

Among the Rudras, I am Śaṅkara; among the Yakṣas (genies), and Rākṣasas (Demons), I am Kubera. Among the Vasus (a class of the gods), I am the god of fire, and of the mountains, I am Meru. 23

Comment:—

'Rudrāṇāṃ śaṅkaraścāsmi'—Śaṅkara is the lord of all the eleven Rudras, named Hara, Bahurūpa and Tryambaka etc. They are the bestowers of beatitude, to others. So Śaṅkara is said to be the Lord's divine glory.

'Vitteśo yakṣarākṣasām'—Kubera, is the lord of genies and demons. He is also the lord of fabulous wealth, so he is called a Lord's divine glory.

'Vasūnāṃ pāvakaścāsmi'—The god of fire, is the lord of eight Vasus, named Dhara, Dhruva and Soma etc. The god of fire, is said to be the mouth of the Lord through which oblation reaches the deities. So he is a Lord's divine glory.

'Meruḥ śikhariṇāmaham'—Of all the mountains, having mounts of gold, silver and copper etc., the golden Meru mountain, is the most important. It is the storehouse of jewels and diamonds. So, this mountain is, His glory.

Whatever distinction, these divine glories have, is the Lord's. So only He, should be thought of, in all these glories.



पुरोधसां च मुख्यं मां विद्धि पार्थ बृहस्पतिम् ।

सेनानीनामहं स्कन्दः सरसामस्मि सागरः ॥ २४ ॥

purodhasāṃ ca mukhyaṃ mām viddhi pārtha bṛhaspatim
senānīnāmahaṃ skandaḥ sarasāmasmi sāgaraḥ

Among priests, O Pārtha, know Me to be their chief, Bṛhaspati; among the generals I am Skanda; of the mass of water, I am, the ocean. 24

Comment:—

'Purodhasāṃ ca mukhyaṃ mām viddhi pārtha bṛhaspatim'—

Bṛhaspati, is the best of all the priests, and he is superior to others, in learning and wisdom. He is the preceptor of Indra, the lord of the gods, and is the priest of the gods. So, he is a divine glory of the Lord.

'Senānīnāmahaṁ skandah'—Skanda (Kārtikeya), is the son of Lord Śaṅkara. He, is said, to have six faces and twelve arms. He is the general of the gods. So he is a Lord's divine glory.

'Sarasāmasmi sāgarah'—Of the mass of water, the ocean is the biggest, is very deep and remains within limits. So it is called a Lord's divine glory.

After beholding these distinctions in the Lord's glories, a striver should think only, of God.



महर्षीणां भृगुरहं गिरामस्येकमक्षरम् ।

यज्ञानां जपयज्ञोऽस्मि स्थावराणां हिमालयः ॥ २५ ॥

maharṣīṇāṁ bhṛgurahaṁ girāmasmyekamakṣaram
yajñānāṁ japayajño'smi sthāvarāṇāṁ himālayaḥ

Among the great seers I am Bhṛgu, of speech I am the monosyllabic 'Om'; of sacrifice (yajña), I am the Japa yajña, the constant repetition of the Lord's name; and of the immovable, the Himālaya. 25

Comment:—

'Maharṣīṇāṁ bhṛgurahaṁ'—Among the great seers, Bhṛgu is a great devotee, possessing wisdom and glory. It was he who by testing the trinity, proved Lord Viṣṇu superior to Brahmā and Maheśa. Lord Viṣṇu holds the mark of his foot on His chest. So, the Lord's glories, are revealed through him.

'Girāmasmyekamakṣaram'—First the monosyllable 'Om', was revealed. Then 'Gāyatrī' (a Vedic metre), was revealed from Om; then the Vedas were revealed from Gāyatrī; and other scriptures and Purāṇas etc., are based on the Vedas. So the Lord has declared