



Every Shāstra (discipline) in India's vast and varied literature has a system of the sūtras or aphorisms. They are extremely brief. They are unequivocal. They constitute quintessence. They are universal in application. They flow like a stream. They expound and propound a specific system of knowledge. Literally they mean the thread which keeps all the beads united together. Saints and sages deliver to the world the message of what they themselves have experienced and thereby derive the true and eternal happiness. They express themselves for humankind in the form of the Sūtras. One purpose of the Sūtras is that human beings read them, understand their meaning and implement them in their lives to derive the same eternal happiness.

Following are VIVEKA SUTRAS, inspiring aphorisms of Viśvabandhu Yogeśvara Svāmī Śrī Vivekānanda...

Arise! Awake! And stop not till the goal is reached. Bless men when they revile you. Conquer yourself and the whole world is yours.

Do not merely endure, but be unattached. Eat to Him, drink to Him, sleep to Him, see Him in all.

First get rid of the delusion, 'I am the body'. Give everything and look for no return.

Homogeneity, sameness is God. Incarnations like Jesus, Buddha, Ramakrishna can give religion.

Jñana Yoga really tells man that he is essentially divine. Knowledge exists; man only discovers it.

Look at the Ocean and not at the wave. Man as the Atman is really free, as man he is bound.

Never turn back to see the result of what you have done. Ot of purity and silence comes the word of power.

Perception is our only real knowledge or religion. Quarrels in religion are always over the husks.

Religion without philosophy runs into superstition. See no difference between man and angel.

The more our bliss is within, the more spiritual we are. Unchaste imagination is as bad as unchaste action.

Vedas cannot show you Brahman; you are That already. We are human coverings over the Divine. Xian you will be when you see Christ; look only for realisation.

You are good, but be better. Zeal with faith (*Shradhā*): Have this, and everything is bound to follow.