

Astavakra Gita Jnana Yagna Purnahuti

On the 15th of March, the 38th day of the Astavakra Gita Jnana Yagna commenced with Sankeerthan by the devotees and Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth. With Vedic chanting, Pujya Gurudev with the disciples in unison invoked the blessings of the presiding deity, Lord Venkateshwara while Smt. Jyothsna Siddharth ji is offering flowers to the lotus feet of the Lord who had been overseeing the proceedings of the Yagna till its completion.



Pujya Acharya started the day's lecture by revealing the magnificence of the Vedic teaching and the importance of Astavakra Gita as a Nidhi Dhyasana grantham. There are very few granthaas that teach from the standpoint of the true nature of the pure consciousness; of them, the Upanishads are sourced from the Vedas, Nirvanashatakam, Hastamalalikyam, etc. are Nidhi Dhyasana granthaas scripted by Acharyas and from the Puranas, Astavakra Gita is the one text that debunks the delusion of the world and boldly proclaims the Advaita Sidhhantham.

Pujya Acharya gave the disciples a 5-point summary of the teachings from the Jnana Yagna. He instructed the disciples to know that the consciousness is their true-self while this body is but a temporary condition and the true-nature is the primary source of all the Peace, Happiness and Security that we seek from the world. Understand that "I" which lends the existence to this world and in spite of all the transactions, still remains untouched. Pujya Acharya gave the Vedic caveat that whenever we forget our true-nature, the ignorance becomes the primary cause for Samsara and sorrow. In conclusion, Pujya Gurudev urged the disciples to play a vital role in the propagation and the preservation of the Hindu Dharma, to learn and to teach others, thus ensure that the Hindu religion and the culture intertwined with it will retain the glory.



While Acharya Prem Siddharth instructed the seekers on Vedanta, his Gurudev Parama Pujya Sri Ramswaroopananda Saraswathi Swamiji showered his love by blessing the disciples with his benign gaze and benevolent words on the importance of Guru seva serving the Guru and its vital role in Sadhana. Quoting from his experience of serving his Gurudev from the tender age of 17 and said that Vedanta should be imbibed under the constant supervision of the Acharya while serving him. In conclusion, he lauded the effort and the preparation of Pujya Acharya Prem Siddharth in presenting such a complex Vedantic text in a lucid manner and expressed the desire to see this commentary on Astavakra Gita circulated in print.

Sri Gaddam Srinivas Yadav, Chairman, City Central Library, spoke about the glory of this programme and was felicitated by Sri Sri Sri Ramaswarupananda Saraswathi Swamiji for his constant support to this Yagna.



The disciples offered Guru Dakshina to Pujya Gurudev and sought his blessings to help them in their pursuit and were glad to receive his blessings along with the Yagna Prasadam from Lord Venkateswara to mark the completion of the Astavakra Gita Jnana Yagnam. The completion of the Astavakra Gita Jnana Yagna marked the beginning of a burning desire to understand the Advaita Bodha in the hearts of many seekers. May this desire translate into many more such Gnana Yagnas by Pujya Acharya.