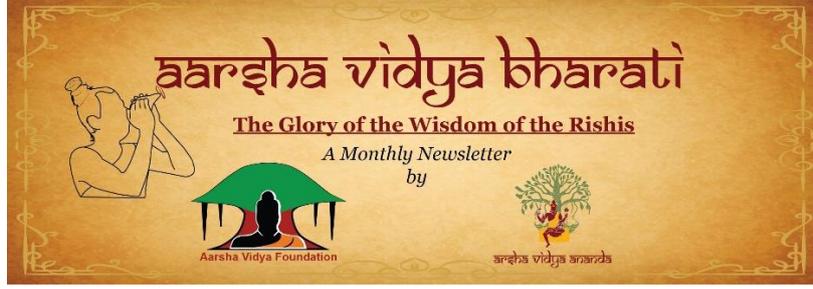


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## Spotlight - Parama

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*Parama* (परम) means that which is absolute. *Deśa-kāla-aparicchinnah*, That which is not conditioned by time and space. So paramavidya means the vidya that deals with the absolute i.e. Brahman.

### Spotlight on word



and meaning for clarity

Often, people mistranslate '*parama*' as that which is transcendent and beyond everything. If Brahman is beyond everything, Brahman is relegated to some place else like Timbuctoo, not here. By extension, it is still conditioned by space. If Brahman is beyond all time then how can Brahman be in the eternal now? If Brahman is the transcendental reality, then what happens to what is here? The reality is both, Brahman is *parama* – transcendental and immanent. It is beyond everything and in-and-through everything. Of course, the word *parama*, beyond etc are used differently in colloquial language like when one uses the word paramaguru, it means the guru's guru or paramapita, grandfather.

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