

# 'Vedic Ways':The Answer to Environmental Problems

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*Prthivyantariksam dyaurdiso' vantaradisah. Agnirvayuradityascandrama nakstrani.  
Apa osadhayo vanaspataya akasa atma. Ityadhibhutam.*

Are Slokas Myth or Science? Our ancestors used to give full respect to the five elements of nature. As given in Veda, they used to meditate upon: The earth, the intermediate space between the earth and the heaven, the sky, major and minor points of the compass, fire, air, sun, moon, stars, water, herbs, large trees, space and one's soul. But with the change of times our attitudes towards nature has changed as well.

While most people continue to believe that Vedas are merely spiritual texts, I have been able to realise that there are deep scientific justifications to most of the rituals and incantations given in the Vedas. While we are struggling to attain new ways of tackling the effects of global climate change, the answers might lie in the ancient spiritual texts. Environment purification in the vedic way takes place through chanting of slokas properly in Sanskrit language and performing yajna as per the directions given in the veda.

Energy transmission in the cosmos is through waves. Solar energy reaches us through the solar waves.

Rhythmic Chanting of Vedic Slokas in sanskrit as well as universal sound of the auspicious Conch Shell, Bell, Drum etc. create waves of different patterns so as to intercept the bad effects / waves in the incoming solar waves blocking their damaging effects, while allowing the good effects of the solar / cosmic waves to reach the earth surface.

The offerings made in the sacred fire during yagna creates antiseptic atmosphere in the environment which help us in breathing purified healthy air.

The design of the kunda / fire place as reverse pyramid inside the earth surface is made in such a way that the requirement of oxygen is minimum so as to minimise the production of carbon dioxide and the fire remains alive for a longer period. Ghee offered in the sacred fire vaporises immediately spreading very fine particles in the surrounding environment (spinning at very high speed) which work as god particles agglomerating all the toxic gases and dust particles in the surrounding environment so as to bring them down to earth by gravity.

Mantras and Rites framed and prescribed by sages of the past were not born of amateur enthusiasm. They are the results of wisdom and actual experience.