

Sanskrit: The Science of Sound

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Abstract:

"Sanskrit is said to be Swami Vivekananda's first love. Hindu scriptures call it "Dev Bhasha" or language of Gods. Western linguists consider it a "dead language" much like Latin. Yet Hindus chant Samskrit Shlokas in Temples and altars at homes everyday. Mr Macaulay, the British educationist responsible for setting up the education system in British India denigrated this language by saying: "All the historical information which which can be collected from all the books which have been written in the Sanskrit language is less valuable than what may be found in the most paltry abridgement used at preparatory schools in England".

Sanskrit is a "phonetic" language and "Devnagari" is the script in which Samskrit is written. But what is so special about this script that made this language so mystical! The speaker will explore this and other related topics to elucidate the mystery embedded in this language."