

Hinduism, Part 3: The Interiorization of the Sacrifice

I. Vedic Ritual: the Sacrifice (yajña) and the Sacrificial Meal

(1) as “business deal”

- principle of “do ut des”

- fire (Agni)

- 2 kinds of fire ritual: śrauta (solemn) and gṛhya (domestic/life cycle)

(2) as “world maintenance”

- tapas (heat)

- Puṛusa Sūkta (“Hymn of the Man,” in Ṛg Veda 10:90)

II. “Interiorization of the Sacrifice”

- Karma (from religious/ritual action of the fire sacrifice → *all* actions)

- ātman (*my*-self [reflexive])

- Brahman