

GLOSSARY OF IMPORTANT TERMS

Adhvaryu

The priest or the one who performs the rituals and yajnas in Yajur Veda

Alpashruta

The one who is not knowledgeable enough to learn the Vedas

Anadi

Eternal

Aparurusheya

Superhuman or Divine

GLOSSARY CONTD...

Bahushruta

The one who has full knowledge of the Vedas

Brahma

The priest or the one who performs the rituals and yajnas in Atharva Veda.
The creator of the universe in Hinduism. One of the trinity of Gods.

Drastha

To see. A Seer

Hotri

The priest or the one who performs the rituals and yajnas in Rig Veda

GLOSSARY CONTD...

Karta

To write or to do

Paramatma

The Supreme Being

Paurusheya

Written by Humans

Rik

The Rig Vedic hymn or Mantra is called 'Rik'



GLOSSARY CONTD...

Saman

The musical recitation in the Sama Veda

Sangopanga

Sa- Anga- Upanga Adhyayana. Learning the 14 sources of Vedic knowledge

Sukta

Su + Ukta = Good Utterance, Well spoken word

Udgatri

The priest or the one who performs the rituals and yajnas in Sama Veda

Vedanta

The end of Veda



PARTS OF VEDA

Samhita

The hymns or the mantras for carrying out the rituals and sacrifices

Brahmana

The explanation on how to do the rituals and sacrifices or yajnas

Aranyaka

Philosophical explanation of the rituals

Upanishad

The essence or the knowledge portion of the Veda are contained in Upanishads

4 STAGES IN THE LIFE OF A MAN

Brahmacharya

The stage of life where the person is a student and is not married

Grihastha

The stage of life where a person is a householder and is married

Vanaprastha

The stage of life where a person has retired

Sanyasa

The stage of life where the person has become a renunciate and has left everything in life like a Sanyasi

4 PARTS OF THE VEDAS CORRESPOND TO THE 4 ASHRAMAS OF HUMAN LIFE

Samhita

Brahmana

Aranyaka

Upanishad

Brahmacharya

Grihasta

Vanaprasta

Sanyasa

4 VEDAS

Rig Veda

The oldest and the biggest. It is in poetry form.

Yajur Veda

Two Yajur Vedas- Krishna (Dark and Older), Shukla (White and Newer).
It is in prose form.

Sama Veda

The smallest of the Vedas. Considered the foremost because Sri Krishna himself says he is Sama Veda. It is in poetry form and it is musically recited.

Atharva Veda

Only Veda which contains both spiritual knowledge and worldly knowledge in it. It has a lot of info on medicine, defence, politics, etc.