



SACRED HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI) WITH MEANING

MAHAVAKYAS

Four Upanishads, one per Veda

THE COMPLETE HYMN · SANSKRIT (DEVANAGARI)

The four sayings on their own, without their surrounding passages, in the order of the Vedas: Rig, Yajur, Sama and Atharva.

VERSE 1

प्रज्ञानं ब्रह्म ॥

Consciousness is Brahman. Aitareya Upanishad 3.3 (Rig Veda), closing the passage that says everything that lives is guided by and rests on consciousness.

VERSE 2

अहं ब्रह्मास्मि ॥

I am Brahman. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 1.4.10 (Shukla Yajur Veda): in the beginning Brahman knew itself as 'I am Brahman' and so became the whole; the text says whoever knows this likewise becomes the whole.

VERSE 3

तत्त्वमसि ॥

That you are. Chandogya Upanishad 6.8.7 (Sama Veda), the refrain of Uddalaka's teaching to his son Shvetaketu: the finest essence is the self of all this, it is the truth, it is the Self, and that is what you are.

VERSE 4

अयमात्मा ब्रह्म ॥

This Self is Brahman. Mandukya Upanishad 2 (Atharva Veda): all this is Brahman, this Self is Brahman, and this Self has four quarters.

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