

## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

OM agnaavishhNuu sajoshhasemaa-  
vardhantu vaan giraH |  
dyumnair-vaajebhir-aagatam |  
vaajash-cha me prasavash-cha  
me prayatish-cha me prasitish-  
cha me dhiitish-cha me kratush-cha  
me svarash-cha me shlokash-cha  
me shraavash-cha me shrutish-cha  
me jyotish-cha me suvash-cha me

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O Agni (*agnaa*)! O Vishnu! May these words of mine please You both.

May You come (*aagatam*) with radiance and plenty (*vaajebhir*).

; **Note** : In this first stanza, we pray for physical, vital and mental powers.

**cha** = and ; **me / ma** = to me (grant me) !

May You grant me plenty of all kinds of resources (*vaajash* - food), permission to share these (*prasavash*), effort (*prayatish*), inclination (*prasitish* - keen appetite), assimilation (*dhiitish* - digestion) and action (*kratush* - also *yaGYaa*).

; **Note** : Prayer is not just for food but internal energies and qualities as well. }

May You grant me speech (*svarash* - also ability to chant mantras with correct intonations), knowledge of the mantras (*shlokash*), good voice (*shraavash* - also ability to chant mantras correctly), capacity to listen (*shrutish*), especially listen to the Veda mantras, light and illumination (*jyotish*) and the world of Gods and light (*suvash*).

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praaNash-cha me .apaanash-cha  
me vyaanash-cha me .asush-cha me  
chittaM cha ma aadhiitaM cha me  
vaak-cha me manash-cha me  
chakshush-cha me shrotraM cha me  
dakshash-cha me balaM cha ma  
ojash-cha me sahash-cha ma  
aayush-cha me jaraa cha ma  
aatmaa cha me tanuush-cha me

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May You grant me incoming breath (*praaNash*), outgoing breath (*apaanash*), the distributing breath (*vyaanash*) and the life-force that has the above breaths (*asush*).

May You grant me consciousness (*chittaM*), learning (*aadhiitaM*), right speech (*vaak*) and right mind or attitude (*manash*).

May You grant me right vision (*chakshush*), right hearing (*shrotraM*), right functioning of all senses (*dakshash*) and strength (*balaM*) at the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual levels.

May You grant me vigour, energy or splendour (*ojash*), patience and capacity to overcome enemies and obstacles (*sahash*), long and vigorous life (*aayush*), healthy and venerable old age (*jaraa*), knowledge of the Inner Self (*aatmaa*) and a well-knit and capable body (*tanuush*).

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sharma cha me varma cha  
me.a~Ngaani cha me.asthaani cha  
me paruu(gm)shhi cha me  
shariiraani cha me ||1||  
jyaishhThyaM cha ma aadhipatyaM  
cha me manyush-cha me  
bhaamash-cha  
me.amash-cha me.ambhash-cha  
me jemaa cha me mahimaa cha

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May You grant me happiness (**sharma**), protection (**varma**), strong limbs and organs (**a-Ngaani**) and healthy bones (**asthaani**).

May You grant me healthy joints (**paruu(gm)-shhi**) and able and noble bodies (**sharIiraani**).

! Note : The reference, here, is to our multiple bodies - both gross and subtle. !

This stanza highlights the goals that we may be blessed to achieve with the abilities mentioned in the previous stanza.

May I be blessed with eminence (**jyaishhThyaM**), leadership qualities and opportunities (**aadhipatyaM**) righteous-wrath (**manyush**), reasonable manifestation of such anger (**bhaamash**), strength or depth (**amash**), ability to quieten such anger quickly (**ambhash** - cool sweet waters), capacity to win (**jemaa**) and greatness or fame (**mahimaa**).

Note : Anger, that prompts good actions and helps fight against internal and external obstacles, is positive. !

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me varimaa cha me prathimaa cha me  
varshhmaa cha me draaghuyaa cha me  
vR^iddhaM cha me vR^iddhish-cha  
me satyaM cha me shraddhaa cha  
me jagach-cha me  
dhanaM cha me vashash-cha me  
tvishhish-cha me  
kriiDaa cha me modash-cha me  
jaataM cha me janishhyamaaNaaM

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May I be blessed with the ability to be valued and praised by others (**varimaa**), expansiveness and accomplishments (**prathimaa**), might (**varshhmaa**) and the expansion of mind and heart (**draaghuyaa**).

May I be blessed with growth (**vR^iddhaM**), ability or capacity to grow (**vR^iddhish**), Truth (**satyaM**) and faith (**shraddhaa**).

May I be blessed with this world (**jagach**) and all we need to make our stay in this world comfortable, wealth - both material and spiritual (**dhanaM**) and personal charm (**vashash**).

May I be blessed with the glow of the body (**tvishhish**), ability to play sports (**kriiDaa**) and sportsmanship, involvement in others' sports (**modash** - delight), development of existing qualities (**jaataM** - born) and manifestation of latent qualities (**janishhyamaaNaaM** - will be born).

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cha me suuktaM cha me sukR^itaM  
cha me vittaM cha me vedyaM cha  
me bhutaM cha me bhavishhyach-  
cha me sugaM cha me  
supathaM cha ma R^iddhaM cha ma  
R^iddhish-cha me kL^iptaM cha  
me kL^iptish-cha me matish-cha  
me sumatish-cha me ||2||

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May I be blessed with good words and ability to chant the Vedas (**suuktaM** - well said), auspiciousness due to good deeds (**sukR^itaM**), resources or means (**vittaM**) and knowledge (**vedyaM**) of That which is to be known.

May I be blessed with the ability to learn from the past (**bhutaM**) and to forgive and forget, the ability to shape the future (**bhavishhyach**) through current actions and auspiciousness (**sugaM**) and auspicious goals.

May I be blessed with auspicious paths or journeys (**supathaM**), affluence (**R^iddhaM**), all-sided progress (**R^iddhish**), capacity to accumulate (**kL^iptaM**), capacity to use what has been accumulated (**kL^iptish**) in a judicious and befitting manner, thinking (**matish**) and right thinking (**sumatish**) along with clarity and a balanced intellect.

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shaM cha me mayash-cha  
me priyaM cha  
me .anukaamash-cha me kaamashcha me  
saumanasash-cha me bhadraM cha me  
shreyash-cha me vasyash-cha me  
yashash-cha me bhagash-cha me  
draviNaM cha me yantaa cha me  
dhartaa cha me kshemash-cha me  
dhR^itishcha me vishvaM cha me

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In this stanza, the worshipper prays for goals to be achieved by the use of one's mental and emotional capabilities.

May I be blessed with happiness and welfare of this world (**shaM**), bliss (**mayash**) - which is from the other world and the basis of all happiness, delight (**priyaM**).

May I be blessed with desire for necessities (**anukaamash**), desire (**kaamash**), good relationships (**saumanasash**); auspiciousness (**bhadraM**), welfare - both material and spiritual (**shreyash**) and a good dwelling (**vasyash**).

May I be blessed with fame (**yashash**), enjoyment (**bhagash**), auspiciousness, riches (**draviNaM**) and direction, proper guidance and teaching (**yantaa**).

May I be blessed with support and nourishment from others (**dhartaa**), protection (**kshemash**) and capacity to protect, fortitude (**dhR^itish**) and the whole universe - all good qualities (**visvaM**).

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mahash-cha me saMvich-cha  
me GYaatraM cha me  
suush-cha me prasuush-cha me  
siiraM cha me layash-cha ma  
R^itaM cha me.amR^itaM cha  
me.ayakshmaM cha me.anaamayach-cha  
me jiivaatush-cha me diirghaayutvaM  
cha me.anamitraM cha me.abhayaM cha  
me sugaM cha me shayanaM

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May I be be blessed with greatness (**mahash**), abundant spiritual knowledge or discovery (**saMvich**), and knowledge that leads to wisdom (**GYaatraM**).

May I be be blessed with inspiration (**suush**), capacity to inspire (**prasuush**), plough (**siiraM**) and removal of all obstruction in agriculture (**layash**).

{ **Note** : Attaining knowledge and wisdom is akin to farming, the mind and heart need to be ploughed, weeded and prepared for knowledge to take root and flower into wisdom. }

May I be be blessed with right action (**R^itaM**), immortality (**amR^itaM**), freedom from serious diseases (**ayakshmaM**) and freedom from ordinary illness (**anaamayach**).

May I be be blessed with medicine and healing (**jiivaatush**) - both at physical and emotional levels, long life (**diirgha-ayutvaM**), absence of enemies (**anamitraM**) - both external and internal, fearlessness (**abhayaM**), goodness or auspiciousness (**sugaM**) and good sleep (**shayanaM**).

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cha me suushhaa  
cha me sudinaM cha me ||3||  
uurkcha me suunR^itaa cha me  
payash-cha me rasash-cha me  
ghR^itaM cha me madhu cha me  
sagdhish-cha me sapiitish-cha  
me kR^ishhish-cha me  
vR^ishhTish-cha me jaitraM cha ma  
audbhidyam cha me rayish-cha me

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May I be be blessed with good mornings or dawns (**suushhaa**) and auspicious days (**sudinaM**).

In this stanza, the worshipper seeks blessings for nourishing his bodies, the physical as well as the subtle.

O Lord! May I be blessed with food (**uurk**), pleasant speech (**suunR^itaa**), milk of knowledge (**payash** - payasa is a sweet milk-based drink), essence of knowledge and existence (**rasash**), mental clarity (**ghR^itaM** - ghee), delight or bliss (**madhu** - honey), eating or food (**sagdhish**), drinking or liquid foods (**sapiitish**) and effort (**kR^ishhish** - agriculture).

May I be blessed with energies (**vR^ishhTish** - rain), success (**jaitraM**), fulfillment or accomplishment (**audbhidyam** - that comes out breaking the earth) and gold (**rayish**).

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raayash-cha me pushhTaM cha me  
pushhTish-cha me vibhu cha me  
prabhu cha me bahu cha me  
bhuuyash-cha me puurNaM cha me  
puurNataraM cha me akshitish-cha  
me kuuyavaash-cha me annaM cha  
me akshuch-cha me vriihayash-cha me  
yavaash-cha me maashhaash-cha me  
tilaash-cha me

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May I be blessed with precious stones (**raayash**), growth (**pushhTaM**), nourishment (**pushhTish**) and excellent varieties of cereals and legumes (**vibhu**).

May I be blessed with lordship over the agriculture or the Lord Himself (**prabhu**), plentiful supply of grains (**bahu**) and a wide variety of crops or wideness (**bhuuyash**).

May I be blessed with wholeness or completeness (**puurNaM**) both in agriculture as well as in my personality, and a level even beyond completeness (**puurNa-taraM**).

May I be blessed with a supply that does not reduce (**akshitish**), small sized grains (**kuuyavaash**), food (**annaM**) and freedom from hunger (**akshuch**).

May I be blessed with paddy or rice (**vriihayash**), barley (**yavaash**), black-gram beans (**maashhaash**) and sesame (**tilaash**).

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mudgaash-cha me khalvaash-cha me  
godhuumaash-cha me masuraash-cha me  
priyangavash-cha me aNavash-cha  
me shyaamakaash-cha me  
niivaaraash-cha me ||4||  
ashmaa cha me mR^ittikaa  
cha me girayash-cha  
me parvataash-cha me  
sikataash-cha me

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May I be blessed with green gram (**mudgaash**), castor seed (**khalvaash**), wheat (**godhuumaash**) and white, bengal-gram lentils (**masuraash**).

May I be blessed with elongated, bushy millet (**priyangavash**), superior paddy (**aNavash**), excellent roots (**shyaamakaash**) and wild varieties of grains (**niivaaraash**).

In this stanza, the worshipper seeks to see the unity in all of nature and prays for harmonious living with nature.

O Lord! May I be blessed with stone (**ashmaa**), clay (**mR^ittikaa**), hills (**girayash**), huge mountains (**parvataash**) and sand (**sikataash**).

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vanaspatayash-cha me hiraNyaM cha  
me.ayash-cha me siisaM cha me  
trapush-cha me shyaamaM cha me  
lohaM cha me.agnish-cha ma  
aapash-cha me viirudhash-cha ma  
oshhadhayash-cha me  
kR^ishhTa-pachyaM cha  
me.akR^ishhTa-pachyaM cha me  
graamyash-cha

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May I be blessed with fruit-bearing trees (*vanaspatayash*), gold (*hiraNyaM*), iron (*ayash*), lead (*siisaM*), tin (*trapush*), black iron (*shyaamaM*), bronze and copper (*lohaM*) and fire or will-power (*agnish*).

May I be blessed with waters or energies (*aapash*), roots and creepers (*viirudhash*) and medicinal herbs (*oshhadhayash*).

May I be blessed with what grows on ploughed land (*kR^ishhTapachyaM*), what grows on unploughed land (*akR^ishhTapachyaM*), tame cattle (*graamyash pashava* - cattle in villages).

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me pashava aaraNyaash-cha  
yaGYena kalpantaam  
vittaM cha me vittish-cha me  
bhuutaM cha me bhutish-cha me  
vasu cha me vasatish-cha me  
karma cha me shaktish-cha  
me.arthash-cha ma  
emash-cha ma itish-cha me  
gatish-cha me ||5||

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May I be blessed with wild animals (*aaraNyaash pashava* - animals in forests).

May all these become harmonious through my sacrifice (*yaGYena*).

May I be blessed with wealth (*vittaM*), gain of wealth (*vittish*), attainment (*bhuutaM*) at both material and spiritual levels and the process of such attainment (*bhutish*).

May I be blessed with riches (*vasu*), a comfortable dwelling (*vasatish*), ability to perform sacred actions (*karma*) and power or energy (*shaktish*) to conduct such holy acts.

May I be blessed with a meaningful aim or purpose (*arthash*), happiness or fulfillment (*emash*), the path (*itish*) and movement (*gatish*) towards or attainment of the final goal.

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agnish-cha ma indrash-cha me

somash-cha ma

indrash-cha me savitaa cha ma

indrash-cha me

sarasvatii cha ma indrash-cha me

puushhaa cha ma indrash-cha me

bR^ihaspatish-cha ma

indrash-cha me mitrash-cha ma

indrash-cha me

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In this stanza, the worshipper prays to be blessed and to attain the Cosmic Deities. Each deity represents a subtle energy or quality within us. **Indra** who grants discriminating intelligence is invoked with each god.

May **Agni** - the Lord of Fire and will-power, **Soma** - the Lord of bliss, **Savita** - the most adored Creator and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May **Sarasvati**, the Goddess of speech, learning and Inspiration, **Puushhaa**, One who illuminates and nourishes and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May **Brihaspati**, the Divine Preceptor and Lord of all that is vast and expansive, **Mitra**, the Lord of light or understanding and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

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varuNash-cha ma indrash-cha me

tvashhTaa cha ma indrash-cha me

dhaataa cha ma indrash-cha

me vishhNush-cha ma indrash-cha

me.ashvinau cha ma indrash-cha

me marutash-cha ma indrash-cha

me vishve-cha me devaa indrash-cha

me pR^ithivii cha ma indrash-cha

me.antarikshaM cha ma indrash-cha

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May **Varuna**, the Lord of the ocean of knowledge, **TvashhTaa**, the Lord of right vision and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May **Dhaataa**, the Lord of right hearing, **Vishnu**, the all-pervading One and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May the **Ashvins**, the Divine Physicians, **Marut**, the Lord of mental speed and agility and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May all the gods (**vishve devaa**), this Earth (**pR^ithivii**) representing this world, the sky (**antarikshaM**) representing the mid-world and **Indra**, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

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me dyaush-cha ma indrash-cha

me dishash-cha ma indrash-cha

me muurdhaa cha ma

indrash-cha me prajaapatish-cha

ma indrash-cha me ||6||

a(gm)shush-cha me rashmish-cha

me.adaabhyash-cha me.adhipatish-cha

ma upaa(gm)shush-cha me.antaryaa-

mash-cha ma aindraavaaya-vash-cha

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May the heavens (*dyaush*), the directions (*dishash*), the worlds above (*muurdhaa*) and *Indra*, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

May *Prajapati*, the ruler of all and *Indra*, the Lord of the Divine mind bless me.

In this stanza, the worshipper offers various vessels that are used in a Soma yaGYa. Every external yaGYa can be done internally as well. Soma signifies delight or bliss. In the internal yaGYa, each vessel has symbolic significance.

O Lord! Please bless me with effulgence (*a(gm)shush*), rays of knowledge (*rashmish*), power of the invincible One (*adaabhyash*), vessel to give curd or knowledge (*adhipatish*), the light within (*upaa(gm)shush*), power of the inner controller (*antaryaaamash*) and the powers of *Indra* and *Vayu* - powers of intelligence and the ability to grasp quickly.

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me maitraa-varuNash-cha ma

aashvinash-cha me prati-

prasthaanash-cha me shukrash-cha

me manthii cha ma aagrayaNash-

cha me vaishvadevash-cha me

dhruvash-cha me vaishvaanarash-

cha ma R^itugrahaash-cha

me.atigraahyaash-cha ma

aindraagnash-cha me

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May I be blessed with the powers of *Mitra* - light or understanding, *Varuna* - ocean of knowledge and the *Ashvins*, who are the Divine Physicians.

May I be blessed with the foundation (*prati-prasthaanash*) and the power of *Shukra* immortality, the ability to churn (*manthii*) and find the nectar within (*aagrayaNash*) and the ability to lead.

May I be blessed with the power of all the gods (*vaishvadevash*) and steady progress (*dhruvash*) in all spheres of my life.

May I be blessed with the blessings of all the gods (*vaishvaanarash*) and the power of the nine planets (*R^itu-grahaash*).

May I be blessed with the knowledge fit to be acquired (*atigraahyaash*) and the power of *Indra* - Divine intelligence and *Agni* - will-power.

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vaishva-devaash-cha me

marut-vatiiyaash-cha me

maahendrash-cha ma aadityash-

cha me saavitrash-cha me

saarasvatash-cha me paushhNash-

cha me paatniivatash-cha me

haariyojanash-cha me ||7||

idhmash-cha me barhish-cha me

vedish-cha me dhishhNiyaash-cha

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May I be blessed with the power of all the gods (**vaishvadevash**) and the power of the **Maruts** - mental agility and swiftness.

May I be blessed with the power of the Supreme Indra (**maahendra**), the power of the Sun (**aadityash**) - Light and illumination and ability to nourish and the creative power of **Savita**.

May I be blessed with the power of **Sarasvati** - power of speech and learning, the nourishing power of **Puushhaa**, the powers of all the wives (**paatni**) of the gods, i.e., the **shaktis** and the ability to be merged (**yojana**) with **Hari** or God.

In this stanza, the worshipper makes various offerings in the yaGYa. Again, in the internal yaGYa, each has a symbolic significance.

O Lord! May my body be the sanctified sticks used as fuel (**idhmash**), my hair the durva grass that purifies (**barhish**), my heart the main sacrificial altar (**vedish**) and my vital-airs the minor sacrificial altars (**dhishhNiyaash**).

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me sruchash-cha me chamasaash-cha

me graavaaNash-cha me svaravash-

-cha ma uparavaash-cha

me.adhishhavaNe cha me

droNakalashash-cha me vaayavyaani

cha me puutabhR^ich-cha ma

aadhavaniiyash-cha ma

aagniidhraM cha me havirdhaanaM

cha me gR^ihaash-cha me sadash-cha

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May and my organs of perception be the ladles (**sruchash**) used in a yaGYa, my organs of action the bowl (**chamasaash**) that is used to collect **soma** and my bones the pressing stones (**graavaaNash**) used to crush the **soma** plant.

May the pores in my body be the wooden knives fixed in the sacrificial post (**svravash**), my head the four pits in the sacrifice (**uparavaash**) and my face the flat, wooden pieces used to extract the **soma** juice (**adhishhavaNe**).

May the bottom of my throat be the vessel used for soma (**droNakalashash**) and the svaras or notes be the other vessels used for soma (**vaayavyaani**) and my purity the mud vessel that is used to hold the water (**puutabhR^ich**).

May my splendour be the mud vessel (**aadhavaniiyash**) used to hold the soma juice, my intellect or budhhi be the place for lighting the sacred fire (**aagniidhraM**), my consciousness the platform for keeping the offering (**havirdhaanaM**), my senses the houses set aside for the wives of the priests (**gR^ihaash**) and my heart the platform on which the hymns are chanted (**sadash**).

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me puroDaashaash-cha me pacha-

taash-cha me.avabhR^ithash-cha

me svagaakaarash-cha me ||8||

agnish-cha me gharmash-cha

me.arkash-cha me

suuryash-cha me praaNash-cha

me.ashvamedhash-cha me pR^ithivii

cha me.aditish-cha me ditish-cha

me dyaushcha me shakvariira~Ngulayo

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May my desires be the offerings made to the fire (**puroDaashaash**), my ignorance the place where **havis** or sacrificial rice is cooked (**pachataash**), my subtle energy channels be the ceremonial bath at the end of the **yaGYa** (**avabhR^ithash**) and my entire body the chants with which the gods are invoked, i.e., **svaahaa** (**svagaakaarash**).

In this stanza, the worshipper realizes that not only himself but all of the Cosmos is part of the Supreme God.

O Lord! The fire of will-power (**agni**), the blaze of knowledge (**gharmash**), hymns of illumination (**arkash**), the Sun of Supreme Light (**suuryash**) and the vital life-breath (**praaNash**) are all a part of You.

O Lord! The intelligence of the life-force (**ashvamedhash**), the Earth (**pR^ithivii**), oceans (**diti**) and the mountains (**aditi**) are all a part of You.

O Lord! The heaven (**dyau**) and the directions (**dishash**) that spread like fingers (**a~Ngulayo**) of the Cosmic Being are a part of You.

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dishash-cha me yaGYena

kalpantaam-R^ik-cha me saama cha

me stomash-cha me yajush-cha me

diikshaa cha me tapash-cha

ma R^itush-cha me vrataM cha

me.ahoraatraylor-vR^ishhTyaa

bR^ihadrathantare cha

me yaGYena kalpetaam ||9||

garbhaash-cha me vatsaash-cha

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O Lord! May the powers in all of the above manifest in me and help me in performing this **yaGYa** (**yaGYena kalpantaam**).

O Lord! The verses of the Rig Veda (**R^ik**), Sama Veda (**saama**), Atharva Veda (**stomash**) and Yajur Veda (**yajush**) are a part of You.

O Lord! The power of word or teaching (**diikshaa**), the power of penance (**tapash**), the power of seasons or Divine timing (**R^itush**) and the power of pious vows (**vrataM**) are all a part of You.

O Lord! The shower or rain (**vR^ishhTyaa**) of energies day and night (**ahoraatraylor**) are a part of You.

O Lord! The power of two **Sama** chants - **bR^ihad** and **rathantare** are a part of You. May all these powers manifest in me and help me in performing this **yaGYa** (**yaGYena kalpantaam**).

In this stanza, the worshipper offers animals as part of the sacrifice. ...

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me tryavish-cha me tryavii-cha  
me dityavaaT cha me dityauhii  
cha me paJNchaavish-cha me  
paJNchaavii cha me  
trivatsash-cha me trivatsaa cha  
turyavaaT cha me turyauhii  
cha me pashhThavaaT cha me  
pashhThauhii cha ma ukshaa cha  
me vashaa cha ma R^ishhabhash-

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... Each animal represents a certain phase in human-development as well as an undesirable (or animal-like) quality that we need to offer or give up.

O Lord! I offer calves in the womb of the cows (**garbhaash**), new-born calves (**vatsaash**), one and half-year old male calf (**tryavish**), one and half-year old female calf (**tryavii**), two-year old male bull (**dityavaaT**), female (**dityauhii**) cow, two and a half-year old male bull (**paJNchaavish**) and female (**paJNchaavii**) cow, three-year old male bull (**trivatsash**) and female (**trivatsaa**) cow.

O Lord! I offer three and a half-year old male bull (**turyavaaT**) and female (**turyauhii**) cow, and four-year old male bull (**pashhThavaaT**).

O Lord! I offer female (**pashhThauhii**) cow, a full-grown bull (**ukshaa**), a barren cow (**vashaa**) and a powerful ox or bull (**R^ishhabhash**).

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

cha me vehach-cha me anaDvaaJN-  
cha me dhenush-cha ma  
aayur-yaGYena kalpataaM  
praaNo yaGYena kalpataam-  
apaano yaGYena kalpataaM  
vyaano yaGYena kalpataaM  
chakshur-yaGYena kalpataa (gu)  
shrotraM yaGYena kalpataaM  
mano yaGYena kalpataaM

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

O Lord! I offer cows with dead calves (**vehach**), bullock or those who pull wagons (**anaDvaaJN**) and milch-cows (**dhenush**).

May my life (**aayur**) and my incoming vital air (**praaNo**) become perfect through this yaGYa.

Let these be employed for the benefit of the yaGYa.

May my outgoing vital-air (**apaano**) and the vital air that circulates everywhere (**vyaano**) become perfect through this yaGYa.

Let these be employed for the benefit of the yaGYa.

May my vision (**chakshur**), hearing (**shrotraM**) and mind (**mano**) become perfect through this yaGYa.

Let these be employed for the benefit of the yaGYa.

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

vaag-yaGYena kalpataam-

aatmaa yaGYena kalpataaM

yaGYo yaGYena kalpataam ||10||

ekaa cha me tistrash-cha me

paJNcha cha me sapta cha me

nava cha ma ekaa-dasha cha me

trayo-dasha cha me paJNcha-dasha

cha me sapta-dasha cha me

navadasha cha ma

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

May my speech (*vaag*) , my entire self (*aatmaa*) and this yaGYa (*yaGYo*) itself become perfect through this yaGYa.

Let these be employed for the benefit of the yaGYa.

Having offered all undesirable qualities, in this stanza the worshipper seeks powers or knowledge and wisdom associated with various numbers. The numbers are all symbolic.

O Lord! May I be blessed with the following odd numbers :

one (*ekaa*) : the One God;  
three (*tistrash*) : the 3 states, bodies, attributes;  
five (*paJNcha*) : the 5 elements, senses, sheaths;  
seven (*sapta*) : the 5 senses + mind + intellect;  
nine (*nava*) : the body with nine openings;  
eleven (*ekaa-dasha*) : the 10 vital-airs + Atma;  
thirteen (*trayo-dasha*), fifteen (*paJNcha-dasha*), seventeen (*sapta-dasha*) and nineteen (*nava-dasha*).

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

eka-vi (gm) shatish-cha me

trayo-vi (gm) shatish-cha me

paJNcha-vi (gm) shatish-cha me

sapta-vi (gm) shatish-cha me

nava-vi (gm) shatish-cha ma

eka-tri (gm) shach-cha me

trayas-tri (gm) shach-cha me

chatastrash-cha me.ashhTau cha

me dvaa-dasha cha me shhoDasha

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

O Lord! May I be blessed with the following odd numbers :

twenty-one (*eka-vi(gm)shatish*),  
twenty-three (*trayo-vi(gm)shatish*),  
twenty-five (*paJNcha-vi(gm)shatish*),  
twenty-seven (*sapta-vi(gm)shatish*) and  
twenty-nine (*nava-vi(gm)shatish*).

O Lord! May I be blessed with thirty-one (*eka-tri(gm)shach*) and thirty-three (*trayas-tri(gm)shach*).

O Lord! May I be blessed with the following even numbers :

four (*chatastrash*) representing the 4 goals of human life and the 4 Vedas; eight (*ashhTau*) representing the 4 Vedas and 4 upa-vedas; twelve (*dvaa-dasha*) representing the 12 months and sixteen (*shhoDasha*).

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

cha me vi(gm)shatish-cha me  
chatur-vi(gm)shatish-cha  
me.ashhTaa-vi(gm)-shatish-cha me  
dvaa-tri(gm)shach-cha me  
shhaT-tri(gm)shach-cha me  
chatvaari(gm)shach-cha me  
chatush-chatvaari(gm)shach-cha  
me.ashhTaachatvaari(gm)shach-cha me  
vaajash-cha prasavash-chaapijash-

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

O Lord! May I be blessed with the following even numbers :

twenty (vi(gm)shatish),  
twenty-four (chatur-vi(gm)shatish),  
twenty-eight (ashhTaa-vi(gm)shatish) and  
thirty-two (dvaa-tri(gm)shach).

O Lord! May I be blessed with the following even numbers :

thirty-six (shhaT-tri(gm)shach),  
forty (chatvari(gm)shach),  
forty-four (chatush-chatvaari(gm)shach) and  
forty-eight (ashhTaa-chatvaari(gm)shach).

O Lord! May I be blessed with food (vaajash),  
production of food (prasavash) and recurring  
growth of food (apijash).

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

cha kratushcha suvashcha muurdhaa  
cha vyashni-yashcha-antyaayanash-  
chaantyaash-cha bhauvanash-cha  
bhuvanashcha-adhipatish-cha ||11||  
OM iDaa deva-huurmanur-yaGYaniir-  
bR^ihaspatir-ukthaamadaani  
sha(gm)sisshad-vishve devaaH  
suukta-vaachaH (f) pR^ithivi-  
maatarmaa maa hi(gm)-siir-

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

O Lord! May I be blessed with desire and will to  
enjoy all that has been granted (kratush), the  
Sun or the world of light (suvash) and mental  
power (muurdhaa head).

May I attain the Supreme who pervades  
everything (vyashni), the One who is born in the  
end (antyaayanash), the One who stays in the  
end (antyaash), the One who is born of this world  
(bhauvanash), this world itself (bhuvanash)  
and the Lord of this world (adhipatish).

OM. May iDaa summon the Gods.  
May Manu conduct or lead the yaGYaa.

May Brhaspati chant the hymns that grant joy.  
May all the gods (vishvedevas) recite the hymns  
(suukta-vaachaH).

O Mother Earth! (pR^ithvi-maatarmaa) protect  
(maa- hi(gm)-siir - do not trouble or hurt) me.

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## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

madhu manishhye madhu janishhye

madhu vakshyaami madhu vadishhyaami

madhumatiim devebhyo vaacham-

udyaasa (gm) - shushruushheNyaam

manushhyebhyastaM maa devaa avantu

shobhaayai pitaro.anumadantu ||

OM shaantiH shaantiH shaantiH ||

Note : cha means And  
me means I

chame has traditionally been interpreted as And I  
want. ....

## Vedic Chants - VI

### chamakam

Let me think pleasantly (**madhu manishhye**) and create (**janishhye**) happiness by doing pious (**madhu** - honey or sweet) deeds. Let the results be enjoyable (**madhu vakshyaami**). May I speak (**vadishhyaami**) sweetly (**madhu**).

May my words and deeds (**vaacham-udyaasa(gm)**) please the gods (**devebhyo**) like honey (**madhu mattim**) and uplift the heart and the mind of those that hear (**sushruushheNyaam**).

May the Gods (**devaa**) protect me (**avantu**) and add inner beauty (**shobhayai**) to my speech. May my ancestors (**pitaro**) bless me.

Peace, Peace, Peace - Peace to the body, mind and soul.

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The same words can also be interpreted as **And I am in that**. In this way, **namakam** salutes divinity everywhere and **chamakam** identifies with the divinity in everything.

## Closing Prayers

### kshamaa praarthanaa

yadakshara-padabhrashhTaM  
maatras-hiinaM tu yad bhavet |  
tat-sarvaM ksham-yataaM deva  
naaraayaNa namostute ||  
visarga-bindu-maatrasNi  
pada-pada-aksharaaNi cha |  
nyuunaani chaati-riktaani  
kshamasva saayiishvara ||  
aparaadha sahasraaNi  
kriyante.aharnishaM mayaa |  
daaso.ayamiti maaM matvaa  
kshamasva saayiishvara ||  
anyathaa sharaNaM naasti  
tvameva sharaNaM mama |  
tasmaat kaaruNya bhaavena  
raksha raksha saayiishvara ||  
hariH OM tatsat shrii  
saayiishvara-arpaNamastu ||

## Closing Prayers

### kshamaa praarthanaa

Salutations to You, Lord Narayana. Forgive (**kshamyataaM**) me for all those (**tat sarvam**) defects (**bhrashhTaM**) in letter (**akshara**), phrase (**pada**) and phonetic (**maatras**) mistakes (**hiinaM**) that may have occurred in my chanting.

Forgive (**kshamasva**) me. O Lord Sai, for any defect in my pause (**visarga**), intonation (**bindu**) or pronunciation (**maatrasNi**) of alphabet, word or phrase and any other mistake.

O Lord Sai, considering me (**ayam**) as Your servant (**daaso**), forgive the thousands (**sahasraaNi**) of errors (**aparaadha**) committed (**kriyante**) by me during day or night (**aharnishaM**).

You (**tvameva**) are my (**mama**) only refuge (**sharaNaM**), for there is no one (**naasti**) else (**anyathaa**). Therefore (**tasmaat**), O Lord Sai! Protect (**raksha**) me compassionately (**kaaruNya bhaavena**).

**Hari** is **OM** and that (**tat**) is the Truth (**sat**). I offer (**arpaNamastu**) all this to Lord Sai.

