

## Sutra 1

**‘Athatho Brahma Jijnaasa’**

**THEREAFTER, THE INQUIRY INTO THE BRAHMAN**

In the Rig Veda, the first word of the opening verse is ‘Agni’. It says...

***‘Agni Meeley Purohitam Yajnyasya Deva Mritvijam Hotoaram Ratna dhatamam’***

The Vedas glorify the worship of Agni, fire. Agni is verily Narayana. The first sound of the Vedas is Agni. Swami told me, “You have come taking the first word as your form.” The Vedas emerged from God. The Vedas emanated from the inhalations and exhalations of the Divine breath. They were heard by the sages who lived lives of righteousness, never slipping from the path of truth.

Fire is produced by striking two flints or by rubbing two sticks together. Where is this fire? It was latent in wood. Fire appears through the action of rubbing the sticks.

