

# Agnihotra (E-Book)

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#### **Preface**

#### **AGNIHOTRA**

"O Indra, you become increased by yajna. The Soma released in the sacrifice is dear to you, who belong to the sacrifice. O Lord of yajna, protect and increase the yajna by yajna. Yajna becomes your protector in the killing of Ahi by Vajra." (RV 3-32-12 RLK)

I am giving the detailed procedure on how to conduct 'Inner Agnihotra' as no scripture of India, from Brahmanas, Upanishads to other scriptures had documented the procedure. Brahmanas although have given a detailed procedure on how to perform Agnihotra, the sages were not aware of the hierarchy of Gods neither inner secrets of Rig-Veda nor about Inner Agnihotra.

All scriptures including Upanishads, Puranas, epics and Sri Mad Bhagavad-Gita are based on the understanding of Rig-Veda by the ancient sages in regards to what they believed to be true. Even today everyone in India believes that all names of Gods are in fact one name of Supreme Lord Virat Purusha or Vishnu.

Puranas have played a major role in misguiding the people of India. Puranas state that Brahma is the creator and Vishnu is the one who rules and guards the creation against any Demonic attacks. Shiva is said to be the destroyer of the universe. Hence from the beginning of Brahmanas and Upanishads, the Vedic people were misguided as the Language of Rig-Veda was unknown to them.

When there is any dispute among the learned about any point in the scriptures, Rig-Veda is considered to be the authority to settle the

dispute. Therefore I have documented on how to perform 'Inner Agnihotra'. The same procedure and mantra can be used to perform daily Agnihotra by the ordinary people. I have also given two simpler form of Agnihotra suited to this present day hectic society.

I have selected simple Gayatri Chandas mantras for Agnihotra as they are simple to learn even for those who don't know Sanskrit.

#### How can the "Kingdom of God" be brought on Earth?

Kingdom of Heaven may be brought by performing Agnihotra all over the Earth. During the last Satyayuga (last Kingdom of God on earth) everyone were performing Agnihotra in their houses and villages. In those times people were living happily without any diseases or war. Even cruel animals were living peacefully and the atmosphere of the earth was also peaceful. These are documented in the scriptures.

#### What is the best way to worship the Lord?

Agnihotra with Rig-Veda mantra is the best way to please the Lord.

Agnihotra should be done with Rig-Veda mantras, three times a day i.e. at the time of Sun rise, in the afternoon and at Sun set. One has to offer oblation to all Devatas through Agni. It is Lord Agni (Fire God) who conducts the Agnihotra. Agni act as priest for us, bring the Gods to our presence and deliver the oblation to the intended Gods. (See The Secret of Rig-Veda, chapter I)

Gods have established Agnihotra for their worship to bless the mankind. Therefore Agni is the messenger between the worshiper and Gods. The Supreme Lord and other Gods are invoked and Ghee (clarified butter) is offered as 'Aahuti' (oblation) to Agni. Agni invokes the Devatas and delivers oblation directly in a golden bowl.

The clarified butter poured in the Yajnakunda is burned in the fire and the droplets of burnt Ghee turns into Soma Juice due to Sun rays and flows straight into the hands of the Gods holding the golden tumbler.

But doing Agnihotra within the body is the best way to offer Soma Juice to Gods. Those who offer Soma Juice within the body not only become friends of Gods but he will achieve immortality at the time of death. But one has to learn 'Inner Agnihotra' from a teacher. Let us see few mantras on Agni.

त्वामंग्ने प्रथममायुमायवे देवा अंकृण्वन् नहुषस्य विश्पतिम् । इळांमकृण्वन् मनुषस्य शासंनीं पितुर्यत् पुत्रो ममंकस्य जायंते ॥११॥

"Among the born, the gods made you the first person, O Agni, and the king of men. When my father's son (Agni) was born, he became Ila, the seeing word, the instructor of man." (RV 1-31-11 RLK)

(Agni is the first born. Kundalini Serpents created Agni first and Adityas created Agni in the Primordial Ocean to manifest as Sun.)

प्र त्वां दूतं वृंणीमहे होतांरं विश्ववंदसम् । महस्ते सतो वि चंरन्त्युचयौ दिवि स्पृंशन्ति भानवं: ॥३॥

"We select (invoke) you, O Agni, the messenger and invoker of gods; you are endowed with all knowledge; you are mighty and your flames spread in all directions touching even heaven." (RV 1-36-3 SB)

मुन्द्रो होतां गृहपंतिरग्ने दूतो विशामंसि । त्वे विश्वा संगतानि वृता ध्वा यानि देवा अकृण्वत ॥५॥

"O Agni, you are the giver of delights, the invoker and messenger of gods and the lord of the house; the good actions which the gods perform are all united in you." (RV 1-36-5 SB)

Gods create the universe, all elements, all species and all their actions are only through Agni.

होतारं विश्ववेदसं सं हि त्वा विशं ड्न्धतं । स आ वह पुरुहूत प्रचेतसो ऽग्ने देवाँ ड्ह द्ववत् ॥७॥

"O Agni, the people kindle you, the all-knowing invoker (Agni) invoked by many, you bring hither, the wise gods quickly. (RV 1-44-7 SB)

अग्ने देवाँ इहा र्वह सादया योनिष् त्रिष् । परि भूष पिबं ऋत्नां ॥४॥

"Agni brings the gods hither, seat them in three places (during three savanas i.e. morning, afternoon and evening), decorate them and drink with Rtu." (RV 1-15-4 SB)

(All Devatas come from the east along with Sunrise; hence one must sit in front of the sacrificial pit facing east. In the afternoon, one must sit facing east or north because gods come from above. In the evening, one must sit facing west because Gods come from the setting Sun.) अभि त्वां पूर्वपीतये सृजामि सोम्यं मधुं। मुरुद्भिरग्नु आ गहि ॥९॥

"O Agni, I pour out the sweet drink of Soma to you that you may drink first; come hither with the Maruts." (RV 1-19-9 SB) First oblation should be offered to Agni to make it blazing fire. Next the oblation should be offered to Sun because it is Sun and his rays which turn burnt Ghee into Soma Juice. Thereafter juice should be offered to Supreme Lord Indra and then to Vayu.

### 1. Inner Agnihotra Practical

(Same procedure can be practiced for Agnihotra by ordinary people)

#### **OM**

Sri Gurobhyo Namaha Indraya Namaha

Om Amruthopastharanamasi Svaha.

Om Amrutaapidhanamasi Svaha.

Om Satyam, Yashah Shriirmayi Shrih Shrayataam Svaha.

#### Three Nadi Shodhana Pranayama:

(Alternative breathing from left and right nostril.)

**Sankalpa:** Shube Shobhane muhurte..... Sakala Devata prithyartham Prathahsavanam karishye.

#### WATERS

Take copper glass (panchapatra) with water, chant by keeping palm on the glass for Agnihotra. For Inner Agnihotra, glorify the waters flowing like seven rivers within the body.

अम्बयौ युन्त्यध्वंभिर्जामयौ अध्वरीयताम् । पृञ्चतीर्मधुना पर्यः ॥१६॥ The Sacred waters (dear Mothers) of the Sacrificers are flowing by the way mxing the milk (of cows) with sweetness.)

अमूर्या उपु सूर्ये याभिर्वा सूर्य: सह। ता नौ हिन्वन्त्वध्वरम् ॥१७॥ Those sacred waters who are near the sun or to whom the sun is near, may they promote our sacrifice.

अभो देवीरुपं हवये यत्र गावः पिबन्ति नः । सिन्धुंभ्यः कर्त्वं हृविः ॥१८॥ I invoke hither the sacred waters at which our cows drink; our oblations are to be made to those streams.

(The water flowing within the body must be offered as oblation in Inner Agnihotra.)

अप्स्वश्न्तर्मृतंमुप्सु भेषुजमुपामुत प्रशंस्तये । देवा भवंत वाजिनं: ॥१९॥ (There is) ambrosia in the waters, (there is) medicine in the waters; therefore the divine priests, be prompt in their praises

अप्सु मे सोमौ अब्रवीदुन्तर्विश्वांनि भेषुजा । अग्निं चं विश्वशंमभुवमापंश्च विश्वभेषजीः ॥२०॥

Soma as revealed to me that in the waters are all medicaments; that Agni is he benefactor of the Universe, the water contain all the healing medicines.

आपं: पृणीत भेषुजं वर्रूथं तुन्वे ३ मर्म । ज्योक् च सूर्यं दृशे ॥२१॥ Water grant me a medicament that shall be an armour to my body that I may long behold the Sun.

इदमांप: प्र वहत् यत् किं चं दुरितं मिये। यद् वाहमीभिदुद्रोह् यद्वां शेप उतानृतम् ॥२२॥ O Waters, whatever sin there is in me, whatever ill-will I may have borne to others, whatever imprecations I may have uttered, and whatever falsehood I may have told, wash it away all from me.

आपौ अद्यान्वचारिषुं रसेन समगरमहि। पर्यस्वानग्न आ गिहि तं मा सं सृज वर्चसा ॥२३॥ I have this day entered into this waters; we have mingled with their essence; O Agni, existing in the waters, approach and fill me with vigour.

सं मोग्ने वर्चसा सृज् सं प्रजया समार्युषा । विद्युर्मे अस्य देवा इन्द्रौ विद्यात् सह ऋषिभिः ॥२४॥

O Agni, confer upon me vigour, progeny and long life; the gods may know of this my sacrifice and Indra, with the Rishis may know it.

Now take water from copper glass and sprinkle on all puja items. Perform Anganyasa with spoon (uddarane) by touching mouth, nose, eyes, ear and shoulders. (In Inner Agnihotra seven rivers will be flowing upwards)

#### Anganyasa:

- a) Om Vangma Asthyestu (touch mouth).
- b) Om Nasorme Pranothsu (touch nose).
- c) Om Akshorme Chakshurathsu (eyes).
- d) Om Karnayorme Shrtrumatsu (ears).
- e) Om Bahvorme Balamatsu (shoulders).
- f) Om Urvorme Tejostu (thigh)
- g) Om Arishtani Meangani Thanusanthvaa Me Saha Santhu (sprinkle water over the body).

#### **Brhaspati** (3-62-4 to 6)

Invoke Brhaspathi with the following mantra. First Brhaspati and Brahmanaspatimust be worshipped before Agnihotr or Gayatri upasana.

Om Brhaspatye Namaha, Dyayami Dhayanam Samarpayami, Avahayami Asanam Samarpayami,

(Brhaspati descends from the top of the head. Invite him to come down to the navel. Thereafter request Brhaspati to take Vishvaroopa. His body expands from navel to the head. Now worship him with below procedure.)

Padayo Padyam Samarpayami, Asthayo Argyam Samarpayami, Achamaniyam Samarpayami.

(First Invoke Brhaspati, visualize him coming down, worship him in Vedic way i.e. washing the feet, offering water to wash hands and to take 3 sips of water; but do not hurry with the puja. This procedure should be followed for invoking all Devatas.)

Praise and pray with the following mantras. Om should be chanted in the beginning of mantras once.

OM बृहंस्पते जुषस्वं नो हृव्यानि विश्वदेव्य । रास्व रत्नांनि दाशुषे ॥४॥ "Brhaspati, friend of all the gods, accept our oblations; grant precious treasures to the offerer."

शुचिमुकॅर्बृह्स्पतिमध्वरेषुं नमस्यत । अनाम्योज आ चंके ॥५॥ "Adore the pure Brhaspati at sacrifices with hymns; I solicit of him unsurpassable strength."

वृष्यभं चंषणीनां विश्वरूपमद्मिन्यम् । बृहस्पतिं वरेण्यम् ॥६॥ "The showerer (of benefits) on men, the omniform, the irreproachable, the excellent Brihaspati." (After the puja request Brhaspati to give us protection, blessings and to chase away the Demons and then request him to come down to the original size. Thereafter request him to take seat in the cavity of the throat.)

Tap the navel and Invoke. The invoking procedure is same as mentioned in invoking Brhaspati.

#### OM Brahma Devaya Namaha

(Brahma represents WORD of Navel Kundalini and comes up from the Triangle of sleeping Mother. First time I saw him as facing downward. By chanting Om, I requested him to face upward. Brahma also comes out of our body as one sees in the picture of Vishnu. There are no mantras of Brahma hence worship him in Vedic way and request him to take charge of Agnihotra.)

#### **Brahmanaspati** (1-40-1 to 1-40-5)

The invoking procedure is same as mentioned in invoking Brhaspati.

Om उतिष्ठ ब्रह्मणस्पते देवयन्त्रस्त्वेमहे । उपु प्र यन्तु मुरुत्ते: सुदानंव इन्द्रं प्राश्भवा सर्चा ॥१॥

"Rise up, Brahmanaspati; we who desire to worship the gods solicit you; may the liberal Maruts also come up with you; and Indra, be a partaker of the libation."

त्वामिद्धि संहसस्पुत्र मर्त्यं उपब्रुते धर्मे हिते । स्वीयं मरुतु आ स्वश्व्यं दधीतु यो व आचुके ॥२॥

"O Son of strength, (Brahmanaspati) the mortal worships you with praises for the sake of wealth abandoned by the enemy; Maruts, may he who praises you obtain (wealth consisting of) excellent horses and great strength."

प्रैतु ब्रहमंणुस्पतिः प्र देव्यंतु सुनृतां । अच्छा वीर नयं पुङ्क्तिराधसं देवा युजं नंयन्तु नः ॥३॥

May Brahmanaspati approach us; may the goddess of speech who always speaks the truth come to us; may the Gods drive away every enemy and conduct us to the sacrifice which is beneficial to man and which is well supplied with five fold oblations.

यो वाघते ददांति सूनरं वसु स धेते अक्षिति श्रवं: । तस्मा इळा सुवीरामा यंजामहे सुप्रतूर्तिमनेहसम् ॥४॥

He who presents to the priest wealth fit to be accepted receives inexhaustible wealth; for him therefore we worship Ila possessed of brave warriors, who inflicts injuries on enemies but cannot be herself injured.

प्र नूनं ब्रहमंणुस्पितिर्मन्त्रं वदत्युक्थ्यंम् । यस्मिन्नन्द्रो वर्षणो मित्रो अंर्युमा देवा ओकांसि चक्रिरे ॥५॥

Now, Brahmanaspati will sing forth a sacred prayer in which the gods Indra, Varuna, Mitra and Aryaman have made their abode (have been praised)

गुणानं त्वा गुणपंतिं हवामहे कृविं केवीनामुंपुमश्रवस्तमम् । ज्येष्ठुराजुं ब्रहमंणां ब्रहमणस्पतु आ नं: शृण्वन्न्तिभिः सीद् सार्दनम् ॥१॥

We invoke you Ganapati, leader of the host (of mantras), a superb seer among seers. He causes the hearing of the supreme inspiration. He is the supreme king of the (potent) word (mantra), and the master of the soul; may He hear us; may He be seated on the seat within with his protections.(RLK)

**Three Pranayama:** with Gayatri mantra (Breathe in through the left nostril; hold and release, breathe out through right nostril. While performing Agnihotra left nostril must be open.) Along with Pranayama chant the below mantras;

Om Pranavasya Parabrahma Rishihi (touch forehead); Paramatma Devata (touch heart);

Devi Gayatri Chandaha (touch the lips).

(When I invoke Pranavasya Parabrahma rishihi, I see a Rishi descend on top of the head but I don't know anything about the Rishi.)

Chant the following mantra while breathing and holding the breathing.

Om Bhu, Om Bhuvaha, Om Svaha, Om Mahah, Om Janah, Om Tapah, Om Satyam. Om Tat Savitur varenyam, Bhargodevasya Dheemahi Diyoyonah Prachodyat. Om Aapo Jyothi Rasoamrutham Brahma Bur buvah suvarom.

(Learn the process from the teacher.)

#### Atha Anganyasa Karanyasa

#### Karanyasa

- a) Hram Angustaabhyam Namaha (touch thumb),
- b) Hrim Tarjanibhyam Namaha (second finger from the thumb),
- c) Hrum Madhyamabhayam Namaha (middle finger),
- d) Hraim Anamikabhyam Namaha (ring finger),
- e) Hroum Kanistikabhyam Namaha (little finger),

f) Hraha Karatalakaraprashtabhyam Namaha (run each palm on top of the other palm).

#### Atha Anganyasaha:

- a) Hram Hrudayaya Namaha. (Touch the Sun in the heart)
- b) Hrim Shirase Svaha. (Shift the Sun to opposite of Satya Loka.)
- c) Hrum Shikaye Vashat (Tighten the end of nadis and tie the Shika)
- d) Hraim Kavachaya Hum. (Wear Kavacha to protect the body)
- e) Hroum Netratrayaya Voushut (Touch and close the three eyes)
- f) Hraha Astraya Phat. (Fire arrows in all direction from the Kavacha; automatically it happens.)

Take three turn on top of the hand. While running the hand keep snapping with thumb finger and middle finger afterwards strike it on the other palm stating "Om Bhur Bhuvah Suvarom Iti Digbandhah".

(Learn the process from a teacher. The whole body is protected from evil forces if any in the atmosphere. This is the preparation only. Now the invoking process begins. The process may seem to be long but once one learns and performs daily, it takes hardly 5 minutes.)

#### **Dyava-Prithivi (1-22-13 to 15)**

Dyava-Prithvi manifest as one chants Om Bhu, Om Bhuvaha, Om Svaha, Om Mahah, Om Janah, OmTapah, Om Satyam. Grey cloud like heaven manifests. Navel represents earth and River Sindhu nourishes the earth. Yogi can see the heaven and earth clearly.

मही द्यौः पृथिवी चं न इमं यज्ञं मिमिक्षताम् । पिपृतां नो भरीमिभः ॥१३॥ May the great Heaven and Earth sprinkle (with sweetness) this our sacrifice; may they fill us with nourishments. (1-22-13 SB)

तयोरिद् घृतवृत् पयो विप्रां रिहन्ति धीतिभिः । गुन्धर्वस्यं ध्रुवे पुदे ॥१४॥ The wise men sitting in the eternal home of the Gandharvas taste, through their pious acts the essence of all good things of both

heaven and earth as the clarified butter is the essence of milk. (RV 1-22-14 SB)

स्योना पृथिवि भवानृक्ष्मरा निवेशनी । यच्छां नः शर्म सप्त्रर्थः ॥१५॥ O Earth, give us extensive abode free from thorns; give us great happiness. (RV 1-22-15 SB)

#### Rudra Devata

(He represents Yajnakunda. Sit facing East in front of Yajnakunda and invoke Rudra. Rudra will descend from the heavens and a golden Yajnakunda with Rudra will appear in the navel. The invoking procedure is the same as invoking Brhaspati. Worship Rudra in Vedic way; praise him with the following mantra. After Agnihotra the remaining ghee will be offered to Rudra.)

OM कद् रुद्राय प्रचेतसे मीहळुष्टंमाय तव्यंसे । वोचेम शंतमं हृदे ॥१॥ When shall we recite a pleasing hymns to the wise, the most liberal and mighty Rudra whom we cherish in our hearts?

यथां नो अदिति: कर्त् पश्वे नृभ्यो यथा गर्वे । यथां तोकायं रुद्रियंम् ॥२॥ (What hymn shall we recite) that Aditi may obtain for us, for our cattle. Men, our children; the medicament of Rudra.

यथां नो मित्रो वर्रुणो यथां रुद्रश्चिकंतित । यथा विश्वं सुजोषसः ॥३॥ (What hymn shall we recite to Rudra) by which Mitra, Varuna and Rudra and all the gods being gratified, confer favour upon us.

गाथपंतिं मेधपंतिं रुद्रं जलांषभेषजम् । तच्छंयोः सुम्नमीमहे ॥४ So we pray to Rudra, the lord of hymns, the protector of sacrifices, possessed of medicament that give delight, for such happiness as shown to Shamyu.

यः शुक्र इंव सूर्यो हिरंण्यमिव रोचंते । श्रेष्ठों देवानां वसुं: ॥५॥ (Rudra) who shines like the brilliant sun, shines, like gold; the highest and best (giver of home among) of the gods.

शं नं: कर्त्यर्वते सुगं मेषायं मेष्यं । नृभ्यो नारिभ्यो गर्व ॥६॥ (Rudra) bestows happiness (or does good to) on our horses, rams, ewes, men, women and cows.

### **Agni Devata** (1-1-1 – 1-1-9)

Place cow dung cake or dried sticks in Yajnakunda and light it. Invoke Agni, worship him in Vedic way. When Agni is blazing, then request Agni to become Priest himself. Chant OM then four Ritvij will manifest around Yajnakunda. Now request Brahma to take charge of Agnihotra. Praise Agni with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation.)

Always mantra should begin with Om.

अग्निमीळे पुरोहितं युजस्यं देवमृत्विजम्। होतांरं रत्नुधातंमम्॥१॥ Agni I adore, placed in front, the God of yajna, *Ritvij* or one who has he ecstasy of Truth. He, the summoning priest, activates (in human beings) the dormant ecstasies excellently. (RLK)

अग्निः पूर्वेभिर्ऋषिभिरीङ्यो नूतंनैरुत। स देवाँ एह वंक्षति॥२॥ Agni, adored by the ancient seers, is adored by the new sages too. He brings the Gods here. (RLK)

अग्निनां र्यिमंश्नवृत् पोषंमेव द्विवेदिवे। युशसंं वी्रवंत्तमम्॥३॥ By Agni one enjoys an inner plenitude that increases day by day. It is glorious and full of hero power. (RLK)

अग्ने यं यज्ञमंध्वरं विश्वतं: परिभुरसिं। स इद देवेषुं गच्छति॥४॥

O Agni, the yajna-pilgrimage that is surrounded by you on all sides, that alone reaches the Gods. (RLK)

अग्निर्होतां क्विक्रंतुः सत्यश्चित्रश्रंवस्तमः। देवो देवेभिरा गंमत्॥५॥ Agni, the summoning priest, the seer will, a God, is the Truth; he has the power of granting super normal powers of audition to the aspirant. (RLK)

यदुङ्ग दा्शुषे त्वमग्ने भुद्रं किर्ष्यिसं। तवेत् तत् सत्यमङ्गिरः॥६॥ The auspicious happiness (bhadra) you shall create, for the giver, O Dear Agni; that is the truth of you alone, O Angirasa. (RLK)

उपं त्वाग्ने द्विवेदिवे दोषांवस्तिर्धिया व्यम्। नम्गे भरंन्त एमंसि॥७॥ O Agni, day by day, in the night and in the light, we approach you, carrying our obeisance by our thought. (RLK)

राजंन्तमध्वराणां गोपामृतस्य दीदिविम्। वर्धमानं स्वे दमे॥८॥ Agni reigns over pilgrim-yajna-s, he is the luminous guardian of Truth. His power of manifestation is increasing in his own home. (RLK)

स नं: पितवं सूनवे डग्ने सूपायनो भव। सर्चस्वा नः स्वस्तयं॥९॥ As father onto his son, be of easy access to us, O Agni. Cling to us so that we can maintain our happy state. (RLK)

#### **Sun God** 1-50-1 to 3

(Invoke Sun, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee as oblation. First Sun should be invoked because Soma is prepared inside the Sun for Inner Agnihotra.)

Om उद् त्यं जातवेदसं देवं वंहन्ति केतवं: । दृशे विश्वांय सूर्यम् ॥१॥

His horses (or rays) carry on high all-knowing and divine Sun that he may be seen by all.

अपु त्ये तायवौ यथा नक्षेत्रा यन्त्युक्तुभि: । सूर्राय विश्वचंक्षसे ॥२॥ At the approach of the illuminating Sun, the stars depart with the night like thieves.

अद्देश्रमस्य केतवो वि र्श्मयो जनाँ अनु । भ्राजन्तो अग्नयौ यथा ॥३॥ High illuminating rays are seen among men like blazing fires.

त्रिणिर्विश्वदंशितो ज्योतिष्कृदंसि सूर्य । विश्वमा भासि रोचनम् ॥४॥ You are the ferrier, objects of all sight, and the creator of light, O Sun you shine illuming all. (RLK)

प्रत्यङ् द्वेवानां विशे: प्रत्यङ्डुदेषि मानुषान् । प्रत्यङ् विश्वं स्वर्द्देशे ॥५॥ You rise opposite to Maruts, opposite to the men and opposite to the highest heaven that they may see. (Sun rises opposite to the seventh heaven)

येनां पावक् चक्षंसा भुरण्यन्तं जनाँ अनुं। त्वं वंरुण पश्यंसि ॥६॥ With that light with which you, the purifier and defender from evil, look upon this world full of living beings.

वि द्यामेषि रर्जस्पृथ्वहा मिमानो अक्तुभिः । पश्यञ्जन्मानि सूर्य ॥७॥ You travel through the vast space of the firmament, measuring days and nights and observing all creatures.

#### Savitr Devata (1-22-5 to 8)

(Savitr Devata manifest within in the effulgence of the Sun and he is calld Prajapati (Lord of species). Invoke, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation.)

Om हिरंण्यपाणिम्त्र्तर्यं सिवतार्मुपं हवये। स चेतां देवतां पुदम् ॥५॥ I invoke Savitri, the golden armed to protect me; among gods he is the one who appoints the place of the worshipper. (One of seven heavens after death)

अपां नपात्मवंसे सिवतार्मुपं स्तुहि । तस्यं व्रतान्युंश्मिस ॥६॥ Praise Savitri, who is born of water for our protection; we desire to perform (Agnihotra) to worship him.

विभुक्तारं हवामहे वसौश्चित्रस्य राधंसः । सुवितारं नृचक्षंसम् ॥७॥ We invoke Savitri, the distributor of various kinds of wealth; (the giver) of the treasure of accomplishments of various kinds. Savitri sees inside all persons. (RLK)

#### **Pushan Devata** (6-55-1 – 6-55-6)

(He represents sunrays and the sunrays spread 360 degrees all around but when placed it opposite to seventh heaven, the rays spread downwards only. Invoke Pushan, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation.)

Om एहि वां विमुचो नपादार्घृणे सं संचावहै । र्थीऋतस्यं नो भव ॥१॥ Come illustrious grandson of Prajapati to (me, your) worshipper; let us be associated; become the conveyer of our sacrifice.

र्थीर्तमं कप्रिंनुमीशांनुं राधंसा मुहः । रायः सर्खायमीमहे ॥२॥ We solicit riches of our friend, (Pushan), the chief of charioteers, the wearer of a braid (of hair), the lord of infinite wealth.

रायो धार्रास्याघृणे वसौ राशिरंजाश्व । धीवंतोधीवतः सर्खा ॥३॥ Illustrious Pushan, you are a torrent of riches; you, have a goat for your steed, are a heap of wealth; the friend of every worshipper.

पूषणं न्वश्जाश्वमुपं स्तोषाम वाजिनंम् । स्वसुर्यो जार उच्यते ॥४॥ We glorify Pushan, the rider of the goat, the giver of food, him who is called the gallant of his sister (Ushas).

मातुर्दिधिषुमंब्रवं स्वसुंर्जारः शृंणोतु नः । भ्रातेन्द्रंस्य सखा ममं ॥५॥ I glorify Pushan, the husband of his mother; may the gallant of his sister hear us; may the brother of Indra be our friend.

(Pushan represents Sunrays. Similarly Indra is Flame/Light, it spreads its rays all around and the rays of Indra's Flame /Light is called Pushan.)

आजासं: पूषणं रथे निशृम्भास्ते जंनुश्रियंम् । देवं वंहन्तु बिश्चंतः ॥६॥ No (other) deity is indicated by him who declares the offering of mixed meal and butter to be intended for Pushan.

### **Goddess Sarasvati** (1-3-10 – 1-3-12)

(Invoke Sarasvati and she appears to be sitting on lotus. Worship her in Vedic way, praise her with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place her next to Brahmanaspati.)

पावका नः सर्रस्वती वाजेभिर्वाजिनीवती। यज्ञं वेष्टु धियावंसुः॥१०॥ May Saraswati, the purifier, the bestower of food (sacred knowledge), recompenser of worships with wealth (intelligence), be attracted to our rite by our offer of sacrificial food.

चोद्रियेत्री सूनृतानां चेतन्ती सुमतीनाम्। यज्ञं दंधे सर्रस्वती॥१९॥ Saraswati, the inspirer of those who speak only the truth and instructress of the right-minded has supported the sacrifice.

महो अर्ण: सरंस्वती प्रचेतयति केतुनां। धियो विश्वा वि रांजति॥१२॥ Sarasvati awakens the great flood of (of truth; of wisdom), by the perception of revelation (in the consciousness). She illumines entirely all the thoughts. (RLK)

#### Mahi, Bharati and Ila (1-142-9)

(Invoke Mahi, Bharati and Ila, they appear to be sitting on lotus in place of throat, behind tongue and eyebrow centre. Worship them in Vedic way, praise them with the following mantra and offer ghee 3 times with mantra as oblation. Place them next to Sarasyati.

शुचिद्वंवेष्विपिता होत्रां मुरुत्सु भारती। इळा सरस्वती मही बहिं: सींदन्तु युज्ञियां: ॥९॥ May the pure Hotra, placed among the gods, and Bharati, among Maruts, and may the adorable Ila, Sarasvati, and Mahi, sit down upon the sacred grass.

#### Twashtri Devata (1-188-9)

(Invoke Twashtri Devata, Vayu, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place him next to Vayu.)

त्वष्टां रूपाणि हि प्रभुः पृशून् विश्वांन् त्समानुजे । तेषां नः स्फातिमा यंज ॥९ Twashtri, who is the master (in fashioning) the forms (of beings), has made all animals distinct; grant us, (Twashtri), their increase.

(Sarasvati, Mahi, Bharati, Ila and Twashtri should be placed within us while performing Inner Agnihotra as they represent Goddesses of Speech (Vak) and Twashtri gives shape and form to everyone. They are praised in Apri Sukta.

While performing Agnihotra in the house or in the field (Yajna Mantap) Indra should be invoked first after Sun. Thereafter invoke

Indra and offer him oblations.. It is Sunrays that convert Ghee into Soma Juice.)

#### Indra (1-3-4 – 1-3-6)

Invoke Indra and he will descend near the mid brain. Worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. (While performing Soma Yaga the procedure is different.)

इन्द्रा यांहि चित्रभानो सुता इमे त्वायवं:। अण्वीभिस्तनां पूतासं:॥४॥ Come hither, O Indra, of wonderful splendor; these libations of soma juice, ever pure, pressed by the fingers of the priests are desirous of you.

इन्द्रा याहि ध्रियेषितो विप्रजूतः सुतावंतः। उपु ब्रह्माणि वाघतः॥५॥

O Indra, you are moved by our devoted prayers and that of learned men. Come hither to receive our prayers and the soma juice pressed and prepared for your sake.

इन्द्रा याहि तूर्तुजान उप ब्रह्माणि हरिवः। सुते देधिष्व नृश्चनः॥६॥ O Indra, come hither quickly with the tawny horses to our prayers and accept our food in this libation.

#### **Indra mantra for Soma Juice** (1-4-1 – 1-4-10)

सुरूप्कृत्नुमूतर्यं सुदुर्घामिव गोदुहे। जुहूमसि द्यविद्यवि॥१॥ We invoke the performer of beautiful actions (Indra) day by day for our protection like a good milch-cow for the purpose of milking.

उपं नः सवना गेहि सोमंस्य सोमपाः पिब। गोदा इद् रेवतो मर्दः॥२॥ O Soma drinker, come hither to our Sacrifices and partake of the Soma; you being rich, the satisfaction you get from drinking Soma is verily the cause of the gift of cattle.

अथां ते अन्तमानां विद्यामं सुमतीनाम्। मा नो अति ख्य आ गिहि॥३॥ We recognize you in the midst of the right-minded who are nearest to you; come to us; do not reveal yourself to others.

परेहि विग्रमस्तृतमिन्द्रं पृच्छा विप्श्चितम्। यस्ते सिखेभ्य आ वरंम्॥४॥ Go (worshipper) to the wise (and) uninjured Indra and ask him of the learned (whether priest has recited his praises properly.) Indra will bestow the best of blessings to your friends (priests).

उत ब्रुंवन्तु नो निदो निर्न्यतंश्चिदारत। दधाना इन्द्र इद् दुवं:॥५॥ Let our (priests and relatives) engaged in the service of Indra, sing his praises. O revilers, depart from (here and) every other place.

उत नं: सुभगाँ अरिर्वोचेयुंर्दस्म कृष्टयं:। स्यामेदिन्द्रंस्य शर्मणि॥६॥ Destroyers of foes, let our enemies say we are prosperous; let men (congratulate us); may we ever live in happiness through your (favour).

एमाशुमाशवे भर यज्ञिश्चर्यं नृमादेनम्। पत्यन् मेन्द्रयत्संखम्॥७॥ Offer to Indra, pervade (of the whole Soma Sacrifice) the Soma juice that is present (at the three Savana ceremonies) the wealth of the Sacrifice, the source of joy to men (including priests and worshipper), the favorite of Indra who gives happiness to the worshippers.

अस्य पीत्वा शंतक्रतो घुनो वृत्राणांमभवः। प्रावो वाजेषु वाजिनम्॥८॥ O Indra performer of many deeds, having drink of this (Soma), you have become destroyer of our enemies headed by Vrtra and protected our warrior in battles.

तं त्वा वाजेष् वाजिनं वाजयांमः शतक्रतो। धनांनामिन्द्र सात्रये॥९॥

O Indra performer of many deeds (or one endowed with great wisdom), we offer sacrificial food to you who are powerful in battles, for the acquisition of riches.

यो रायो्३ऽवर्निर्महान्त्सुपारः सुन्वतः सर्खा। तस्मा इन्द्रांय गायत॥१०॥ Sing (to) that Indra who is protector (or lord) of wealth, who is great (with many virtues) the perfector of good deeds, the friend of the worshipper.

### **Vayu Devata** (1-2-1 to 1-2-3)

(Invoke Vayu, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place him next to Indra, little below the shoulder of Indra.)

वायवा यांहि दर्शतेमे सोमा अर्रकृताः। तेषां पाहि श्रुधी हर्वम्॥१॥ O Vayu, handsome, come; the Soma is purified and ready. Drink it, hear our call. (RLK)

वायं उक्थिभिर्जरन्ते त्वामच्छां जरितारं:। सुतसीमा अहुर्विदं:॥२॥ O Vayu, with their chants, the lovers lauds you turning to you. They, the Soma-pressers and the knowers of light, (laud you). (RLK)

वायो तर्व प्रपृञ्चती धेर्ना जिगाति दा्शुर्ष। उर्रुची सोर्मपीतये॥३॥ O Vayu, your filling stream of speech (revelation), moves towards the giver. (It is) widening to drink the Soma. (RLK)

#### Indra-Vayu (1-2-4 - 1-2-6)

(Once again offer Soma Juice to Indra-Vayu. This shows the importance of Indra-Vayu.)

इन्द्रा यांहि चित्रभानो सुता हुमे त्वायवं:। अण्वीं भिस्तनां पूतासं:॥४॥

O Indra-Vayu, here are the Soma pressing; come with your satisfying things. The gladdening Soma desires you. (RLK)

इन्द्रा यांहि धियेषितो विप्रजूतः सुतावंतः। उपु ब्रह्मांणि वाघतं:॥५॥ O Vayu and Indra, who have the plenitude, become conscious of the Soma pressings. You both approach us speedily. (RLK)

इन्द्रा याहि तूर्तुजान उप ब्रह्माणि हरिवः। सुते देधिष्व नृश्चनः॥६॥ O Vayu and Indra, the Soma-presser is ready with the perfect gift; come soon, along with the right intelligence, O leaders. (RLK)

#### **Maruts** (1-172-1 – 1-172-3)

(Invoke Maruts from Dyava-Prithvi, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place him as standing behind Indra as guards.)

चित्रो वौडस्तु यामंश्चित्र ऊती सुंदानवः । मर्फतो अहिभानवः ॥१॥ Maruts, of inseparable splendor, may your coming be marvelous, liberal benefactors, for our protection.

आरे सा वं: सुदानवो मर्फत ऋञ्जती शर्षः । आरे अश्मा यमस्यंथ ॥२॥ Maruts, liberal benefactors, may your bright destructive (shaft) be far from us; may the stone which you hurl be far from us.

तृण्रस्कुन्दस्य नु विशः परि वृङ्क्त सुदानवः । ऊर्ध्वान् नः कर्त जीवसं ॥३॥ Maruts, liberal benefactors, protect my people, (although I be) as insignificant as grass; lift us up, that we may live.

#### **Adityas** (7-66-1 to 7-66-8)

(Mitra, Varuna, Aryama, Bhaga and Ansha)

(Invoke Adityas, worship them in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place them next to Savitru.)

प्र मित्रयोर्वरुणयोः स्तोमौ न एतु शूष्यः । नर्मस्वान्तुविजातयौः ॥१॥ May this, our propitiatory praise, accompanies by oblations, proceed to you, Mitra and Varuna, of reiterated manifestations (of many births)

या धारयंन्त देवाः सुदक्षा दक्षंपितरा । असुर्याय प्रमहसा ॥२॥ You whom the gods uphold for their invigoration, with Daksha as their father, masters of strength and of diffusive radiance.

ता नं: स्तिपा तंनूपा वर्रुण जरित्गाम् । मित्रं साध्यंतं धियं: ॥३॥ Protectors of our dwellings, protectors of our persons, Mitra and Varuna, perfect the rites of your adorers.

यदुद्य स्र् उद्वितेऽनांगा मित्रो अर्युमा । सुवाति सिवता भर्गः ॥४॥ May Mitra, Aryaman, Savitri, Bhaga, the destroyer of sin bestow (upon us), today at sunrise (what we pray for).

सुप्रावीरंस्तु स क्षयः प्र नु यामेन्त्सुदानवः । ये नो अंहौऽतिपिप्रंति ॥५॥ May this our dwelling be well protected, liberal deities, on your departure, whom you purify from sin.

उत स्वराजो अदितिरदंब्धस्य व्रतस्य ये। महो राजांन ईशते ॥६॥ Adityas, sovereign over all, and, with Aditi, preside over this unobstructed and great ceremony (of Fire Sacrifice).

प्रति वां सूर उदिते मित्रं गृंणीषे वर्रणम् । अर्थमणं रिशादंसम् ॥७॥ I glorify you, Mitra and Varuna and Aryaman, the consumer of enemies when the sun has risen.

राया हिरण्यया मृतिरियमंवृकाय शवंसे । इ्यं विप्रां मेधसांतये ॥८॥

May this praise (be effective) for unimpeached strength, along with golden treasure; may it (be effective for) sages, for the fulfillment of (the objects of) the sacrifice.

#### **Vishnu Devata** (1-22-16 – 1-22-21)

Invoke Vishnu, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place them next to Twashtri.)

अतौ देवा अंवन्तु नो यतो विष्णुंर्विचक्रमे । पृथिव्याः सप्त धार्मिभिः ॥१६॥ May the gods protect us from that portion of the earth whence Vishnu put his (three) steps aided by seven meters.

इदं विष्णुर्वि चंक्रमे ट्रेधा नि दंधे पुदम् । समूहलमस्य पांसुरे ॥१७॥ Vishnu traversed this universe; three times he planted his foot and the whole universe was collected in the dust of his footsteps.

त्रीणि पदा वि चंक्रमे विष्णुंगाँपा अदांभ्यः । अतो धर्माणि धारयंन् ॥१८॥ Vishnu, the uninjurable and the protector of the universe, stepped three steps, thereby preserving the sacred laws.

विष्णों: कर्माणि पश्यत् यतौ व्रतानि पस्पुशे । इन्द्रेस्य युज्यः सर्खा ॥१९॥ See the deeds of Vishnu, through which (the worshipper) has accomplished the pious acts; he is the intimate friend of Indra.

तद् विष्णौ: पर्मं पुदं सद्गं पश्यन्ति सूर्यः । द्विवीव चक्षुरातंतम् ॥२०॥॥ The wise always contemplate that supreme place of Vishnu as the eye fixed in broad heaven.

तद् विप्रांसो विप्न्यवौ जागुवांस: सिमेन्धते । विष्णोर्यत् पंरमं पुदम् ॥२१॥॥ The wise, vigilant and full of praises, glorify the supreme place of Vishnu

### **Brhaspati** (RV 3-62-4 to 6)

(Invoke Brhaspati once again to offer Soma Juice. Worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place them next to Vishnu.)

बहंस्पते जुषस्वं नो हृव्यानि विश्वदेव्य । रास्व रत्नांनि दाशुषे ॥४॥ Brihaspati, friend of all the gods, accept our oblations; grant precious treasures to the offerer.

शुचिमुकॅर्बृह्स्पितमध्वरेषुं नमस्यत । अनाम्योज आ चेके ॥५॥ Adore the pure Brhaspati at sacrifices with hymns; I solicit of him unsurpassable strength.

वृषुभं चंषणीनां विश्वरूपमदांभ्यम् । बृहस्पितं वर्रण्यम् ॥६॥ The showerer (of benefits) on men, the omniform, the irreproachable, the excellent Brhaspati.

### **Brahmanaspati** (1-40-1 to 1-40-5)

(Invoke Brahmanaspati once again, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place them next to Brhaspati.)

उतिष्ठ ब्रह्मणस्पते देवयन्तिस्त्वेमहे । उपु प्र यन्तु मुरुत्तं: सुदानंव इन्द्रं प्राशूर्भवा सर्चा ॥९॥

Rise up, Brahmanaspati; we who desire to worship the gods solicit you; may the liberal Maruts also come up with you; and Indra, be a partaker of the libation.

त्वामिद्धि संहसस्पुत्र मर्त्यं उपब्रूते धर्ने हिते । स्वीर्यं मरुतु आ स्वश्व्यं दधीतु यो वं आचुके ॥२॥

O Son of strength, (Brahmanaspati) the mortal worships you with praises for the sake of wealth abandoned by the enemy; Maruts, may he who praises you obtain (wealth consisting of) excellent horses and great strength.

प्रैतु ब्रहमंणुस्पतिः प्र देव्येतु सुनृतां । अच्छां बीरं नर्यं पुङ्क्तिराधसं देवा युज्ञं नंयन्तु नः ॥३॥

May Brahmanaspati approach us; may the goddess of speech who always speaks the truth come to us; may the Gods drive away every enemy and conduct us to the sacrifice which is beneficial to man and which is well supplied with five fold oblations.

यो वाघते ददांति सूनरं वसु स धंते अक्षिति श्रवं: । तस्मा इळां सुवीरामा यंजामहे सुप्रतूर्तिमनेहसंम् ॥४॥

He who presents to the priest wealth fit to be accepted receives inexhaustible wealth; for him therefore we worship Ila possessed of brave warriors, who inflicts injuries on enemies but cannot be herself injured.

प्र नूनं ब्रहमंणुस्पितमिन्त्रं वदत्युक्थ्यंम् । यस्मिन्निन्द्रो वर्रुणो मित्रो अंर्युमा देवा ओकांसि चक्रिरे ॥५॥

Now, Brahmanaspati will sing forth a sacred prayer in which the gods Indra, Varuna, Mitra and Aryaman have made their abode (have been praised)

गुणानां त्वा गुणपंतिं हवामहे कृविं केवीनामुंपुमश्रंवस्तमम् । ज्येष्ठुराजुं ब्रह्मणां ब्रह्मणस्पत् आ नं: शृण्वन्नूतिभिः सीद् सादंनम् ॥१॥

We invoke you Ganapathi, leader of the host (of mantras), a superb seer among seers. He causes the hearing of the supreme inspiration. He is the supreme king of the (potent) word (mantra), and the master of the soul; may He hear us; may He be seated on the seat within with his protections.(RLK)

#### **Ashvini Devatas** (1-3-1 - 1-3-3)

Invoke Ashvins, worship them in Vedic way, praise them with the following mantra and offer ghee with mantra as oblation. Place them next to Adityas.

अश्विना यज्वेरीरिषो द्रवंत्पाणी शुभंस्पती। पुरुभुजा चन्स्यतंम्॥१॥ O Ashvins, you are cherishers of good deeds, your arms are long. You desire the sacrificial food with outstretched hands.

अश्विना पुरुदंससा नरा शवीरया धिया। धिष्ण्या वर्नतं गिरं:॥२॥ O Ashvins, performers of mighty deeds, leaders of men, endowed with fortitude, accept our praises with unaverted (loving) mind.

दस्रो युवाकेवः सुता नासंत्या वृक्तबंहिषः। आ यांतं रुद्रवर्तनी॥३॥ O Ashvins, destroyers of enemies (or of diseases) shorn of untruth, who wander on the path heroes, come to the mixed libations of Soma juice pressed and placed on lopped Kusha-grass.

#### **Goddess Ushas** (1-30-20 to 1-30-22)

(Invoke Ushas, worship her in Vedic way, praise her with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place her next to Ashvins.)

कस्तं उषः कधप्रिये भुजे मतौ अमत्यै । कं नक्षसे विभावरि ॥२०॥ O immortal Ushas, fond of praises, what mortal is fit for your enjoyment? O fair one, to whom do you go? (Because the divine doors closed till now shall be opened by you.)

व्यं हि ते अर्मन्मृह्याऽऽन्तादा पंराकात्। अश्वे न चित्रे अरुषि ॥२१॥ O Ushas, spreading in all places, with tinted and brilliant rays we do not know your limit whether we are near you or far off.

त्वं त्येभिरा गृहि वाजेभिर्दुहितर्दिवः । अस्मे रुयिं नि धारय ॥२२॥॥

Daughter of heaven, come to us with plenty of food and place wealth among us.

#### **Rbhu Devatas** (1-20-1 – 1-20-7)

(Invoke Rbhu, Vaja and Vibhu, Worship them in Vedic way, praise them with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation. Place them in Sun Mandala.)

अयं देवायु जन्मेने स्तोमो विप्रेभिरासुया । अर्कारि रत्नुधार्तमः ॥१॥

This hymn, the bestower of riches has been addressed by the sages with their own mouths to the race (of Rbhus) having divine birth (in sages).

य इन्द्रांय वचोयुजां तत्रक्षुर्मनंसा हरीं । शर्मोभिर्युज्ञमांशत ॥२॥

The Rbhus who created mentally for Indra his pair of tawny horses (named Hari) that yoke themselves at his command attained the sacrifice by their acts of skill.

तक्षुन् नासंत्याभ्यां परिज्मानं सुखं रथंम् । तक्षेन् धेनुं संबुर्दुघांम् ॥३॥

They constructed for the Nasatyas (Ashvins), an easy-moving chariot which is capable of moving everywhere, and a cow that gives milk.

युवांना पितरा पुनः सत्यमन्त्रा ऋज्यवः । ऋभवौ विष्ट्यंक्रत ॥४॥

The honest Ribhus repeating true prayers made (their) parents young again by their skilful acts encountering no opposition through their infallible mantras.

सं वो मदांसो अग्मतेन्द्रेण च मुरुत्वंता । आदित्येभिश्च राजंभिः ॥५॥

O Ribhus, the exhilarating Soma juices are ready to be offered to you along with Indra accompanied by the Maruts and along with the brilliant Adityas.

उत त्यं चेमुसं नवं त्वष्टुंर्देवस्य निष्कृतम् । अर्कर्त चृतुरः पुनः ॥६॥ That vessel of the God Twashtri is new and perfected. You again made it fourfold. (RLK)

ते नो रत्नांनि धतन त्रिरा साप्तांनि सुन्वते । एकंमकं सुशस्तिभिः ॥७॥ O Rbhus, you establish for the sacrificer, the seven principles in the three (bodies);. Each is distinct with perfect expression. (RLK) (Physical body, subtle body and causal body are distinct and perfect.)

अधारयन्त वहन्यो sभंजन्त सुकृत्ययां। भागं देवेषुं युज्ञियंम् ॥८॥ Rbhus by their skill I fashoning sacrificial utensils and their pious acts lived for ever or became immortal; they even obtained a share of the sacrifice along with the Gods.

#### Vishvedevaaha Devatas (1-3-7 – 1-3-9)

Now all Devatas are invited and offered oblation to them and all are seating in their respective order. Once again invoke All Gods and offer them oblations. If any Devatas are left out, request them to participate and sit in proper place to receive oblations.

Om Vishvedevaha Devatabyo Namaha; Dhyayami Dyanam Samarpayami; Avahayami Asanam Samarpayami. Once again all Devatas accept the Soma Juice together.

ओमांसश्चर्षणीधृतो विश्वे देवास आ गंत। दाश्वांसौ दाशुषं: सुतम्॥७॥ Vishvedevaahs, protectors and supporters of men, bestowers of rewards come to (drink) the libation of Soma juice of the worshipper.

विश्वे देवासौ अप्तुरं: सुतमा गेन्त तूर्णयः। उस्रा ईव स्वसंराणि॥८॥

May Vishvedevaahs, givers of rain (Primordial Water in the form of rain) Swift in action, come to the libation (of Soma juice) as the (Sun's) rays (come) to the days.

विश्वें देवासौ असिध एहिमायासो अदुहं:। मेधं जुषन्त वहनयः॥९ May the Vishvedevaahs, who are immortal, omniscient, devoid of malice and bearers (of riches), accept the Sacrificial food.

After completion of offering and being in communion with Gods, request permission from them to conclude Agnihotra. Thereafter pour the remaining Ghee to the Yajnakunda chanting

"Rudraya Svaha; Rudraya Idam Na Mama", chant three times.

Thereafter request All Gods to go back to their places and once again to come down to receive the offerings in next Agnihotra.

#### **Soma Devata** (1-91-9 to 1-91-11)

(While preparing Soma Juice for Inner Agnihotra, chant continuously the following mantras. Also see chapter 1 on Soma.)

सोम् यास्ते मयोभुवं ऊत्यः सन्ति दाशुर्षे । ताभिर्नोऽविता भव ॥९॥ O Soma, with your increasings that create bliss in the giver. Become the preserver of our being. (RLK)

इमं युजमिदं वचौ जुजुषाण उपागिहि। सोम त्वं नौ वृधे भेव ॥१०॥
O Soma, come here to enjoy our yajna and our mantra. Make the (Soma juice) increase in us possible. (RLK) सोम गीभिष्ट्वां व्यं वर्धयांमो वचोविदं:। सुमृळीको न आ विश ॥११॥
O Soma, by means of our lauds we increase you in us. You (make us) the knowers of mantra-s. O Gracious One, enter into us. (RLK)

### 2. Simpler form of Agnihotra

#### $\mathbf{OM}$

Sri Gurubhyo Namaha Indraya Namaha

Om Amrutaopidhanamasi Svaha. Om Amrutaopidhanamasi Svaha. Om Satyam, Yashah Shriirmayi Shrih Shrayataam Svaha.

**Three pranayama:** Om Pranavasya Parabrahma Rishihi, Paramatma Devata, Devi Gayatri Chandaha (Touch front part of the head, heart and lips.). Pranayame Viniyogaha. (Close the right nostril, take breath through the left nose and breathe out through right nose.

**Sankalpa:** Shube Shobhane muhurte..... Sakala Devata prithyartham Prathah savanam karishye.

#### WATERS

Take copper glass (panchapatra) with water, chant by keeping palm on the glass for Agnihotra. For Inner Agnihotra, glorify the waters flowing like a river within the body.

अम्बयौ युन्त्यध्वंभिर्जामयौ अध्वरीयताम् । पृञ्चतीर्मधुना पर्यः ॥१६॥ The Sacred waters (dear Mothers) of the Sacrificers are flowing by the by mixing the milk (of cows) with sweetness.)

अमूर्या उपु सूर्ये याभिर्वा सूर्यः सह । ता नौ हिन्वन्त्वध्वरम् ॥१७॥

Those sacred waters who are near the sun or to whom the sun is near, may they promote our sacrifice.

अभो देवीरुपं हवये यत्र गावः पिबंन्ति नः । सिन्धुंभ्यः कर्त्वं हृविः ॥१८॥ I invoke hither the sdacred waters at which our cows drink; our oblations are to be made to those streams.

अप्स्वश्न्तर्मृतंमुप्सु भेषुजमुपामुत प्रशंस्तये । देवा भवंत वाजिनं: ॥१९॥ (There is) ambrosia in the waters, (there is) medicine in the waters; therefore the divine priests, be prompt in their praises

अप्पु मे सोमौ अब्रवीदुन्तर्विश्वांनि भेषुजा । अग्निं चं विश्वशंमभुवमापंश्च विश्वभेषजीः ॥२०॥

Soma as revealed to me that in the waters are all medicaments; that Agni is he benefactor of the Universe, the water contain all the healing medicines.

आपं: पृणीत भेषुजं वर्रूथं तुन्वे ३ मर्म । ज्योक् च सूर्यं दृशे ॥२१॥ Water grant me a medicament that shall be an armour to my body that I may long behold the Sun.

इदमांपः प्र वंहत् यत् किं चं दुर्तितं मिये। यद् वाहमंभिदुद्रोह् यद्वां शेप उतानृतम् ॥२२॥ O Waters, whatever sin there s in me, whatever ill-will I may have borne to others, whatever imprecations I may have uttered, and whatever falsehood I may have told, wash it away all from me.

आपौ अद्यान्वंचारिष्टं रसेंन समंगस्मिह । पर्यस्वानग्न आ गेहि तं मा सं सृंज वर्चसा ॥२३॥ I have this day entered into this waters; we have mingled with their essence; O Agni, existing in the waters, approach and fill me with vigour.

सं मांग्ने वर्चसा सृज् सं प्रजया समायुंषा । विद्युर्मे अस्य देवा इन्द्रौ विद्यात् सह ऋषिभिः ॥२४॥

O Agni, confer upon me vigour, progeny and long life; he gods may know of this my sacrifice nd Indra, with the Rishis may know it.

Now take water from copper glass and sprinkle on all puja items. Perform Anganyasa with spoon (uddarane) by touching mouth, nose, eyes, ear, shoulders and thigh. (In Inner Agnihotra seven rivers will be flowing upwards)

#### 3 Nadi Shodhana Pranayamas

#### Anganyasa:

- a) Om Vangma Asthyestu (touch mouth).
- b) Om Nasorme Pranothsu (touch nose).
- c) Om Akshorme Chakshurathsu (eyes).
- d) Om Karnayorme Shrtrumatsu (ears).
- e) Om Bahvorme Balamatsu (shoulders).
- f) Om Arishtani Meangani Thanusanthvaa Me Saha Santhu (sprinkle water over the body).

#### **Brhaspati** (3-62-4 to 6)

(Invoke Brhaspati and Brahmanaspati first as they destroy all obstacles and chase away Demons.)

Om Brhaspatidevye Namaha, Dhyayami Dhyanam Samarpayami, Aavahayami Asanam Samarpayami, Padayo Padyam Samarpayami, Hasthayo Argyam Samarpayami, Achamaniyam Samarpayami.

(First Invoke Brhaspati, worship him in Vedic way i.e. washing the feet, offering water to wash hands and to take 3 sips of water. This procedure should be followed for invoking any Devatas.)

Pray with the following mantras.

Om बृहंस्पते जुषस्वं नो हृव्यानि विश्वदेव्य । रास्व रत्नांनि दाशुर्षे ॥४॥ Brhaspati, friend of all the gods, accept our oblations; grant precious treasures to the offerer.

शुचिमुर्कैर्बृह्स्पितमध्वरेषुं नमस्यत । अनाम्योज आ चेके ॥५॥ Adore the pure Brhaspati at sacrifices with hymns; I solicit of him unsurpassable strength.

वृषुभं चंषणीनां विश्वरूपमदांभ्यम् । बृहस्पतिं वरेण्यम् ॥६॥ The showerer (of benefits) on men, the omniform, the irreproachable, the excellent Brhaspati.

After the puja request Brhaspati to give us protection, blessings and to chase away the Demons and then request him to take seat in the cavity of the throat.

Tap the navel and Invoke

#### OM Brahma Devaya Namaha

(There are no mantras of Brahma hence worship him in Vedic way and request him to take charge of Agnihotra.)

### **Brahmanaspati** (1-40-1 to 1-40-5)

Om उतिष्ठ ब्रह्मणस्पते देवयन्तंस्त्वेमहे । उप प्र यंन्तु मरुतं: सुदानंव इन्द्रं प्राशुर्भवा सर्चा ॥१॥

Rise up, Brahmanaspati; we who desire to worship the gods solicit you; may the liberal Maruts also come up with you; and Indra, be a partaker of the libation.

त्वामिद्धि संहसस्पुत्र मर्त्यं उपब्रूते धर्ने हिते । स्वीर्यं मरुतु आ स्वश्व्यं दधीतु यो वं आचुके ॥२॥

O Son of strength, (Brahmanaspati) the mortal worships you with praises for the sake of wealth abandoned by the enemy; Maruts, may he who praises you obtain (wealth consisting of) excellent horses and great strength.

प्रैतु ब्रहमंणस्पितिः प्र देव्येतु सुनृतां । अच्छां बीरं नर्यं पुङ्क्तिराधिसं देवा युज्ञं नंयन्तु नः ॥३॥

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प्र नूनं ब्रहमंणुस्पितमिन्त्रं वदत्युक्थ्यम् । यस्मिन्निन्द्रो वर्रुणो मित्रो अर्थमा देवा ओकांसि चक्रिरे ॥५॥

Now, Brahmanaspati will sing forth a sacred prayer in which the gods Indra, Varuna, Mitra and Aryaman have made their abode (have been praised)

गुणानां त्वा गुणपंतिं हवामहे कृविं केवीनामुंपुमश्रंवस्तमम् । ज्येष्ठुराजुं ब्रह्मणां ब्रह्मणस्पत् आ नं: शृण्वन्नूतिभिः सीद् सादंनम् ॥१॥

We invoke you Ganapathi, leader of the host (of mantras), a superb seer among seers. He causes the hearing of the supreme inspiration. He is the supreme king of the (potent) word (mantra), and the master of the soul; may He hear us; may He be seated on the seat within with his protections.(RLK)

**Three Pranayama** chant Gayatri mantra with Vyahrutis (though left nostril)

#### Atha Anganyasa Karanyasa

#### Karanyasa

- a) Hram Angustaabhyam Namaha (touch thumb),
- b) Hrim Tarjanibhyam Namaha (second finger from the thumb),
- c) Hrum Madhyamabhayam Namaha (middle finger),
- d) Hraim Anamikabhyam Namaha (ring finger),
- e) Hroum Kanistikabhyam Namaha (little finger),
- f) Hraha Karatalakaraprashtabhyam Namaha (run each palm on top of the other palm).

#### Atha Anganyasaha:

- a) Hram Hrudayaya Namaha. (Touch the Sun in the heart)
- b) Hrim Shirase Svaha. (Shift the Sun to opposite of Satya Loka.)
- c) Hrum Shikaye Vashat (Tighten the nadis and tie the Shika)
- d) Hraim Kavachaya Hum. (Wear Kavacha to protect the body)
- e) Hroum Netratrayaya Voushut (Touch and close the three eyes)
- f) Hraha Astraya Phat. (Fire arrows in all direction from the Kavacha, automatically it happens.)

Take three turn on top of the hand. While running the hand keep snapping with thumb finger and middle finger afterwards strike it on the other palm stating "Om Bhur Bhuvah Suvarom Iti Digbandhah".

(The whole body is protected from evil forces if any in the atmosphere. This is the preparation only. Now the invoking process begins. The process may seem to be long but once one learns and performs daily, it takes hardly 5 minutes.)

#### Rudra Devata

(He represents Yajnakunda. Invoke, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra. The remaining ghee will be offered as oblation at the end of Agnihotra.)

Om कद् रुद्राय प्रचेतसे मीहळुष्टंमाय तव्यसे । वोचेम शंतमं हृदे ॥१॥ When shall we recite a pleasing hymns to the wise, the most liberal and mighty Rudra whom we cherish in our hearts?

यथां नो अदिति: कर्त् पश्वे नृभ्यो यथा गर्वे । यथां तोकायं रुद्रियंम् ॥२॥ (What hymn shall we recite) that Aditi may obtain for us, for our cattle. Men, our children; the medicament of Rudra.

यथां नो मित्रो वर्रुणो यथां रुद्रश्चिकेतित । यथा विश्वे सुजोषसः ॥३॥ (What hymn shall we recite to Rudra) by which Mitra, Varuna and Rudra and all the gods being gratified, confer favour upon us.

गाथपंतिं मेधपंतिं रुद्रं जलांषभेषजम् । तच्छंयोः सुम्नमीमहे ॥४ So we pray to Rudra, the lord of hymns, the protector of sacrifices, possessed of medicament that give delight, for such happiness as shown to Shamyu.

यः शुक्र इंव सूर्यो हिरंण्यमिव रोचंते । श्रेष्ठो देवानां वसुः ॥५॥ (Rudra) who shines like the brilliant sun, shines, like gold; the highest and best (giver of home among) of the gods.

शं नं: कर्त्यर्वते सुगं मेषायं मेष्यं । नृभ्यो नारिभ्यो गर्व ॥६॥ (Rudra) bestows happiness (or does good to) on our horses, rams, ewes, men, women and cows.

### **Agni Devata** (1-1-1 – 1-1-9)

Invoke Agni, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation.)

Om अग्निमीळे पुरोहितं युजस्यं देवमृत्विजम्। होतारं रत्नुधातमम्॥१॥

Agni I adore, placed in front, the God of yajna, *Ritvij*..... He, the summoning priest, activates (in human beings) the dormant ecstasies excellently. (RLK)

अग्निः पूर्वेभिऋषिभिरीड्यो नूतंनैरुत। स देवाँ एह वंक्षति॥२॥

Agni, adored by the ancient seers, is adored by the new sages too. He brings the Gods here. (RLK)

अग्निनां र्यिमंश्नवृत् पोषंमेव द्विवेदिवे। युशसंं वीरवंतमम्॥३॥

By Agni one enjoys an inner plenitude, that increases day by day. It is glorious and full of hero power. (RLK)

अग्ने यं युज्ञमंध्वरं विश्वतं: परिभूरसि। स इद् देवेषुं गच्छति॥४॥

O Agni, the yajna-pilgrimage that is surrounded by you on all sides, that alone reaches the Gods. (RLK)

अग्निर्होतां कुविक्रंतुः सुत्यश्चित्रश्रंवस्तमः। देवो देवेभिरा गंमत्॥५॥

Agni, the summoning priest, the seer will, a God, is the Truth; he has the power of granting super normal powers of audition to the aspirant. (RLK)

यदुङ्ग दा्शुषे त्वमग्ने भुद्रं केरिष्यसि। तवेत् तत् सत्यमंङ्गिरः॥६॥

The auspicious happiness (bhadra) you shall create, for the giver, O Dear Agni; that is the truth of you alone, O Angirasa. (RLK)

उपं त्वाग्ने द्विवेदिवे दोषांवस्तिध्या व्यम्। नमो भरंन्त एमंसि॥७॥

O Agni, day by day, in the night and in the light, we approach you, carrying our obeisance by our thought. (RLK)

राजंन्तमध्वराणां गोपामृतस्य दीदिविम्। वर्धमानुं स्वे दमे॥८॥

Agni reigns over pilgrim-yajna-s, he is the luminous guardian of Truth. His power of manifestation is increasing in his own home. (RLK)

स नं: पितेवं सूनवे डग्नें सूपायनो भंव। सर्चस्वा नः स्वस्तयं॥९॥ As father onto his son, be of easy access to us, O Agni. Cling to us so that we can maintain our happy state. (RLK)

#### **Sun God** 1-50-1 to 3

(Invoke Sun, as oblation worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee as oblation.)

Om उदु त्यं जातवेदसं देवं वहन्ति केतवं: । दृशे विश्वांय सूर्यम् ॥१॥ His horses (or rays) carry on high all-knowing and divine Sun that he may be seen by all.

अप त्ये तायवौ यथा नक्षेत्रा यन्त्युक्तुभि: । सूरांय विश्वचंक्षसे ॥२॥ At the approach of the illuminating Sun, the stars depart with the night like thieves.

अर्दश्रमस्य केतवो वि र्थमयो जनाँ अर्नु । भ्राजन्तो अग्नयौ यथा ॥३॥ High illuminating rays are seen among men like blazing fires.

त्रिणिर्विश्वदंशितो ज्योतिष्कृदंसि सूर्य । विश्वमा भांसि रोचनम् ॥४॥ You are the Ferrier, objects of all sight, and the creator of light, O Sun you shine illuming all. (RLK)

प्रत्यङ् देवानां विशे: प्रत्यङ्डुदेषि मानुषान् । प्रत्यङ् विश्वं स्वेर्द्दशे ॥५॥ You rise opposite to Maruts, opposite to the men and opposite to the highest heaven that they may see. (Because Sun rises opposite to seventh heaven)

येनां पावक चक्षंसा भुरण्यन्तं जनाँ अनुं। त्वं वंरुण पश्यंसि ॥६॥ With that light with which you, the purifier and defender from evil, look upon this world full of living beings.

वि द्यामेषि रजस्पृथ्वहा मिमानो अन्तुभिः । पश्यञ्जनमानि सूर्य ॥७॥

You travel through the vast space of the firmament, measuring days and nights and observing all creatures.

#### Savitr Devata (1-22-5 to 8)

(Savitr Devata manifest within in the effulgence of the Sun and he is called Prajapati (Lord of species). Invoke, worship him in Vedic way, praise him with the following mantra and offer ghee with each mantra as oblation.)

Om हिरंण्यपाणिम्त्तर्थं सिवतार्मुपं हवये। स चेतां देवतां पुदम् ॥५॥ I invoke Savitri, the golden armed to protect me; among gods he is the one who appoints the place of the worshipper. (one of seven heavens after death)

अ्पां नपात्मवंसे सिवतार्मुपं स्तुहि । तस्यं व्रतान्युंश्मिस ॥६॥ Praise Savitri, who is born of water for our protection;

Praise Savitri, who is born of water for our protection; we desire to perform (Agnihotra) to worship him.

विभ्रक्तारं हवामहे वसौश्चित्रस्य राधंसः । सवितारं नृचक्षंसम् ॥७॥

We invoke Savitri, the distributor of various kinds of wealth; (the giver) of the treasure of accomplishments of various kinds. Savitri sees inside all persons. (RLK)

(Chant Gayatri mantra 10 times and offer oblation.)

#### Indra (1-4-1 – 1-4-10)

सुरूपकृत्नुमूतये सुदुर्घामिव गोदुहे। जुहूमसि द्यविद्यवि॥१॥

We invoke the performer of beautiful actions (Indra) day by day for our protection like a good milch-cow for the purpose of milking.

उपं नुः सवना गंहि सोमंस्य सोमपाः पिब। गोदा इद रेवतो मर्दः॥२॥

O Soma drinker, come hither to our Sacrifices and partake of the Soma; you being rich, the satisfaction you get from drinking Soma is verily the cause of the gift of cattle.

अथां ते अन्तंमानां विद्यामं सुमतीनाम्। मा नो अति ख्य आ गिह॥३॥ We recognize you in the midst of the right-minded who are nearest to you; come to us; do not reveal yourself to others.

परेहि विग्रमस्तृतमिन्द्रं पृच्छा विपृश्चितम्। यस्ते सिखेभ्य आ वरम्॥४॥ Go (worshipper) to the wise (and) uninjured Indra and ask him of the learned (whether priest has recited his praises properly.) Indra will bestow the best of blessings to your friends (priests).

उत ब्रुंवन्तु नो निद्ो निर्न्यतंश्चिदारत। दधाना इन्द्व इद् दुवं:॥५॥ Let our (priests and relatives) engaged in the service of Indra, sing his praises. O revilers, depart from (here and) every other place.

उत नं: सुभगाँ अरिर्वोचेयुर्दस्म कृष्टयं:। स्यामेदिन्द्रंस्य शर्मणि॥६॥ Destroyers of foes, let our enemies say we are prosperous; let men (congratulate us); may we ever live in happiness through your (favour).

### एमाशुमाशवे भर यज्ञिये नृमादंनम्। पत्यन् मन्द्यत्संखम्॥७॥

Offer to Indra, pervade (of the whole Soma Sacrifice) the Soma juice that is present (at the three Savana ceremonies) the wealth of the Sacrifice, the source of joy to men (including priests an worshipper), the favorite of Indra who gives happiness to the worshippers.

अस्य पीत्वा शंतक्रतो घुनो वृत्राणांमभवः। प्रावो वाजेषु वाजिनम्॥८॥ O Indra performer of many deeds, having drink of this (Soma), you have become destroyer of our enemies headed by Vrtra and protected our warrior in battles.

तं त्वा वाजेषु वाजिनं वाजयांमः शतक्रतो। धनांनामिन्द्र सात्रये॥९॥

O Indra performer of many deeds (or one endowed with great wisdom), we offer sacrificial food to you who are powerful in battles, for the acquisition of riches.

यो रायो्३ऽवर्निर्महान्त्सुपारः सुन्वतः सर्खा। तस्मा इन्द्रांय गायत॥१०॥ Sing (to) that Indra who is protector (or lord) of wealth, who is great (with many virtues) the perfector of good deeds, the friend of the worshipper.

Invoke All Gods Vishvedevaah and offer them oblation.

#### Vishvedevaaha Devatas (1-3-7 – 1-3-9)

Om Vishvedevaaha Devathabhyo Namaha; Dhyayami Dhyanam Samarpayami; Aavahayami Asanam Samarpayami. Once again all Devatas ccept the Soma Juice together.

ओमांसश्चर्षणीधृतो विश्वे देवास आ गंत। दाश्वांसौ दाशुषं: सुतम्॥७॥ Vishvedevaah, protectors and supporters of men, bestower of rewards come to (drink) the libation of Soma juice of the worshipper.

विश्वे देवासी अप्तुरं: सुतमा गेन्त तूर्णयः। उस्रा इंव स्वसंराणि॥८॥ May Vishvedevaah, givers of rain (Primordial Water in the form of rain) Swift in action, come to the libation (of Soma juice) as the (Sun's) rays (come) to the days.

विश्वें देवासौ असिध एहिमायासो अदुहं:। मेधं जुषन्त वहनंयः॥९ May the Vishvedevaahs, who are immortal, omniscient, devoid of malice and bearers (of riches), accept the Sacrificial food.

### 3. Simplest way of Agnihotra

If one is busy with tight schedule, just offer Ghee into the blazing Yajnakunda without any mantra. For example.

1). Sit in front of Yajnakunda facing East and offer flower to Yajnakunda

"Om Rudraya Namaha" (Request him take seat in Yajnakunda.)

2). Light the cow dung cake chanting;

Om Agnaye Svaha Agnaye Idam Na Mama (Pour ghee few times to make the fire blazing.)

3). Invoke Sun, worship him Vedic way and offer ghee as oblation.

Om Suryaya Svaha; Suryaya Idam Na Mama. (Offer oblations three times chanting the above mantra.)

4). Invoke Savitri, worship him in Vedic way and offer ghee as oblation.

"Om Savitayeh Svaha; Savitayeh Idam Na Mama." (Offer oblations three times chanting the above mantra.)

5). Invoke Indra, worship him in Vedic way and offer ghee as oblation.

"Om Indraya Svaha; Indraya Idam Na Mama."
(Offer oblations three times chanting the above mantra.)

6). Invoke All Gods and offer oblations "Om Vishvedevaaha Devathabhyo Svaha; Vishvedevaaha Devathabhyo Idam Na Mama." (Offer oblations three times)

Don't hurry with the worship and offerings. At least it takes 30 to 40 seconds for Devatas to drink each time.

"Om Shantih, Shantih Shantihi"

(Chant Shanti Mantras)

- 1. Om Saha Naavavatu, Saha Nau Bhunaktu. Saha Veeryam Karavaavahai, Tejasvi Navadheetamastu Maa Vidvishaavahai Om Shaanrtih Shaanthih Shaanthihi 2. Om Dyauh Shantir-Antariksham Shantih Prithivii Shantir-Aapah Shantir-Oshadayah Shaantihi Vanaspathyah Shantir-Vishve Devaah Shaantir-Brahma Shantih Sarvam Shaantih Shaanthihi Saa Maa Shaantir-Ethi Om Shaanrtih Shaanthihi
- 3. Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinaha Sarve Santu Niramayaha, Sarve Bhadraani Pashyantu, Ma Kashchit Duhkha Bhagbhave Om Shanthih Shanthih Shanthih
- 4. Om Asato ma sadgamaya, Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya, Mrtyor maa amrutangamaya,

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Om Shantih Shantihi