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Women must be honored and adorned by their fathers, brothers, husbands and brothers-in-law, who desire their own welfare. Where women are honored, there the Gods are pleased. But where they are not honored, no sacred rite yields rewards. Manu Dharma Shastras 3.55-56.

All these visibles and invisibles, movables and immovables, are pervaded by Me. All the worlds existing in the tattvas from Shakti to prithivi (earth) exist in Me. Whatever is heard or seen, internally or externally, is pervaded by Me. Sarvajnanottara Agama 2.9-11

There are five great sacrifices, namely, the great ritual services: the sacrifice to all beings, sacrifice to men, sacrifice to the ancestors, sacrifice to the Gods, sacrifice to Brahman. Shukla Yajur Veda, Shatapatha Brahmana 11.5.6.1.

You always criticize the women, but say, what have you done for their upliftment? Writing down smritis etc., and binding them by hard rules, the men have turned the women into mere manufacturing machines! They have all the time been trained in helplessness , servile dependence on others. -Swami Vivekananda

The Lord, God, all-pervading and omnipresent, dwells in the heart of all beings. Full of grace, He ultimately gives liberation to all creatures by turning their faces toward Himself. Krishna Yajur Veda, Svetasvatara Upanishad 3.11

All the world may well attain the bliss I have-who hold firmly to the heavenly secret the books impart, who chant the hymns that thrill the flesh and swell the heart. Strive, always strive, then it will come. Rishi Tirumular, Tirumantiram 85

Unite, O Lord, this couple like a pair of lovebirds. May they surrounded by children be, living both long and happily. Atharva Veda 14.2.64

May Mitra, Varuna and Aryaman grant us freedom and space enough for us and for our children! May we find pleasant pathways, good to travel! Preserve us evermore, O Gods, with blessings! Rig Veda Samhita 7.63.6

Oh tree, You bear fruits, leaves and flowers and protect people from scorching sun. You surrender yourself for others. You are guru of all kind people! -Bhamini Vilasa

When he knows the atman-the Self, the inner life, who enjoys like a bee the sweetness of the flowers of the senses, the Lord of what was and of what will be-then he goes beyond fear. This, in truth, is That. Krishna Yajur Veda, Katha Upanishad 4.5