

On-line Course: The Hymns to the Mystic Fire, Part I

(Hymns Agni in the Rigveda, Mandala 1-5)

starting on the 15th of August 2016.

It consists of in-depth study of more than 100 Hymns to Agni, including the original Sanskrit text with many different translations and interpretations, analysis of language and Vedic terms in the light of Sri Aurobindo's psychological interpretation, Nirukta of Yaska, Bhashya of Sri Sayanacharya etc. The extensive study materials, incl. video and audio recordings of the sessions with Power Point Presentations of the Vedic and Vedantic Paradigm, as well as the studies of Mantras in different chanting styles, texts, charts, docs and pdfs etc. will be provided to the students of this course. They will also learn to chant in different styles of the Rigveda and Taittiriya, as well as to reconstruct the poetic texts into a proper poetic metre. Studies of different metres (gayatri, anushtubh, trishtubh, jagati, etc.) is also a part of the course.

The course is designed in two parts: 1) Introduction to the Vedic Paradigm and Language (Concept of Sacrifice, Poetic metres, Vedic accent) 2) The Hymns to Agni by different Rishis: Madhucchandas Vaishvamitra, Medhatithi Kanva, Parashara Shaktya, Kutsa Agnirasa, Dirghatamah Auchathya, Gritsamada Bhargava, Vishvamitra, Vamadeva and Atri Rishis. . . .

At the end of this course the students will be able to understand the some of the major concepts of the Rigveda and to chant Vedic Hymns.

The requirements are - online connection, computer, headset, and commitment to study and to follow the instructions. All our study materials will be available online and in the special classroom on our webpage (<http://www.universityofhumanity.org/index.php>) and our new sessions will be recorded and posted online for students to follow. We shall meet on line once a week. Two hours is expected from the students to spend on a weekly basis memorising mantras, reading study materials etc. The assessment will be done by the teacher and the students during our studies, conversations and chanting together.

The financial contribution is 10 US\$ per person for a class. If you have any problem with the fee, please let me know.

To enroll to the Vedic Studies Course please write a brief statement of interest and a short bio to vlad@auroville.org.in

Best regards,

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