

25. He is the creator of all the worlds. He alone is the lord manifesting in three forms. Persons well-versed in the Yajurveda call it Om̐ Om̐.

26. On hearing the words of the Yajurveda, both the Ṛgveda and the Sāmaveda respectfully called us then Viṣṇu and Brahmā.

27. Then realising the lord of the Gods we eulogised, as far as we could, Lord Śiva, the cause of great achievement.

28. Viṣṇu, the protector of the universe, in the meantime, saw another wonderfully beautiful form, along with me.

29-30. On seeing that wonderful form, Viṣṇu and I became satisfied. The form had five faces, ten arms, and a complexion white as camphor, O sage. It had diverse brilliant features. It was decorated in different ornaments. It was highly liberal and endowed with great prowess. It had all the characteristics of a great man.

31. Thereafter, the lord Śiva was pleased. Revealing his form embedded in letters He laughingly stood before us.

32. The short letter "A" is His head. The long letter "Ā" is His forehead. The letter "I" is His right eye and the letter "Ī" His left eye.

33. The letter "U" is His right ear and the letter "Ū" His left ear. The letter "Ṛ" is the right cheek of that great lord.

34. "Ṝ" is His left cheek. The two letters "ṝ" "ṝ̄", are His nostrils. The letter "E" is His upper lip and the letter "Al" is His lower lip.

35. The letter "O" and the letter "AU" are respectively the two rows of his teeth. The letters "AM̐" and "AH̐" [Anusvāra and Visarga] are his palates.

36. The five letters beginning with KA [ie KA, KHA, GA, GHA and Ṇ A] are His five hands on the right side. The five letters beginning with CA [i.e. CA, CH, JA, JHA and ṆA] are His hands on the left side.

37. Similarly the five letters beginning with ṬA and the five letters beginning with TA constitute His legs. The letter PA is His belly and the letter PHA is His right side.

38. The letter BA is His left side. The letter BHA is