

# Death and post-death rites

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## **Preface**

To enable mankind to get closer to God through the medium of various events that occur from birth to death, Hindu Dharma has formulated various religious sanskars. Among them, the post-death rite is the final sanskar.

Many a time, the funeral rite is performed merely as a formality set by the Scriptures or as a part of fulfilling duty towards the family. Most do not know its importance or the underlying spiritual science. When a person understands the precise science underlying an act, his faith in the act increases, he realises its importance and this induces him to perform the act with enhanced faith.

The importance of faith is described as - 'that which is performed with faith bestows complete benefit'. From this perspective, to remove this mere formality and to instill faith, Preface the spiritual science underlying some post-death rites is explained in this booklet.

If post-death rites are performed with faith and as prescribed by our Scriptures, then the linga-deha of the deceased person, without getting trapped in Bhulok (Earth region) or Martyalok (In the region of the dead), acquires a positive momentum and moves on to higher regions. Consequently, the possibility of the deceased person (Ancestor) tormenting the family members reduces. The possibility of such a linga-deha being enslaved by negative energies reduces too.

Our prayer unto the Holy feet of Sriguru is, that by reading this booklet may Hindus understand the importance of post-death rites and may their faith in Dharma get strengthened further. - Compiler