

APPENDIX I

LIST OF BRAHMA VIDYĀS

SECTION II CHAPTER VI

NOTE : The Brahma Vidyā is the name given to a particular mode of meditating on Brahman. The effect of adopting them is the same. Yet, the Vidyās are distinct from each other due to the differences in the qualities of Brahman which are due to be meditated. These are dealt with in the *Upaniṣads* and *Brahma-sūtra*.

There are at least five sources providing information on them :

1. Govindacharya, A : *Rāmānuja's Bhagavadgīta-bhāṣya* (Translated into English). The appendix in this work contains information on the Brahma Vidyās. This list does not mention Ādityamaṇḍastha Satyabrahmavidyā but mentions Bhargavi Vārūṇi Vidyā.

2. Narayanaswami Iyer, K : *Brahma Vidyās*. In this work Nyāsa Vidyā is omitted. Puruṣa Vidyā and Udgītha Vidyā are mentioned separately (vide p. 127). Pandit V. Krishnamacharya examines and proves that Nyāsa Vidyā could not be denied a place in the list of Brahma Vidyās.

Vide : Descriptive catalogue of Sanskrit Manuscript in the Adyar Library, Madras. Vol. X. Introduction, p. (xv).

3. *Hastigiri Māhātmyam* of Vedānta Deśika with a Tamil commentary by M.M. Cetlūr Narasimhacharya.

4. *Adhikaraṇasārāvalī* of Vedānta Deśika. The introduction of this work (pp. xi-xiii) gives useful information and treats of six Vidyās which are distinct from those given here dropping some among them.

5. *Brahmasūtra Śribhāṣya* with *Śrutaparakāśika* Vol. II (Ed.) T. Viraraghavacharya, Madras, 1967. The appendix of this work enumerates 46 Brahma Vidyās.

This Appendix is based on the work No.3 *Hastigiri-māhātmyam*.

<i>Name of the Vidyā</i>	<i>Source</i>
1. Īśāvāsya Upaniṣad Vidyā	Īśāvāsya Upaniṣad 15, 16.
2. Paramapuruṣa Vidyā	Praśna Upaniṣad 5: 5 Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 12.
3. Sad Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 6.2: 1 Brahma-sūtra 1.1: 5.
4. Vaiśvānara Vidyā	Chandogya Upaniṣad. 5.18: 1 Brahma-sūtra 1.2: 25; 3.3: 55.
5. Ānandamaya Vidyā	Taittirīya Upaniṣad: 5.18: 1 Ānandvalli 2.1: 1. Brahma-sūtra 1.1: 13
6. Prāṇa Vidyā	Chādogya Upaniṣad 5.1: 1. Brahma-sūtra 3.3: 10.
7. Sāṅdilya Vidyā	• Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 3.14: 1 Brahma-sūtra 3.3: 19.
8. Samvarga Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 4.3: 1 Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 33.
9. Upakosala Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 4.10: 5 Brahma-sūtra 1.2: 13, 15.
10. Uddālaka Antaryāmi Vidyā	Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad 3.7. 1 Brahma-sūtra 1.2: 19-21 .
11. Bhūma Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad 7.23: 1. Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 7.
12. Dahara Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 8.1: 1 Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 13; 3.3: 38.
13. Gārgyakṣara Vidyā	Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, 3.8: 8 Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 9.
14. Madhu Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad 3.1: 1 Brahma-sūtra, 1.3: 30.
15. Bālāki Vidyā	Kauṣītakī Upaniṣad 4.18 Brahma-sūtra 1.4: 16.
16. Maitreyī Vidyā	Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad 4.5: 6 Brahma-sūtra 1.4: 19.
17. Pañcāgni Vidyā	Chāndogya Upaniṣad 5.10:1. Brahma-sūtra 3.3: 32.

18. Ādityamaṇḍalastha
Satyabrahma Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 4.15: 1
Bṛahadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad 5.5: 2
Brahma-sūtra, 3.3: 20.
19. Akṣitha Satya-brahma Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 4.15: 1
Bṛahmadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad 5.5: 2
Brahma-sūtra, 3.3: 20.
20. Śrīman Nyāsa Vidyā
Taittirīya Nārāyaṇīya
Upaniṣad, 79.
21. Parañjyotir Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 3.13: 7
Brahma-sūtra 1.1: 25.
22. Naciketa Vidyā
Kāṭha Upaniṣad, 3.2
Brahma-sūtra, 1.2: 12.
23. Akṣarapara Vidyā
Muṇḍaka Upaniṣad 1.1: 5
Brahma-sūtra 1.2: 22.
24. Satyakāma Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 8.7: 1
Brahma-sūtra 4.4: 3.
25. Aṅguṣṭhapramita Vidyā
Kāṭha Upaniṣad. 4.12
Svetāśvatara Upaniṣad 5: 8.
Brahma-sūtra, 1.3: 23.
26. Jyotiṣam Jyotir Vidyā
Bṛahdāraṇyaka Upaniṣad
4.4: 16
Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 31.
27. Uṣastha Kahola Vidyā
Bṛahadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad 3.4: 2.
Brahma-sūtra, 3.3: 35.
28. Ākāśa Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad, 8.14: 1
Brahma-sūtra 1.3: 42.
29. Antarāditya Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 1.6: 6.
Brahma-sūtra, 1.1: 21.
30. Pratardana Vidyā
Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad, 3.2
Brahma-sūtra 1.1: 29.
31. Paryāṅka Vidyā
Kauṣītakī Upaniṣad 1.3.
32. Gāryatrī Vidyā
Chāndogya Upaniṣad 3.12: 1
Brahma-sūtra 1.1: 26.