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He who sees that the Lord of all is ever the same in all that is, immortal in the field of mortality-he sees the truth. And when a man sees that the God in himself is the same God in all that is, he hurts not himself by hurting others. Then he goes indeed to the highest path. Bhagavad Gita 13.27-28.

He for whom priest and noble are both a mere dish of rice with death as a sauce that one, who knows in truth where he is? Katha Upanishad, 3.12.25

Youth, my hope is in you. Have tremendous faith in yourselves, like the faith I had when I was a child. A hundred thousand young men and women fired with the zeal of holiness and nerved to a lion's courage by their sympathy for the poor will preach the gospel of help, raising up and equality." -Swami Vivekananda

May all the divine Powers together with the Waters join our two hearts in one! May the Messenger, the Creator and sacred Oneness unite us. Rig Veda X.85.47

Let me tell you that Yajna has a deeper meaning than the offering of ghee and other things in the sacrificial fire. Yajna is sacrifice of one's all for the good of humanity. We have to offer up our weaknesses, our passions, our narrowness, into the purifying fire, so that we may be cleansed. Mahatma Gandhi, 1942

That in which the prayers, the songs and formulas are fixed firm like spokes in the hub of a cartwheel, in which are interwoven the hearts of all beings-may that spirit be graciously disposed toward me! Shukla Yajur Veda 34.5

One should meditate on the atman, which consists of spirit, whose embodiment is life, whose form is light, whose essence is space, which changes its form at will, swift as thought. Shukla Yajur Veda, Shatapatha Brahmana 10.6.3.2

Greater than all things moving and inert, than the Ocean, O Passion, You, O Love, are eldest of all, altogether mighty. To you we pay homage. -Atharva Veda IX.2.23

From Him take their origin the Gods, the heavenly beings, men, beasts, birds, the in-breath and out-breath, rice and barley, faith, truth, purity. -Mundaka Upanishad 1.7

What people call salvation is really continence. For through continence man is freed from ignorance. And what is known as the vow of silence, that too is really continence. For a man through continence realizes the Self and lives in quiet contemplation. Sukla Yajur Veda, Chandogya Upanishad 8.5.1

Not understanding, and yet desirous to do so, I ask the wise who know, myself not knowing: "Who may He be, the One in the form of the Unborn, who props in their place the six universal regions?" Rig Veda 1.164.6

You must not use your God-given body for killing God's creatures, whether they are human, animal or whatever. Yajur Veda 12.321