

ship of the phallic form, please listen. The first phallic form is the Praṇava that confers all desires.

28. It is called Sūkṣma Praṇava (the subtle one) if it is Niṣkala. The Sthūla (gross one) is Sakala and it consists of five constituent syllables.

29. The worship of these two is called a penance. Both of them accord salvation. There are many phallic emblems of Pauruṣa Prakṛti.

30. Śiva alone can explain them in detail. No one else. Such as are evolved of Earthly material are known to me which I shall explain to you all.

31. These are of five types: (1) Svayambhū, (2) Bindu, (3) Pratiṣṭhita, (4) Cara, (5) Guru Liṅga.

32-33. When he is gladdened by the austerities of devas and sages, Śiva in the form of Nāda assumes the form of a seed under the ground and suddenly piercing the ground above like a germinating sprout manifests Himself outside and makes His presence felt. Since this emblem is self-raised it is called Svayambhū.

34-35. By worshipping it the devotee gains increasing knowledge automatically. In a gold or silver plate or on the ground or an altar, the devotee draws the picture of the phallic emblem, the pure Praṇava mantra and shall invoke it with the rites of Pratiṣṭhā and Āvāhana.

36. The Bindu and Nāda forms, the stationary or mobile ones are conceptual but belong to Śiva, undoubtedly.

37-38. Wherever Śiva is sincerely believed to be present, the lord bestows on the devotee the benefit through that alone. The devotee can invoke the lord in a natural immobile thing—a rock or a stump—or an engraved picture and worship Śiva by the sixteen Upacāras (services and homage). He will attain supreme power of the lord and by practice gain knowledge.

39-40. If the image is installed with pure mind in a pure altar either by the Gods or the sages for the realisation of the soul, it is called Pauruṣa and it comes under the category of the installed phallic image of Śiva.

41-42. By a regular worship of this phallic image, the devotee will obtain all Pauruṣa Aiśvaryas (human riches). If great brahmins or rich kings install a linga prepared by