

Vedic way of god's worship (Sunday speech)

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Richo akshare parame byoman yasmin devah adhi vishva nisheduh.

Yastanna veda kim richa karishyati ya ittadd vidus te me samasate.

God is all knowledge, unperishable, supreme, resplendent and all glorious in which all devah (Great, Glorious and learned) person, place or things remain. There are 33 Devah deities. 8 basus, 11 rudrah and 12 Adityah+prajapati and indra. If whoever did not know him then what will richa do.

And whoever becomes able to know him. They do attain true happiness to enter the true knowledge about god. Now we have to know about 33 devatas. In puranas 33000s devatas are told with a Sanskrit word koti. The word koti is taken for the meaning of thousands and type as well. So, people become confused and they do not understand that devatas are 33000 or 33 of types. In the vadic view Maharshi Dayanand threw the light on this point that There are 33 types of devatas not 33000.

Vasu- These are 8 vasu-earths, ether, Fire, Water, Air, Moon, Sun and Stars. In other words with cosmic point of view these are 1. heated cosmic bodies 2. Planets 3. Atmosphere 4. Super Terrestrial space 5th. Suns 6. Rays of ethereal space and 7 satellites 8. Stars

Rudra- Pranas-10. Human spirit soul. These 11 are rudra because they make someone weeped when anyone of these 11 departs from the body, body becomes ill and when soul desert the body it becomes dead and then relatives of deceased begin to weep. So, Rudra means to make someone wept.

12. aditya- 12 months of the year. They become cause of lapse of time every moment for all animate or inanimate of the world. Actually the word 'aditya' was made with the root ad-bhaktshane means 12 months of a year consume our time as every moment is getting past. This is why 12 months of a year are called aditya and now 2 more Indra and prajapati

Indra- the electricity is called indra. This is also all pervading but it is produced by water worldly and it is electric waves vibration as energy force but productive of all forces is ultimately god

Prajapati- yajna is called prajapati because it protects mankind through the purification of air water vegetable, it also develops the owner/respect of learned and wise by the purification of thoughts. It makes us sacramented and we become able to do good for others. This produces inspiration in our mind to create good deed which is the finally projection of salvation.

But if you think over your body then prajapati is pran and indra is heat which keeps the body warmed up. In view of body structure these deities reside in our body as they reside in the universe – yatha pinde tatha brahmande. This is a proverb we always use to hear means as we see in the universe we can see the same phenomena in individual simultaneously.

So, friends! Our body is the centre of deities. you can say it city of deities. It has been preached in upnishada that body is devanampurayodhya as it has been recited ashtchakra navadwara devanam purayodhya –means our body has 8 chakras/circles 9 dvaras/gates and the destination of divine thoughts, powers and capacities what an invincible soul keeps with itself..

So, these are 33 deities and supreme being god is called 34th deity or deva because He is lord of all and greater than all. He has created whole of the universe and becoming the master of all as well. So we should recite Him, adore Him, pray Him and meditate Him. This is the right worship of God.

Many- many thanks to every body.
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