



ईशोपनिषद्

Īśa Upaniṣad

(This whole universe is pervaded by supreme.)

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हिरण्मयेन पात्रेण सत्यस्यापिहितं मुखम् ।
तत्त्वं पूषन्नपावृणु सत्यधर्माय दृष्टये ॥



Hiraṇmayena pātreṇa satyasyāpihitam mukham,
Tattvam pūṣannapāvṛṇu satya-dharmāya dṛṣṭaye.

The face of truth is covered by a golden vessel. O
nourisher, open that for the practitioner of truth.

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The truth is covered with hiraṇmaya pātra, or
a golden plate.

A golden plate; because it is dazzling,
attractive, and desirable.

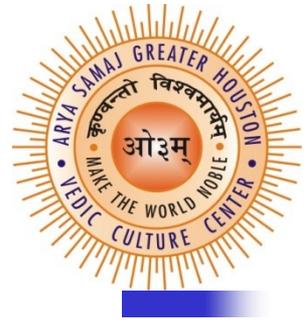


The object of perception is golden, because it is attractive.

As a golden vessel which covers the Absolute.

We are attracted by the world; As is gold.

It does not allow us to go deeper into what is behind it.



It is very easy to give up what is bad, but real difficulty arises when the time comes to give up the good.

Where is the difficulty in giving up iron chains?

The difficulty arises when golden chains are to be given up, because

**it is hard to consider golden chains as chains.
They look like ornaments.**



Scabbard & Sword



The world spends too much time, money and energy on the scabbard of life; too little on the sword.

- The scabbard represents outside show, vanity and display; the sword, intrinsic worth. The scabbard is outward appearance; the sword the reality.
- The scabbard is the temporal; the sword is the eternal.
- The scabbard is the body; the sword is the soul.
- The scabbard typifies the material side of life; the sword the true, the spiritual, the ideal.