



An Introduction to the Vedas in the Light of Sri Aurobindo

Facilitator: Vladimir Yatsenko, PhD | Format: Self-directed, Self-reflective | Code: IV
Weeks 20 to 26 | Certificate in Applied Integral Studies (Postgraduate level) (optional)

Course Brief:

This course presents an interpretation of the Vedas to show its relevance to modern life. It looks at myths of creation, of immortality, as well as several hymns, and decodes their significance for growth of consciousness.

Course Overview:

Units	Week
1. Shruti and Smriti: The Structure and the General Content of the Veda	1-2
2. The Vedic Vision	3-4
3. Night and Dawn	5-6
Minor Project 1 *	7
4. Myths of Creation: Nasadiya sukta, Heaven & Earth, Hiranya Garbha	8-9
5. Myths of Creation: Purusha Suktam, Visvakarman	10-11
6. The Hymns to Surya-Savitri	12-13
Minor Project 2 *	14
7. Hymns to the Mystic Fire and the Concept of the Sacrifice	15-16
8. The Conception of Speech in the Vedic Literature	17-18
9. The Five Myths of Immortality	19-20
10. The Myth of Savitri and Satyavan: The Four Boons	21-22
Major Project *	23-26

* Recommended

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