



Language of the Gods

Sanskrit Words and the Great Ideals of a Sacred Language

Course Description and Objectives

Dharma, Karma, Avatara, Atma, Ahimsa, Guru, Mahatma, Namaste – words you may have heard before, but what do they truly mean? What depth lies behind them? What relevance do they have in living your life? Examine the deep meanings of these and other words in *Language of the Gods* – an introduction to the Sanskrit words, ideas and ideals that raised a grand and ancient civilization.

dharma

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This course is intended to give the student an introduction to powerful Sanskrit words and their practical and metaphysical significance. In each class, groups of related words, their origins and meanings, will be examined, elucidated and discussed. Each class will introduce a few key Sanskrit terms and focus on the clarification and understanding of these, rather than an accumulation of many poorly understood words. The aim is not to stockpile more information in the brain, but rather to deepen the experience of what these words mean for us. In doing so, we can begin to help ourselves to bring out a greater inner depth and clarity. The terms will be studied in their transliterated form and while the *Devanaagarii* script will not be studied, some script may be introduced in the course.

atma

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Administrative Notes

Duration: Once a week for 3 weeks, 1-1½ hours per class

Possibility of a 4th week at no extra charge if all mater is not covered and students' schedules fit.

Cost: \$99, \$80 students/seniors

Materials Needed: Each student will need a notebook and writing utensils. It is not necessary to purchase any text book for this course.