

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Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Mr Vijay & Pta Ramkali Singh Family performed Yaj on January 8. The Yaj was conducted by Pta Sushila Pathik ji. The program included parvachan by Yajmaan. The Program included parvachan, pustak suadhyae and bhajans. Refreshments served after program.



Mr & Mrs Hari Chand Family performed Yaj on January 15. The Yaj was conducted by Pt Sanjay Laleen and Parvachan by Yajmaan. The Program included parvachan, pustak suadhyae and bhajans. Refreshments served after program.



Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Mr & Mrs Mul Chand Family performed Yaj on January 22. The Yaj was conducted by Pt Sanjay Laleen and Parvachan by Yajmaan. The Program included parvachan, pustak suadhyae and bha-jans. Refreshments served after program



Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Sabha members performed Yaj on January 29. The Yaj was conducted by Pt Devendra Pathik and Parvachan by Mrs Sushila Pathik. The Program included parvachan, pustak suadhyae and bha-jans. Refreshments served after program



ALL WELCOME

Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre opens to Public.

The centre has basic facilities of Yajshalla (Havan Hall), kitchen and Restrooms. There is plenty of parking.

The Sabha performs Havan Yaj every Sunday from 2-4 pm and public is welcome to be part of it. The members of public now can perform Havan Yaj at the centre. The fee of \$50 is required for use of centre facilities to cover operating costs. The Havan Kund, utensils are available for use as well. The Havan ingredients can be supplied if you are unable to get them. Mango sticks, Ghee, Samagri, Chamfor, etc. is available at the centre as well for \$25.00. The seating capacity of the Yajshalla (Havan Hall) is 100.

You can contact Vice President Mrs Sushila Pathik for further information and bookings on 3314 6059.

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	October 2016	Total	\$1,153.55
2.10.16	Mr & Mrs Yogesh Pathak	Donation	\$200.00
2.10.16	Mr & Mrs Pravind Kumar	Yaj Donation	\$165.00
9.10.16	Mr & Mrs Mul Chand and Family	Yaj Donation	\$259.00
16.10.16	Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo Family	Yaj Donation	\$90.00
23.10.16	Brisbane Gujrati Samaj	Donation	\$250.00
23.10.16	Mr & Mrs Hari Chand Family	Yaj Donation	\$189.55
	November 2016	Total	\$1,044.25
12.11.16	Mr Brahm Deo & Family	Donation	\$250.00
6.11.16	Dr Raghavendra & Family	Yaj Donation	\$107.00
13.11.16	Mr & Mrs Yogesh Pathak	Yaj Donation	\$120.00
20.11.16	Mr & Mrs Viresh Pradhan	Donation	\$70.00
20.11.16	Mr & Mrs Bach Raj	Donation	\$100.00
20.11.16	Mr & Mrs Lalta Prasad	Donation	\$80.00
20.11.16	Sabha members	Yaj Donation	\$128.00
27.11.16	Pt Sanjay Laleen & Family	Yaj Donation	\$189.25
	Decemeber 2016	Total	\$251.50
4.12.16	Mr Brahm Deo & Bhupendra Family	Donation	\$70.00
4.12.16	Pdt Shamdarshana Rao	Donation	\$112.50
4.12.16	Pdt Sanat Pandey	Yaj Donation	\$69.50

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Veda, Meditation and Yogis

Yogis Focus Their Mind And Intellect On God

Yuñjate mana uta yuñjate dhiyo

Vipraa viprasya bṛihato vipash-chitah

Vi hotraa dadhe vayunaa-vid eka in

Mahee devasya savituh pari-stutih – Rig Veda 5:81:1

Why focus on God in Meditation?

Because, as this Mantra says, God is called by three names as follows:

1. Vipra: God fills every atom of the universe. In other words, God is Omnipresent, and by Omnipresence we mean that God, in the totality of His Essence, without diffusion or expansion, multiplication or division, penetrates and fills each atom of this practically endless, and still expanding, universe and even beyond the universe itself. God's essential presence in the universe is without any division of Himself. He is One, not many.
2. Brihat: God's Presence in the universe is Mighty. That presence is endless. Even if God were to create a universe a million times larger than the present one, He would still be both inside of it and outside of it, not by stretching or disseminating His Being, but by the infiniteness of His Being. Because He is Mighty, He is Indivisible and not made up of parts.
3. Vipash-chit: He is an endless ocean of knowledge. In other words, He is Omniscient. Because He pervades every atom of this still-expanding universe, He knows everything and everyone. Astronomical studies put the number of stars we can see at 70,000 trillion [or, the number 70 followed by 22 zeroes]. That means there are more stars in the sky than there are grains of sand on all the beaches and deserts of the world! What an incredible picture of the Omniscience of God!!

God fills every atom of the universe with His mighty presence, and as a result, He is an endless ocean of knowledge. Also, He alone sustains the cosmos and alone knows all that happens in it. Yogis, engaging in intense meditation, fix their mind and intellect on Him and they, in divine absorption, discover the greatness of the Radiant Creator. They then offer lofty praises to Him.

Meditation is a practice found all over the world. Meditation has been practiced since antiquity as a component of Yoga traditions and beliefs. In modern-day meditation, an individual focusses his mind to promote relaxation, build internal energy, and enjoy an indestructible sense of well-being while engaging in any life activity. Meditation is described as having a calming effect and directs awareness inward until pure awareness is achieved. Ancient Vedic tradition declares that Yoga Meditation was initially taught by Rishi Patanjali in his Yoga Sutras. Later, many schools of Yoga Meditation have emerged. Some follow Patanjalian methods, while others don't.

The discussion so far makes it clear that meditation, according to Yoga of Veda, is not for us to do away with all thinking, but to control those thoughts that destabilize our inner and outer self. This current Mantra teaches that we meditate on the Infinite. There is positive psychology in this kind of meditation. In focusing on an endless, boundless Being, we follow the *Chhaandogya Upanishad* 7:23:1 which says that only the infinite yields lasting happiness; there is no lasting happiness in anything finite – *Yo vai bhoomaa tat sukham, na alpe sukham*. This Mantra makes two statements, as follows:

1. Yogis discover the greatness of the Radiant Creator. Yogis realize what God Himself says in Veda: I am filled with Resplendence, and, like the Sun, I bring light to the World. I never yield to Defeat and Death. Know Me as the Designer who fashioned the World-as-Wealth. As you strive for Power and Affluence, ask Me for Scientific Knowledge and other forms of Wealth. And, never separate yourselves from My Friendship.
2. They then offer lofty praises to Him. Yogis say: Oh God! You give the eternal treasure of Knowledge to him who praises Truth. You reveal Veda that describes Your True Nature, and through Veda, You augment everyone's knowledge. You motivate people to follow Truth and You reward those who devote themselves to the good of humanity. You are the Cause and Support of all that exists in this Universe. No one should ever turn away from You, never adore, nor believe in, nor seek to know anyone other than You.

(Adapted from writings by Dr Satish Prakash)

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Havan Yaj dates at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre 198 Learoyd Road Willawong 4110.

February Dates: 5 February Satsangh at 2pm-4pm; 12 February Satsangh at 2pm-4pm; 19 February Satsangh at 2pm-4pm; 26 February Satsangh at 2pm-4pm; at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre (QVCC) 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong