

**Ethnobiological Analysis from Myth to Science XVI:
Pancha Yajnya (Five Sacrifices) as Reflected in the
Ten Commandments of Bible**

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ABSTRACT The Vedic age *Panchya Yajnya* (Five sacrifices) philosophy is lucidly presented in the Ten Commandments of Bible, Old Testament. Flow of the knowledge from divine source to common man through Moses as teacher, is a process of *Rrushi Yajnya* (sacrifice for knowledge). This is followed by other sacrifices: religious devotion (*Deva Yajnya*), conservation of biodiversity (*Bhoota Yajnya*), care for parents (*Pitru Yajnya*) and social interactions (*Nrru Yajnya*). The whole theme in Bible is presented in this communication with compare and contrast with Bhagavad Gita and Manusmriti.