

who art auspicious, calm, great illusion, mystic slumber and identical with the universe.

30. I bow to Thee, the great mother of the universe, the great Goddess, by whom formerly Brahmā had been directed to create the worlds which he carried out.

31. I bow to Thee, great support of the universe, the great Goddess, by whom formerly Viṣṇu had been directed to sustain the universe which he has been doing always.

32. I bow to Thee the great mother of the universe, the great Goddess, by whom formerly Rudra had been directed to annihilate the universe which he has been doing always.

33. I bow to Thee, Śivā, of Rājasika Sāttvika, and Tāmasika forms, performing every thing always, and the Goddess mother of the three deities.

34. O Goddess, enjoyment of worldly pleasures and salvation are always within the reach of that person who meditates on thee in the form of Vidyā and Avidyā, every day.

35. O Goddess, he who directly perceives Thee, the sanctifying deity, will certainly attain salvation with the discrimination of Vidyā and Avidyā.

36. O mother of the universe, those who eulogise Thee with the names of Bhavānī, Ambikā, Jaganmāyā and Durgā will have everything.

*Brahmā said :—*

37. Śivā, the mother of the universe, eulogised by Dakṣa the intelligent, said to Dakṣa without making it heard by her mother.

38. Śivā, the great Goddess and the source of future creation, made everyone deluded and said in such a manner that Dakṣa heard the truth and not anyone else.

*The Goddess said :—*

39. O Prajāpati, I had been propitiated formerly for

257. The Goddess has a great variety of names referable to her various forms, attributes and actions but these names are not always used accurately and distinctively. As the wife of God Śiva she is Bhavānī, as the mother of the world she is Ambikā or jaganmātā (the reading jaganmātā for Jaganmāyā is preferable). In her terrible form she is Durgā, the inaccessible.