

EUUC SESSION PLAN
Song of Creation
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CHALICE LIGHTING

GATHERING IN SILENCE: 1 – 3 minutes

OPENING WORDS :

There was not then what is nor what is not. There was no sky, and no heaven beyond the sky. What power was there? Where? Who was the power? Was there an abyss of fathomless waters?

There was neither death nor immortality then. No signs were there of night or day. The ONE was breathing by its own power, in deep peace. Only the ONE was: there was nothing beyond.

Darkness was hidden in darkness. The all was fluid and formless. Therein, in the void, by the fire of fervor arose the ONE.

And in the ONE arose love. Love the first seed of soul. The truth of this the sages found in their hearts: seeking in their hearts with wisdom, the sages found that bond of union between being and non-being.

Who knows in truth? Who can tell us whence and how arose this universe? The gods are later than its beginning: who knows therefore whence comes this creation?

Only that god who sees in highest heaven: he only knows whence comes this universe, and whether it was made or un-created. He only knows, or perhaps he knows not.” *Rig Veda x.129 The Bhagavad-Gita – Translated from the Sanskrit with an introduction by Juan Mascaró, Penguin Books, 1962.*

CHECK IN (40 MINUTES)

FOCUS (60 MINUTES)

1. Why do you think the Vedas is referred to as the dawn of spiritual vision and the dawn of human thought?
2. If the first seed to the soul is love, what did the author mean by saying that the sages found that bond of union between being and non-being?
3. Do you agree with the poet that in order to have progress of the mind man requires doubt and faith?
4. Could this text have been written by a Unitarian Universalist?

CHECK OUT (What did and did not work for you in today’s session?)

CLOSING WORDS

“He who offers to me with devotion only a leaf, or a flower, or a fruit, or even a little water, this I accept from the yearning soul, because with a pure heart it was offered with love.” *Bhagavad-Gita, 9.26*