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<u>10 Principles of Arya Samaj</u>

- 1. God is the primary source of all true knowledge and all that is known by its means.(At the beginning of creation, nearly 2 Billion years ago, God gave the knowledge of 4 Vedas to four learned Rishis named Agni, Vayu, Aditya and Angira. Four Vedas called Rig Ved, Yajur Ved, Sam Ved and Atharva Ved contain all true knowledge, spiritual and scientific, known to the world.)
- 2. God is existent, intelligent and blissful. He is formless, omnipotent, just, merciful, unborn, infinite, invariable (unchangeable), having no beginning, matchless (unparalleled), the support of all, the master of all, omnipresent, omniscient, ever young (imperishable), immortal, fearless, eternal, holy and creator of universe. To him alone worship is due.
- **3.** Vedas are the scripture of all true knowledge. It is paramount duty of all Aryan to read them, teach and recite them to others.
- 4. All human beings should always be ready to accept the truth and give up untruth.
- 5. All our actions should be according to the principles of Dharma i.e. after differentiating right from wrong.
- 6. The primary aim of Arya Samaj is to do good to the human beings of whole world i.e. to its physical, spiritual and social welfare.
- 7. All human beings ought to be treated with love, justice and according to their merits as dictated by Dharma.
- 8. We should all promote knowledge (Vidya) and dispel ignorance (Avidya).
- 9. One should not be content with one's own welfare alone but should look for one's welfare in the welfare of all others.
- **10.** In matters which affect the well being of all people an individual should subordinate any personal rights that are in conflict with the wishes of the majority. In matters that affect him/her alone he/she is free to exercise his/her human rights.

Penance is the Royal Road to Success

अग्ने तपस्तप्यामह उप तप्यामहे तप: । श्रुतानि शृण्वन्तो वयमायुष्मन्त: सुमेधस: ॥ अथर्व वेद ७.६१.२

Agne tapastapyamaha upa tapyamahe tapah I srutani srnvanto vayam ayusmantah sumedhasah II Atharva Veda 7.61.2

Meaning in Text Order

Agne = O austere Lord and austere preceptor Tapah = penance Tapyamahe = observe Upa = living in your close vicinity Tapyamahe = exercise Tapah = austerity Srutani = your commands of the Vedas Srinvantah = listening Vayam = we Ayusmantah = live long life Sumedhsah = bright wisdom

<u>Meaning</u>

O austere Lord! O austere Preceptor! We observe penance in your closeness and listen to your teachings and the commands of the Vedas . May we become wise and live a long life.

Contemplation

According to Rig Veda God created the universe through His penance as the mantra points out – **tapsaadhyjaayat.** As God possesses great qualities so He has the quality of penance. He has created this universe from His penance so He maintains and sustains it through His penance. You are the fountainhead of all the activities in the universe. It is the result of your penance.

In the same way the preceptor is the embodiment of penance. Through penance he blazes like fire. It is the power of your penance that a thousand students adore you. God and preceptors are our mentors. Penance is defined by the sages where we elevate our soul through discipline in life. Physical penance is one sided. It is appreciated by the observers. These physical penances do not go far enough. The real penance is elevation and purification of our soul. In reality, it is a practice to maintain the balance of composure in rejoicing and adversity, in comfort and sorrow. Maintaining the discipline of mind and senses is called penance. The discipline of speech –"speak when you are spoken to," is a penance of speech. To keep your senses disciplined is called great penance.

O Lord and Preceptor! Let us observe penance under your supervision so that we can become enlightened and live a long life. May we follow your teachings and the teachings of the Vedas to become wise. Not only physically will we live a long life but our glory remains in the minds of people for a long time. May we become illustrious so that people remember us in times to come and follow our path.

O austere Lord!. Make us austere, a good listener and bless us with long life and true wisdom.

<u>By Mr Krishan Chopra</u>

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SACRAMENT (11th SANSKAR)

VEDARAMBHA SACRAMENT

After Upanayan Sacrament performance Vedaarambha Sacrament should be performed in order to make a student DWIJ i.e. twice born. The first birth of a child is from the womb of his/her mother. The second birth of the same child takes place after completion of her/his formal education.

In this Sacrament a student should learn the correct pronunciation and true meaning of Gayatri Mantra, to take a pledge to gain true and complete knowledge (Veda) of his/her study subjects and live a celibate life till the completion of his/her basic education.

Upnayan and Vedarambh Sacraments can be done on the same day. But if it is not possible to do both Sacraments same day then Vedarambha Sacrament should be performed on any other day and preferably within one year of Upnanayan Sacrament.

In his book "Sanskar Vidhi" Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati, under Vedarambha Sacrament, has written the relevant true meaning of Gayatri Mantra in such a way that it is very effective and influential. It is like as following.

(**OM**) IS THE MAIN NAME OF ALMIGHTY GOD WHICH INCLUDES ALL OTHER NAMES OF GOD.

(BHUH) HE IS LIFE OF LIFE.

(BHUVAH) HE IS THE PROTECTOR FROM ALL THE PAINS.

(SWAH) HE IS ALL BLISS AND GIVER OF ALL BLISS TO HIS DEVOTEES

(SAVITUH) HE IS CREATOR OF ALL UNIVERSE, THE ILLUMINATOR OF ALL THE LUMINOUS BODIES LIKE SUN ETC. THE GIVER OF ALL WISDOM AND WEALTH

(**DEVASYA**) WE ESTABLISH HIM IN OUR HEART AS MOST DESIRABLE AND VICTORIUS

(VARENYAM) MOST SUPERIOR TO ACCEPT AND MEDITATE.

(**BHARGAH**) HE BURNS ALL PAINS AND IS HOLY, SACRED AND PURE BY NATURE.

(TAT) TO THAT ALMIGHTY GOD

(DHEMAHI) WE SHOULD ACCEPT AND HOLD.

(YAH) THAT ALMIGHT GOD

(NAH) OUR

(**DHIYAH**) MIND IN BEST ATTRIBUTES, DEED AND NATURE (HABBIT & TEMPERAMENT).

(PRACHODAYAT) INSPIRE US.

For this purpose only God should be praised highly, prayed and worshipped. None else but Him should be worshipped alone.

In modern thinking the study of Vedas, Upanishads and other books written by learned sages telling the truth and correct knowledge should be thought about as a higher level of education.

So Vedarambha Sacrament should be performed for those students who are going to various Universities for further higher studies.

The elaborate teaching of Gayatri Mantra and rules and regulations of living in a hermitage (hostel) while studying in a University are the main aims of performing Vedarambha Sacrament. During this Sacrament a learned priest or a teacher talks to the student about code of conduct of good behaviour and to observe celibacy during the study period in a university. This sermon by a learned priest or person definitely helps students how to observe celibacy and live a proper life while studying for higher education. In his book "Sanskar Vidhi" Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has emphasised on following five points.

1. To get up in the early morning on a fixed time- A student should get up in the early hours of every morning and observe the daily routines like going to toilet, brushing of teeth and taking shower etc. Then he/she should perform Sandhya, Ishwar Stuti, Prathana and Upasana (communion with God) as written in books and then do Yoga for a healthy mind and body.

2. Do not touch genital organs or buttock unnessarily except at the time of passing urine or faeces, try to save semen and be the man whose semen is never discharged.

3. It is quite alright to massage the body with oil. It is very important to keep control on diet. Do not eat food items which are too sour, too hot, sharp or bitter in taste (astringent), Churan powder and laxative (purgative) medicines.

4. It is duty of students to eat pure vegetarian diet and live a healthy life style. They should pay full attention to their education.

5. The important good qualities of a student are to be courteous, modest, polite, tolerant and to speak only when necessary

The period of Education- As such there is no time limit for learning and education but in the Vedic Ashram order the minimum age for education and learning is first 25 years of life and maximum age is up to 48 years. It is important to mention here that a student who lives a celibate life and gains education up to 25 years of life is called Rudra, up to 36 years is Vasu and up to 48 years is Aaditya. Those who lead a celibate life and gain education as many years as they can will be more stronger physically, more learned scholar and live long years in life.

Normally a human being, on average, lives about 100 years life span. But a celibate person can possibly live longer.

IN "JEEVEM SHARADHA SHATAM, BHUYASCH SHARADAH SHATAATA" MANTRA it is prayed to live for one hundred years and more. In Yajurved there are Mantras in which a human being prays to Almighty God to live for 150 years, 200 years and 300 years.

TRAYAAYUSHAM JAMDAGNEH KASHYAPASYA TRAYAAYUSHAM. YADWEVESHU TRAYAAYUSHAM TANNOASTU TRAYAAYUSHAM.

In the above Mantra a person is praying to God to live for 300 years. In period of Mahabharat Bhishma, Krishna and Arjun etcetera lived more than one hundred years. In the period of Upanishads Rishi also live a long life.

So there is a great emphasis on vegetarian food and living a healthy life style in ones life.

Blessings- Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati has written a very touching sentence about giving blessing.

" He Balak, Twameeshwarkripayaa Vidwaan Shareeraatmabalyukta Kushali Viryaman Arogah Sarvaavidya Adhityaasman didichuh Sannagamyaah" Meaning O child with blessing of Almighty God you be intelligent, strong with body and Mind, competent, full of strength and free of illnesses.

O child after completing your education you come back to see us for Samaavartatan- Marriage Sacrament.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2016/2017 PRESENTED BY MRS. BRIJ BALA DUGGAL – GENERAL SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARYA SAMAJ (VEDIC MISSION) WEST MIDLANDS, BIRMINGHAM FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 23/07/2017

Capturing the last twelve months on 2/3 A4 pages can but only provide a brief summary of all that has been achieved, that which is ongoing and events that have taken place as well as things that we do on a regular basis.

The Previous year 2015/16 was a testing time for Arya Samaj and created much discord due to the case of Harish Chandra. It was a great relief when Judge Purle, on 19th July 2016, dismissed the application of Dr. V. Mayor and the Ex Executive Committee members to include Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands as a Defendant. The court costs incurred by Arya Samaj amounted to £8900 and we were reimbursed with a sum of £8191. However, the underlying feelings from such a lengthy case and the bad experience it entailed continued to affect some members and their attendance. Regardless of this the newly elected/appointed members of the Board of Trustees marched on with the responsibilities placed upon their shoulders to ensure Arya Samaj's valuable work for the community and its congregation continued.

MOVE TO NEW PREMISES: The last twelve months have been very demanding in terms of finding a suitable building and dealing with HS2 whose responses and bureaucratic procedures have been slow and sometimes frustrating. At times we needed the support of our local MP to help expedite matters. The building for our new location is in the right area where there is a concentration of the Hindu community and we are confident that with this move, the members' attendance will increase. It is easily accessible with the No.11 Outer Circle Bus route being on its doorstep. Parking is not on site but arrangements have been made with Rookery Road School to use their car park when necessary.

We looked at a few sites before identifying and agreeing that Trinity Methodist Church, 321 Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, is a

suitable location for our new Headquarters. The building comprises of two large halls (one with stage) and one smaller hall. There is enough space for offices, a library, kitchen/dining hall and sufficient space to create a dwelling for Acharya Ji & family.

Paul Clarke (Chartered Surveyor) was appointed to communicate with HS2 on our behalf and assist us with understanding all the procedures involved in the compulsory purchase and acquisition of new premises through HS2. The work carried out so far includes:

Inspecting the building – Trustees and Acharya Ji,

Organising and obtaining a Structural Survey,

Interviewing and appointing a Project Manager,

Instructing Solicitors,

Organising and obtaining Drawings/plans for refurbishment – to proceed on exchange of contracts once purchase has been agreed.

Planning permission for a dwelling - this is being prepared.

Organising an Inventory and negotiating with current owners.

Identifying the need for a Liaison Officer.

This being vital in terms of ensuring that the work is done to our standards/satisfaction meets our needs and that the resources available are utilised in the best possible way.

Obtaining written confirmation that the Purchase/Sale will happen simultaneously.

We must recognise the great deal of additional work our Chair Dr. Narendra Kumar has had to undertake in negotiating and securing the best possible offer for Arya Samaj West Midlands. It is also worth noting the efficiency and promptness with which information has been shared.

DAV Primary School in Handsworth: Work on this project has been at a standstill due to two reasons i.e. Firstly there is a considerable amount of

work involved in acquiring new premises and getting the refurbishment work carried out. Secondly, we still have not found a Head Teacher to join us and without this we are unlikely to be accepted on the Developmental Programme by New Schools Network.

Sanskars performed by Acharya Ji: In the last twelve months from April 2016 to March 2017, there were a total of 43 Sanskaras performed by Acharya Ji. The Sanskaras performed included 13 General Havans, 12 Shanti Havans, 7 Grih Pravesh, 3 Weddings, 1 Mundan Sanskara, 3 Birthday Havans, and 4 others.

The donations received for these Sanskaras amount to \pounds 3,903.00 slightly below last year's figures of \pounds 4,048.00

Sponsored Yajmans: Total number of sponsored Yajmans for Sunday Havans in the last 12 months were 28. These figures have been slightly lower than previous twelve months but we very much hope to see the number rise in the next year. On the whole the commitment and devotion shown by members has been amazing and we value and appreciate their continuous support.

The following are the main events that we have organised and carried out in the last year:-

Independence Day of India Celebrations: The Independence Day of India was celebrated by ASWM on Sunday 21st August 2016. The event was well attended and began with Sandhya and Havan performed by Acharya Ji for Mr and Mrs J.P. Sethi who provided Rishi Langar for this occasion. Our chief Guest of Honour was Mr. Jitendra Kumar Sharma (Consulate General of India) who led on the hoisting of our National Flag. Our other guest Speaker was Mr. Raj Pal (Historian and Academic) who reflected on the historical role of Arya Samaj in Education and fight for Freedom. The Day's programme included speeches, patriotic songs and poetry.

Ved Katha 18th to 25th August 2016: As in the previous years, this event is held during the month of August for 8 consecutive evenings. It should be noted that 'Raksha Bandan' and 'Shri Krishan Janamashtmi' were celebrated by us during the same month. Acharya Umesh Yadav Ji. Our

resident Priest presented the Katha on 'Kathopnishad' which has two chapters with six parts. The main Characters in the Katha being Nachiketa and Yam and the discussion between them on the subject of Death, Daan and the ultimate connection with God. The audience present thoroughly enjoyed the Katha which was initiated by Dr. N.Kumar and concluded by him on the final evening.

Gayatri Maha Yajna 18th September 2016: This year Gaytri Maha Yajna was performed on Sunday 18th September 2016 under the guidance of Acharya Ji. There were four Havan Kunds set up, three sittings of Yajmans with their families. Approximately 150 people participated on the day. Dr. Narendra Kumar and Mrs. Shama Kumar sponsored the Rishi Langar. Members donated generously and a sum of "£2006.85 was collected. All members of the Board of Trustees and Volunteers worked hard to make this event successful.

Dashahara – 16th October 2016: Following the Morning Havan and regular prayers, on this day we held a discussion on the topic of Good and Evil and Acharya Ji clarified the true meaning of this event.

Food Collection Project: During September and October 2016 a 'Food Drive' Project was undertaken by Roshni Joshi on behalf of Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands. We collected 4 large boxes of food donated by our members (over 200 Kilograms) and on 8th November 2016 all this food was delivered to Food Banks in Aston/Nechells for distribution to homeless/needy people in the area. Roshni Joshi was commended for her excellent work and a letter of thanks was sent to her by our Chairman.

Diwali Celebrations – 29th October 2016: We celebrated Diwali at Arya Samaj Bhavan on 29th October 2016 with a complimentary evening of entertainment along with a three course dinner provided by Arya Samaj WM. A special Havan was performed on stage; the lighting of lamps was followed by an opening address by our Chairman Dr. Kumar and our Priest Acharya Umesh Yadav Ji who gave an historical insight into the festival of lights. Whilst remembering the sadness attached to this day, we celebrate the life of Maha Rishi Dayanand Saraswati and acknowledge his achievements, his dedication to his country and his people. There were 150 guests and the entertainment included devotional songs, classical dances and an opportunity for members to sing and dance along

to old and modern music. We raised £365. From raffle tickets and donations received amounted to £1378. 00.

Republic Day Celebration 29th January 2017: Over 125 people attended the celebration at the Arya Bhavan. Our chief guest was Mr. Pankaj Sharma (Consulate General of India) The Day's programme included speeches, patriotic songs and acknowledged the work of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar who was the main architect in writing the constitution for a self-ruling Government of India.

Our Patron Shri Gopal Chandra MBE: Members have been kept informed of our Patron Mr. Chandra being in Ryland View Nursing Home in Tipton and some visits by Acharya Ji and members of the Trustees Board have been made.

<u>Rishi Bodh Utsav</u> - 26th February 2017: This day was celebrated by Arya Samaj as the day of Enlightenment of our Founder Maha Rishi Dayanand Saraswati along with the festival of Maha Shiv Ratri.

<u>Holi – 12th March 2017:</u> We celebrated this by discussing the importance of Holi and the meaning attached to this event. How it is connected to Harvest Time and how the beautiful colours of nature have always impressed us. Acharya Ji marked this occasion by blessing everyone present with a tikka on their forehead using sandlewood and saffron colours.

<u>Arya Samaj Foundation Day/Ram Navmi – 9th April 2017:</u> We celebrated Arya Samaj Foundation Day with the performance of Havan/prayers and members of Arya Samaj Paratinidhi Sabha U.K. were also present at this event. Mrs Prem Mangal and her family were the Yajmans and sponsors for today's Rishi Langar. This day is of great importance to Arya Samajis all over the World as this is when the first Arya Samaj was founded on 7th April 1875 by Maha Rishi Dayanand Saraswati and some of his friends who shared his views. Today was the 142nd year of Arya Samaj's existence and it was time to look at what has been achieved and what needs to be done.

<u>Vedic Vivah Mela – 20th May 2017:</u> Our popular Matrimonial Get Together Event took place on 20th May 2017 at the Arya Samaj Bhavan. Forty participants travelled from all over the country to attend this whole day event which included a well organised programme of speed dating, informal chatting, networking etc. Food and refreshments were provided. Everyone in the Matrimonial Management Team worked hard to ensure the day went smoothly. The feedback from participants was very positive with most of them stating they would attend again.

Satyarth Parkash Appeal – successful campaign: Through our campaign we raised some funds to contribute towards the court costs in India – case of 'copyright' is being heard in Ajmer District Court on 20th July 2017 onwards. On 15th May 2017 a total of 7 Lac rupees was sent to Mr. P.N. Mishra (Advocate of the Supreme Court who is acting for us) of which the sum of 135,000 rupees was sent in cheques and the balance £6852.64 transferred via Punjab National Bank Branch in Soho Road, Handsworth. By the agreement of Board of Trustees, a donation from Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands in the sum of £5284.68 was made and this is included in the total of 7 Lacs. as mentioned. For detailed information please refer to 'Aryan Voice' June 2017.

<u>Yoga Classes</u>: We continue to hold these on Wednesdays and lately freshly cooked food is also available.

<u>**Radio shows:**</u> We continue to do a session every first Sunday of the month spreading Vedic knowledge and providing important information.

Future plans for the new building: There is a huge amount of refurbishment work to be done at the new premises before we can think about moving. Things are progressing and we need to be thinking of future plans and use of the new premises. We welcome ideas from our members.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees I would like to thank all our members for their continued support and commitment to Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands. Without your support it would not be possible to continue the valuable work started by our Founder Maha Rishi Daynand Saraswati. Every member should be concerned about keeping his legacy alive and strengthening it for the future generations.

We would very much like our members to encourage younger members of their family to attend.

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यह वेद कथा आर्य समाज वेस्टमिड्लैंड्स के सभा-भवन में नित्य सायं ७.३० से ९.०० वजे तक विधिवत् चली । आर्य समाज के माननीय प्रधान डॉ. नरेन्द्र कुमार के सम्वोधन व निवेदन पर स्थानीय पुरोहित धर्माचार्य आचार्य उमेश जी प्रत्येक दिन विस्तार से सत्यार्थ प्रकाश के एक-एक समुल्लास पर अत्यन्त सार गर्भित व सरल भाषा में प्रवचन करते रहे । पहले सात दिनों में सात समुल्लास एवं अन्तिम आठवें दिन कथा-समापन पर आठवें, नौवें तथा दसवें समुल्लास पर विस्तार से विषयगत् सभी तथ्यों को तर्क, प्रमाण व विचार से खोल कर समझाया गया । उपस्थिति तो सामान्य ही रही पर सुनने वालों को हर विषय पर काफी स्पष्टता मिली, वैदिक सिद्धान्तों का सहजतापूर्वक आचार्य जी ने स्पष्टीकरण किया । प्रथम समुल्लास में ईश्वर के सौ नामों की व्याख्या के साथ ईश्वर के सत्य गुण-कर्म-स्वभावों की विस्तार से जानकारी, सगुण-निर्गुण उपासना, स्तुतिप्रार्थनोपासना इत्यादि विषय को समझाया गया । दवितीय समुल्लास में वच्चों को वचपन से ही नैतिक मूल्यों का सही ज्ञान व मार्ग का विश्लेषण किया जिसमें भूत जो बिता हुआ समय, प्रेत जो मृतक शरीर है आदि समझाकर बताया कि इनसे कोई डरने की बात नहीं है, यह जड़ पदार्थ हैं, यह कोई भयंकर प्राणी नहीं है । जो आत्मा शरीर छोड़ देती है, उसे अन्यत्र केवल १२ पलों के अन्दर ही कोई माँ का गर्भ नये जन्म/जीवन के लिये मिल जाता है या सीधे मुक्ति मिल जाती है । कोई भी आत्मा भटकती नहीं है जो किसी का नुकसान करे । फलित ज्योतिष भी झूठा है, शीतला, डोरा आदि पूजन सब अन्धविश्वास है जो सुख तो इनसे होना नहीं

उल्टा दू:ख ही बढ़ता जाता है । वच्चों को सभा में बैठने-उठने की सभ्यता, बडों का आदर, नमस्ते-इति अभिवादन आदि सभ्यताओं से परिचय करा देना चाहिये । इन सारी बातों की जिम्मेवारी अच्छे, धार्मिक, संस्कारित, विदवान् व सभ्य माता-पिता व आचार्य को जाती है । अत: ये सब सदा अपने कर्त्तव्यों का पालन सही तरीकों से करें । त्रितीय समुल्लास में शिक्षा-विधि, अधिकार व व्यवस्था की बात कही गयी जिसकी पुरा विस्तार से चर्चा हुई । आर्ष ग्रन्थों का पठन-पाठन, सबको समान भोजन, आसन, आवास आदि साधन मिले । सह शिक्षा न हो, आवासीय विदयालय हों, लड़कों व लड़कियों के लिये अलग-अलग विदयालय की व्यवस्था हो । सबकी स्वतंत्र रुप से शिक्षा व चरित्र का उभार हो । जातिवाद, अमीरी-गरीबी का भेद-भाव न रहे । शिक्षा की आर्थिक जिम्मेवारी सरकार पर हो । चौथा समुल्लास में सद् गृहस्थ जो मर्यादित, श्रेष्ठ, परस्पर विश्वासी, शुद्ध प्यार व सहयोग रखने वाले. उत्तम संस्कारों में जीने वाले तथा ब्रहमचारी. वानप्रस्थी, संन्यासी आदि सबका ध्यान रखने वाले हों । पंच महायज्ञों को करने वाले हों । ईश्वरीय उपासना/संध्या, अग्निहोत्र, अतिथि सेवा, माता-पिता की सेवा तथा पश्-पक्षी आदि प्राणियों को भी दाना-पानी देना यह एक सद गृहस्थ का धर्म है-ऐसा बताया गया । पंचम समुल्लास में वानप्रस्थ व संन्यास का कर्त्तव्य बताया । इनका उदेश्य संसार की सेवा, ज्ञान बांटना, परोपकार आदि ही होना चाहिये । इन्हें ज्ञानी, स्वाध्यायशील, त्यागी, सत्यवक्ता, धार्मिक व परोपकारी होना चाहिये । केवल दाढ़ी, दण्ड, कमण्डल व कपडा बदलने से कोई संन्यासी नहीं हो जाता । उसे वेदों का ज्ञान होना आवस्यक है वरणा वह भोली-भाली जनता को अपने झुठा ज्ञान व आचरण से ठगता ही रहेगा जिससे अधर्म का ही विकास होगा, धर्म का नहीं । छठे समुल्लास में वेदानुसार राजधर्म का पूरा वर्णन है । विद्यार्य,

धर्मार्य व राजार्य सभा हों जिनसे सभी विभागों का नियन्त्रण हो । राज तंत्र के वजाय प्रजातंत्र होना चाहिये । चुनाव-पद्धति ही उचित है । बड़े पदाधिकारियों के लिये बड़ा दण्ड-विधान हो । राजा, मंत्री, सभापति सब विद्वान्, सत्यवादी, ईमानदार, राष्ट्र-प्रेमी व राष्ट्र-रक्षक हों । न्याय प्रिय हों । कर व्यवस्था पूर्ण हो तथा राजा भी प्रजा की सुख-सुविधा का पूरा ख्याल रखे । सेवा निवृत्ति के बाद या किसी की मृत्यू हो जाने पर पेंशन, पारिवारिक पेंशन आदि की समुचित व्यवस्था हो । महर्षि दयानन्द ने सुराज्य, स्ववेष, स्वदेश, स्वभाषा आदि तमाम अधिकारों पर विचार किया और विदेशी राज की सर्वथा निन्दा की । राजा वा सभापति अपने राज के मूल निवासी ही हो । सातवें में ईश्वर व वेद विषय को विस्तार से वताया । आठवें में सृष्टि की उत्पत्ति, स्थिति व प्रलय विषय का वैदिक पक्ष, नौवें में विद्या-अविद्या, बन्धन व मुक्ति विषय को वैदिक सिद्धान्तों के अन्सार खोलकर बताया गया । अविद्या अर्थात् मिथ्या ज्ञान/ उल्टा ज्ञान बन्धन का कारण है तथा विद्या अर्थात् सत्य ज्ञान व कर्म मुक्ति में सहायक हैं । सच्चे ईश्वर की पहचान करना पहला कार्य है । अन्ध विश्वास, मूर्तिपूजा, मरे पीछे श्राद्ध-तर्पण आदि वेद विरुद्ध हैं । परमात्मा कभी अवतार नहीं लेता, वह तो सदा सर्वदा सर्वत्र सर्वव्यापक है । सृष्टि को रचने, चलाने व प्रलय करने की शक्ति उसमें है । वह पाप नहीं करता क्योंकि वह सर्वज्ञ है, सत्य है व पूर्ण है । जीव अल्पज्ञ है, शरीरधारी है, भोक्ता है तथा अपने ज्ञान, संस्कार आदि दवारा कर्म करने में स्वतंत्र है । सुष्टि व प्रलय का प्रवाह चलता रहेगा । प्रकृति (सत्व-रज-तम की साम्यावस्था) से ईश्वर ने महत्तत्व, वुद्धि, तन्मात्रायें-रुप,रस,गन्ध,शब्द,स्पर्श, पंच भूत-अग्नि,पृथिवि,जल,आकाश,वायु, अन्न, बीर्य, पुरुष/मनुष्य आदि प्राणी बनाकर उनमें जन्मजन्मान्तर के कर्मानुसार जीवों की स्थापना कर प्रारम्भ

में अमैथुनी सृष्टि चलायी और वेद-ज्ञान देकर सबको फिर मैथुनी सृष्टि चलाने का आदेश दिया । प्राणी लोकलोकान्तर में वसते हैं, ऐसी सम्भावना बतायी । चन्द्र पर व अन्य ग्रहों पर तो मनुष्य जा भी चुके हैं । इस प्रकार ईश्वर, ज्ञान-विज्ञान व मानव जीवन के व्यवहारों का इन समुल्लासों में विस्तार से वर्णन है जिसका खुलासा आचार्य उमेश जी ने अपने प्रवचनों में किया । दसवां समुल्लास आहार-विहार व आचार-विचार पर है । शाकाहारी भोजन, अल्कोहलरहित पेय व कोई भी नशा से रहित ही मनुष्य का भोजन है । एक ही थाली में कई लोग न खायें । शारीरिक बिमारियों से बचाव हेतु स्वच्छ व अलग-अलग थाली में खाना उचित है ।

महर्षि दयानन्द सरस्वती द्वारा लिखित सत्यार्थ प्रकाश अत्यन्त ज्ञानवर्द्धक ग्रन्थ है । यह अपने समय का काल जयी, अमर ग्रन्थ व श्रेष्ठ ग्रन्थ कहलाया । सभी इसे पढ़ें, वार-वार पढ़ें, आप ज्ञान व संस्कारों के धनी बन जायेंगे । अन्धविश्वास से बच जायेंगे तथा आपका जीवन सत्य मार्ग/मुक्ति मार्ग का पथिक बन जायेगा ।

वेद-कथा का समापन आदरणीय प्रधान डॉ. नरेन्द्र कुमार द्वारा धन्यवाद-यापन के साथ हुआ । सामान्यतया कथा में नियमित आने वालों में डॉ. नरेन्द्र कुमार, श्रीमती विमला डौंड, भारत से आये उनके भाई श्री दीपक सूद, डॉ. उमेश कथुरिआ, डॉ. पुरुषोत्तम दास गुप्ता, श्रीमती बृजबाला दुग्गल रहे और अन्य लोग भी वीच-वीच में आते रहे और वेद-विचार से लाभान्वित होते रहे । इस तरह प्रवचन होते ही रहें -ऐसा विचार सबने किया । शान्ति-पाठ के साथ कार्यक्रम समाप्त हुआ । समापन पर श्री धनसुख राणा द्वारा तैयार किये हुये पकौड़े व चाय का सबने आनन्द लिया । इसके लिये श्री राणा को भी बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद । Page 19

Matrimonial Service

Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands is dedicated to its matrimonial members to provide a service that will help members find a partner for marriage within our community. We feel it is time to make a few changes to help with this process and move forward with the times.

Changes we have made in April 2017:

Website:-

- A new data base on the website that will give members an option to add a **photo** if they wish and a space for members to write a **bio** about themselves and what they are looking for in a partner.
- Existing members would have received a letter in May with information about what we need from you to update your profile. Once you have received this letter please fill it out and send back to us soon as possible, so we can update our **NEW** data base and you can start using the new system.

Matrimonial Service:-

- Members will now be given the **option** to directly contact each other or have the **option** for parents to contact each other.
- All **new** members will be contacted by the office staff for phone conversation during the application process.
- We are also looking in to ways of making our Matrimonial events more successful.

News

Condolences:

- Mrs. Saroj Seth (Oadby, Leicester) & family for loss of her beloved husband Mr. Raj Kumar Seth 76 years old who passed on 29th July 2017. May God grant the departed soul the eternal peace and strength to every family member to bear the time of sorrow.
- Arya Samaj WM tributes Late Mr. Sanjoy Karbanda on his birthday 13th August 2017. Mr. Sanjoy Kharbanda was the eldest son of our life member Mr. Prem Kharbanda. May all family members and friends always remember his sweet memories.
- Mr. Krishan Chopra and family for the loss of his elder brother Prof. Ram Vichar in India. He was a renounced Vedic scholar, who wrote several books based on Vedic principles. Prof. Ram Vichar was 80 years old and a retired Professor (Hindi) from D.N. College Hisar (Haryana). May God grant the departed soul the eternal peace and give strength to all family members to bear the loss.

Get Well Soon:

- This is to inform our members and readers that our Patron Shri Gopal Chandra MBE is recovering in Ryland View Nursing Home, Arnhem Way, Tipton, DY4 7HR and telphone number 0121 520 1577. We all wish him a speedy recovery.
- This is to inform our members and readers that Mr Vishwa Nath Bhandari, ex-Vice President of Arya Samaj West Midlands year 2001-2003 is recovering in Gracewell of Edgbaston Care Home, Speedwell Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B5 7PR and telphone number 0121 796 0796. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

Many congratulations to all the following mentioned families who have had auspicious havan at their residences on different occasions or Sunday Vedic Satsangs in Arya Samaj Bhavan.

Congratulations:

- Mrs. Vimla Dodd who was yajman on Sunday 6th August 2017 in Arya Samaj Satsang. Havan was for celebration of birthdays of her dear brother Mr. Deepak Sood and son Mr. Vikram Dodd. May God give them happiness, good health, prosperity and many happy returns of the day.
- Dr. Narendra and Mrs. Shama Kumar and family for performance of Upnayan Sanskar of their grandchildren named Aradhya and Aryan. We wish them to be glorious, healthy and great in their education and human values. Many congratulations to their parents Dr. Andrew and Priyanka Main, Dr. Devesh and Naveenta Sennik and grand parents Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Main and Dr. & Mrs. Avinash Sennik.

Donations to Arya Samaj West Midlands

٠	Dr. K K Soni	£35		
٠	Ms Veenu ji	£51		
•	Mrs. Suraksha Kanta Soni with Rishi Langar	£150		
•	Mrs. Vimla Dodd with Rishi Langar	£231		
•	Mr. Prem Kharbanda	£51		
•	Dr. Narendra Kumar with Rishi Langar	£312.50		
٠	Mr. Inderjit Marwaha	£11		
٠	Mrs. R. R. Joshi	£31		
٠	Mrs. Kailash Spolia	£11		
٠	Mr. Prem Nanda	£20		
٠	Mr. J.P. Sethi	£101		
٠	Mrs. J.P. Sethi	£101		
٠	Mr. Satya Prakash Gupta	£10		
Donations to Arya Samaj West Midland through the Priest-Services.				
•	Mrs. Saroj Seth	£51		
٠	Mr. Pulkit Ahuja	£50		
٠	Mr. Dev Datt ji	£101		
٠	Mr. Anil Mangal	£51		
	Thank you for all your Donations!			
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Please contact Acharya Dr Umeh Yadav on 0121 359 7727 for more information on

- Member or non member wishing to be a Yajman in the Sunday congregation to celebrate an occasion or to remember a departed dear one.
- Have Havan, sankars, naming, munden, weddings and Ved Path etc performed at home.
- Our premises are licensed for the civil marriage ceremony.
- Please join in the Social group at Arya Samaj West Midlands every Wednesday from 11am. Emphasis is on keeping healthy and fit with yoga and Pranayam. Hot vegetarian Lunch is provided at 1pm.
- Ved Prachar by our learned Priest Dr Umesh Yadav on Radio XL 7 to 8 am, first Sunday of the month. 3rd September &1st October 2017.

Every effort has been taken that information given is correct and complete. But if any mistake is spotted please inform the office.

0121 359 7727

E-mail- <u>enquiries@arya-samaj.org</u> Website: <u>www.arya-samaj.org</u>

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ARYAN VOICE

Dear Arya Samaj Members,

From January 2018 ORDINARY members of Arya Samaj West Midlands will have to pay £20 per annum to remain on the list of current members.

Please note any amount of donation to Arya Samaj West Midlands will not count towards payment of membership.

Those of you who are on our email database will receive your copy of monthly bulletin "Aryan Voice" on your emails from September 2017 and onwards and NOT by post unless you request our office for a hard copy.

Of course our members who do not use internet or email services and matrimonial members will keep receiving hard copy of Aryan Voice by post as it is at present time.

We must live within our means.

I am sure you will fully support our efforts regarding this matter.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely Dr. Narendra Kumar Chairman The Board of Trustees

Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands <u>NEW HOME</u>

It gives me great pleasure to announce that on 23rd August 2017 we exchanged contract with Trinity Methodist Church, 321 Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 9PR.

Now Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands is the owner of above free hold building.

HS2 bought our present headquarter at 188, Inkerman Street, Nechells and paid us the money in order to buy Church building same day.

Now the big refurbishment project for Rookery road building will start. We sincerely hope to complete refurbishment and move to the new Home last week of January 2018.

HS2 through Department for Transport has given us the present building at 188, Inkerman Street, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4SA on lease, rent free, till 1st February 2018 to continue with our Sunday congregation, Day Centre and other activities.

Big congratulations to you all.

The new building is in middle of our own community area and is located on main bus route with bus stop just opposite to our building.

As written before we are getting about half of the funding required for total refurbishment. In very near future I will be sending out letters to you all to donate generously so that we can complete this noble work with your help.We will honour the donors in a very appropriate way.

This work has taken more than 5 years of time of members of The Board of Trustees present and past. I, as a Chairman, am grateful to all of you for all kinds of help given to me to achieve this gigantic task.

Kind regards.

Dr. Narendra Kumar - Chairman, The Board of Trustees