Vedic Bridge to Christ

Have you heard of the ancient Hindu Mantra, the Gayatri Mantra? Do you know what it says?

"Oh God! You are the Giver of Life, Remover of pain and sorrow, The Bestower of happiness, Oh! Creator of the Universe, May we receive your supreme sin-destroying light, ॐ भूर्भुकु स्कृ । तत्स्वितुर्वरेण्यम् भूगों देवस्य धीमहि धियो यो कं प्रचोदयात् ॥

May you guide our intellect in the right direction."

The line that is most interesting is, "may we receive your supreme sin-destroying light." This is really exciting because we have found what the ancients who wrote this passage were talking about! We have found the "sin-destroying Light!" Everyone desires to find the way to reach God, and we desire to find the way to Creator God. May we share with you what we have found about this "supreme sin-destroying Light?"

The Problem

God's Holy Scriptures, the Bible, confirms what the Rishis who wrote the Gayatri mantra said. The Bible says, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The writers of the Gayatri Mantra and the writers of the Bible recognised that man's biggest problem was their sin. We need the supreme Light that will destroy the sin in us!

The Preparation

God knows that we cannot destroy our sin with our own effort so He decided to send us the "sin-destroying Light." Before the "sin-destroying Light" came, God sent a Guru to prepare the way. The Guru's name was John.

The Bible says this about Guru John: "There was a man sent from God; his name was John. He came to bear witness concerning the Light, so that all might believe through him. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness to that Light." (John 1:6-8)

Who was this Light that John was a witness for?

The Guru John gives us the answer. The Bible says one day, "...John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me....the reason I came....was that he might be revealed..." (John 1:29-31)

John also said this about Jesus, "I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." (John 1:34)

The Proclamation

John said Jesus was here to take away the sins of the world. But what did Jesus proclaim about himself? He said: "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)

Sin is darkness. We need the light because we are walking around in darkness, in sin. Jesus is the "sindestroying Light."

Again He said: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Finally He said: "Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." (John 12:36)

If we want to get out of the darkness we must follow Jesus. If we follow Jesus he will be our "sin-destroying Light." He will make us "sons of light." This will be a new life in the light. Besides the words of John about Jesus and Jesus' testimony about himself, the Bible gives even more confirmation that Jesus is "the sin destroying light."

This is what the Bible proclaims about Jesus, the sindestroying light: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things

were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. (John 1:1-4)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14) The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:5) He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him.

He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:10-13)

And again

"This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19)

The Plea

The Rishis who wrote the Gayatri Mantra about 3000 years ago desired the "supreme sin-destroying light" and they asked the Creator God to guide their intellect in the right direction. Just like the Rishis desired, we have received the sin-destroying light. God directed our intellect to Jesus and when we heard about Him we believed in Him and received from Him the sin-destroying light.

Now we have union with God and He guides our intellect in the right direction. You also can receive Jesus and experience the sin-destroying light and union with God in your life right now. Do you want to receive the "sin-destroying light" that only Jesus can give you?



A Choice for You

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord... (Acts 3:19)

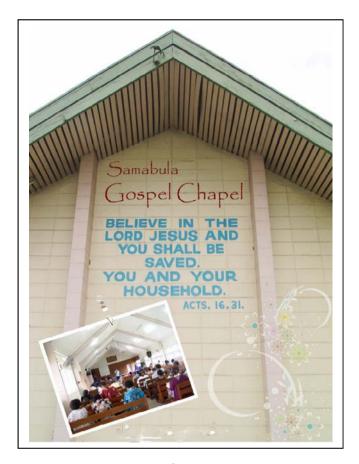
That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

What to Pray?

Oh Creator God, I know that your desire is for me to have union with you and walk in the light. I acknowledge that right now I am walking in darkness because of my sins. I am sorry for these wrongs, and now I want to turn away from walking in darkness and from my past sinful life. Please forgive me for my sin, and lead me from walking in darkness to light. I believe that your Son, Lord Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead and is alive. I invite Lord Jesus Christ to come into my heart to be my true light and to guide my intellect in the right direction and be the Lord of my life. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

If you have trusted Jesus as your Saviour, you have just begun a wonderful new life with Him. Now:

- 1. Read your bible everyday to get to know Jesus Christ better.
- 2. Talk to God in prayer every day.
- 3. Be baptised, worship, fellowship and serve with other Christians in a church where Christ is preached and the Bible is the final authority.
- 4. Tell others about the Lord Jesus Christ.



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