

PARAM VEDA

Upaniṣadic Commentary (Bhāṣya)

One-to-One mapping to every Sanskrit text in the Param Veda Master Canon



Canon: Param Veda

Param Īśvara: the necessary ground of being and moral law

Ritual axis: gravity (gurutva) and Earth's magnetic shield (dhruva-kṣetra)

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Preface

This commentary is written in an Upaniṣadic spirit: concise śruti, followed by careful bhāṣya, practical disciplines, and a short teacher-student dialogue. It is a companion to the Param Veda Master Canon and maintains one-to-one correspondence with each mantra or hymn.

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Chapter 1

Opening Mantra: Param Īśvara

परम ईश्वरः

परम ईश्वरः निर्गुणोऽपि, करुणया हृदि दृश्यते ।
अस्तित्वस्याधारभूतः, धर्मस्य च नियामकः ॥

IAST:

parama īśvaraḥ nirguṇo'pi, karuṇayā hṛdi dṛśyate |
astitvasyādhāra-bhūtaḥ, dharmasya ca niyāmakaḥ ||

Bhāṣya

Upaniṣadic Bhāṣya — The mantra is a compact metaphysics: Param Īśvara is beyond attributes (nirguṇa) and yet personally encountered through compassion and conscience. This avoids both errors: making God a finite object, and making God a cold abstraction.

‘Ground of being’ means: existence is not self-explanatory as a final explanation. ‘Governor of moral law’ means: obligation is not reducible to appetite or tribal command. When you feel ‘I ought’ even against advantage, you touch the axis where the personal meets the universal.

This text also guards the canon from manipulation. Any theology that produces cruelty contradicts the moral law it claims to serve. Thus the measure of devotion is not ritual display but truthfulness, duty, and mercy.

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Prayoga — (1) Each day ask: what would I do if truth alone mattered? (2) Refuse to use God-language to humiliate others. (3) Practice mercy without surrendering justice.

Part I

Satya Veda Bhāṣya

Chapter 2

Satya Veda Bhāṣya - One-to-One Commentary

सत्य सूक्त 1: एकसत्य-दीप्तिः

एको हि सत्यस्य पन्थाः, बहवः शब्द-रश्मयः ।
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सत्य सूक्त 2: प्रमाण-नेत्रम्

प्रमाणं नेत्रमुक्तस्य, श्रद्धा तस्य सहायिका ।
अन्धा श्रद्धा तमो नाम, दीपः प्रश्न-विचारणा ॥

IAST:

pramāṇaṃ netramuktasya, śraddhā tasya sahāyikā |
andhā śraddhā tamo nāma, dīpaḥ praśna-vicāraṇā ||

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शोधनं धर्म इत्येव, न लज्जा सत्य-सेवने ॥

IAST:

truṭiḥ sphuṭā yadā drśyet, tadā namraḥ bhaven manaḥ |
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समग्रं वद वा मौनं, सत्यं न खण्डितं भवेत् ॥

IAST:

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सत्य सूक्त 5: ध्रुव-क्षेत्र-स्मृतिः

ध्रुव-क्षेत्रं रक्षति प्राणान्, दिशं दर्शयति ध्रुवम् ।
विवेकः ध्रुव एवास्तु, भ्रमे न मनसो गतिः ॥

IAST:

dhruva-kṣetraṁ rakṣati prāṇān, diśaṁ darśayati dhruvam |
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नियमस्य परमाधारः, परम ईश्वर उच्यते ॥

IAST:

astitvaṃ niyama-tantuṣu, dhṛtaṃ na svayameva hi |
niyamasya paramādhāraḥ, parama īśvara ucyate ||

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त्रुटिः स्फुटा यदा दृश्येत, तदा नम्रः भवेन्मनः ।
शोधनं धर्म इत्येव, न लज्जा सत्य-सेवने ॥

IAST:

truṭiḥ sphuṭā yadā dṛśyet, tadā namraḥ bhaven manaḥ |
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सत्य सूक्त 16: अर्धसत्य-विषम्

अर्धसत्यं महाविषं, मधुरं मुख-बन्धनम् ।
समग्रं वद वा मौनं, सत्यं न खण्डितं भवेत् ॥

IAST:

ardha-satyaṁ mahāviṣaṁ, madhuraṁ mukha-bandhanam |
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सत्य सूक्त 17: ध्रुव-क्षेत्र-स्मृतिः

ध्रुव-क्षेत्रं रक्षति प्राणान्, दिशं दर्शयति ध्रुवम् ।
विवेकः ध्रुव एवास्तु, भ्रमे न मनसो गतिः ॥

IAST:

dhruva-kṣetram rakṣati prāṇān, diśaṃ darśayati dhruvam |
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अस्तित्वं नियम-तन्तुषु, धृतं न स्वयमेव हि ।
नियमस्य परमाधारः, परम ईश्वर उच्यते ॥

IAST:

astitvaṃ niyama-tantuṣu, dhṛtaṃ na svayameva hi |
niyamasya paramādhāraḥ, parama īśvara ucyate | |

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सत्य सूक्त 19: एकसत्य-दीप्तिः

एको हि सत्यस्य पन्थाः, बहवः शब्द-रश्मयः ।
यत्रार्थः समनुच्छेदः, तत्रैकत्वं प्रकाशते ॥

IAST:

eko hi satyasya panthāḥ, bahavaḥ śabda-raśmayāḥ |
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प्रमाणं नेत्रमुक्तस्य, श्रद्धा तस्य सहायिका ।
अन्धा श्रद्धा तमो नाम, दीपः प्रश्न-विचारणा ॥

IAST:

pramāṇaṃ netramuktasya, śraddhā tasya sahāyikā |
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मानः प्रथमको नियमः, अपमानो हिंसा स्मृतः ।
समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

mānaḥ prathamako niyamaḥ, apamāno hiṃsā smṛtaḥ |
samūha-doṣaḥ niṣiddhaḥ syāt, mānavyaṃ dharma-bhūṣaṇam ||

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — Dignity (māna) is declared the first rule because humiliation is a quiet form of violence. It precedes fists and weapons; it prepares them. When people are taught that another group is dirty, inferior, or collectively guilty, cruelty becomes ‘natural’.

Param Veda forbids samūha-doṣa — collective blame. This is a direct antidote to communalism. Individuals are accountable; identities are not criminal codes. A civilization grows when it can punish wrongdoing without degrading entire populations.

Dignity is also scientific: it is a recognition that every human mind is a bearer of reason, vulnerability, and capacity for reform. To protect dignity is to protect the conditions for dialogue, learning, and peace.

Praśna-Uttara — Student: “Is dignity earned?” Teacher: “Respect may be earned; dignity is inherent.” Student: “How to guard dignity in conflict?” Teacher: “Attack the act, not the being.”

Prayoga — (1) Do not use slurs, even as ‘jokes’. (2) In criticism, name a behavior and a remedy. (3) Refuse group-blame in your own community first.

धर्म सूक्त 2: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

दया विना न्यायः क्रूरः, न्यायो विना दया तमः ।
उभयोर्योग एव धर्मः, लोक-शान्ति-प्रदायकः ॥

IAST:

dayā vinā nyāyaḥ krūraḥ, nyāyo vinā dayā tamaḥ |
ubhayor yoga eva dharmāḥ, loka-śānti-pradāyakaḥ ||

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — The hymn declares a double truth: justice without compassion becomes cruelty; compassion without justice becomes fog. In civic life, this is the balance between enforcement and rehabilitation, between protection of the innocent and recognition of human fallibility.

Propaganda often tears this pair apart: one side weaponizes ‘law and order’ to justify oppression; another side weaponizes ‘compassion’ to excuse harm. Param Veda refuses both. The ethical state designs systems that are firm, transparent, and repair-oriented.

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धर्म सूक्त 3: वचन-धर्मः

वचनं विश्वास-सेतुः, प्रतिज्ञा धर्म-लक्षणा ।
यः भङ्गं क्ति लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

vacanaṃ viśvāsa-setuḥ, pratijñā dharma-lakṣaṇā |
yaḥ bhaṅkti lobhataḥ satyaṃ, saḥ svayam patati niścitaṃ ||

Bhāṣya

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धर्म सूक्त 4: मान-धर्मः

मानः प्रथमको नियमः, अपमानो हिंसा स्मृतः ।
समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

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धर्म सूक्त 5: दया-न्याय-युगम्

दया विना न्यायः क्रूरः, न्यायो विना दया तमः ।
उभयोर्योग एव धर्मः, लोक-शान्ति-प्रदायकः ॥

IAST:

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समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

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धर्म सूक्त 8: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

दया विना न्यायः क्रूरः, न्यायो विना दया तमः ।
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यः भङ्गं क्ति लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

vacanaṁ viśvāsa-setuḥ, pratijñā dharma-lakṣaṇā |
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समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

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धर्म सूक्त 11: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

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वचनं विश्वास-सेतुः, प्रतिज्ञा धर्म-लक्षणा ।
यः भङ्क्ते लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

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Prayoga — (1) Do not use slurs, even as ‘jokes’. (2) In criticism, name a behavior and a remedy. (3) Refuse group-blame in your own community first.

धर्म सूक्त 20: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

दया विना न्यायः क्रूरः, न्यायो विना दया तमः ।
उभयोर्योग एव धर्मः, लोक-शान्ति-प्रदायकः ॥

IAST:

dayā vinā nyāyaḥ krūraḥ, nyāyo vinā dayā tamaḥ |
ubhayor yoga eva dharmāḥ, loka-śānti-pradāyakaḥ | |

Bhāṣya

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Prayoga — (1) In disputes, state the harm and the repair. (2) Prefer restorative steps before punitive ones when safety allows. (3) Make rules explicit and evidence-based.

धर्म सूक्त 21: वचन-धर्मः

वचनं विश्वास-सेतुः, प्रतिज्ञा धर्म-लक्षणा ।
यः भङ्क्ते लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

vacanam viśvāsa-setuḥ, pratijñā dharma-lakṣaṇā |
yaḥ bhaṅkti lobhataḥ satyaṁ, saḥ svayam patati niścitam | |

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — Words are bridges; promises are load-bearing beams. Societies decay when commitments become cheap. The mantra ties truth to trust: without fidelity in speech, contracts fail, families fracture, and institutions become theaters.

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Prayoga — (1) Under-promise, over-deliver. (2) When you must change a commitment, communicate early and compensate fairly. (3) Keep a ‘promise ledger’: what you owe, by when, and why.

धर्म सूक्त 22: मान-धर्मः

मानः प्रथमको नियमः, अपमानो हिंसा स्मृतः ।
समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

mānaḥ prathamako niyamaḥ, apamāno hiṃsā smṛtaḥ |
samūha-doṣaḥ niṣiddhaḥ syāt, mānavyaṃ dharma-bhūṣaṇam ||
CHAPTER 3. DHARMA SAMHITĀ - SHORT HYMNS OF DUTY

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — Dignity (māna) is declared the first rule because humiliation is a quiet form of violence. It precedes fists and weapons; it prepares them. When people are taught that another group is dirty, inferior, or collectively guilty, cruelty becomes ‘natural’.

Param Veda forbids samūha-doṣa — collective blame. This is a direct antidote to communalism. Individuals are accountable; identities are not criminal codes. A civilization grows when it can punish wrongdoing without degrading entire populations.

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धर्म सूक्त 23: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

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उभयोर्योग एव धर्मः, लोक-शान्ति-प्रदायकः ॥

IAST:

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वचनं विश्वास-सेतुः, प्रतिज्ञा धर्म-लक्षणा ।

यः भङ्गं कृति लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

vacanaṃ viśvāsa-setuḥ, pratijñā dharma-lakṣaṇā |
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धर्म सूक्त 25: मान-धर्मः

मानः प्रथमको नियमः, अपमानो हिंसा स्मृतः ।

समूह-दोषः निषिद्धः स्यात्, मानव्यं धर्म-भूषणम् ॥

IAST:

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धर्म सूक्त 26: दया-न्याय-युग्मम्

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धर्म सूक्त 27: वचन-धर्मः

वचनं विश्वास-सेतुः, प्रतिज्ञा धर्म-लक्षणा ।
यः भङ्गं कृति लोभतः सत्यं, सः स्वयम् पतति निश्चितम् ॥

IAST:

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Part III

Śānti Veda Bhāṣya

Chapter 4

Śānti Veda Bhāṣya - One-to-One Commentary

शान्ति सूक्त 1: शान्ति-स्वरूपम्

शान्तिर्न पलायनं नाम, सा न्याय-सहितं स्थिरम् ।
सत्य-समाधि-संयुक्ता, लोकस्य शरणं परम् ॥

IAST:

śāntir na palāyanam nāma, sā nyāya-sahitam sthiram |
satya-samādhi-samyuktā, lokasya śaraṇam param | |

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — Peace is defined as stable justice, not as avoidance. A silent street can still be violent if fear rules it. True peace is a condition where rights are protected, wrongs are addressed, and dialogue is possible without threat.

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श्रवणं प्रथमं शास्त्रं, मौनं रोष-निवारणम् ।
चिन्तनं मध्यमं प्रोक्तं, उत्तरं शान्ति-लक्षणम् ॥

IAST:

śravaṇam prathamam śāstram, maunam roṣa-nivāraṇam |
cintanam madhyamam proktaṁ, uttaram śānti-lakṣaṇam | |

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शान्ति सूक्त 3: वाक्-औषधम्

वाणी भेषज-रूपा स्यात्, यदि सत्येन संयुता ।
तीक्ष्णा मिथ्या च दहति, मृदु सत्यं तु रोपयेत् ॥

IAST:

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vāṇī bheṣaja-rūpā syāt, yadi satyena saṃyutā |
tīkṣṇā mithyā ca dahati, mṛdu satyaṃ tu ropayet ||

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तीक्ष्णा मिथ्या च दहति, मृदु सत्यं तु रोपयेत् ॥

IAST:

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IAST:

śāntir na palāyanam nāma, sā nyāya-sahitam sthiram |
satya-samādhī-saṃyuktā, lokasya śaraṇam param ||

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शान्ति सूक्त 10: शान्ति-स्वरूपम्

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शान्ति सूक्त 11: श्रवण-व्रतम्

श्रवणं प्रथमं शास्त्रं, मौनं रोष-निवारणम् ।
चिन्तनं मध्यमं प्रोक्तं, उत्तरं शान्ति-लक्षणम् ॥

IAST:

śravaṇam prathamam śāstram, maunam roṣa-nivāraṇam |
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IAST:

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शान्तिर्न पलायनं नाम, सा न्याय-सहितं स्थिरम् ।
सत्य-समाधि-संयुक्ता, लोकस्य शरणं परम् ॥

IAST:

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IAST:

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IAST:

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IAST:

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IAST:

CHAPTER 4. ŚĀNTI SAMHITĀ - SHORT HYMNS OF PEACE
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Part IV

Karma Veda Bhāṣya

Chapter 5

Nitya-Vandana - Daily Liturgy Commentary

नित्य-वन्दना

ध्रुवे मुखं कृत्वा तिष्ठेत्, गुरुत्वं हृदि भावयेत् ।
ध्रुव-क्षेत्रं स्मरेन्नित्यं, सत्ये धर्मे च वर्तयेत् ॥

IAST:

dhruve mukhaṃ kṛtvā tiṣṭhet, gurutvaṃ hṛdi bhāvayet |
dhruva-kṣetraṃ smaren nityaṃ, satye dharme ca vartayet | |

Bhāṣya

Upaniṣadic Bhāṣya — This daily liturgy is a discipline of orientation. It uses north (dhruva) and gravity (gurutva) as embodied reminders that the human mind must be anchored to reality, not to rumor.

The liturgy is designed to be universally acceptable: it contains no idol, no sect marker, and no claim of cultural ownership. Its ‘sacred’ element is the measurable: one act of duty and one record of fruit.

The deeper logic is anti-propaganda. Propaganda thrives on haste, anger, and forgetting. The rite inserts a pause, a direction, and a ledger. It converts the day from reaction to responsibility.

Praśna-Uttara — Student: “Why face north?” Teacher: “To practice orientation as a habit.” Student: “Why gravity?” Teacher: “To remember consequence.” Student: “Why record?” Teacher: “To prevent self-deception.”

Prayoga — (1) Keep the rite under two minutes. (2) Choose one duty that benefits someone outside your tribe. (3) Review the ledger weekly and revise your practice.

Chapter 6

Karma Saṁhitā - One-to-One Commentary

कर्म सूक्त 1: कर्तव्य-दीपः

कर्तव्यं दीपः भवेद् नित्यं, कौशलं तस्य वर्तमानम् ।
सेवा तस्य फल-शुद्धिः, लोक-हिते समर्पिता ॥

IAST:

kartavyaṁ dīpaḥ bhaved nityaṁ, kauśalaṁ tasya vartmani |
sevā tasya phala-śuddhiḥ, loka-hite samarpitā ||

Bhāṣya

Bhāṣya — Duty (kartavya) is called a lamp because it illumines the next step even when the whole path is unseen. This is a post-vedic replacement for superstition: do not seek omens; seek obligations. Gravity steadies the body; duty steadies the will.

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कर्म सूक्त 2: फल-लेखा

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लेखा साक्षी निरालम्बा, सत्यं तत्र प्रभासते ॥

IAST:

phalaiḥ karma parīkṣyet, na ghoṣair na ca bhāṣaṇaiḥ |
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कर्म सूक्त 3: ध्रुव-गुरुत्व-वन्दना

ध्रुवे मुखं कृत्वा तिष्ठेत्, गुरुत्वं हृदि भावयेत् ।
ध्रुव-क्षेत्रं स्मरेन्नित्यं, कर्तव्ये धर्ममाचरेत् ॥

IAST:

dhruve mukhaṃ kṛtvā tiṣṭhet, gurutvaṃ hṛdi bhāvayet |
dhruva-kṣetraṃ smaren nityaṃ, kartavye dharmam ācaret ||

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कर्म सूक्त 6: ध्रुव-गुरुत्व-वन्दना

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IAST:

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dhruva-kṣetraṁ smaren nityaṁ, kartavye dharmam ācaret | |

Bhāṣya

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कर्म सूक्त 7: कर्तव्य-दीपः

कर्तव्यं दीपः भवेद् नित्यं, कौशलं तस्य वर्तमानि ।
सेवा तस्य फल-शुद्धिः, लोक-हिते समर्पिता ॥

IAST:

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sevā tasya phala-śuddhiḥ, loka-hite samarpitā | |

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कर्म सूक्त 8: फल-लेखा

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CHAPTER 6. KARMA SAṂHITĀ - SHORT HYMNS OF ACTION

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Prayoga — (1) Keep a weekly ‘duty metric’: one measurable improvement. (2) Demand evidence for public claims. (3) Use post-mortems without blame: facts, causes, fixes.

कर्म सूक्त 18: ध्रुव-गुरुत्व-वन्दना

ध्रुवे मुखं कृत्वा तिष्ठेत्, गुरुत्वं हृदि भावयेत् ।
ध्रुव-क्षेत्रं स्मरेन्नित्यं, कर्तव्ये धर्ममाचरेत् ॥

IAST:

dhruve mukhaṁ kṛtvā tiṣṭhet, gurutvaṁ hṛdi bhāvayet |
dhruva-kṣetraṁ smaren nityaṁ, kartavye dharmam ācaret ||

Bhāṣya

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Facing north is not superstition; it is a deliberate cue: ‘I choose orientation over impulse.’ Feeling gravity is a bodily reminder: I am accountable; actions fall, consequences land. Remembering the field is a reminder: unseen structures protect life; unseen virtues protect society.

The hymn concludes with action: kartavye dharmam ācaret. Ritual becomes ethical engineering: it trains attention, then converts attention into duty.

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कर्म सूक्त 19: कर्तव्य-दीपः

कर्तव्यं दीपः भवेद ्रनित्यं, कौशलं तस्य वर्तमनि ।
सेवा तस्य फल-शुद्धिः, लोक-हिते समर्पिता ॥

IAST:

kartavyaṃ dīpaḥ bhaved nityaṃ, kauśalaṃ tasya vartmani |
sevā tasya phala-śuddhiḥ, loka-hite samarpitā ||

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Bhāṣya — Duty (kartavya) is called a lamp because it illumines the next step even when the whole path is unseen. This is a post-vedic replacement for superstition: do not seek omens; seek obligations. Gravity steadies the body; duty steadies the will.

The hymn links duty with excellence (kauśala) and service (sevā). Excellence is not vanity; it is compassion in technique. Poor workmanship becomes harm when it touches lives. Thus every profession becomes a field of dharma: medicine, engineering, teaching, governance.

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Praśna–Uttara — Student: “How do I find my duty?” Teacher: “Look where your capacity meets another’s need under justice.” Student: “What if duty is heavy?” Teacher: “Then carry it in small measured steps.”

Prayoga — (1) Choose one daily duty that directly reduces harm. (2) Improve one skill relevant to your duty each week. (3) Offer one act anonymously.

कर्म सूक्त 20: फल-लेखा

फलैः कर्म परीक्ष्येत, न घोषैर्न च भाषणैः ।
लेखा साक्षी निरालम्बा, सत्यं तत्र प्रभासते ॥

IAST:

phalaiḥ karma parīkṣyet, na ghoṣair na ca bhāṣaṇaiḥ |
lekhā sāksī nirāmbā, satyaṃ tatra prabhāsate ||

Bhāṣya

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IAST:

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Bhāṣya

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The hymn concludes with action: kartavye dharmam ācaret. Ritual becomes ethical engineering: it trains attention, then converts attention into duty.

Praśna–Uttara — Student: “Is this worship?” Teacher: “No. It is alignment.” Student: “Alignment with what?” Teacher: “With reality, with conscience, with the common good.”

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कर्म सूक्त 22: कर्तव्य-दीपः

कर्तव्यं दीपः भवेद् नित्यं, कौशलं तस्य वर्तमानि ।
सेवा तस्य फल-शुद्धिः, लोक-हिते समर्पिता ॥

IAST:

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Bhāṣya

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कर्म सूक्त 23: फल-लेखा

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लेखा साक्षी निरालम्बा, सत्यं तत्र प्रभासते ॥

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IAST:

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dhruva-kṣetraṁ smaren nityaṁ, kartavye dharmam ācaret ||

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The hymn concludes with action: kartavye dharmam ācāret. Ritual becomes ethical engineering: it trains attention, then converts attention into duty.

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IAST:

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Emblem Verse Commentary

चिह्न-विवरणम्

चिह्नं स्मरण-हेतुर्नित्यं, न देवस्य निवास-गृहम् ।
अर्थ-दीपं प्रबोधयेत्, मनो धर्मे दृढं भवेत् ॥

IAST:

cihnaṃ smaraṇa-hetur nityaṃ, na devasya nivāsa-gr̥ham |
artha-dīpaṃ prabodhayet, mano dharme dṛḍhaṃ bhavet | |

Bhāṣya

Upaniṣadic Bhāṣya — The emblem is explicitly demoted from idol to mnemonic. It is ‘for remembrance’, not a residence of the divine. This is the canonical safeguard against image-worship, personality cults, and the subtle idolatry of symbols.

The second line gives the function: it awakens meaning (artha-dīpa) and steadies the mind in dharma. In other words, the emblem must never become a badge to exclude; it must become a cue to repair.

This is also a civilizational principle: symbols are tools. If a symbol produces humiliation, it has failed its dharma. If it produces responsibility, it has succeeded.

Praśna-Uttara — Student: “Can symbols become dangerous?” Teacher: “Yes, when they replace truth.” Student: “How to keep them pure?” Teacher: “Bind them to duty and evidence.”

Prayoga — (1) Use the emblem only as a reminder to act, not to dominate. (2) Forbid symbol-based superiority claims. (3) Teach the emblem’s meanings as ethical commitments.

Canon Seal Commentary

समापन-सील

सत्यं वर्धयतां लोके, न्यायः रक्षयतां ध्रुवम् ।
शान्तिः साध्यतां नित्यं, कर्तव्यं दृढीक्रियतां शुभम् ॥

IAST:

satyaṃ vardhyatāṃ loke, nyāyaḥ rakṣyatāṃ dhruvam |
śāntiḥ sādhyatāṃ nityaṃ, kartavyaṃ dṛḍhīkriyatāṃ śubham ||

Bhāṣya

Upaniṣadic Bhāṣya — The seal is a closing imperative: strengthen truth, protect justice, cultivate peace daily, and make duty steadfast. It is written as a program for societies, not only for individuals.

The sequence is logical. Without truth, justice becomes arbitrary. Without justice, peace becomes fear. Without daily practice, peace becomes a slogan. Without duty, all virtues remain decorative.

The seal therefore functions as a constitutional oath of the canon. Any interpretation that weakens truth, corrodes justice, or excuses humiliation stands outside Param Veda's intent.

Praśna-Uttara — Student: “Why must peace be cultivated daily?” Teacher: “Because entropy is daily.” Student: “What is steadfast duty?” Teacher: “Duty that survives mood and applause.”

Prayoga — (1) Strengthen truth: protect education and inquiry. (2) Protect justice: oppose collective blame. (3) Build peace: invest in mediation and fair institutions.