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## SHRADDHA SUKTA

Dedication and commitment to any purpose is called Shraddha. Shraddha is not just faith as generally people understand in common language.

It is said by one of the great teachers, Adi Shankaracharya, shraddha as “considering the words of guru and scientific approach as the fact and following it until you accomplish a success, is Shraddha”. So, all of us have to have some kind of Shraddha on our duty, responsibility, work, worship, action etc.

Shraddha Suktam is the collection of Mantras where shraddha has been considered as paramount in the world to accomplish. The Suktam describes how evil forces are uprooted with Shraddha, how the universe is running by Shraddha.



### OBJECTIVES

After reading this lesson you will be able to:

- recite the Mantras of Shraddah Suktam;
- explain the need of Shraddha in every activity of our lives.



Note

### 3.1 LET US LEARN SHRADDHA SUKTA

श्रद्धयाग्निः समिध्यते ।

श्रद्धया विन्दते हविः ।

श्रद्धां भगस्य मूर्धनि ।

वचसा वेदयामसि ।

śraddhayā'gnissamīdhyate |

śraddhayā vindate haviḥ |

śraddhām bhagasya mūrdhani |

vacasāvedayāmasi |

Shraddha makes the fire burn splendidly. The oblation is offered with Shraddha. Shraddha is the best among all kinds of wealth. We assert this fact with our words of praise.



Note

प्रियं श्रद्धे ददतः।

प्रियं श्रद्धे दिदासतः ।

प्रियं भोजेषु यज्वंसु ।

इदं म उदितं कृधि ।

priyagṣrāddhe dadataḥ |

priyagṣrāddhe didāsaḥ |

priyaṃ bhojeṣu yajvasu |

idaṃ mā udiṭaṃ kṛdhi |

O Goddess Shraddha, bestow pleasing and agreeable things on the charitable one and on the one who wishes to be charitable. I pray that you may bestow the pleasing and agreeable on those who perform rituals for enjoying the fruits thereof.

यथा देवा असुरेषु ।

श्रद्धामुग्रेषु चक्रिरे ।

एवं भोजेषु यज्वंसु ।

अस्माकमुदितं कृधि ।



Note

yathā<sup>1</sup> devā<sup>1</sup> asūreṣu |  
śraddhāmugreṣu<sup>1</sup> cakrire |  
evam<sup>1</sup> bhojeṣu<sup>1</sup> yajvasu |  
asmākamuditaṃ<sup>1</sup> kṛdhi |

The gods pay particular attention to the frightening demons (or: they show reverence to the superior gods). In the same way, O Goddess Shraddha, (we are showing reverence to you). Kindly fulfill our intent towards our priests who perform rituals to enjoy the fruits thereof.

श्रद्धां देवा यजमानाः ।  
वायुगोपा उपासते ।  
श्रद्धां हृदय्याकूत्या ।  
श्रद्धया हूयते हविः ।

śraddhām<sup>1</sup> devā<sup>1</sup> yajamānāḥ |  
vāyurgopā<sup>1</sup> upāsate |  
śraddhāgṃ<sup>1</sup> hṛdayyāyā''kūtyā |  
śraddhayā<sup>1</sup> hūyate haviḥ |

The devatas and the performers of rituals, protected by the God Vayu, are worshipping Goddess Shraddha. All worship Goddess



Note

Shraddha with (devotional) intent in their heart. One gains wealth through Shraddha.

श्रद्धां प्रातर्हवामहे ।  
 श्रद्धां मध्यंदिनं परि ।  
 श्रद्धां सूर्यस्य निमृचि ।  
 श्रद्धे श्रद्धापयेह मा ।

śraddhām prātarhāvāmahe |  
 śraddhām madhyandinaṃ pari |  
 śraddhāgṃ sūryasya nimṛci |  
 śraddhe śraddhāpayeḥamā |

We invite the Goddess Shraddha in the morning. We invite Goddess Shraddha at noon and at sunset. O Goddess Shraddha, bless us that we may have Shraddha in this life, at this time, and in this place.

श्रद्धा देवानधिवस्ते ।  
 श्रद्धा विश्वमिदं जगत् ।  
 श्रद्धां कामस्य मातरम् ।  
 हविषां वर्धयामसि ।

śraddhā devānadhivaste |  
śraddhā viśvamidaṃ jagat |  
śraddhāṃ kāmasya mātaram |  
haviṣā vardhayāmasi ||



**Note**

### Activities

- Recite shraddha Suktam everyday morning before starting any activity



### INTEXT QUESTIONS 3.1

रिक्तस्थानानि पूरयत-

1. श्रद्धयाग्निः ..... ।
2. श्रद्धां ..... मुर्धनि ।
3. प्रियं ..... दिदांसतः ।
4. श्रद्धा ..... जगत् ।
5. श्रद्धां कामस्य ..... ।



### WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT

- The actual meaning of Shraddha.
- Recitation of Shraddha Suktam.



Note



## TERMINAL QUESTIONS

1. Write the essence of Shraddha Suktam in your own words.

References:

- Taittiriya Brahmana II.8.8



## ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTIONS

1. समिधते
2. भगस्य
3. श्रद्धे
4. विश्वमिदं
5. मातरम्