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Truth is the Supreme, the Supreme is Truth. Through Truth men never fall from the heavenly world, because Truth belongs to the saints. Therefore they rejoice in Truth.-Krishna Yajur Veda, Mahanarayana Upanishad 505

Taking as a bow the great weapon of the Upanishad, one should put upon it an arrow sharpened by meditation. Stretching it with a thought directed to the essence of That, penetrate that Imperishable as the mark, my friend.-Atharva Veda, Mundaka Upanishad 2.2.3

Wherever I hear the sound of drums, the music of hymns, the Vedas chanted, there my heart remembers God our Master, the Lord who dwells in Itaimarutu.-Tirumurai 2.183.7

Like the cry of watchful birds swimming in water, like the loud claps of thundering rain clouds, like the joyful streams gushing from the mountain, so have our hymns sounded forth to the Lord.-Rig Veda Samhita 10.68.1

As the blare of the moon-white conch, the parai drum's beat and the jingle of the cymbals of dancing devotees spread everywhere, peacocks, thinking that the rains have come, dance in delight.-Tirumurai 4.21.5

The Gods, led by the spirit, honor faith in their worship. Faith is composed of the heart's intention. Light comes through faith. Through faith men come to prayer, faith in the morning, faith at noon and at the setting of the sun. O faith, give us

faith!-Rig Veda 10.151.4-5

Even a man in the grip of rage will not be harsh to a woman, remembering that on her depend the joys of love, happiness and virtue. -Mahabharata

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

Aum. O terrestrial sphere! O sphere of space! O celestial sphere! Let us contemplate the splendor of the Solar Spirit, the Divine Creator. May He guide our minds. -Rig Veda Samhita, Gayatri Mantra, 3.62.10

First there is the invocation; second, establishing of the God; third, water for washing the feet; fourth, water for sipping; ...seventh, garment and sandal; eighth, worship with flowers; ninth, incense and light; tenth, offering of food; eleventh; oblations; twelfth, the holy fire; fourteenth, song and music; fifteenth, dancing; and sixteenth, leaving. -Karana Agama 423-426

If we have injured space, the earth or heaven, or if we have offended mother or father, from that may Agni, fire of the house, absolve us and guide us safely to the world of goodness. - Atharva Veda Samhita 6.120.1

Seek the Nathas who Nandinatha's grace received. First the rishis four, Sivayoga the holy next, then Patanjali, who is Sabha's holy precincts worshiped. Vyaghra and I complete the number eight.-Tirumantiram 67