



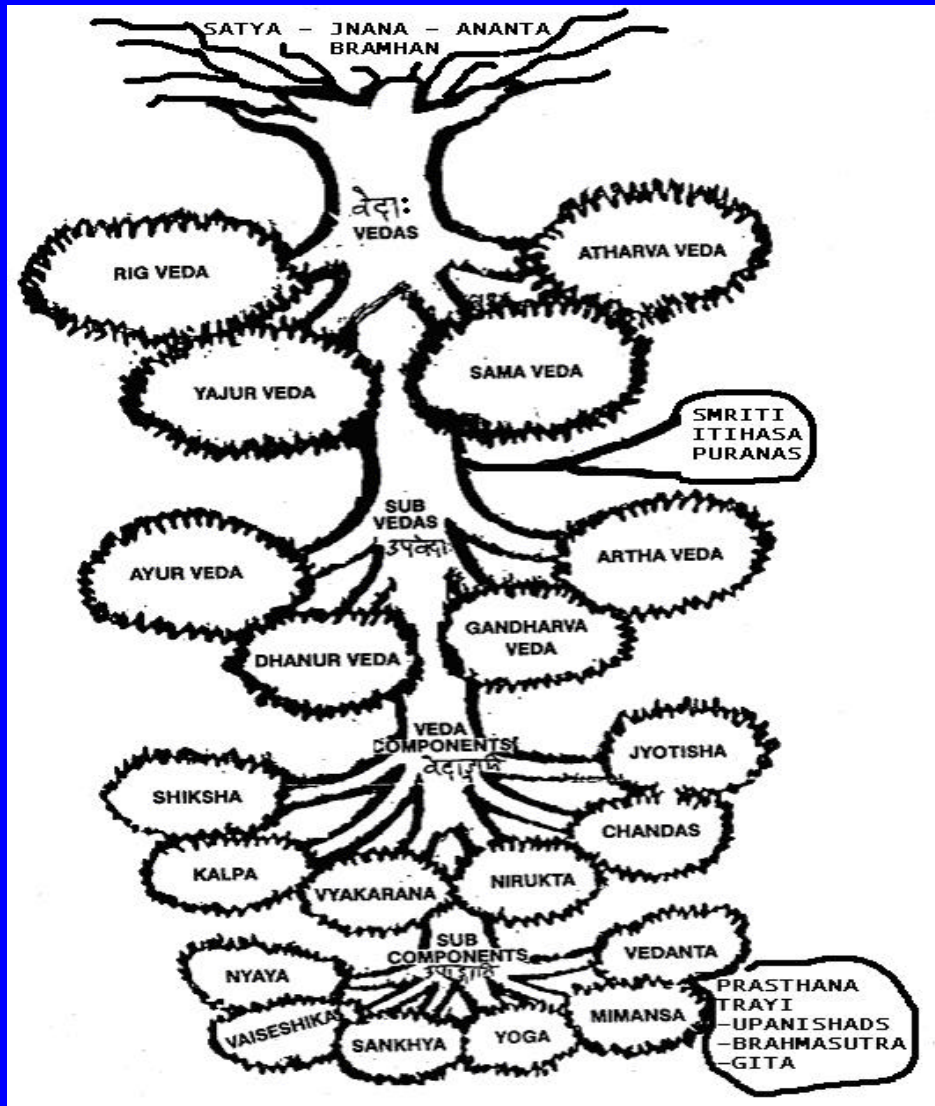
Shankha (Conch-Shell) and Murali (Bamboo Flute)
Spiritual and Musical Expressions of Vedic Hinduism

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Vedic Hinduism

- ❖ *Vedas are the source literature.*
- ❖ *Vedas are infinitely large collection of mantras (chants)*
- ❖ *Vedas and Vedic literature deal with all aspects of life.*
- ❖ *Acoustics plays an important role in Vedas and Vedic literature.*

Vedic Knowledge as an Inverted Tree



*Bramhan - God
Non - Dual Reality*

4 Vedas

Vedic literature

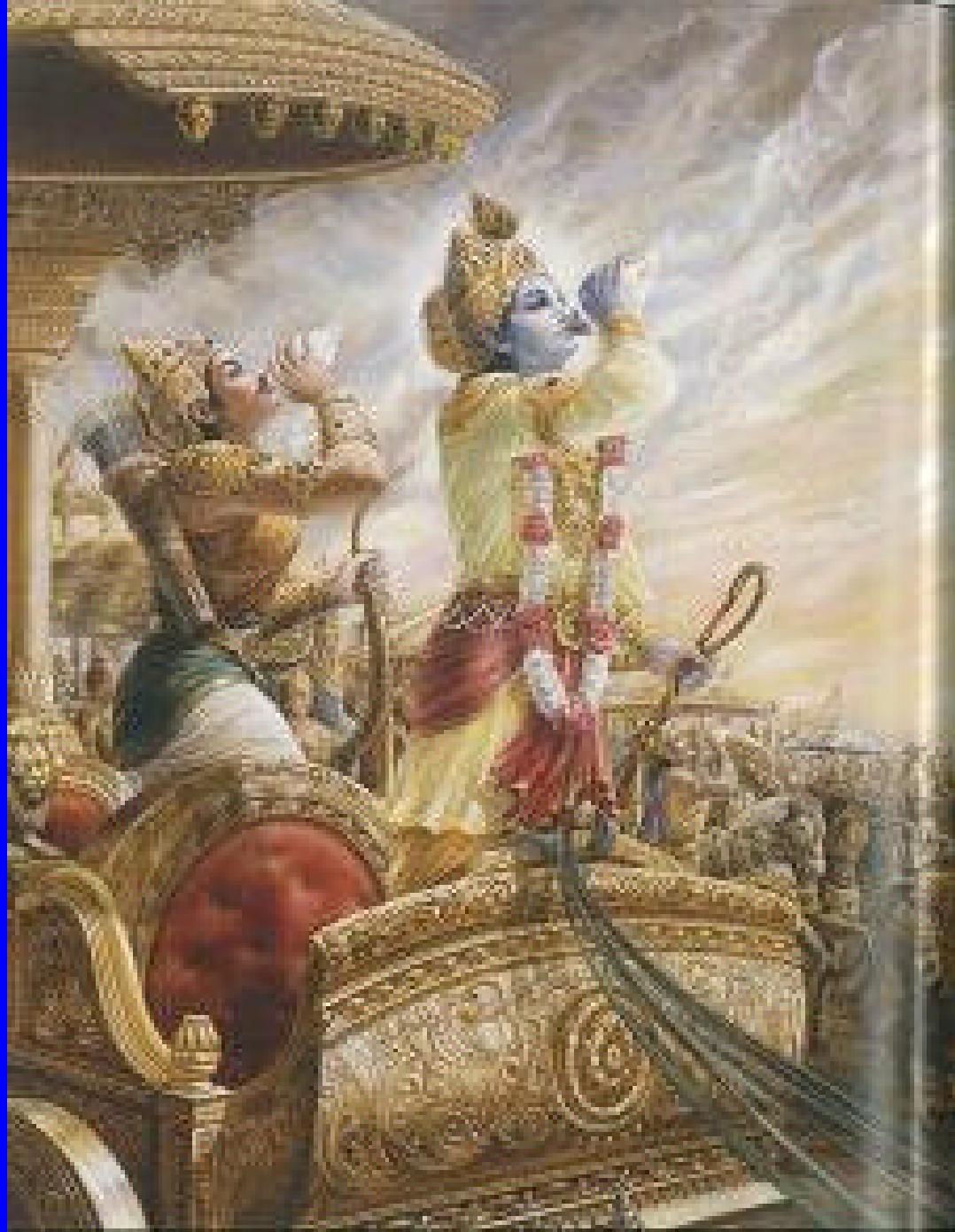
Vedic order of natural elements and perception

<u><i>Element</i></u>	<u><i>Sense of perception</i></u>
<i>Space</i>	<i>Sound (hear)</i>
<i>Air</i>	<i>Touch and Sound</i>
<i>Fire</i>	<i>See, Touch and Sound</i>
<i>Water</i>	<i>Taste, See, Touch and Sound</i>
<i>Earth</i>	<i>Smell, Taste, See, Touch, Sound</i>

- ❖ *Space is characterized by only sound*
- ❖ *Sound is the most subtle sense of perception*

Nature is inspiration

- **Sound especially from nature provides a spiritual means for humans.**
- **Music (in Sanskrit) called Sangeeta includes Vocal music, Instrumental music and Dance.**
- **The notes of music are derived from nature (for ex: from sounds of animals and birds).**
- **Music and Dance are part of religious offering in a Hindu worship.**



Conch shell, Bells and Gongs in temples The Hindu Temple and Cultural Society, Bridgewater, N.J



Measurement Data for Conch Shell

