

The Song in Honor of our Ancestors

Vyas said,

Listen Oh Twice Born as I elucidate the song in honor of our ancestors which gives great fruits. Whoever makes efforts in this recitation will be filled with tremendous, lasting devotion.

I bow to the ancestors who gave us birth and to all the Gods and Goddesses who give us comfort, happiness and make us pleased as well - to the great souls of the ancestors.

To the knowers of all, to those with all wisdom – whose intrinsic nature is all wisdom, who embody heaven and are the supreme ones to be desired, I bow.

I bow to those who embody all the pilgrimage places and all the worlds and who are the ocean of compassion as well. I bow to you, the ancestors, who are eternally pleased by the offerings of devotion.

You are the givers of wisdom and purity and you are always the teachers, the examples, and I bow to you again. We bow to You who demonstrate the Ultimate of life and who convey the greatest happiness.

We bow to those who are always full of contentment, who communicate contentment. And we bow to You who are the form of Shiva.

We bow to you who are always delighted, giver of comfort and who are happiness itself, who are difficult for

mankind to uphold this ideal. It is you our fathers who grant this blessing.

We bow again and again to the ancestors who thus embody the highest ideals of perfection and the resources by which they are attained.

This is the song of the ancestors which conveys such great merit to those humans who take effort to make its recitation, who strive each morning to recite this and observe the memorial service for their ancestors.

They are -- actually -- Their birth is situated in the land of the ancestors and for them nothing is difficult of attainment.

For those who makes the japa of this song in praise, no-japa difficult of attainment for them. Various actions

are filled with grace.

For those who sing this song to the ancestors, they live as Dhruva (the eternally young sage who performed prayascitta, tapasya, purifying austerities), in the purity of the greatest bliss.

To please the ancestors and the Gods, refrain from all inappropriate conduct. Who will perform in this way, will make the ancestors eternally delighted and all the karma will be easily perfected.