

**Ethnobiological Analysis from Myth to Science,
IX: *Pancha Yajnya* (Five Sacrifices), the Composite Principle
for Applied Human Ecological Environment**

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ABSTRACT A householder has five socio-ecological responsibility i.e. towards his (1) source of knowledge (*Rrushi Yajnya*), (2) parents and ancestors (*Pitru Yajnya*), (3) environmental factors as Gods (*Deva Yajnya*), (4) biodiversity (*Bhoota Yajnya*) and (5) fellow human beings (*Nrru Yajnya*) of the society. This basic philosophy is depicted as *Pancha Yajnya* in *Manusmruti*, is reflected in the daily rituals like *Tarpana* and *Biswadeva Puja*. One self is expected to perform these rituals as a token of expression of his obligation for the environment; has a scientific basis behind religious events.