

Discussion Summary, June 28, 2015

Thanks to Ram Ramaswamy for this summary:

During our discussion today, Swamiji summarized the three cantos (also called Valli's). In the first Valli (canto) Swamiji reminded us that Nachiketas felt his first duty was to society, then to family and lastly to himself as the individual self. The group discussed this particular subject and the actions/practice(s) we can take away for our daily lives.

In general, there appears to be a consensus that Hindus for some reason do not seem to come together to benefit or serve society. Rather, we seem to be more focused on our own self-improvement leading to self-knowledge. While our religion does teach service to society we seem to practice it at an individual level rather than as a collective.

What can we, the Vedanta group, do about it? How can we act on this teaching was the question?

Some ideas that came up:

- 1) Vedanta group should be a support group to all its members in times of their need such as death, disease or some other

source of
grief.

2) If any member is in need of help he or she should contact Ravi.

Ravi will let the rest of group know.

3) We should compile the Vedanta group members name, address, and phone and email details and publish it. Of course, if privacy is requested it should be honored. Some felt we do not know each other very well within the group, yet.

4) Another thought was each member should join some group of his or her choosing and perform their service to society.

There may be more ideas that were not brought up.

These are only food for thought for group to discuss and decide upon a course of action. We can also choose to do nothing. We can also decide to leave it in a parking lot for consideration in future.

With my good wishes,

Ram Ramaswamy