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GO SUKTAM

In Indian tradition cow is symbol of respect. The relation of human with cow is well established fact. With a few research works, scientists say that cows can respond to the emotions of human being very sensitively than any other animal.



OBJECTIVES

After reading this lesson you will be able to:

- recite and memorize the Mantras of Go Suktam.
- know the meaning of Go Suktam



Note

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Go Suktam - Rigveda 6th Mandala, 28th Suktam

आ गावो अग्मन्नुत भद्रमक्रन्सीदन्तु गोष्ठे रणयन्त्वस्मे ।

प्रजावतीः पुरुरुपा इह स्युरिन्द्राय पूर्वोरुषसो दुहानाः ॥

The cows have come and brought good fortune: let them rest in the cow-pen and be happy near us. Here let them stay prolific, many-coloured, and yield through many morns their milk for Indra.

इन्द्रो यज्वने पृणते च शिक्षत्युपेद्ददाति न स्वं मुषायति ।

भूयोभूयो रयिमिदस्य वर्धयन्नभिन्ने खिल्ये नि दधाति देवयुम् ॥

Indra aids him who offers sacrifice and gifts: he takes not what is his, and gives him more thereto. Increasing ever more and ever more his wealth, he makes the pious dwell within unbroken bounds.

न ता नशन्ति न दभाति तस्करो नासामामित्रो व्यथिरा दधर्षति ।

देवांश्च याभिर्यजते ददाति च ज्योगित्ताभिः सचते गोपतिः सह ॥

These are never lost, no robber ever injures them: no evil-minded foe attempts to harass them. The master of the cows lives many a year with these, the Cows whereby he pours his gifts and serves the Gods.



Note

न ता अर्वा रेणुककाटो अश्नुते न संस्कृतत्रमुप यन्ति ता अभि ।
उरुगायमभयं तस्य ता अनु गावो मर्तस्य वि चरन्ति यज्वनः ॥

The charger with his dusty brow overtakes them not, and never to the shambles do they take their way. These Cows, the cattle of the pious worshipper, roam over widespread pasture where no danger is.

गावो भगो गाव इन्द्रो मे अच्छान्गावः सोमस्य प्रथमस्य भक्षः ।
इमा या गावः स जनास इन्द्र इच्छामीद्धृदा मनसा चिदिन्द्रम् ॥

To me the Cows seem Bhaga, they seem Indra, they seem a portion of the first-poured Soma. These present Cows, they, O ye Indra. I long for Indra with my heart and spirit.

यूयं गावो मेदयथा कृशं चिदश्रीरं चित्कृणुथा सुप्रतीकम् ।
भद्रं गृहं कृणुथ भद्रवाचो बृहद्वो वय उच्यते सभासु ॥

O Cows, you fatten even the worn and wasted, and make the unlovely beautiful to look on. Prosper my house, you with auspicious voices. Your power is glorified in our assemblies.



Note

प्रजावतीः सूयवसं रिशन्तीः शुद्धा अपः सुप्रपाणे पिबन्तीः ।

मा व स्तेन ईशत माघशंसः परि वो हेती रुद्रस्य वृज्याः ॥

Crop goodly pasturage and be prolific drink pure sweet water at good drinking places. Never be thief or sinful man your matter, and may the dart of Rudra still avoid you.

उपेदमुपपर्चनमासु गोषूपृच्यताम् ।

उप ऋषभस्य रेतस्युपेन्द्र तव वीर्ये ॥



INTEXT QUESTIONS 7.1

रिक्तस्थानानि पूरयत.

1. प्रजावतीः इह स्युरिन्द्राय पूर्वीरुषसो दुहानाः ।
2. न ता नशन्ति न दभाति तस्करो व्यथिरा दधर्षति ।
3. न ता अर्वा अश्नुते न संस्कृतत्रमुप यन्ति ता अभि ।
4. गावो भगो गाव इन्द्रो मे सोमस्य प्रथमस्य भक्षः ।
5. यूयं गावो मेदयथा कृशं चिदश्रीरं चित्कृणुथा ।



WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNT

- Recitation of Go suktam
- Relationship between human beings and cows.



TERMINAL QUESTIONS

1. Describe the relationship of human with cow.



ANSWERS TO INTEXT QUESTINS

1. पुरुरुपा
2. नासामामित्रो
3. रेणुककाटो
4. अच्छान्गावः
5. सुप्रतीकम्



Note