Veda and Yajnya in the present times
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Abstract
The main theme of Veda is Yajnya. In fact Vedas were created out of Yajnya performed as a pledge by the Viraat-Purush (big man) as revealed in Purusha-kramam of the Rig-Veda. Evil thoughts and deeds which are too prevalent in present times pollute the Mahapranas of the so called Viraat-Purush. Slowly and slowly it saturates which causes large-scale disturbances to living beings in the form of natural calamities some of them are referred as Mahapralay in ancient scriptures. To minimise these affects Yajnya is performed. Yajnya is a form of nutrition for Devas (God). In the present paper, effort has been made to throw some light on this aspect.

The relationship between Veda and Yajnya is inseparable. If we take, for example the Karmakanda rituals of Yajnya, the recital of hymns from Rigveda, Yajurveda and Atharveda is a common practice. If we take Yajnya in broader aspect, it was only Yajnya, which was responsible for creation and support of the universe as reflected in Purusha-kramam. Guya-Veda was created from such a large Yajnya for the support and nourishment of the universe.

It means that the universe was created by the pledge of the Viraat-Purush, from universe all living being were born. Firstly the earth and then different life forms was created.

The Viraat-Purush was similarly responsible for the creation of Rig and Samveda. Next came the creation of Slokas, Yaju and Atharveda. Thus, Vedas were created from Yajnya, and provides vision for ideal life through disciplined Yajnya. The living code, which is reflected in Yajnya by-

Deus (God) prayed before the Viraat-Purush by doing Yajnya. Those who follow this ritual, they will reach the heaven (Swarga).
The hymns of Vedas reveal the mysteries of all the animate-inanimate objects of this universe. Without understanding the secrets, their fruitful utilization is difficult. For example, without understanding the properties of Agni (fire) or electric current, it is very difficult to utilize them properly. Agni can be handled only by non-inflammable objects and can be burned only by inflammable objects. Similarly electricity can be saved by insulators and can be transported by conductors.

Vedas reveal deep-secrets of nature. A satya-purush (true-man) can attain salvation by following strictures of Vedas similar to Devas (God). Thus Agni in Yajnya is not just fire but it is the synergistic output of feelings, views, object and Karma in the form of distinguished Purusharth.

This Purush (super-human or Bramah) in Vedas have many faces:
(i) The first Sankalp (pledge) of this Purush (super-human or Bramah) in the Yajnya is the creation of this universe.
(ii) The second face of this Yajnya is the creation of macro and micro objects who follow the disciplined law allowing shrihi-chakra to go un-interrupted.
(iii) The third face of this Yajnya is all life form follow the natural course for their livelihood and do not allow nature flow to be disturbed.
(iv) The fourth form of this Yajnya is Karmakanda in different form of Puja (prayer), which is completely scientific by which human-being tries to enrich themselves by the energetic waves of the nature.

Now, the question arises why Rishis (learned scholars) recommend it for human-beings not for other life forms? The reason is simple-only human being is capable of exploiting nature, others cannot. That’s why Yajnya is recommended for replenishing the nature. In present times man thinks of only exploiting nature and do not care about replenishment. This is the main cause of ecological imbalance causing natural disasters such as pollution, excessive rainfall eroding a large tract of land some of which are highly aerable, draught, earth-quoques etc Yajnya can help replenish nature, thus minimizing human agonies caused by natural disasters of catastrophic scale.

What is Yajnya?
Gita says-

It means “living beings are generated from cereals (grains), cereals are generated by rain and rain is created by Yajnya and Yajnya is generated by different karmas”. That’s why supreme power is always present in every Yajnas.

Types of Yajnas:
There are three types of Yajnas:
(i) Balvrastra Yajnya- which is performed everyday to satisfy the gods.
(ii) Deep (light) Yajnya- which is the normal process in every dharma and sects.
(iii) Aswamegh Yajya.
Rishis made these for all the Yugas (times). Balvrastra and Deep (light) Yajnya are performed presently in every ritual in every home. Many sanskaras are performed by Deep (light) Yajnya. Aswamegh Yajas are performed to finish off evil characters from the society but has become very rare in present times.

What is the need of Yajnya in the present times?
Like air filled in the sky gets polluted by all the excreta in ambient environment and is purified by godly rituals and Pujaas. Similarly, the element called Mahapranas in unlimited Akash (sky) gets satisfied and unsatisfied by good and evil
deeds. Like polluted air produces many diseases in living organisms, similarly evil thoughts and deeds creates many disturbances such as sorrow, anger, fear, jealousy, obstruction and anxiety etc. by polluting Mahaprana. There are few elements in human body which purifies the air entering it, similarly there are only few thoughts and works which purifies Mahaprana rather the evil thoughts and deeds excites it and the result is large scale destruction in various forms. These are all because there are few people following the path of truth. The waves coming out of evil mind pollutes atmosphere as well soulsphere in the unlimited sky which slowly and slowly magnifies and builds up to create large scale destruction of various kinds. Devas (God) remain dissatisfied and creates nuisance which is expressed in human world as epidemic, excessive rainfall, scarcity, famine, cyclone, earthquake, world wars etc. These are all because the infinite space is polluted. Magnification reaches to a threshold limit when it causes massive destruction which, commonly referred as Mahapravay.

We use DDT and Phenyl to clean dirty places. Plantations are done to clean ambient air, similarly to purify polluted Mahaprana, Rishis and Maharishis discovered Yajugas as only and everlasting solution to purify the Mahaprana. Like we clean our body, clothes, bedsheet, home, road etc., at regular intervals, similarly the evil deeds and thoughts can only be purified by Yajugas which is the responsibility of each and every individual. Therefore, Yajugas is the foremost assignment of each human being in the present time of Kalyugya where the evil thoughts and deeds are predominant. From birth to death every religion or sect celebrate festivals and ceremonies and are full of Yajugas specially in Hindu way of life. Like regular sandhyas, fire-worship should also be celebrated regularly instead occasionally. The reason bestowed on this is that the benefits accruing to body, mind, locality, area, nation and the world is many times more than the input cost such as wealth, labour and time.

That is the inherent reason why in India once upon a time every home used to do Yajugas regularly. Kings and wealthy people would become poor but could not sacrifice Yajugas. When we get hungry, we enjoy getting food. Similarly we get pleasure by excreting the digested matter. Thus, kings and wealthy people enjoyed natural affluence (Amrit) and the resultant poverty (Garibi) when they happen to sacrifice their property in Yajugas sacred to their heart, locality, society, nation and world. In India, large Yajugas are celebrated frequently which not only made this country as the heavenly abode but also the whole world that continued for millions of years without much tussle among the people, society and nations.

The large scale Yajugas were very essential after Mahayudhas (destructive wars), this was because the wondering souls of the dead and grief stricken soul of their relatives cry soul infinitely in the sky. The air is severely polluted by smoke coming out of explosives. All these along with the abnormal human behavior such as hate, jealousy, dirty politics like cheating, dodging, false propaganda which pollute the Mahaprana create dangerous situation for the world. To cope up with this situation, the performance of the Brihadyajuga (large Yajuga) was essential in the ancient times. Rama performed Aswamayagya after his victory over Ravana of Sri Lanka. Pandavas performed Jaipavaya Yajuga after Mahabharata. The evidence of this Yajuga can be found in history where every war was followed by large scale Yajuga for remorse for wondering souls to keep them in peace.

During foreign rule these fruit bearing rituals got disorganised. People forgot to recognise the significance of Yajugas. Some wicked people introduced animal sacrifice along with Yajugas, the Pandits demanded higher gifts to perform these rituals in Yajugas which was purely selfish and made common people depart from Yajugas. Buddhists appropriately opposed this for the inclusion of immoral activities. The people who were interested in Yajugas could not defend themselves as to what benefit the people get by burning different objects. These all contributed to making Yajugas obsolete phenomenon. There were only few Rishis and Maharishis to spread the light of Yajugas as a result, darkness prevailed and many spurious sects evolved who not only neglected Yajugas even started opposing it. Generation after generation the novel science of Yajugas got neglected and science of the material world was promoted. Neither there was any scholar of learned eminence except to few, nor people who were interested in learning the science of Yajugas, the result was neglect and only neglect.

Today’s world is gripped with several problems of fear, concern, misfortune, scarcity, and trouble, that has made the people worry. There are many direct reasons for it. Government, society, people are doing a lot to cope up with this situation which are certainly appreciable, but all that is seen with the naked eye is not true. There is something beyond it, which is so powerful that can affect the final outcome. The main reason why this world is passing through such a difficult situation is simple—there was no big effort made to purify and nourish Mahaprana by Yajugas despite several evil deeds and Mahayudhas (world-wars).

Vedas are the fruits bestowed to this nation by the Mahaprana for innumerable large scale Yajugas performed during times immemorial. The main theme of Vedas is Yajugas. Srasta’s proclaim Vedas were created to disseminate the lights of Yajugas. Yajugas have been called Pratman. Out of ten incarnations of the almighty, one of them is Yajuga. All these references prove that Indian Philosophers accept Yajuga as essential and topmost requirement of the mankind. Yajugas serves as nutrient to the almighty and is essential for his health. When Yajuga becomes less and evil activities increases in the society, the almighty becomes weak. This imbalance in micro-world is expressed by severe natural calamities such as earthquake, cyclone, high and low rainfall, flood, famine causing fear, concern, anger etc. to the living organisms. This has been regularly indicated and cautioned by Rishis, Maharishis and many learned philosophers of various sects.

Conclusion:
Yajugas, therefore is essential and foremost requirement to get rid of present anxieties and stress. There is no other way. No worldly solutions can ever solve this problem except Yajugas. This is the only way by which Mahaprana in microworld can be purified and nourished for solving the miseries gripping the present world.

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