

INTENTIONAL YAJNAS

In some cases, the Jyotishi (Astrologer) might recommend one of the following intentional yajnas. Those yajnas will aim at a very specific need that you may have in a more powerful way than a planetary yajna. You may also choose to have an intentional yajna performed also simply because you wish to strengthen the corresponding attributes related to the specific intentional yajna.

- **Shiva Maha Yajna:** For spiritual progress, integrity and good mental qualities
- **Shiva Panchakshara Yajna:** For good public relation and progress
- **Shivastaka Yajna:** For happiness and overcoming sufferings
- **Aditya Hriday Yajna:** for avoiding all difficulties, be kind to everyone, and get rid of serious skin diseases
- **Jagannatha Yajna:** For spiritual progress
- **Vishnu Sahasra Nama Yajna:** For wealth, prosperity and happiness
- **Purusha Yajna:** for spiritual knowledge, purity and integrity
- **Sri Rama Yajna:** for getting more progress in all areas of life
- **Sankata Nashana Ganesh Yajna:** for avoiding serious harm and loss
- **Bhuvaneshwari Yajna:** for permanent prosperity and progress
- **Rudra Chandi Yajna:** for avoiding danger in life
- **Sata Chandi Maha Yajna:** For overcoming all difficulties in life
- **Annapurna Yajna:** for having enough food grain for this life
- **Ganga Maha Yajna:** for purity and avoiding bad karma
- **Tilokanchan Yajna - Shoras Yajna - Brisatsarga Yajna - Dansagar Yajna:** to remove impurities from the time of death and to promote the evolution of the soul (to be performed after someone has passed away. This will promote the spiritual evolution of the soul.)

THE IMPORTANCE OF YAJNAS, AS STATED IN VEDIC SCRIPTURES

"The demigods, being pleased by the sacrifices, will also please you; thus nourishing one another, there will reign general prosperity for all." (Bhagavad-Gita 3-11)

Performance of yajnas has many side benefits, ultimately leading to liberation from material bondage. Some of the yajnas are meant to satisfy particular demigods; but even so doing, Lord Vishnu is worshipped in all yajnas as the chief beneficiary.

It is stated in Bhagavad-Gita that Krishna Himself is the beneficiary of all kinds of yajnas: bhoktaram yajna-tapasam. Therefore, ultimate satisfaction of yajna-pati is the chief purpose of all yajnas. When these yajnas are perfectly performed, naturally the demigods in charge of different departments of supply are pleased.

"In charge of the various necessities of life, the demigods, being satisfied by the performance of yajna [sacrifice], will supply all necessities to you. But he who enjoys such gifts without offering them to the demigods in return is certainly a thief".

(Bhagavad-Gita 3-12)

"Act of sacrifice, charity and penance are not to be given up; they must be performed. Indeed, sacrifice, charity and penance purify even the great souls." (Bhagavad-Gita 18-5)