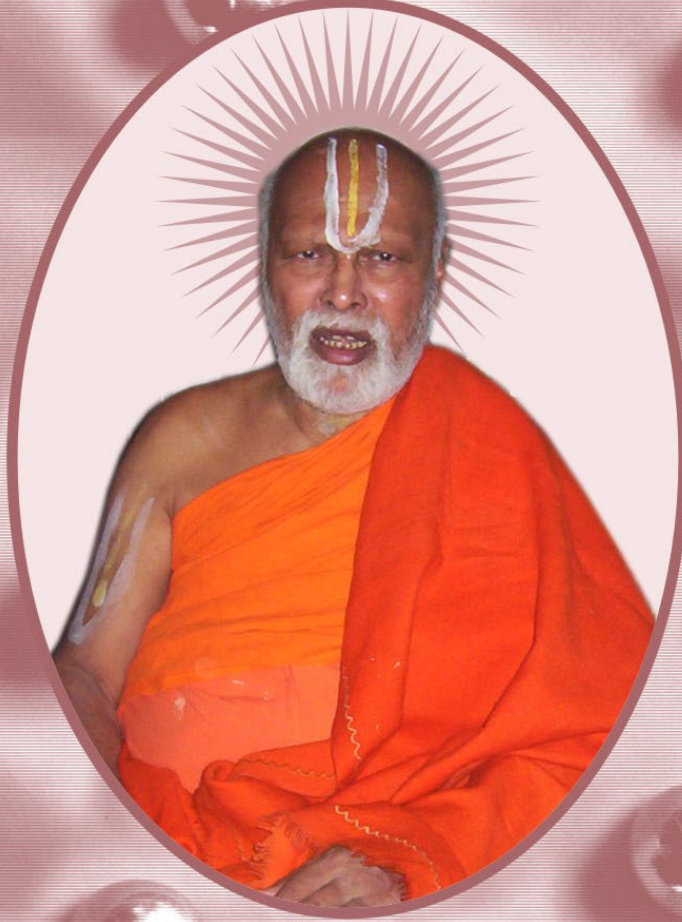




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# Pearls of Wisdom



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Respected Bhagavathas,

Now I dedicate this 6<sup>th</sup> pearl in the Pearl string in "Pearls of Wisdom".

Q: Why there is no agni karyam or agni sambandam for sanyasis?

A: Before sanyasa aSrama the ceremonies are done externally but after sanyAsa aSrama, one of the rites is withdrawing the external fire into the internal. He also worships the Fire, but not the external agni but the internal agni - the fire within him.

Aatmam agnim samAyAH



The word 'agni' is taken to mean fire but it also means bhagavAn - (?) bhoghran (?) nayati - He Who takes you to the greatest heights. So the external fire is only a symbolic expression of the bhagavAn. When one is a grhasta or a brahmchari he worships both kinds of Fire. But the sanyasin has 'aksharam yaH param

brahma' - that akshara brahmam which is within him as the internal Fire.



But even for the grhastan when it is not possible for him to worship the External fire then he too takes the Fire within himself. When he has to perform the external worship he brings it to the external. It is called 'atmasamArOpaNa' - taking the fire within himself. When he requires the fire to perform external worship then he requests it to descend. But such ascends and discends are not necessary for a sanyasin. Once he take the fire internally into the ascent, it will never come down for him.

There's one sloka:

Atmani svaprakASa Agnau  
cittam eka hotim kshipet  
agnihotri sa vij~nyayaH  
itare nAmadArakaH

Who worships agni is called as an agnihotri. Atma is a svaprakASa agni. What havis or samith does a j~nAni put in that Fire? That fuel - that offering is cittam; which he offers (homam) into the agni called atma. Here he is

agnihotri for namesake only. He performs the agnihotram mentally (maanaseekam) by offering his mind as the havis in the agni called AtmA.



H H KaTandethi Andavan in his Bheema Ratham



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**Srimath Mysore Andavan Brindavanam at Sriragam**

nArAyaNa! nArAyaNa! nArAyaNa!

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