



Case Study

Chapter - 16: The Divine and Demonic Tendencies

"There was a constant fight between Devas and Asuras. In order to win the fight, the Devas wanted to conduct a yagna and chant the correct mantras. So they first approached "Vacham" (speech) to help them. But the Asuras knowing this disrupted the speech and created "papam" (sin). The Devas then went to "Praanam" (life breath). But the Asuras created irregular breathing and bad breath. The Devas went to "Chaksu" (eye). But the Asuras made the eyes see improper things. The Devas went to "Stotram"(hearing) but the Asuras made them hear wrong things. The Devas went to mind and the Asuras polluted the mind as well. Finally the Devas went to the Soul and asked them to help with the yagna. The Asuras tried to corrupt the soul but unfortunately they failed and they were totally destroyed."

1. Why were the Asuras successful in corrupting Vacham, Praanam, Chaksu, Stotram and Mind?
2. Why were the Asuras not successful in corrupting the Soul?
3. What did you learn from this story?