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Editorial:

As a teenager and a girl it is my great pleasure in announcing the inauguration of the *Arya Yuva Dal*. We hope to carry on the foundations of our religion onwards, to sustain the *Vedic Culture*. APSQ have taken many steps to ensure that the next generation of *Arya Samaj* remains to be upheld. This months issue talks about the responsibilities of children, their parents and our obligations as *Arya Samaj*.

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Arya Yuva Dal (youth group) performing yajna during Ved Prachar 2011

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland inaugurated Arya Yuva Dal recently to prepare leaders of tomorrow for a sustained future. To enhance and understand each other and value each others aspirations and expectations and attain a peaceful environment one needs to be physically ,mentally ,intellectually and spiritually strong and knowledgeable. Many youths have been said to be peacemakers and are potential leaders of tomorrow. Strengthening social and economic base for a sustained future is a significant issue in the current environment and is very timely and appropriate issue for discussion for the future direction and well being. Application of universal values begins from home. If individual members could live in harmony with each other then the same would radiate in their character when interfacing with others. Australia is a multicultural and multi-religious society and we should draw our strength from that diversity and promote social and religious harmony. In a multiethnic and multicultural society it is the youth that are most vulnerable and often at loggerheads with conflicting social scenarios. The youth are the most versatile group. They also are the easiest target to manipulate. Therefore there is an urgent need to promote universal values cross culturally so that negativism and ill will is overcome.

The overall objectives of the movement are in fact no different to those of its parent body whereby they remain committed with intense zeal and unswerving determination to preach the teachings of Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati, to foster deeper understanding and appreciation of the VEDAS the authority of true knowledge.

Vedic culture is a spiritual path and a way of life, where we learn to be better human beings, to realize our spiritual nature to recognize that spiritual essence in every living being, to understand our relationship with GOD , the universe and all other living beings. YAJUR VED.36/18 says *Hirte hirling ma mitrasya ma chhakshusha.Saswani bhutani samikshantam.Mitrasyaham chhakshusha sarwani bhutani sameekshe.Mitrasya chhakshusha sameekshmahe*)-“Oh Lord! The dispeller of the darkness of ignorance, please make me firm in my conviction so that all living beings may look towards me with an eye of a friend. And may I also look towards all living beings with the eye of a friend.

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Vedic culture can be passed to future generations, by educating and engaging children in understanding the principles and beliefs of Vedic tradition. Aryans are said to be noble people whose major motive is to promote others well being and find own prosperity in others successes. For the Youth this motive ought to remain in full focus whilst we endeavour towards acquiring an environment of peaceful coexistence. Arya Samaj has always been promoting and encouraging the universal values of love, respect, honesty, tolerance, understanding and forgiveness.

Involvement of women is crucial as they are backbone or foundations that sustain *dharma* and national strength, peace and prosperity. The parents should have knowledge about Vedic culture and have enough pride or care to teach their children properly. People have been brought to the present happiness only through the cumulative and reciprocal thinking increasing their scientific knowledge. By becoming Vedic Ambassadors, there will be a great coalition which will bring a bright future, and people will respect all beings and religions.

Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland is undertaking enormous tasks of facilitating the growth of Vedic culture and awareness, and it includes website which has blogs, forums, resources, *Ved Prachaar* audios, *Bhajans*, photo gallery and articles on VEDAS and related topics. Our Sabha produces monthly newsletters, Radio Programme *Ved Sandesh* is aired over Radio Brisvaani every Sunday morning, articles and news are published in Brisbane Indian Times every month, Vedic Havan Yaj conducted on a regular basis and Sabha organised seven days Ved Prachaar in April 2011.

One distinct role of the APSQ Youth Group - Arya Yuva Dal would most certainly be to explore the talents of the youth, focus on the holistic development of the individuals and build amongst them leadership qualities as future ambassadors by encouraging much active participation and sharing responsibilities of the organisations mission at an early age.



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Having called Australia home for the best part of two decades, I cannot emphasize enough the value of the phrase 'when in Rome, do as Romans do'. A deeper analysis of this will occur later, however, first and foremost I must provide a context in which to apply this discussion. Living as Australian Indians instilled with Arya Samaj values, it is essential for us to have a clear perception of our true identity. Are our lives spent finding ourselves or creating ourselves? To live a life in search of finding our true selves would suggest that we already have an identity that will be awakened to reveal itself when found. It is a somewhat mythological approach that places the power of identity beyond ones direct control. Furthermore this also has a risk of failure given there may be no apparent indicators of outcomes. For example, when have you truly found yourself? Is it when you pick up a religious book that has all of life's answers explained? Or, is it when you meet someone that has all the answers to your unanswered questions?

With respect to the above, the alternative view would be that life is about creating our identities. This perspective entails that we have a choice as to the decisions we make regarding our social circles, career paths, personalities and general view of the world around us. Our decisions would hence define our lives. This approach is much more scientific in its nature, as many psychologists would also define a living being as something that is capable of making decisions. Decisions are made in a present moment and fit easily within a timeline that is systematic and measurable. For example, in morning we have a *choice* as to whether we awaken to be ready for work or to sleep in; lunchtimes would be a choice as to what we eat or whether we eat at all. This demonstrates that even during a normal day we have made multiple decisions which will ultimately reflect who we are, thus our identity. One of the most common themes of dialogue I often hear from people of sub continental and pacific islander background is about imperfections in western culture. It may be the racism they seem to encounter or entire clash of culture (from dress style to language etc). When it comes to the above cultural concerns one cannot look to far from home. The caste system is still very much alive in many parts of India as evident in the honour killings and social clashes between the educated Indian youth of today and the strong conservatives of yesteryear. In summary, we must live a life in which we create our identity based on constructive decisions. Achieving success at the expense of others is destructive and it's better learning that by guidance than by first hand experience. Whether it be achieving academic honours, career/sporting success, or simply maintaining a happy and healthy lifestyle, we must do so with respect to the country in which we reside and is now our home. Having travel the world significantly in my life, I know the importance of observing different cultures and then adapting myself to suit them accordingly. A rigid approach is restrictive to personal development which is a core part of developing an identity. Best wish in your respective journeys.

Havan Yajna Dates and Venue.

Progress Hall 1873 Logan Rd Upper Mt Gravatt
June 5th and 19th 2pm-4pm

Bracken Ridge Hall Cnr Bracken St & Barrett St
Bracken Ridge
June 12th and 26th 2pm-4pm