

Sanskrit Glossary

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<i>abhasa:</i>	reflection
<i>abhichara prayogam:</i>	Black magic
<i>abhijna:</i>	direct perception
<i>abhimana:</i>	attachment
<i>abhisheka:</i>	pouring water, etc. over any sacred image
<i>abhyasa:</i>	practice
<i>abhyasi:</i>	one who practises
<i>achala:</i>	unmoving; a hill or a mountain
<i>achamana:</i>	sipping water before or after a religious ceremony
<i>achit:</i>	not sentient
<i>adhara:</i>	support
<i>adhishtana:</i>	substratum
<i>adhyaropa:</i>	superimposition
<i>adhyasika:</i>	superimposed
<i>adyatmika sakti:</i>	power of the Self
<i>adhridha:</i>	weak, not firm
<i>advaita:</i>	non-duality
<i>agami (agami karma):</i>	actions expected to bear fruit in future births
<i>aham:</i>	I
<i>aham Brahmasmi:</i>	I am Brahman
<i>ahankara:</i>	I' sense; the ego-self
<i>ahimsa:</i>	non-violence
<i>ajatavada:</i>	the theory of <i>advaita</i> which denies creation
<i>ajnana:</i>	ignorance
<i>ajna:</i>	direction; injunction
<i>ajnani:</i>	the ignorant, one who has not realized the Self
<i>akara:</i>	form or shape
<i>akasa:</i>	ether; space
<i>akasavani:</i>	voice coming from the sky
<i>akhanda:</i>	undivided

<i>akhandakara vritti:</i>	unbroken experience
<i>akritopasaka:</i>	one who has not done <i>upasana</i> or meditation
<i>amrita:</i>	immortal
<i>amrita nadi:</i>	the name of a yogic nerve
<i>anadi:</i>	without beginning
<i>anahata:</i>	name of a yogic <i>chakra</i>
<i>ananda:</i>	bliss
<i>anandamaya kosa:</i>	the sheath of bliss
<i>anandatman:</i>	Self in the state of bliss
<i>ananta:</i>	infinite; endless
<i>anatman:</i>	non-Self
<i>anava:</i>	limitation
<i>anichcha:</i>	involuntary
<i>anitya:</i>	transitory
<i>annamaya kosa:</i>	sheath of gross matter
<i>antah (antar):</i>	internal
<i>antah karanam:</i>	the inner organ; the mind
<i>antah pranayama:</i>	internal breath-regulation
<i>antardhana:</i>	disappearance from sight
<i>antarmukhi manas:</i>	inward-turned mind
<i>anu:</i>	atom
<i>ap:</i>	water
<i>apana:</i>	the life-force which goes down
<i>apara:</i>	the lower
<i>apara vibhuti:</i>	inferior <i>vibhuti</i>
<i>aparoksha:</i>	direct; immediate
<i>apavada:</i>	removal
<i>ardra:</i>	a star in the constellation of Orion
<i>aruna:</i>	red
<i>arupa:</i>	formless
<i>asamsakti:</i>	non-attachment; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>asana:</i>	sitting posture; seat
<i>asat:</i>	not real
<i>asesha sakshi:</i>	witness of all
<i>asrama:</i>	stage of life; a place where hermits and sages live
<i>asthira:</i>	unsteady

<i>asukavi:</i>	one who can versify spontaneously
<i>asuddha:</i>	impure
<i>asura:</i>	demon
<i>atiasrama (atyasrama):</i>	Above the four stages of life
<i>ati jagrat:</i>	beyond waking
<i>ati sunya:</i>	beyond the void
<i>atita:</i>	beyond
<i>ativahika sarira:</i>	the subtle body which remains when the physical body perishes and which carries the individual to other worlds
<i>atma (n)</i>	Self
<i>atma Jnani:</i>	one who has realized the Self
<i>atma nadi:</i>	the name of a yogic nerve
<i>atma nishta:</i>	abiding in the Self
<i>atmanusandhana:</i>	thinking constantly of the Self
<i>atma vichara:</i>	enquiry into the Self
<i>atyanta vairagyam:</i>	total dispassion
<i>avarana:</i>	covering
<i>avarta:</i>	eddy
<i>avastha traya:</i>	the three states of consciousness, namely waking, dream and sleep
<i>avatar:</i>	incarnation of God
<i>avidya:</i>	nescience; ignorance
<i>avritta chakshus:</i>	introverted look
<i>ayatana:</i>	repository

B

<i>bahir pranayamam:</i>	external breath regulation
<i>bahir mukhi manas:</i>	outward going mind
<i>bahudaka:</i>	a <i>sannyasin</i> who wanders about
<i>bahya:</i>	external
<i>bala:</i>	child
<i>bandha:</i>	bondage
<i>bandha hetu:</i>	cause of bondage
<i>beeja:</i>	seed

<i>bhajana:</i>	singing God's praises especially in chorus
<i>bhakta:</i>	devotee
<i>bhakti:</i>	devotion
<i>bhakti marga:</i>	path of devotion
<i>bhashyakara:</i>	commentator
<i>bhavana:</i>	idea
<i>bhoga:</i>	enjoyment
<i>bhoga hetu:</i>	cause of enjoyment
<i>bhogyam:</i>	that which is enjoyed
<i>bhoga vastu:</i>	object of enjoyment
<i>bhokta:</i>	enjoyer
<i>bhuma:</i>	all-comprehensive; the Absolute
<i>bindu:</i>	a term used in <i>Tantrism</i>
<i>brahmachari:</i>	a celibate; a student
<i>brahmahatya:</i>	the sin of killing a <i>brahmin</i>
<i>Brahmaivaham:</i>	Brahman am I
<i>Brahmajnana:</i>	knowledge (realization) of Brahman
<i>Brahmajnani:</i>	one who has realized the Self
<i>Brahman:</i>	The Supreme Being; the Absolute
<i>Brahmanishta:</i>	one who is established in Brahman
<i>brahmacharya:</i>	celibacy
<i>brahmakaravritti:</i>	concept in the form of Brahman
<i>Brahmavid:</i>	one who has realised Brahman
<i>Brahma-vid-vara:</i>	one who is a superior among knowers of Brahman
<i>Brahma-vid-varishta:</i>	the very best among the knowers of Brahman
<i>Brahma-vid-varya:</i>	the best among the Knowers of Brahman
<i>Buddha:</i>	one who is aware
<i>buddhi:</i>	intellect

C

<i>chaitanya:</i>	Consciousness
<i>chakshus:</i>	eye
<i>chamara:</i>	a fly whisk made of the bushy tail of <i>Bos grunniens</i> used as a badge of royalty

<i>chanchala:</i>	changing, fickle
<i>chidvyoman (chitta vyoman):</i>	expanse of consciousness
<i>chinmaya:</i>	full of Consciousness
<i>chinta:</i>	thought or idea
<i>chintamani:</i>	wish-fulfilling gem
<i>chit:</i>	Consciousness
<i>chitta:</i>	memory; mind
<i>chitta-nirodha:</i>	control of mind
<i>chitta suddhi:</i>	purity of mind
<i>chitta vilasa:</i>	play of mind
<i>chittaikograta:</i>	one-pointedness of mind

D

<i>daharakasa:</i>	ether of the heart
<i>dana:</i>	gift
<i>darsan(a):</i>	seeing; vision
<i>dasi:</i>	courtesan
<i>deha(m):</i>	body
<i>dehatma buddhi:</i>	I-am-the-body consciousness
<i>dehavasana:</i>	attachment to the body
<i>devas:</i>	celestial beings
<i>dharana:</i>	concentration of mind; one of the eight stages of <i>Raja Yoga</i>
<i>dharma sastra:</i>	one who is well-versed in the scriptures relating to <i>dharma</i>
<i>dhriti:</i>	steadfastness
<i>dhyana:</i>	meditation; contemplation
<i>dikpalas:</i>	gods who protect the various quarters
<i>diksha:</i>	spiritual instruction
<i>divya chakshus:</i>	divine eye
<i>drashta:</i>	seer
<i>dridha:</i>	firm
<i>drik:</i>	he who sees; the subject
<i>drishti:</i>	look
<i>drishti srishiti:</i>	simultaneous creation

<i>drisya:</i>	that which is seen; the object
<i>drisyanuiddha:</i>	associated with something seen
<i>drisya vilaya:</i>	the disappearance of the objective world
<i>dukha:</i>	misery; frustration
<i>dvaita:</i>	duality
<i>dvandva:</i>	pair of opposites
<i>dvividha (dwividha):</i>	two-fold

E

<i>eka:</i>	one
<i>ekagrata:</i>	concentration

G

<i>ganja:</i>	a narcotic, <i>hashish</i>
<i>Gayatri:</i>	a well-known Vedic <i>mantra</i>
<i>gopuram:</i>	temple tower
<i>granthi:</i>	knot
<i>grihastha:</i>	householder
<i>grihini:</i>	housewife
<i>gunas:</i>	the three fundamental qualities, tendencies or stresses which underlie all manifestations
<i>gunatita:</i>	one who has transcended the <i>gunas</i>
<i>guru:</i>	a spiritual master; teacher

H

<i>halahala:</i>	the poison which came up when the milky ocean was churned
<i>hamsa:</i>	a <i>sannyasi</i> who has advanced to a high stage
<i>hasta:</i>	hand
<i>hatha yoga:</i>	a form of yoga involving bodily postures
<i>hetu:</i>	cause

<i>Hiranyagarbha:</i>	universal consciousness; totality of minds
<i>homa:</i>	sacrifice in fire
<i>hridaya:</i>	heart; the spiritual centre in the body
<i>hridaya granthi:</i>	knot of the heart
<i>hrit:</i>	heart
<i>hrit pundarika:</i>	the heart lotus

I

<i>ichcha:</i>	desire
<i>idam:</i>	this
<i>indriyas:</i>	senses
<i>ishta devata:</i>	the god whom one likes to worship or contemplate
<i>Isvara:</i>	God, the Supreme Being in His aspect as the Lord of all creation
<i>Isvara anugraha:</i>	God's grace
<i>Isvara aradhana:</i>	worship of God
<i>Isvara drishti:</i>	Seeing everything as God
<i>Isvara prasada:</i>	God's grace

J

<i>jada:</i>	inert
<i>jagat:</i>	world
<i>jagrat:</i>	waking state
<i>jagrat sushupti:</i>	wakeful sleep
<i>jai:</i>	victory
<i>jala:</i>	water
<i>janma:</i>	birth
<i>japa:</i>	repetition of a sacred word or syllable or a name of God
<i>japa karta:</i>	one who does <i>japa</i>
<i>jirna:</i>	decayed
<i>jiva:</i>	the individual soul; the ego
<i>jivanmukta:</i>	one who is liberated even when he is alive
<i>jivanmukti:</i>	liberation while one is alive
<i>jivatman:</i>	the individual self

<i>jnana(m):</i>	knowledge
<i>jnana bhumikas:</i>	stages of knowledge of which there are seven
<i>jnana chakshus:</i>	eye of wisdom
<i>jnana drishti:</i>	eye of wisdom
<i>jnanagni:</i>	fire of wisdom
<i>jnana lakshana:</i>	sign of wisdom
<i>jnana marga:</i>	the path of knowledge
<i>jnana yoga:</i>	the method of realizing the Absolute through knowledge
<i>jnanendriya:</i>	organ of knowledge
<i>Jnani:</i>	the Self-realized sage
<i>jothi:</i>	(<i>jyothi</i>) light; effulgence

K

<i>kaivalya:</i>	the state of liberation
<i>kala:</i>	a term used in Tantrism
<i>kalpana:</i>	idea
<i>kama:</i>	desire; lust
<i>kantha:</i>	throat
<i>kanthabharana:</i>	ornament worn round the neck
<i>kanya:</i>	virgin
<i>karana:</i>	cause
<i>karana sarira:</i>	causal body
<i>karma:</i>	action; work; deeds; also result of action
<i>karma samya:</i>	good and bad actions in equal proportions
<i>karma traya:</i>	the three kinds of karma, namely <i>sanchita</i> , <i>agami</i> and <i>prarabdha</i>
<i>karma yoga:</i>	the spiritual path of action
<i>karmendriya:</i>	organ of action
<i>karpura arati:</i>	the waving of lighted camphor during <i>puja</i>
<i>karta:</i>	he who does an act
<i>kartrtva:</i>	doership
<i>kartrtva buddhi:</i>	the sense of doership
<i>kashaya:</i>	latent impurity
<i>kashaya:</i>	ochre coloured garment

<i>kasiyatra:</i>	pilgrimage to Kasi; part of the marriage rites among Brahmins
<i>kasturi:</i>	musk
<i>kayakalpa:</i>	a medicinal preparation for prolonging life
<i>kayasiddhi:</i>	making the body proof against injury
<i>kevala kumbhaka:</i>	sudden stoppage of breathing, whether in the midst of inhaling or exhaling
<i>kevala samadhi:</i>	<i>samadhi</i> in which activities of body and mind are only merged
<i>khanda:</i>	division
<i>Krama mukti:</i>	liberation by degrees
<i>krama srishiti:</i>	gradual creation
<i>kshetra:</i>	temple; field; the body
<i>kshipta:</i>	active
<i>khyati:</i>	theory
<i>kousalam:</i>	skill
<i>krida:</i>	play, pastime
<i>kritopasaka:</i>	one who has done <i>upasana</i> or meditation
<i>krodha:</i>	anger
<i>kumbha:</i>	a pot used for keeping water
<i>kumbhaka:</i>	retention of breath
<i>kundalini:</i>	yogic power called the serpent power
<i>Kumkuma:</i>	vermilion powder applied to the forehead
<i>kutichaka:</i>	a <i>sannyasin</i> who lives permanently in a hut
<i>kuvasana:</i>	bad tendency

L

<i>laghu:</i>	light; easy
<i>lakshana:</i>	sign
<i>lakshya:</i>	aim, target, goal
<i>lakshyārtha:</i>	implied meaning
<i>laya:</i>	dissolution
<i>lila (leela):</i>	play or sport
<i>linga:</i>	symbol
<i>Linga sarira:</i>	subtle body
<i>loka:</i>	world; that which is seen

loukika: worldly

M

<i>madhya:</i>	centre; mixed; middling
<i>madhyama:</i>	a stage in uttering sounds
<i>maharshi:</i>	great <i>rishi</i> (seer or sage)
<i>mahasunya:</i>	great void
<i>mahatma:</i>	enlightened person
<i>mahavakyas:</i>	the four main sentences proclaiming the truth of Brahman, one taken from each Veda
<i>malaparipaka:</i>	complete removal of impurity
<i>malina:</i>	impure
<i>manana:</i>	thinking over what has been heard
<i>mani:</i>	jewel
<i>manolaya:</i>	(temporary) subsidence of the mind
<i>manomaya kosa:</i>	sheath of mind
<i>manonasa:</i>	extinction of the mind
<i>manta:</i>	thinker
<i>mantra:</i>	cosmic sound forms of the Vedas used for worship and prayer; also seed letters for meditation on the form of the Lord; ritual incantation
<i>mantra japa:</i>	repetition of a <i>mantra</i>
<i>marga:</i>	path
<i>maru marichika:</i>	mirage seen in a desert
<i>mati:</i>	thinking power
<i>maya:</i>	illusion; the power inherent in Brahman by which it manifests the world
<i>maya vada:</i>	the doctrine of <i>maya</i>
<i>medha:</i>	intellect
<i>Moda:</i>	joy which is higher than <i>priya</i>
<i>moksha:</i>	Liberation; spiritual freedom
<i>moodha:</i>	dull
<i>moola:</i>	root; source
<i>mooladhara:</i>	One of the yogic centres of the body

<i>mouna (mowna):</i>	Silence
<i>mriga trishna:</i>	water of mirage
<i>mukta:</i>	one who is liberated
<i>mukti:</i>	Liberation; spiritual freedom
<i>Mulavidya:</i>	primal ignorance
<i>mumukshu:</i>	one who aspires for Liberation
<i>mumukshutva:</i>	the desire for Liberation
<i>muni:</i>	sage
<i>muppazh:</i>	three voids

N

<i>na medhaya:</i>	not by the intellect
<i>nada:</i>	subtle sound accompanied by an effulgence, a term used in Tantrism
<i>nabhi:</i>	navel
<i>nadaswaram:</i>	the pipe of the South Indian piper
<i>nadi:</i>	yogic nerve
<i>naham:</i>	I am not
<i>naishtika brahmacharya:</i>	lifelong celibacy
<i>nama:</i>	name; the name of God
<i>nama japa:</i>	repetition of the name of God
<i>nama sankirtan:</i>	Singing the names of God
<i>nama smarana:</i>	remembering and repeating the name of God
<i>namaskar(a:)</i>	prostration before God or Guru
<i>nana:</i>	diversity
<i>naraka:</i>	hell
<i>nasa:</i>	destruction
<i>nava:</i>	new
<i>nididhyasana:</i>	the last of the three stages of vedantic realization; uninterrupted contemplation
<i>nijananda:</i>	true bliss
<i>nirakara upasana:</i>	meditation on the formless
<i>nirguna:</i>	without attributes
<i>nirguna upasana:</i>	meditation on the attributeless Brahman
<i>nirodha:</i>	control

<i>nirvana:</i>	Liberation
<i>nirvikalpa samadhi:</i>	the highest state of concentration in which the soul loses all sense of being different from the universal Self, but a temporary state from which there is a return to ego-consciousness
<i>nishkama karma:</i>	acts done without a motive
<i>nitya:</i>	always; eternal
<i>nitya siddha:</i>	ever present
<i>nivritti:</i>	destruction
<i>nivritti marga:</i>	The path of renunciation
<i>niyama:</i>	law, rule

O

<i>owpacharika:</i>	in a worldly sense
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P

<i>padarthabhavini:</i>	absolute non-perception of objects; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>panchakshari:</i>	a <i>mantra</i> of five syllables sacred to Siva
<i>panchikarana:</i>	division of the five elements and combining the parts in particular proportion
<i>para:</i>	higher; in Tantrism unmanifest sound
<i>param:</i>	transcendental
<i>paramahansa:</i>	a <i>sannyasin</i> who has attained Self-realization
<i>paramarthika:</i>	absolute
<i>paramarthika satyam:</i>	absolute reality
<i>paramatma (n):</i>	the Supreme Self
<i>paranchi khani:</i>	outgoing
<i>para nadi:</i>	the name of a yogic nerve
<i>para vibhuti:</i>	superior <i>vibhuti</i>
<i>pareccha:</i>	by another's will
<i>parinama vada:</i>	the theory of Brahman changing into the world

<i>paroksha:</i>	hearsay or indirect
<i>Pasyanti:</i>	a stage in uttering sound
<i>phala:</i>	fruit; the result of an act
<i>phala chaitanyam:</i>	knowledge
<i>phala data:</i>	dispenser of the results of our acts
<i>phala sruti:</i>	description of the result of an act
<i>Pisachas:</i>	demons
<i>poorna:</i>	full
<i>pradakshina:</i>	going round a sacred person or place
<i>pradeepta:</i>	Shining brightly
<i>prajna:</i>	the individual being in sleep
<i>prajnana:</i>	full consciousness
<i>prajnana ghana:</i>	full consciousness
<i>prakriti:</i>	nature, <i>Maya</i>
<i>pralaya:</i>	dissolution (of the world)
<i>pramana:</i>	means of valid knowledge
<i>pramata (r):</i>	knower; cogniser
<i>pramoda:</i>	joy which is higher than <i>moda</i>
<i>prana:</i>	vital air; life-force; breath; the air which goes up
<i>pranamaya kosa:</i>	sheath of <i>prana</i> or the vital air
<i>pranasakti:</i>	the power of the vital forces
<i>pranava:</i>	another term for OM
<i>pranayama:</i>	regulation of breathing
<i>prapatti:</i>	surrender
<i>prapti:</i>	attainment
<i>prarabdha:</i>	that part of one's karma which is to be worked out in this life
<i>prasad (a):</i>	grace; food etc., which has been offered to God and afterwards distributed among the devotees
<i>prasthanaya traya:</i>	the threefold scripture
<i>pratibhasika satya:</i>	illusory reality as it appears to a particular individual
<i>pratikam:</i>	symbol
<i>pratikriya:</i>	remedy
<i>pratyabhijna:</i>	recognition
<i>pratyahara:</i>	one of the steps in Raja Yoga; withdrawal
<i>pratyaksha:</i>	direct; immediate
<i>pravritti marga:</i>	path of action

<i>prayaschitta:</i>	a rite for expiating sin
<i>prayatna:</i>	effort
<i>prema:</i>	love
<i>prithvi (prthvi):</i>	earth
<i>priya:</i>	joy; dear
<i>puja:</i>	ceremonial worship with flowers, water etc.
<i>punya:</i>	merit
<i>puraka:</i>	inhalation
<i>purana:</i>	old; an ancient book of stories embodying religious symbolism
<i>puri:</i>	city
<i>puriashataka:</i>	subtle body consisting of eight phases
<i>purna:</i>	full
<i>purusha:</i>	man; applied sometimes to God
<i>purushakara:</i>	personal effort
<i>purva paksha:</i>	arguments advanced by the opponent
<i>purva samskara:</i>	latent tendency

R

<i>Raja Yoga:</i>	the principal system of Yoga as taught by Patanjali
<i>rajas:</i>	one of the three primal qualities, described as red, the principle of activity
<i>rajju-sarpa:</i>	rope-snake; a rope looking like a snake in a dim light
<i>rasa:</i>	bliss
<i>rasasvada:</i>	taste of bliss in the absence of thoughts
<i>ravi marga:</i>	path of the sun
<i>rechaka:</i>	exhalation
<i>rishi (rshi):</i>	a seer; a sage

S

<i>sabdanuviddha:</i>	associated with sound
<i>sad guru:</i>	true guru

<i>sadhak (a):</i>	a spiritual aspirant; one who follows a method of spiritual discipline
<i>sadhana:</i>	method of spiritual practice
<i>sadhana-chatushtaya:</i>	the four qualifications expected in an aspirant
<i>sadhu:</i>	ascetic; sage
<i>sadhu seva:</i>	service rendered to sages
<i>sadyomukti:</i>	immediate Liberation
<i>saguna:</i>	with attributes
<i>saguna upasana:</i>	meditation on Brahman with attributes
<i>sahaja:</i>	natural; one's natural state
<i>sahaja samadhi:</i>	<i>samadhi</i> which comes naturally and is present always
<i>sahasrara:</i>	the highest yogic centre located in the brain
<i>sajatiya:</i>	of the same kind
<i>sakshatkaram:</i>	direct realization
<i>sakshi:</i>	witness; the Self
<i>sakti:</i>	power
<i>sakti pata:</i>	descent of divine power on a person
<i>sama:</i>	equal; common
<i>samanya:</i>	common; general; ordinary
<i>samashti:</i>	whole
<i>samatva:</i>	equality
<i>samjnana:</i>	awareness; perception
<i>samrajya:</i>	empire
<i>samsara:</i>	the cycle of births and deaths
<i>samskara:</i>	innate tendency
<i>samvit:</i>	consciousness; knowledge
<i>samyamana:</i>	one-pointedness of mind
<i>sanchita (sanchita karma):</i>	accumulated karma of former births
<i>sandeha:</i>	doubt
<i>sanga:</i>	association
<i>sankalpa:</i>	intention, thought; the ostensible motive of doing a ritual uttered before it is begun
<i>sannidhi:</i>	presence
<i>sannyasi:</i>	an ascetic, one who belongs to the fourth stage of life
<i>santi:</i>	peace

<i>sarira:</i>	body
<i>sariri:</i>	dweller in the body
<i>sarira traya:</i>	the three bodies namely the physical, subtle and causal
<i>sarva:</i>	all
<i>sarvajna:</i>	omniscient
<i>sarvajnatvam:</i>	omniscience
<i>sastra:</i>	scripture; science
<i>sat:</i>	good; existence
<i>satya:</i>	true; the real
<i>satyam:</i>	truth; reality
<i>sat-chit-ananda:</i>	being consciousness-bliss
<i>sat sanga:</i>	association with the wise
<i>sattva:</i>	purity; one of the three primal qualities described as white, the principle of purity and goodness
<i>sattvapatti:</i>	realization; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>sattvik:</i>	pure; relating to <i>sattva</i> , one of the three constituents of <i>prakriti</i>
<i>savikalpa samadhi:</i>	a state of concentration in which the distinction between the knower, knowledge and known is not yet lost
<i>shadadhara:</i>	the six yogic centres
<i>siddha:</i>	one who has acquired supernatural powers and is capable of working miracles; also a state of accomplishment
<i>siddhi:</i>	supernatural powers; realization; attainment
<i>sisya:</i>	disciple
<i>Sivoham:</i>	I am Siva
<i>sloka:</i>	a stanza in Sanskrit
<i>smriti:</i>	memory; scriptures based on the Vedas
<i>soham:</i>	I am He (Brahman)
<i>sparsa:</i>	touch
<i>sphurana:</i>	manifestation
<i>sraddha:</i>	faith
<i>sravana:</i>	hearing of the truth from the guru
<i>srishhti drishti:</i>	gradual creation
<i>srota:</i>	hearer
<i>srotra:</i>	ear
<i>sruti:</i>	scripture

<i>sthitaprajna:</i>	one who is established in wisdom
<i>sthula:</i>	physical
<i>sthula sarira:</i>	physical body
<i>sthiti:</i>	being
<i>stotram:</i>	a hymn of praise
<i>subhechcha:</i>	desire for enlightenment; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>suddha:</i>	pure
<i>sukha:</i>	happiness
<i>sukha asana:</i>	easy and comfortable posture of sitting
<i>sukshma:</i>	subtle
<i>sukshma sarira:</i>	the subtle body
<i>sunya:</i>	blank; void
<i>sushumna:</i>	the name of a yogic nerve
<i>sushupti:</i>	dreamless sleep
<i>sutra:</i>	string; aphorism
<i>suvasana:</i>	good tendency
<i>svagata:</i>	within itself
<i>svapna:</i>	dream
<i>svarga:</i>	heaven
<i>svarooopa (swarupa):</i>	nature; real form
<i>swaraj:</i>	independence
<i>swatantra:</i>	independence
<i>swechcha:</i>	of one's own will

T

<i>taijasa:</i>	the individual being in dream
<i>tamas:</i>	darkness; ignorance; one of the three primal qualities described as black; the principle of inertia
<i>tanha:</i>	thirst (for living)
<i>tanmatras:</i>	elements in their subtle forms
<i>tanmaya:</i>	full of the Self
<i>tanumanasa:</i>	tenuous mind; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>tapas (tapasya):</i>	austerity

<i>tapobhrashta:</i>	one who has fallen away from his austerities
<i>tapta-aya-pindavat:</i>	like a red hot iron ball
<i>tattva:</i>	truth, essence of a thing
<i>tejas:</i>	effulgence
<i>tejomaya:</i>	full of light
<i>tejo rupa:</i>	of the form of light
<i>tirtha:</i>	a sacred river or tank
<i>triputi:</i>	triad like seer, seen and seeing
<i>turavu (Tamil):</i>	renunciation
<i>turya (turiya):</i>	the fourth state beyond waking, dreaming and sleeping
<i>turyaga:</i>	beyond words; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>tyaga:</i>	giving up

U

<i>udasinam:</i>	indifference
<i>upadesa:</i>	spiritual instruction
<i>upadhi:</i>	limiting adjunct
<i>upasaka:</i>	one who meditates
<i>upasana:</i>	meditation
<i>upasana sthana:</i>	seat of meditation

V

<i>vachyārtha:</i>	literal meaning
<i>vada:</i>	theory; disputation
<i>vaikhari:</i>	one of the stages in the formation of sound; audible sound
<i>Vaikuntha:</i>	the abode of Vishnu
<i>vairagya:</i>	dispassion; non-attachment
<i>Vaishnavite:</i>	a worshipper of Vishnu
<i>varnasrama dharma:</i>	<i>dharma</i> of the various castes and stages of life
<i>vasana:</i>	habit of the mind; latent tendency or impression

<i>vasana kshaya:</i>	cessation of <i>vasanas</i>
<i>vastutah:</i>	in reality
<i>vayu:</i>	air
<i>vibhakti:</i>	separation
<i>vibhuti:</i>	sacred ashes; God's glory; supernatural power
<i>vichara:</i>	enquiry
<i>vichara marga:</i>	the spiritual path of enquiry
<i>vicharana:</i>	investigation; one of the seven stages of enlightenment
<i>videha mukta:</i>	one who is liberated after death
<i>videha mukti:</i>	liberation after death
<i>vidya:</i>	knowledge; learning
<i>vijatiya:</i>	of a different kind
<i>vijnana:</i>	special knowledge; spiritual knowledge
<i>vijnanamaya kosa:</i>	sheath of intellect
<i>vijnanatma:</i>	the ignorant Self
<i>vijnata:</i>	knower
<i>vikshepa:</i>	diversity
<i>vikshipta:</i>	distracted
<i>viparita:</i>	contrary
<i>Virat:</i>	totality of gross beings
<i>visesha:</i>	particular; special
<i>vishaya:</i>	object
<i>visishta:</i>	qualified
<i>visishtadvaitin:</i>	one who believes in a modified form of non-duality
<i>visranti:</i>	repose
<i>Visva:</i>	the individual being in the waking state
<i>visvarupa:</i>	(<i>darsana</i>) God seen as the universe
<i>visvarupa darsana:</i>	God seen as the universe
<i>vivechana:</i>	discrimination
<i>viyoga:</i>	separation
<i>vritti:</i>	modification of the mind
<i>vyaptam:</i>	pervaded
<i>vyashti:</i>	part
<i>vyavahara:</i>	(<i>vyavaharika</i>) empirical
<i>vyavahara satya:</i>	phenomenal existence

Y

<i>yaga:</i>	ritualistic sacrifice
<i>yajna:</i>	sacrifice
<i>yoga:</i>	union (with the Supreme Being)
<i>yogabhrashta:</i>	one who has slipped from the yoga
<i>yogarudha:</i>	one who has attained yoga
<i>Yogiraja:</i>	king of yogis
<i>yugapat srishti:</i>	simultaneous creation