



VEDIC IDEALS AND ANCIENT WESTERN WISDOM

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स॒ह ना॑-ववतु । स॒हनौ॑ भुनक्तु । स॒ह वी॒र्यं॑ करवावहै ।
तेज॒स्विना॑-वधी॒त-मस्तु॑ मा वि॒द्विषा॑वहै ।
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Saha nāvavatu saha nau bhunaktu

Saha vīryam karavāvahai

Tejasvi nāvadhītam astu mā vidvishāvahai

Om Shānti Shānti Shāntih

May He protect us all; may He nourish us all

May we work conjointly with great energy

May our study be vigorous and effective

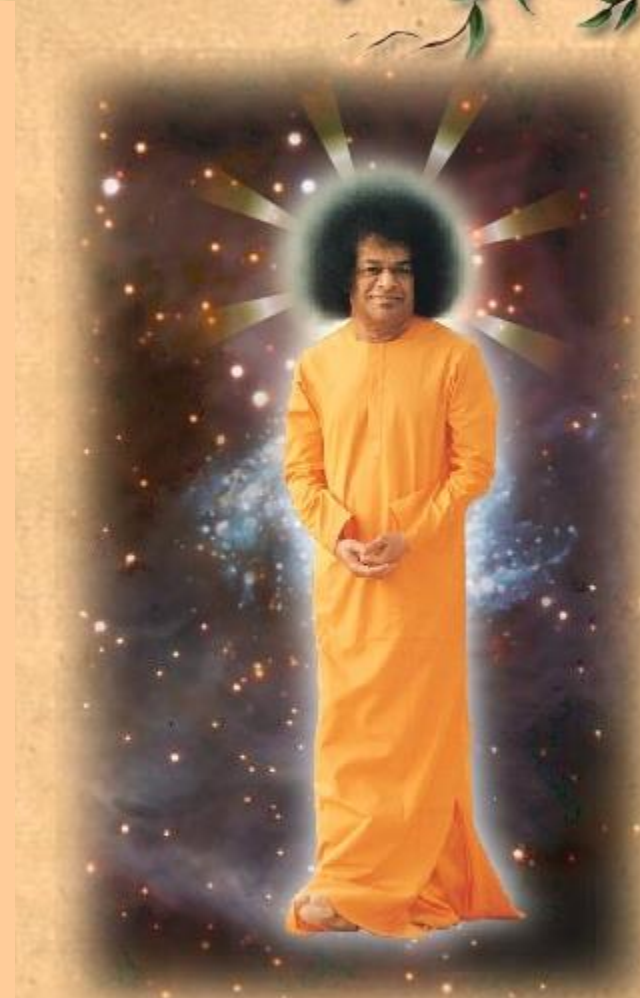
May we not dispute and live always in Friendship and Love

Om - Peace, Peace, Peace

The Divine Mission

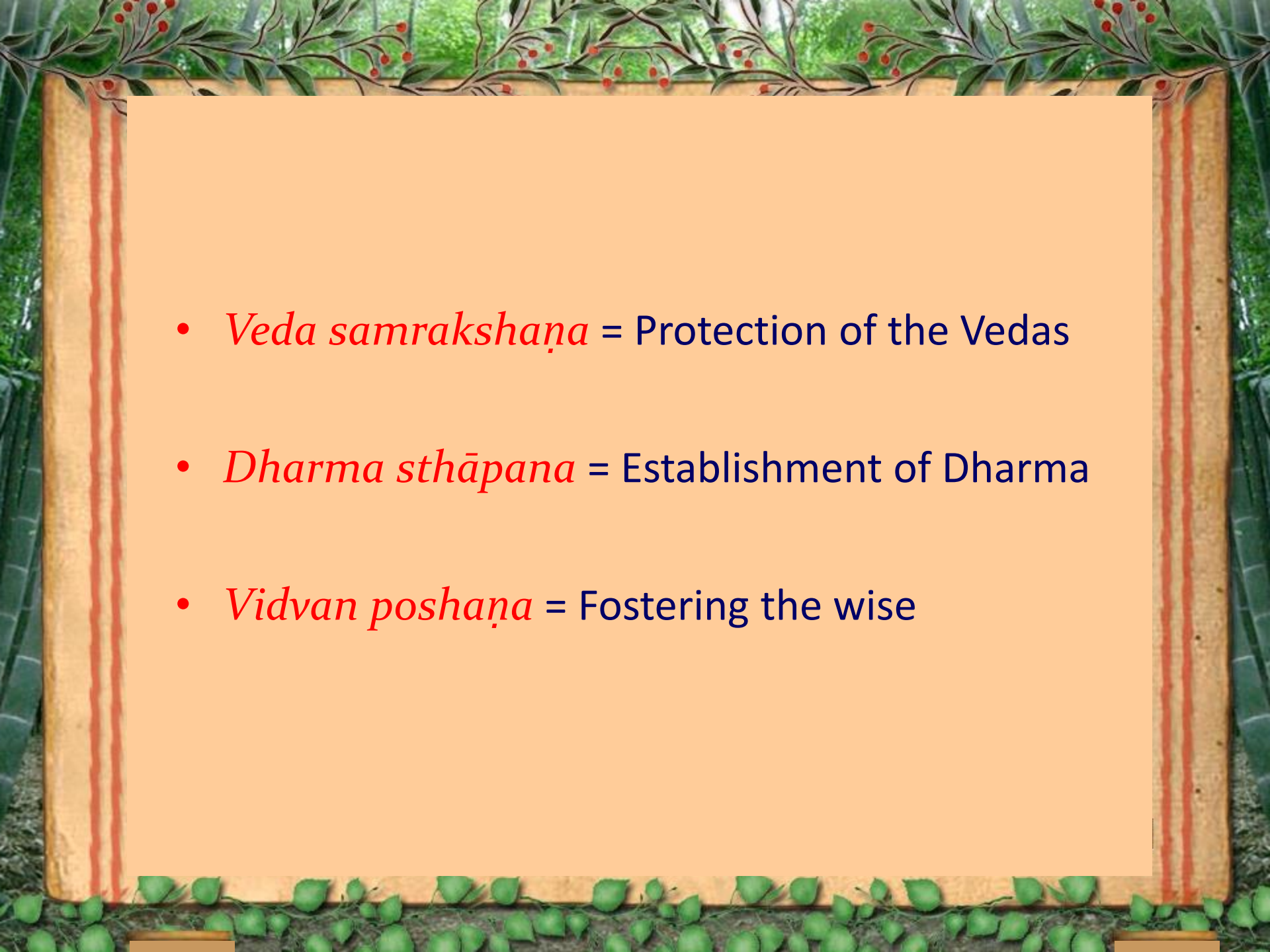
“My task is not merely to cure and console and remove individual misery but is something far more important. My main task is the reestablishment of the Vedas and Sastras and revealing the knowledge about them to all people. This task will succeed. When the Lord decides and wills, his Divine Will cannot be hindered.”

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- *Veda samrakshaṇa* = Protection of the Vedas
 - *Dharma sthāpana* = Establishment of Dharma
 - *Vidvan poshaṇa* = Fostering the wise



Sanātana Sārathi
The Eternal Charioteer

*“Yadā yadā hi dharmasya glānir bhavati Bhārata
abhyutthānam adharmasya tad ātmanam śrijāmyaham”*

*O Bhārata! Whenever there is a decay of Dharma
and rise of adharma, then I embody Myself (Bh. G., 15.7)*



Sanātana Sārathi
The Eternal Charioteer

“Paritrāṇāya sādḥūnām vināśāya ca dushkṛtām

Dharma samsthāpanārthāya sambhabāmi yuge yuge”

*For the protection of the good, the reformation of the evil minded
and the reestablishment of Dharma, I take birth age after age (Bh. G., 15.8)*



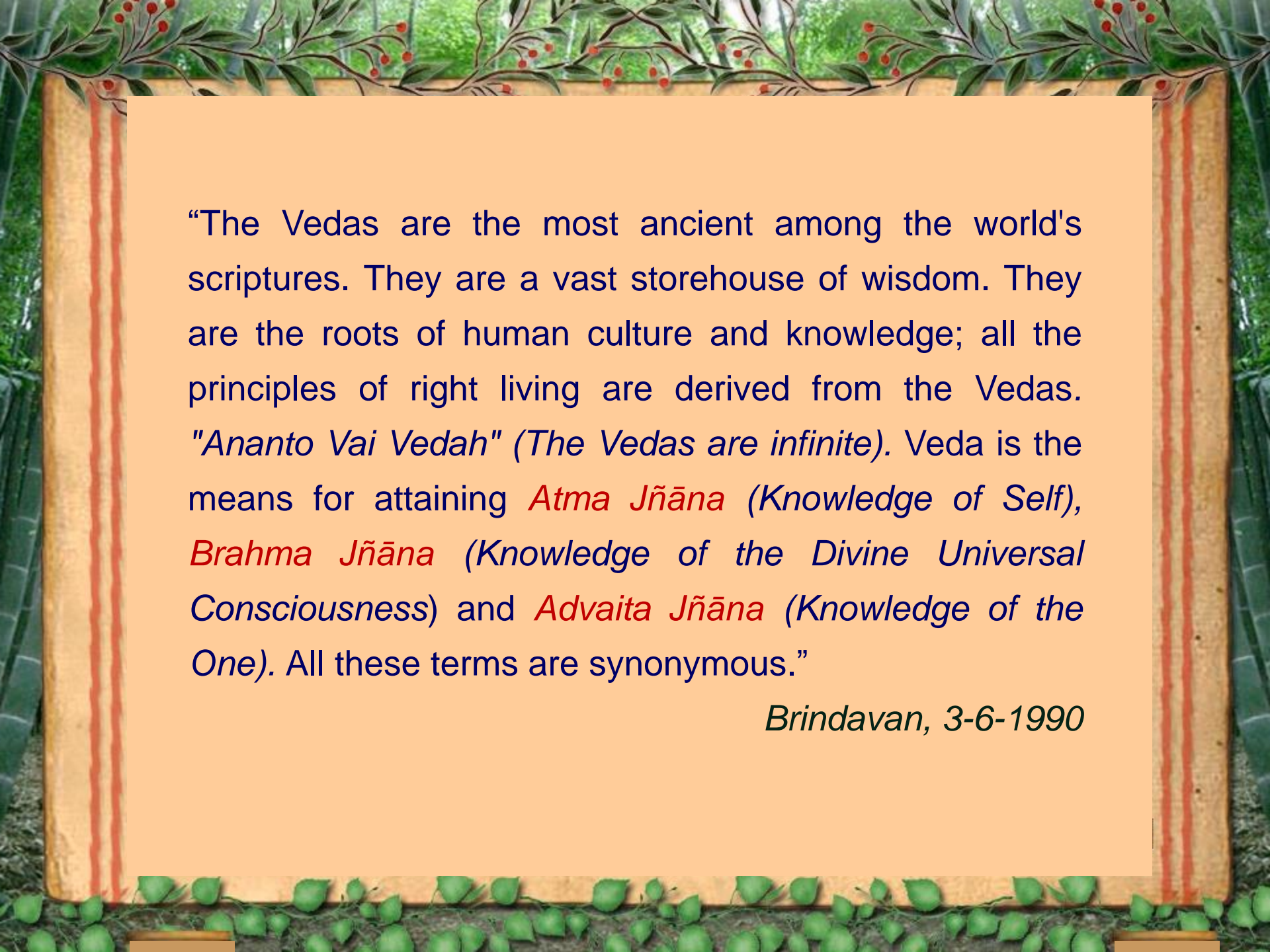
A Primary School Boy is blessed, October 2004











“The Vedas are the most ancient among the world's scriptures. They are a vast storehouse of wisdom. They are the roots of human culture and knowledge; all the principles of right living are derived from the Vedas. *"Ananto Vai Vedah"* (The Vedas are infinite). Veda is the means for attaining *Atma Jñāna* (Knowledge of Self), *Brahma Jñāna* (Knowledge of the Divine Universal Consciousness) and *Advaita Jñāna* (Knowledge of the One). All these terms are synonymous.”

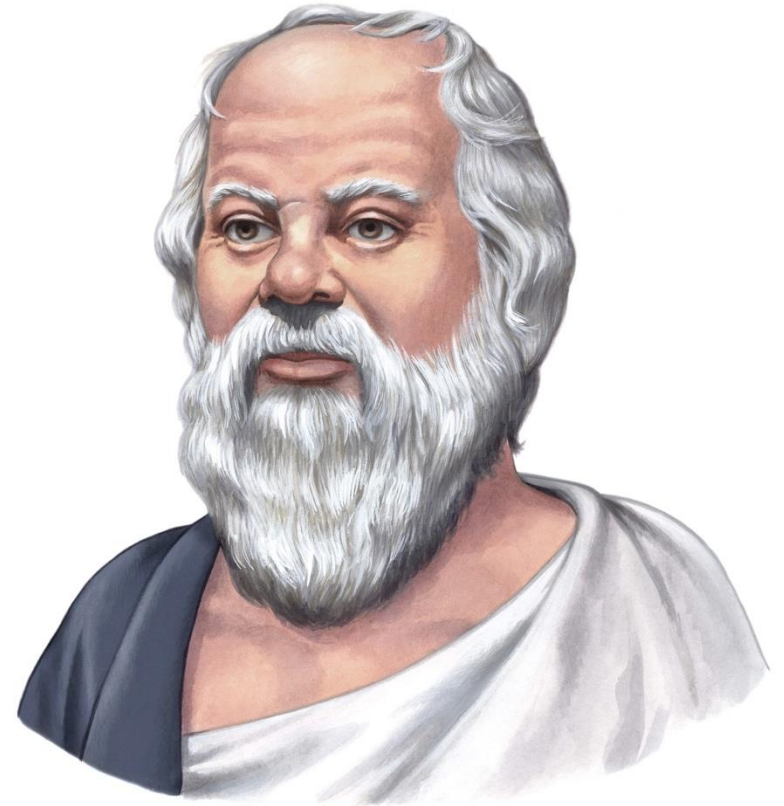
Brindavan, 3-6-1990

वेदः VEDA = KNOWLEDGE

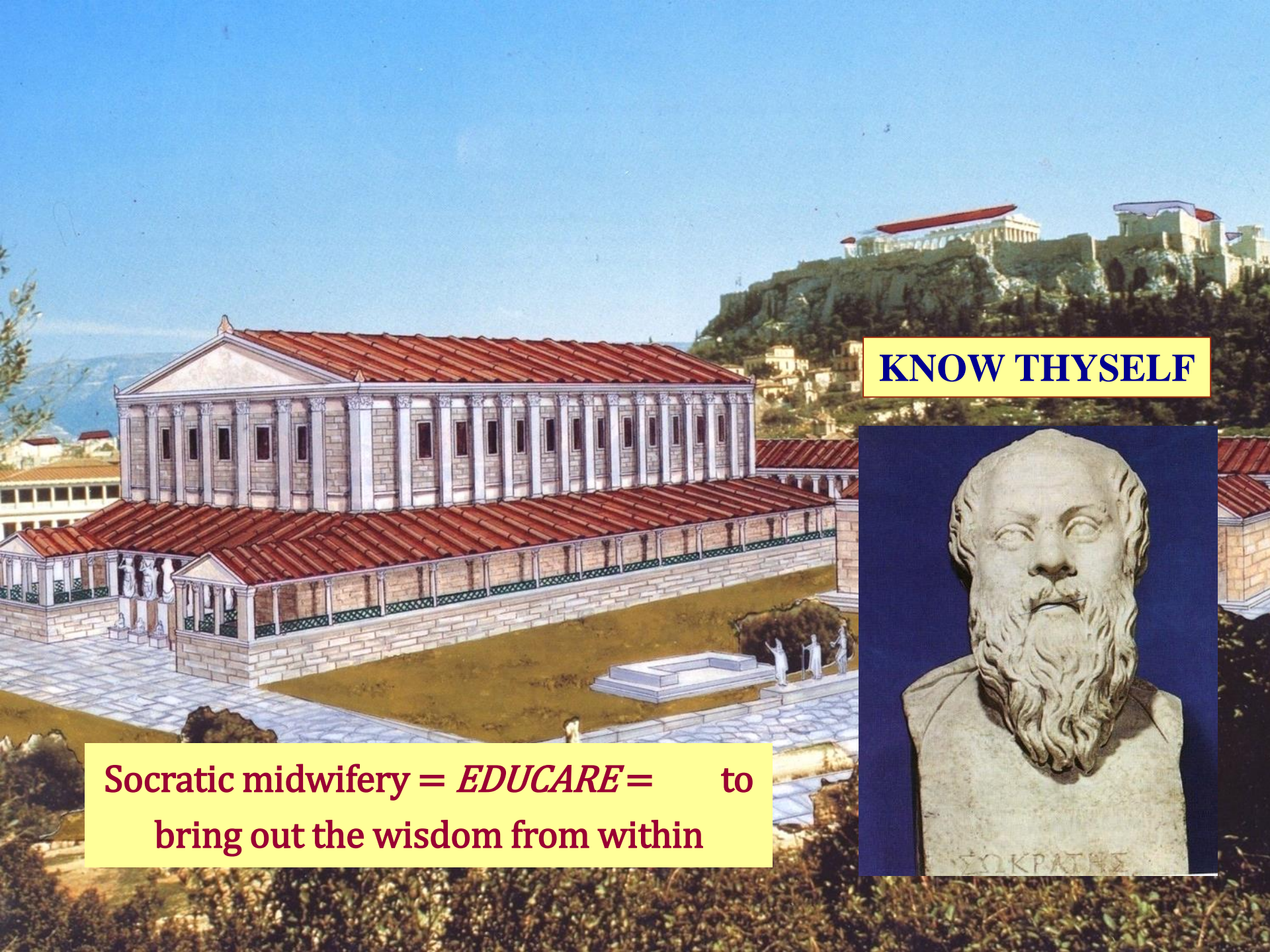
- **Sanskrit:** Veda < vid = to see
(Veda = I have seen)
- **Greek:** $\text{F}\text{I}\delta$ = to see
($\text{Foi}\delta\alpha = \text{o}\text{i}\delta\alpha =$ I have seen, I know)
- **Latin:** video < vid = to see

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ΟΥΔΕΝ ΟΙΔΑ
ΣΟΚΡΑΤΗΣ

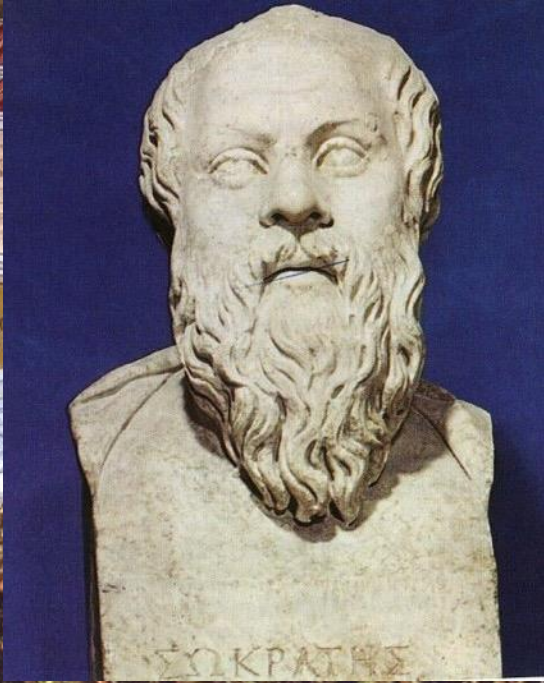
"The only thing that I know is that I don't know anything" *Socrates*



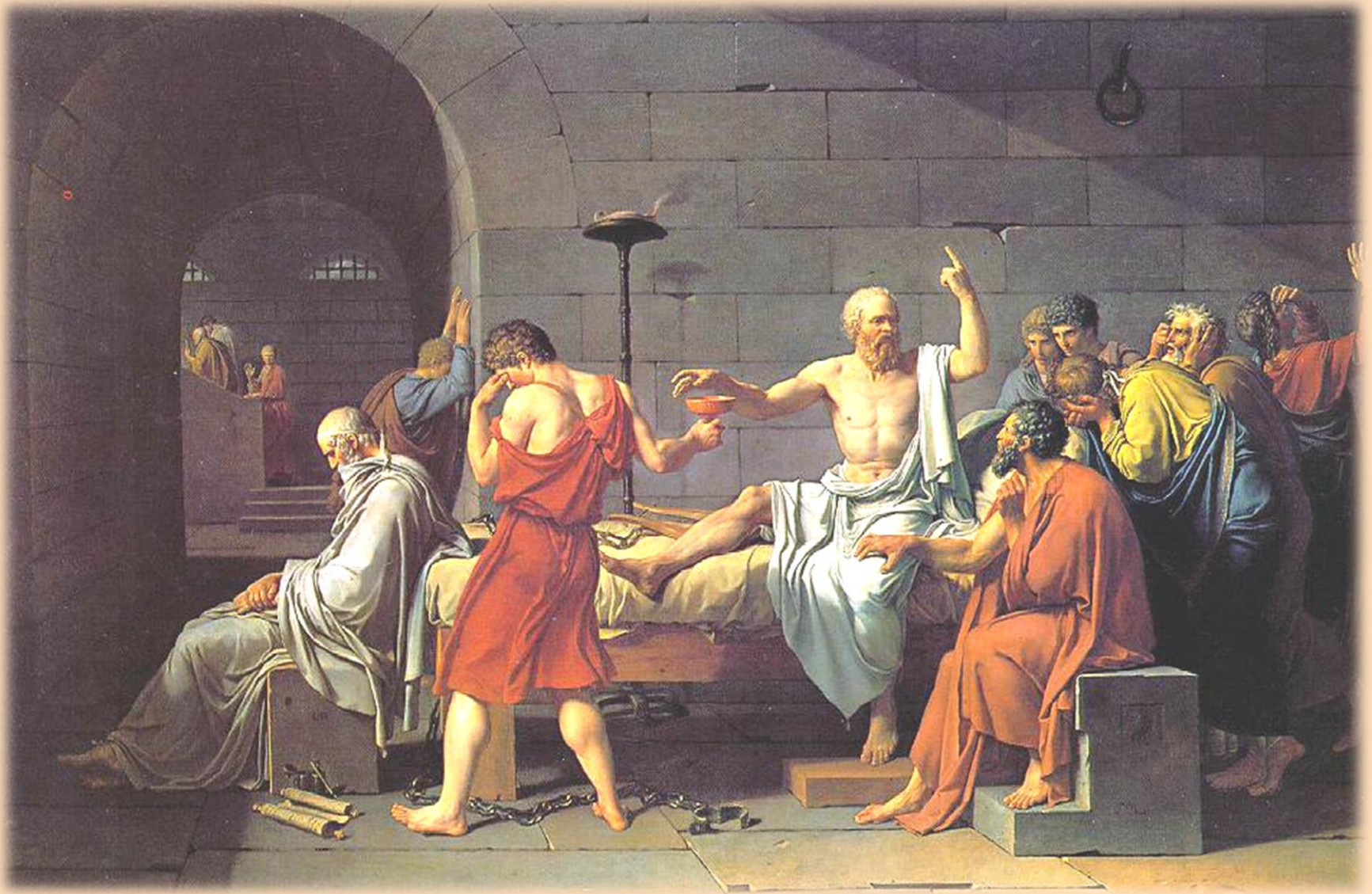
**“I know one thing,
that I know nothing”**



KNOW THYSELF



Socratic midwifery = *EDUCARE* = to
bring out the wisdom from within



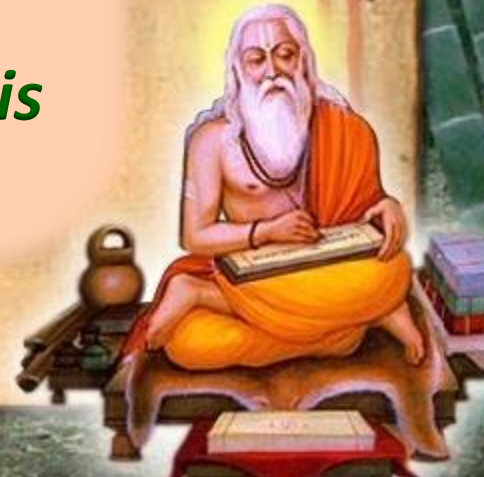
"The true philosophers are always most eager to release the soul from the chains of the body; and the study of philosophers is just this - the release and separation of the soul from the body."

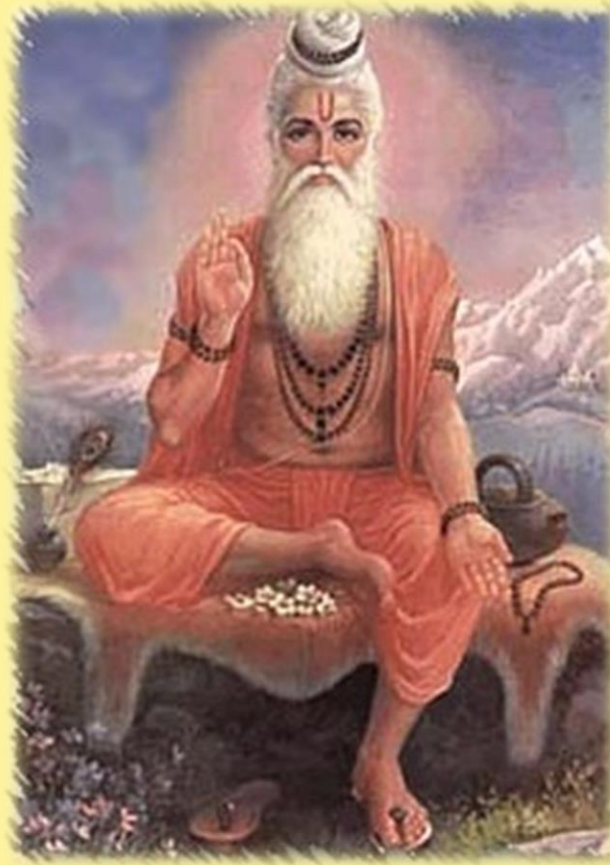
(Phaedo, 67D)

Purusha Sūktam

***“Veda aham etam Purusham
Mahāntam
āditya varnam tamasaḥ parastāt”***

***“ I know (I’ve seen) this Great Purusha,
who is brilliant like the Sun and who is
beyond all darkness ”***





Rishi = Seer

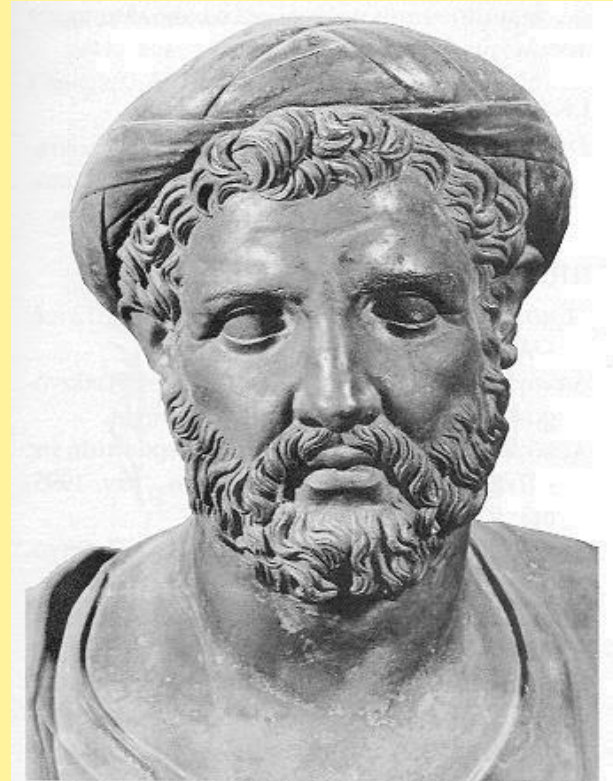
from the root *drish* = to see

The Third Eye, the Eye of Wisdom

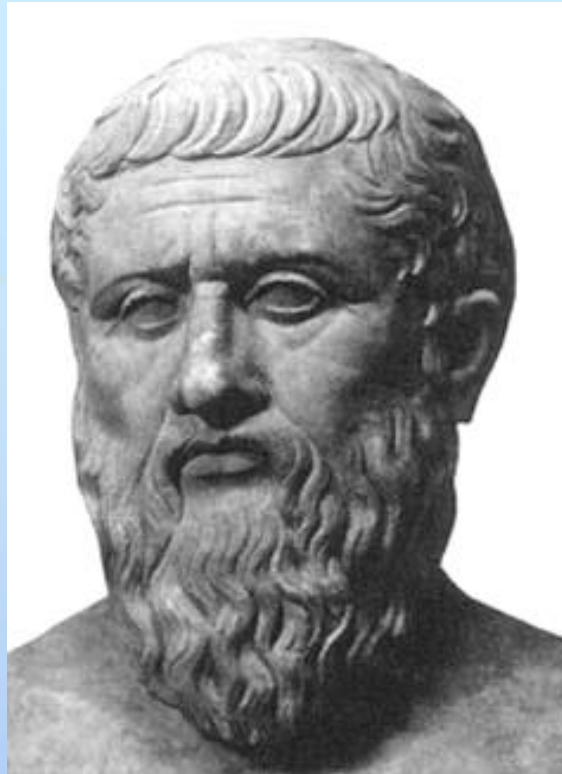


“Pythagoras purified and healed the soul from anger, pain and pleasure, low desires, and, all the more, from ignorance, which is the most harmful and unholy of all the rest. He directed to the spiritual world the divine eye, which, as Plato says, is more worth saving than ten thousand corporeal eyes. Because it is only through this eye, when strengthened and clarified by appropriate means, that one can perceive the Truth about all beings.”

Iamblichus, The Life of Pythagoras, v. 70



Pythagoras
c. 575 - c. 495 BC

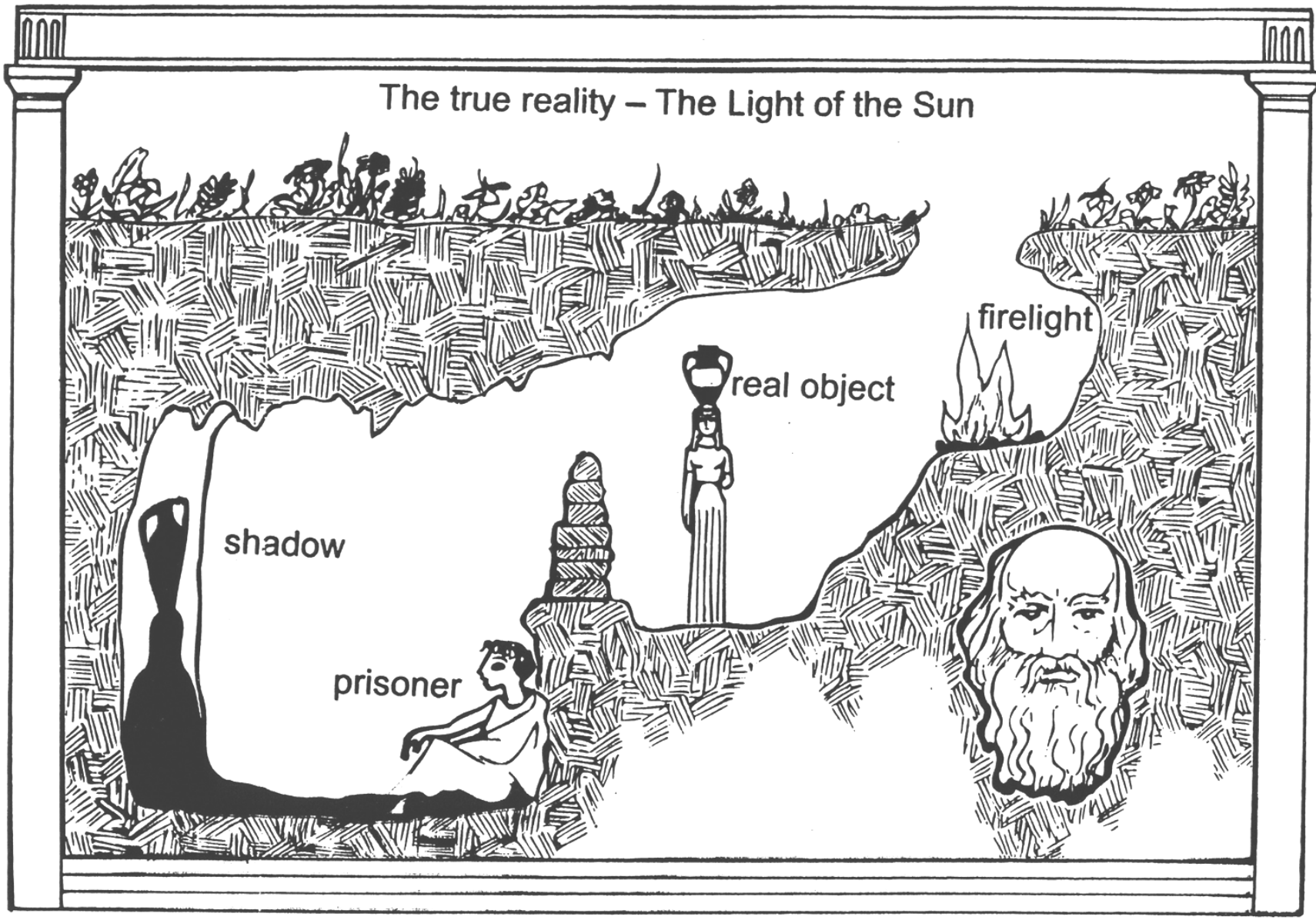


The essence of Plato's teachings was

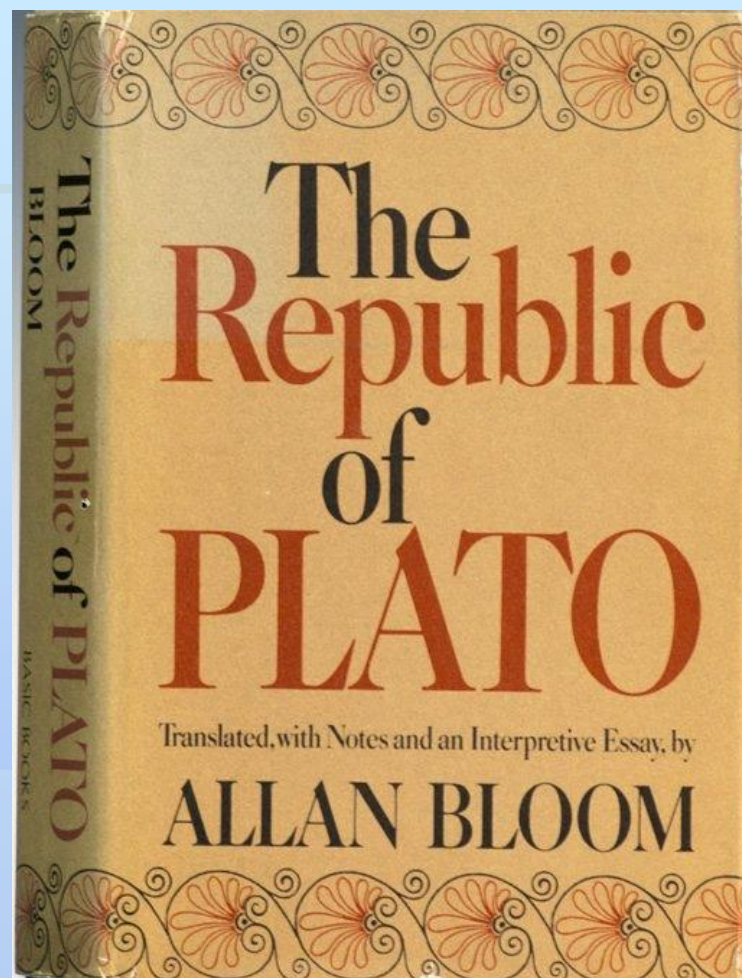
Truth, Goodness and Beauty

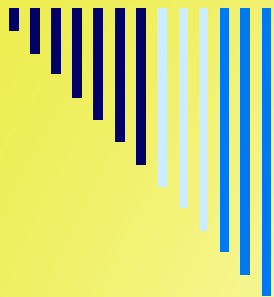
SATYAM - SIVAM - SUNDARAM

The true reality – The Light of the Sun



“Education is not putting knowledge into a soul which doesn’t have it, just as giving sight into eyes that are blind. The capacity of knowledge is present in everyone’s soul. And just as an eye turns from darkness to light, the soul has to turn away from the world of becoming towards Truth. Education should be the art of orientation. Educators should devise the simplest and most effective methods to turn the soul towards the Light of Goodness.”





TRUTH = ALETHEIA

ALETHEIA = A + LETHE (to hide / forget)

TRUTH = That which is not hidden or forgotten

**Knowledge is recollection of what is
hidden already within**



HEART TO hEART



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THE TEACHINGS OF PLATO
ON EDUCATION

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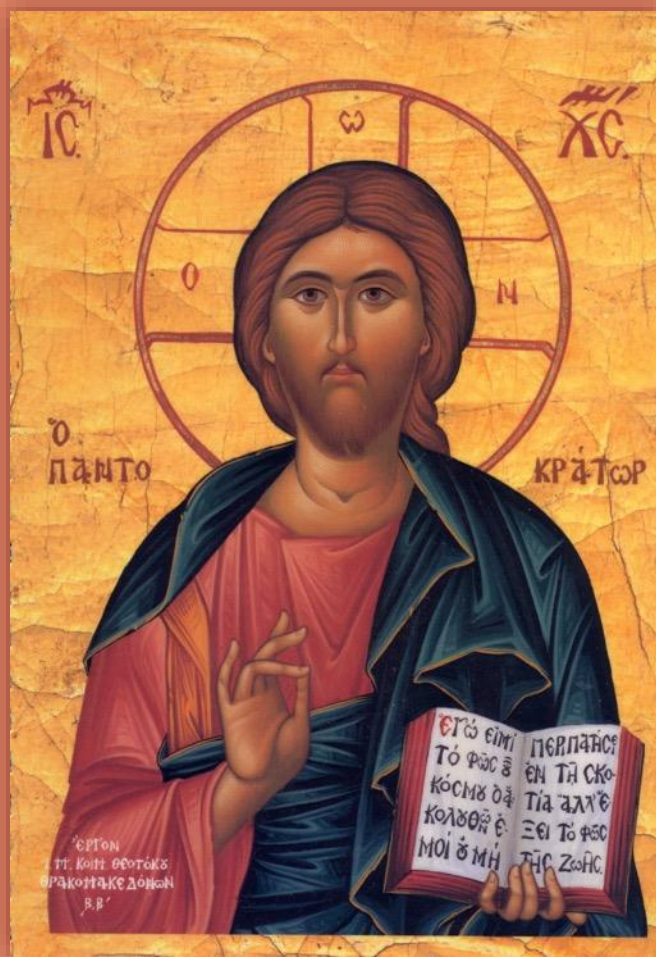
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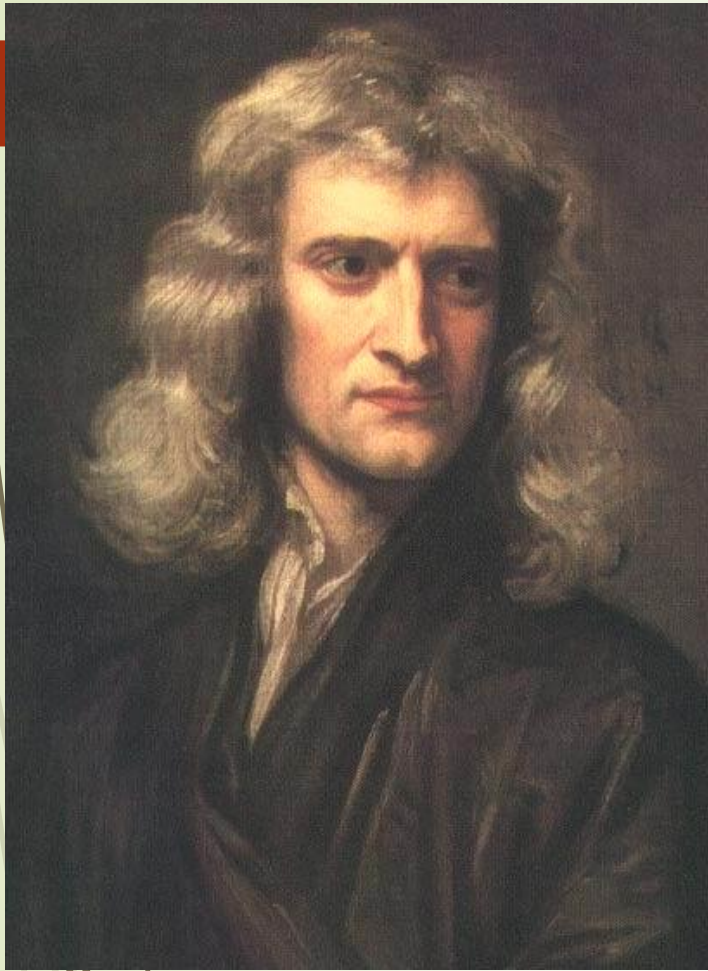
“Mamaivāṁśo jīvaloke jīvabhutaḥ sanātanaḥ”

The eternal Soul in all beings is a spark of My Being

(Bhagavad Gita, Chapter 15, verse 7)



“I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you”
(John, Ch. 14, v. 20)



Sir Isaac Newton
1643 - 1727

There is a certain most subtle Spirit, which pervades and lies hid in all gross bodies; by the force and action of which Spirit, the particles of bodies mutually attract one another... This most beautiful System of the Sun, Planets, and Comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an Intelligent and Powerful Being... This Being governs all things as Lord overall. He is Eternal and Infinite, Omnipotent and Omniscient... In Him are all things contained and moved... He is all eye, all ear, all brain, all arm, all power to perceive, to understand, and to act...

Principia Mathematica,
General Scholium

PURUSA SŪKTAM

**Sahasraśīrshā Puruṣaḥ
Sahasrākṣaḥ Sahasrapāt**

*The Supreme Person has a thousand
heads, a thousand eyes, a thousand feet
(He cognizes through every mind, sees
through every eye, acts through every limb)*

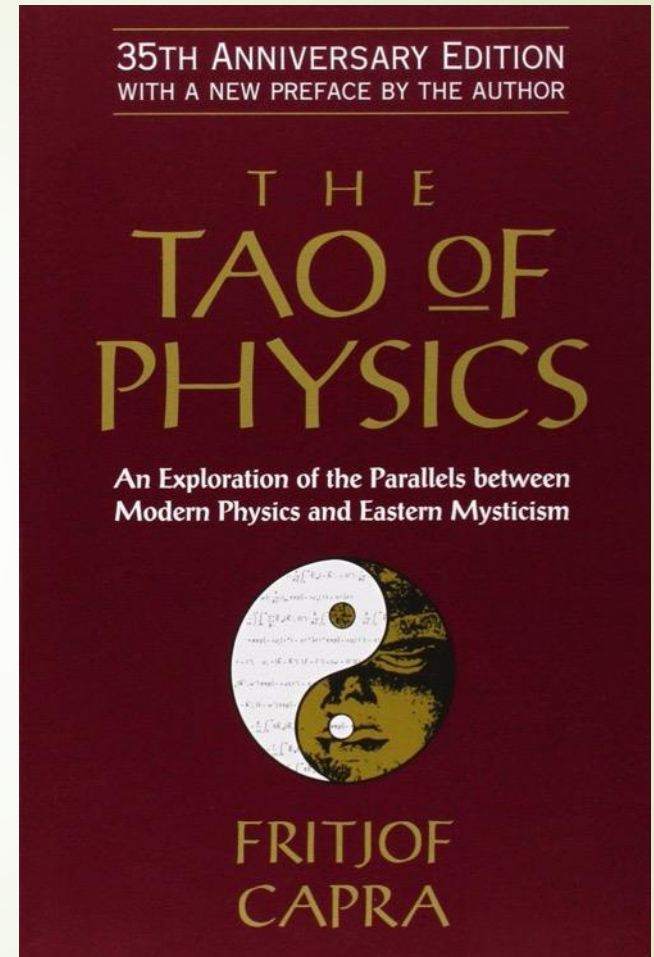
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Sages of modern time (DD 22.11.1985)

- ▶ Great sages like Vasishtha, Vamana, Jamadagni, Vishvamitra, Gautama and Parasara were among the Saptarishis (Seven Sages), who achieved this distinction because of their spiritual greatness... Even today there are some noble minds, who, even in the pursuit of science, are exploring spiritual truths, analysing them and trying to see how these can be used for transforming man. Newton, after discovering the law of gravity, declared: "While I have been able to identify the force of gravity, I did not create it. The universe is a manifestation of God and everything revolves through the power of God".
- ▶ These great scientists, like Newton, Einstein, Heizenberg, Shroedinger, Dirac, De Broglie, who have examined, explored and declared the truth, are akin to the ancient Saptarishis.

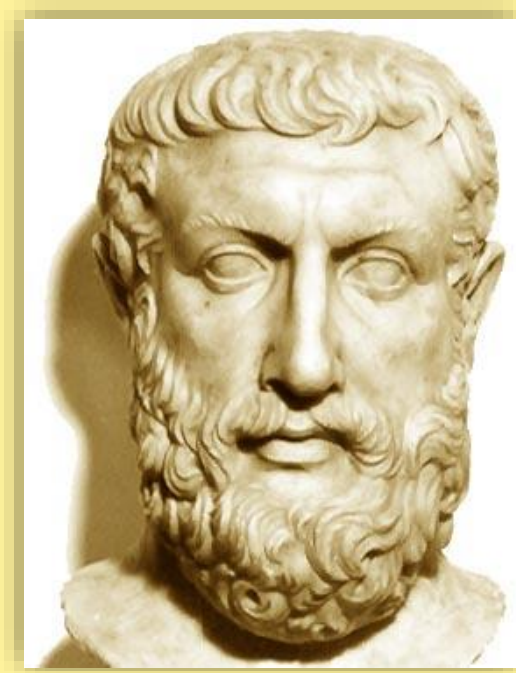
- Fritjof Capra, at the present day, has explored the link between the atom and vibrations in nature.



UNITY < Lat. *UNUM* < Gr. *EN* = Sanskr. *EK*

“EKO’HAM BAHU SYĀM”

“I am ONE, let Me become Many”



Parmenides of Elea
early 5th century BC

“EN TO PAN”

“The All is One”, i.e. “The whole universe is One”

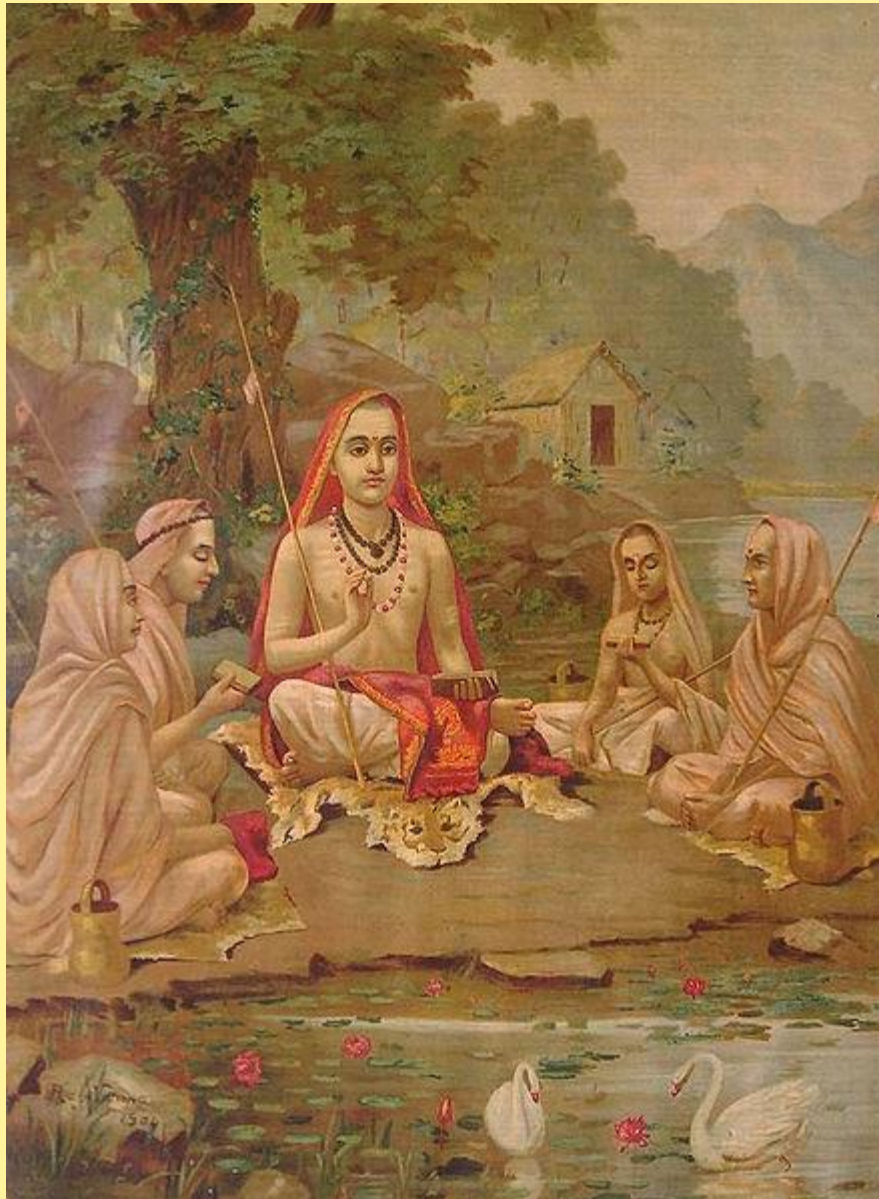
ADVAITA = NON-DUALISM, MONISM

Advaita < A + dvaita = Not Two

“A man with a dual mind is half blind”

“Vasudeva idam sarvam”

“Sarvam khalv idam Brahma”



**Adi
Shankaracharya,
The expounder of
Advaita Vedanta**

*“Brahma Satyam Jagan mithyā
Jivo Brahmaiva na parah”*

*Brahma is Truth, the world is just an illusory appearance
Jiva is verily Brahma, there is no difference*

The 4 Mahavakyas

1. Aham Brahmāsmi: I am Brahma

(Yajur Veda, Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 1.4.10)

2. Prajñānam Brahma: Consciousness is Brahma

(Rig Veda, Aitareya Upanishad, 3.1)

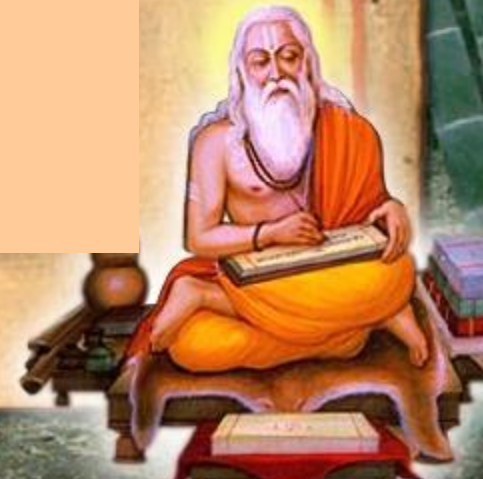
3. Tat Tvam Asi: You are That

(Sama Veda, Chandogya Upanishad, 6.8.7)

4. Ayam Ātmā Brahma: This Atma is Brahma

(Atharva Veda, Mandukya Upanishad, 2)

वेदः



Deham? Am I this body?

Nāham No, I am not

Ko'ham? Who am I?

So'ham I am He

Bhaja Govindam



Na punyam na paapam

Na sukham na duhkam

Na mantrō na tirtho

Na veda na yagnam

Naaham bhojanam

naiva bhojyo na bhokto

Sadaananda rupam Advaitam

Shivoham Shivoham



“The Veda mantras can be chanted by one and all. It is Swami’s wish that the Vedas shall be spread to every country, so that every human being irrespective of religion, caste or nationality learns Vedas and chants them. A few fortunate ones are learning the Vedas and propagating them. Today, all the students in Sri Sathya Sai Educational Institutions are being taught Vedas. As a prelude to the learning of the Vedas, one has to acquire knowledge of Sanskrit, the language of Vedas.”

Ati Rudra Maha Yajna

9th of August 2006

NĀRĀYAṆA UPANIṢAT



SECTION TWO

om atha nityo nārāyaṇaḥ

Nārāyaṇa is Eternal

brahmā nārāyaṇaḥ

Brahmā is Nārāyaṇa

śivaś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

Śiva is Nārāyaṇa

śakraś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

Indra is

dyāvapṛthivyau ca nārāyaṇaḥ

Nārāyaṇa

The heaven and the earth are

kālaś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

Nārāyaṇa

Time is Nārāyaṇa

diśaś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

All dimensions are

Nārāyaṇa

ūrdhvaś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

The upper world is

Nārāyaṇa

adhaś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

The lower world is

Nārāyaṇa

antarbahiś ca nārāyaṇaḥ

The inner and outer worlds are

nārāyaṇa evedaḡm sarvaḡm

Nārāyaṇa

Nārāyaṇa is indeed everything

yadbhūtam yacca bhavyam

Whatever has been in the past and will be in the future

niṣkalo nirañjano nirvikalpo nirākhyātaḥ
śuddho deva eko nārāyaṇaḥ

Nārāyaṇa is undivided, blemishless, without any differentiation, beyond words, pure, divine, One

na dvitīyo'sti kaścit *There is no second whatsoever*

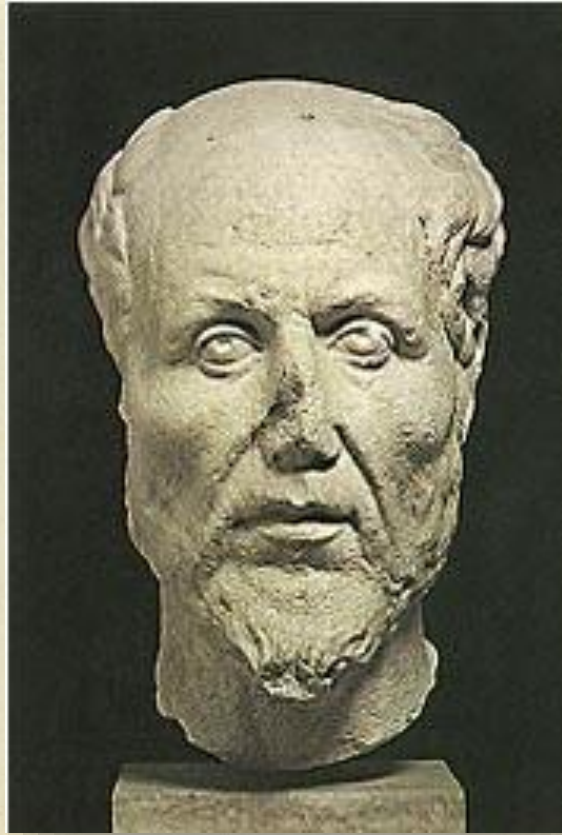
ya évam veda

He who knows thus

sa viṣṇur eva bhavati sa viṣṇur éva bhavati

*He becomes Vishnu Himself; he becomes Vishnu
Himself*

Plotinus: AD 204/5 - 270



*“Try to merge the Divine in you
with the Divine in the universe”*

Not two - only One!

“One should not say ‘I will see’ or ‘that which is seen’, as if there are two, the seer and the seen; both are One - what a bold statement! At that time, the seer does not see and does not distinguish and does not perceive two... He has united with That and there is only One. The two have come together and they are One. For this reason, the vision is hard to put into words. For how could one speak of another, since he did not see another, but his own Self?”

Plotinus, *On the Good or the One*, 10.12-21

Only One, not two

***“Ekam eva
advitiyam Brahma”***

***God is only ONE
without a second***

