

Pancha Maha Yagna

In 2017, we have started the donation of fresh fruits and vegetables to Inspiration Corp (www.inspirationcorp.org). This is part of our effort to fulfill one of the pancha maha yagna. We plan to continue to donate to Inspiration Corp or similar organization that serve humanity.

Our scriptures prescribe certain saatvika karmas for our inner and spiritual growth. These karmas are compulsory and they have to be performed whether we like them or not. They are the pancha maha yagna, the five sacred karmas.

1. Deva-yagna : Worship of the Lord. Deva-yagna is worship of the Lord in any form: puja, japa, going to the temple. It is not meant for monetary gain, but for spiritual gain.
2. Pitr- yagna : Worship of parents and forefathers. Pitr-yagna is respecting our parents and taking care of them. Forefathers, alive or dead, should be treated with reverence.
3. Brahma-yagna : Worship of the scriptures and the rishis who gave us the scriptures. Brahma-yagna is ensuring that we treat our scriptures properly. It also means regular reading of the scriptures and studying and promoting them whenever possible
4. Manusya-yagna : Worship of or service to humanity. Manusya-yagna is performing all types of social services: taking care of the needy, the poor, the sick and so on.
5. Bhuta-yagna : Worship and service of all other living beings. Bhuta-yagna is respect towards all life. This includes animals, birds, plants; in a nutshell, the earth.

All these saatvika karmas help us towards attaining moksha, even if we don't see it.

Manusha Yagya, February 2017

Namaste:

We collected \$240 as donations for our project. On Tuesday February 14th, Asha Hariprasad and I bought \$235 worth of fresh produce from Costco. On February 15th, Ravi and I drove to Inspiration Corp to drop off our donations. We met Jeff Adams who is the Associate Director of Operations. He took us on a tour of the facility and talked to us about what they are doing to help the homeless/poor community. He is very friendly and helpful and invites anyone who is interested in seeing their training program to contact him. It appears he is also familiar with vedic traditions. We continue to make our in kind donations on the third Wednesday of every month. We will collect money prior to that. You can also contact me at mrsushachandran@gmail.com to make donations in advance.

If you would like to visit Inspiration Corp, please contact Jeff at jadams@inspirationcorp.org and mention the study group from Lemont temple.

Please feel free to let me know if you would like to help with this project and if you have any questions.