

**Ethnobiological Analysis from Myth to Science,  
VIII: *Pancha Yajnya* (Five Sacrifices), the Basic Concept of  
One's Ecological Responsibility**

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**ABSTRACT** The concept of *Pancha Yajnya* (five scarifies), reflected in *Manusmruti* such as *Rrushi Yajnya* (Sacrifices: for the source of Knowledge -Teacher), *Deva Yajnya* (to the Gods – Environmental powers), *Bhoota Yajnya* (living creatures), *Nrru Yajnya* (to men) and *Pitru Yajnya* (to manes); is aimed to raise eco-consciousness amongst the human environment. Man, should be committed to show obligation to the above environmental agents as an ethical and ecological responsibility, from whom he receives unasked gifts continuously; is the basic theme of *Pancha Yajnya*; discussed in this communication from ethnobiological point of view.