

Agnihotra

Preface

Saints who can see the past, present and future have already predicted that dreadful adverse times are approaching, and a large population of the world will perish in it. Instead of saying, 'dreadful adverse times are approaching', we should say that these have already begun. The World War III will be fought in these adverse times. Most countries in the world now possess more destructive weapons when compared with World War II; they will use these against each other. To survive this war, effective measures to neutralise the effect of nuclear weapons are essential. Similarly, measures are also necessary to ward off the radiation effects of nuclear bombs. For this purpose, merely the gross (or physical) remedies will not suffice, because a nuclear bomb is subtler than a usual bomb.

There are increasingly more effective steps such as the physical (For example, destroying the enemy with an arrow), physical and subtle (For example, shooting an arrow after reciting a mantra), subtler (For example, only reciting a mantra), and subtle most (For example, a resolve by Saints). The subtle level is many times more effective than the physical level. Therefore, to prevent the radiation from destructive weapons such as a nuclear bomb, some subtle remedial measures will have to be taken. Accordingly, Sages have advised performing *Agnihotra*, the first incarnation of *Yadnya* (Sacrificial fire). This remedy is very easy and takes a short time to perform; yet, it is a very powerful medium that has subtle effects. It charges the environment with Chaitanya (Divine consciousness) and creates a protective sheath. For an average individual, this effort is enough; however, a more effective subtle measure would be to perform *sāadhanā* (Spiritual practice). An individual acquires inner strength and the strength for his mission through *sāadhanā*. The benefit obtained by an average individual upon performing *Agnihotra* is equivalent to that obtained by an individual who performs *sāadhanā* and has attained 60% spiritual level upon praying.

This Holy text narrates the importance of *Agnihotra* to average individuals who have a low spiritual level, enumerates the procedure to perform *Agnihotra*, and above all, explains its subtle-effects. Our earnest prayer unto the Holy feet of *Shrī* Guru (Spiritual master) is that by studying this Holy text, may the reader realise the importance of *Agnihotra* and *sāadhanā*, and may he be able to practice it.

- Compiler.

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