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Arya Samaj founded by Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati is an institution based on the teachings of Vedas for the welfare of universe.

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It is neither a religion nor a sect.

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10 Principles of Arya Samaj

- 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.**

Balance of Mind and Intellect

मूर्धानमस्य संसीव्याथर्वा हृदयं च यत् । मस्तिष्कादूर्ध्वः प्रैरयत् पवमानोऽधि
शीर्षतः ॥ अथर्ववेद १०.२.२६

**murdhanamasya sansivya atharva hrdyam ca yat I
mastiskadurdhvah prerayat pavamano-adhi sirsatah II**

Atharva Veda 10.2.26

Meaning in Text Order

**Murdhanam = head
Asya = of Lord
Samsivya = stitching properly
Atharva = transcendental
Hrdyam = mind
Yat = whatever
Mastiskat = from the brain
Urdhavah = above
Praeryat = urges
Pavamanah = purifying
Adhi = present
Shirsatah = in the head.**

Meaning

The purifying, transcendental, vigilant Lord has stitched together both intellect and mind. He inspires the mind which is in the head.

Contemplation

God has created in the human body two miraculous things, the mind and the brain. The brain is connected to every part of the body through perceptive senses. This network is in every part of body and it transmits all messages to the brain. Whatever we listen to through ears, see through eyes, smell through the nose, taste through the tongue, feel through the skin soft or hard, it is done through the perception by the senses. The brain is the main source of knowledge. Intellect is also connected to it. It is our intellect which makes the distinction between sins and merits, sympathetic or cruel decisions. Discretion is the prerogative of intellect.

While bestowing intellect on the human being, God has gifted the human being with mind. The intellect or brain is predominantly for knowledge and the mind is dominated by emotions. The source of emotion,, kindness and the spirit of the welfare of others is the product of the mind. God is transcendental and purifying therefore, He wishes to make human beings the same way. Thus He stitches the mind and intellect together. It means they are both connected. If the balance is maintained in both, then as a result the intellect will not overpower the mind and nor will the mind overwhelm the intellect.

The modern world is heading on a disastrous path. The reason behind this is that the mind and intellect of world leaders is not in balance. Otherwise leaders would not allow scientists to make destructive inventions. Their inventions would have been for the benefit of mankind.

This is the command of the lustrous Lord that all human beings should maintain a balance of mind and intellect and make all decisions accordingly. Let us obey the command of the Lord.

By Mr Krishan Chopra

योग-विद्या

आचार्य डॉ. उमेश यादव

आज के इस यांत्रिक युग में शांति की खोज व परमात्म तत्त्व की प्राप्ति के संदर्भ में प्रायः यह देखा जाता है कि अनेक मत-मतान्तरों की उहापोह में साधना का वह वास्तविक स्वरूप परिलक्षित नहीं हो पाता, जिससे आत्मज्ञान और तदन्तर ब्रह्म-ज्ञान की प्राप्ति सही रूप में हो पाये। अतः प्रत्येक आध्यात्मिक जिज्ञासु के मानस पटल पर स्वतः कई प्रश्न उभरते हैं- यथा

१. यत्र-तत्र आधुनिक प्रचलित योग-विधाओं से क्या आत्मा का ज्ञान व परमात्मा की प्राप्ति सम्भव है ?
२. वेद, उपनिषद्, ब्राह्मणग्रन्थ आदि आर्षग्रन्थों में प्रतिपादित योग-विद्या का यथार्थ ज्ञान हो पा रहा है जिससे हम ब्रह्म-ज्ञान/ सत्यविद्या (परा विद्या/ आधात्मिक विद्या) एवं अपराविद्या/ भौतिक ज्ञान- जो पदार्थ विद्या से जाने जाते हैं) को समझ पाते हैं ?
३. कुंडलिनी जागरण, अनुभूति, ब्रह्मानन्दानुभूति तक हम पहुँच पाते हैं ?
४. क्या ऐसी योग-विद्या आधुनिक तनाव भरा जीवन को शकुन /मानसिक शांति प्रदान कर सकती है ? इत्यादि अनेकानेक प्रश्न आपके मन में उभर सकते हैं ।

योग क्या है ? हम कुछ जाने-

योग के दो धरातल हैं-१. प्राकृतिक/भौतिक २. चेतन/ आध्यात्मिक । प्राकृतिक से हमें सांसारिक जड़-जगत् का ज्ञान/ भान होता है जो अपरा विद्या/ भौतिक वा पदार्थ विद्या कहलाती है तथा आध्यात्मिक से चेतन अर्थात् जीवात्मा व परमात्मा का यथार्थ बोध होता है । इसमें पराविद्या/ सत्यविद्या/ ब्रह्म-विद्या काम आती है । अब साधक के ऊपर है कि वह किस धरातल पर स्थित होता है । योग कहें, साधना कहें या उपासना कहें ये सारी विधायें योग-विद्या ही हैं । योग में जीवात्मा और परमात्मा का मेल होना निहित है । युज्-समाधौ धातु से समाधि शब्द सिद्ध होता है जो योग की अंतिम सीढ़ी है । यहाँ हमें समझना होगा कि योग सामान्यरूप से चार विधायों में चल रहा है- व्यवहार-शुद्धि, शरीर शुद्धि, मानसिक शुद्धि व आत्मिक शुद्धि । इन्हीं इन क्षेत्रों को साधने के लिये महर्षि पतंजलि ने वेदनिहित योग सन्दर्भ को सार्थक बनाने में आठ सहायक अंगों की अपने योग-दर्शन में विशद् व्याख्या की है ।

यम-नियम- व्यावहारिक शुद्धि,

आसन-प्राणायाम- शारीरिक शुद्धि,

प्रत्याहार-धारणा-ध्यान- मानसिक शुद्धि

और अंतिम समाधि से पूर्ण आत्मिक शुद्धि प्राप्त कर साधक/योगी/उपासक परमानन्द को प्राप्त करता है । अतः हमें सही योग विद्या जाननी है तो उपरोक्त इन आठ अंगों का गहन अभ्यास करना पड़ेगा । इनके वारे में आगे चर्चा की जायेगी ।



MARRIAGE CEREMONY SACRAMENT

Continuation.....

(13th SANSKAR)

INTRODUCTION

The Vedas describe **GRIHASTHA** (House holder) as the second and most important of the four stages of a human life.

A married life is the start of Grihastha Ashram. The rituals of the marriage ceremony help the bride and groom to understand their responsibilities and actions for a successful married life.

The Sanskrit word for Vivah is derived from root Vah which means to understand and learn the responsibilities of a household life.

The wife and husband are two wheels of a household. The two wheels of a household chariot must move in a parallel and balanced way.

The wedding binds the two individuals in one physically and spiritually. The essence of marriage is a bonding between the mind, heart and soul of two individuals. This is a very holy alliance and this ceremony is a very important occasion in a human life. This ceremony takes place in front of fire. The two individuals pray to God and take vow to live together for the rest of their lives.

The ceremony consists of following rituals in successive order.

GETTING TO KNOW (MILNI)

As the groom comes to the wedding place with his parents, relatives and friends they are welcomed by the bride's parents, relatives and friends. The Vedic Mantras are chanted for the prosperity and happiness of both families. The close relatives of both parties are introduced to each other and they exchange gifts and garlands.

EXCHANGE OF GARLANDS (JAYAMALA)

The bride, escorted by close relatives, comes nearer the Vivah Mandap. The bride and groom exchange garlands made of fresh flowers, the bride does it first. With this ritual the bride welcomes groom. This ritual also signifies the acceptance of each other's love and respect.

WELCOME CEREMONY (SWAGAT VIDHI)

Now the priest leads the bride and groom to a special place called Vivah Mandap. The bride offers the groom a place to sit and water to drink. Then she offers him Madhupark, a mixture of honey and Yogurt, to eat. The mixture of Madhupark symbolises honey for sweetness and yogurt for cooling and soothing behaviour.

GIVING AWAY OF BRIDE (KANYA PRATIGRAHAN / DAAN)

The parents of the bride offer a cow or some money to the groom as a token for his financial wellbeing. A cow has been a symbol of prosperity in our culture. The father or brother of the bride takes her right hand and places it on the right hand of the groom. This reflects the act of giving away their daughter/sister to the groom who accepts gracefully. Now the groom accepts the responsibility of taking care of his bride. Of course the bride's parents continue to have relations with their daughter even after wedding.

TAKING THE VOW (SAMANJAN VIDHI)

Now the bride and groom recite a Vedic Mantra. Here they take a vow to live together with their body and soul becoming one and inseparable like water and air. The water symbolises the meeting of their mind and the air meeting of soul and heart. The bride and groom can not be one without meeting of their mind, heart and soul. Through this ritual the two hearts, mind and soul become one.

FIRE RITUAL (HAVAN)

“Agni” is the main witness in a religious act. The Havan purifies the atmosphere. By chanting Vedic Mantras in havan we learn about our duties, our supreme culture and spiritual conscience. The spiritual meaning of Agni (Fire) is bright and knowledgeable God who inspires us to be sharp, bright, knowledgeable and cultured in order to progress in this world. The parents of the bride appoint a priest and request him to conduct the ceremony of marriage. The priest (Acharya) conducts the various rituals of the Vedic marriage ceremony as written in the Vedas. By reciting Ved Mantras the bride and groom are made aware of their responsibilities towards their household, society and nation. They pray for the happiness of their household, society, nation and world.

HOLDING HANDS (SOLEMN PLEDGE)

Here the groom recites six mantras followed by the bride. Through these Mantras they promise to each other loyalty, good health, earning wealth by righteous means in order to buy house, food, clothing and ornaments etc, taking care of each other and their children, mutual love and to maintain the tradition of family and value life.

By taking these vows in front of fire and present guests the bride and groom become husband and wife physically and spiritually.

STEPPING ON A ROCK (SHILA ROHAN)

In this ritual the brother of the bride helps her to put her right foot on a piece of rock. The groom inspires her to be strong and firm like a rock, even though God has made her kind and tender and to progress in life and achieve her goal. Her brother inspires her to be happy in her husband's family and live a respectable and happy life through her knowledge, culture, politeness, hard work and good deeds. She represents her parents family and should take care of family prestige through her good deeds.

OFFERING OF ROASTED RICE (LAJA-HOMA AND PHERE)

This is a very important ceremony. The brother of the bride gives some roasted rice to his sister. Then the bride and groom together offer it to the fire. During this ceremony the bride and groom walk around the fire seven times, thus symbolising the fulfilment of four aspects of life, being righteousness (Dharma), wealth (Artha), desire (kama) and the bliss of God (Moksha) and they pray for the stability in husbands's family, for good health and wealth of her husband, for mutual love and attraction and grace of the God.

The bride also prays for the assurance of her husband, to be respectable to God and to gain assurance of her brother to be helpful to her in difficult times in life. The bride goes first in three phere (circuits around the fire) and follows the groom in remaining four phere. The roasted rice symbolises the bride because it needs to be transplanted from one field to another for proper growth and bear fruit. Initially the bride takes birth in her parent's house where she grows and spends her childhood, gets her education, knowledge, culture and develops her talents. After marriage she leaves her parental home and lives with her husband in his family. Both express their commitment by mutual trust, co-operation, and perseverance and accept the responsibilities that lie ahead. Both take their pledges accordingly.

TYING OF KNOT (GRANTHI BANDHAN)

In this ritual, the bride and groom's "chunni" (Scarves) are tied together in a knot by a married sister or sister in law of the bride. This symbolises their eternal union and that they have become one in body and soul.

SEVEN STEPS TOGETHER (SAPTA PADI)

This is the last important ritual in a marriage ceremony. The bride takes her right foot forward followed by the groom. They walk side-by-side seven steps. The right foot embodies simplicity, truthfulness and honesty. While walking together both take vows to earn food and use it properly, live a healthy and physically fit life, earn material wealth and enjoy it together, earn and pray for prosperity in both families, to bring up children in this world who are well cultured and skilled, to provide for necessities according to the prevailing seasons and to live in a household which is environmentally friendly and to live a life full of mutual love and affection and harmony that binds them in a companionship forever.

EXCHANGING SEATS

Until now the bride was sitting on the right hand side of Groom. After the Seven Steps they exchange seats. Now the bride sits on the left hand side of her husband.

GLIMPSE OF SUN (SURYAAVALOKAN)

In this ritual both are inspired to look towards the Sun in order to raise the standard of their lives, purity and punctuality. A glimpse of Sun inspires both to live a life full of brightness and knowledge.

TOUCHING OF HEART (HRIDAYA SPARSH)

Both bride and groom touch each other's heart with their right hand and seek God's help in uniting them together in their deeds, words

and thoughts. They believe that they have been made for each other. This gesture unites them completely in one.

SUMANGAL VIDHI (SINDURDAN AND MANGAL SUTRA)

The groom takes a pinch of Vermillion powder (Sindoor) in his right hand fingers and places it in the mid line parting of scalp hair of the bride. He also adorns the bride's neck with Mangalsutra made of gold and black beads. The groom prays to the present audiences in the ceremony to bless them for eternal married life full of happiness, good health and prosperity. Sindoor and Mangalsutra are the visual marks of a married woman in Vedic society.

GLIMPSE OF POLAR STAR (DHURVA DARSHAN/UTTAR VIDHI)

In this ritual both see the Polar star in order to take inspiration to stay firm together in their married life to tackle all kinds of situation in their lives.

BLESSINGS (ASHIRWAD)

In conclusion, under the guidance of the priest, all assembled guests bless the newly married couple by chanting special Mantras.

PRAYER FOR PEACE (SHANTI PATH)

All the guests and newly married couple pray to God for a harmonious life and peace in the world.

Written by
Acharya ji Dr Umesh Yadav in Hindi
And
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Diwali and Rishi Nirvan Divas Event
Saturday 21st October 2017
Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands

Venue: Arya Bhavan, 188 Inkerman Street, Nechells, Birmingham B7 4SA.

Each year the Diwali celebrations also remind us of the day that our founder Maharishi Dayanand Saraswati left this world. We celebrate his life and remember him for his devotion towards his people and his country. Arya Samaj is his legacy and his legacy stands for light of truth and removal of: darkness/ignorance; myths and superstitions as well as wrong interpretations of the Vedic literature.

Diwali also stands for lighting up our physical environment to remove darkness and create happiness and joy. Many historical events and stories are connected to this day and people from different religions all over India celebrate by lighting candles, feasting and lighting fireworks. Diwali is also the beginning of the Indian New year.

We celebrated Diwali at the Arya Bhavan on Saturday evening on the 21st October 2017. This year, due to other distractions and pressures, we had very little time to prepare but nevertheless the event was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The reception area and the main hall were decorated with colourful lights and lamps. Traditional Indian sweets were offered to people as they arrived. Dr. Narendra Kumar, Dr. P.D. Gupta, and Mr. Krishan Chopra were in the reception area to welcome everyone. There were about one hundred people present at this event, slightly lower than usual perhaps due to the reason that many other Diwali celebrations were going on across the City.

Havan was performed on stage from 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm. This was followed by a short break for refreshments and snacks. The Trustees of Arya Samaj then lit the oil lamps and wished everyone Happy Diwali and a prosperous New Year.

As the 'Comperer' for the evening, I welcomed everyone and gave a brief introductory speech and outline of the evening's programme. I offered my greetings to everyone by reading a Diwali poem.

Acharya Yadav Ji gave a brilliant speech on the subject of removing darkness from our lives by doing the right things, following the right path and not being influenced by those who only follow their own desires without consideration for others. He added that there is absolutely no benefit in praying if one is going to continue walking on the wrong path.

Mr. Krishan Chopra gave a passionate speech on the subject of our duty towards the next generation. We need to ensure that they do not lose touch with our sanskaras/traditions and teachings of the Vedas. Our cultural/moral values are derived from the Vedas. Vedic Sanskriti is for the benefit of the entire Universe and gives the message for us to be a 'human being (Manushay)' above all else. For continuing the good work started by our Founder, it is very important that we involve younger people in the Arya Samaj.

Mrs. Nirmala Prinja, who is a Writer and a well respected member of Arya Samaj, presented one of her poems on the life of Maharishi Dayanand. It was very meaningful and appropriate for the occasion.

Entertainment for the evening included songs from Hindi movies by Mrs. Renu Aggarwal, Mr. Morris Hamid and Mr. D. S. Rana. I had the opportunity to present a poem about Moon's complaint to Lord Rama. We also had the opportunity to listen to Mr. John Mall who sang a very touching song about the need to wake up to what is happening in the world around us.

The entertainment programme was followed by acknowledgement of good service to Arya Samaj and certificates of appreciation were presented by Dr. Narendra Kumar (President ASWM) to Mr Ashwini Vaid (Proprietor of Shankar Sweet Centre) and also Mr. Dhan Sukh Rana for their long-term loyal and reliable services. As a symbol of respect, both Mr. Rana and Mr. Vaid were given a traditional Indian shawl each. Mrs. Renu Aggarwal was also shown appreciation for her contribution to our events. The presentation ceremony was followed by vote of thanks by Dr. Kumar to everyone involved in organising, contributing and managing today's successful event.

As usual we held a Raffle offering wonderful prizes that included an Epson stylus printer, a silver desert serving set, a sari, a box of chocolates, a domed glass stand, a wooden salad bowl and a set of microwave containers. Mr. Harish Malhotra was incharge of the raffle, tickets, collection of monies etc. We appreciate all the help given by volunteers and thank all the members for participating and contributing items. Funds raised by raffle tickets amounted to £227.00. Mr. Ravindra Renukunta Ji collected donations, issued receipts and supervised the sale of books. Donations by members amounted to £61.00.

Rishi Langar was provided by Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands.

The programme ended with Shanti Path.

Brij Bala Duggal
General Secretary - Board of Trustees
Arya Samaj West Midlands.

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

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 telephone 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 telephone number 0121 796 0796. We all wish him a speedy recovery.
- Mrs Deepika Datta is on waiting list for a kidney transplant. We wish her to get better soon.

Condolence:

- Mrs. Vijay Gulati and Mrs. Kiran Kumar & family for loss of their beloved mother Mrs. Suksham Dayarani Khatter wife of Late Ram Prakash Khatter who sadly passed away on 2nd November 2017. May God grant the departed soul eternal peace and give strength to the family members to bear their loss.
- Acharya Gyaneshvar ji a renounced Vedic scholar, Head of Arsh Vanaprasth Sadhak Ashram Rojad, Gujrat India sadly passed away at midnight on 13th November 2017. May God grant the departed soul eternal peace and give strength to the family members to bear their loss.

Congratulations:

- Acharya Dr. Umesh Yadav & Mrs. Shanti Kumari for their daughter Prama's wedding with Sumit Sharma son of Mr. Vinod and Mrs. Sunita Sharma on 11th November 2017. Wishing the happy couple a wonderful married life together.
- Mr. Kamal & Mrs. Bhavna Bidani their little dear daughter Dinika starting walking for the first time in Arya Samaj West Midlands .

- **Mr. Vallabhadas Parmanand & Mrs. Saroj Aghera for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows. May your love continue for the next 50 years.**

Sponsors:

- **Dr. P.D. Gupta and Mrs. Rekha Gupta became Yajman on 29th October 2017 in memory of their parents.**

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

Donations to Arya Samaj West Midlands

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| • Mr. V Khosla | £20 |
| • Mrs. Swaran Talwar | £20 |
| • Dr. P.D. Gupta with Rishi Langar | £100 |
| • Mr. I.J.Marwah | £10 |
| • Mr. Satya Prakash Gupta | £20 |
| • Mr & Mrs Krishan Gauhar for new building. | £100 |
| • Mrs. Dr. Archana Bathla with Rishi Langar | £720 |

Donations to Arya Samaj West Midland through the Priest-Services.

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| • Mr. Vinod Gulati | £50 |
| • Miss Dinika d/o Mr. Kamal & Bhavna | £20 |
| • Acharya Dr. Umesh Yadav | £101 |
| • Mrs. Usha Khosla | £101 |
| • Mrs. Kiran Kutter | £100 |
| • Mr. Vallabhadas Parmanand Aghera | £150 |

Thank you for all your Donations!

**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 December 2017 & 7th January 2018 .**

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

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**E-mail- enquiries@arya-samaj.org
Website: www.arya-samaj.org**

Ordinary Membership
Of Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands

Dear Arya Samaj Members,

From January 2018 and onwards 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 fee.

Aryan Voice

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
NEW HOME

Dear Members and Friends

Arya Samaj (Vedic Mission) West Midlands new headquarter at 321, Rookery Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, B21 9PR is getting refurbished.

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.

We are aiming to move to our new Arya Samaj Bhavan in early 2018. Until then we continue with our Sunday congregation, Day Centre and other activities at 188, Inkerman Street, Nechells, Birmingham, B7 4SA

We are planning to run quite a few exciting projects in our new headquarter for example:

- **Mothers and Toddlers group**
- **Various arts related activities like classical Indian Dances, speech and drama and music.**
- **Up to date Library facilities**
- **Day Centre activities**
- **Spiritual talks by learned dignitaries**

The above projects are in addition to our every Sunday congregation.

To run these various facilities we need a good number of volunteers.

For those of you with urge of giving Nishkam Seva to Arya Samaj and our community this is your golden opportunity.

Please do not hesitate and come forward.

Your services will be highly appreciated irrespective of amount of time dedicated by you to your Arya Samaj.

Please get in touch with us either through email at enquiries@arya-samaj.org Or Telephone us on 0121 359 7727.