

27. The incense shall be offered with the mantra "Namaḥ Kapardine ca¹²¹" etc. in accordance with the rules. The lamp shall be offered in the prescribed manner with the mantra "Namaḥ Āśave¹²²" etc.

28. The excellent Naivedya shall be offered with the mantra "Namo Jyeṣṭhāya"¹²³ etc. Ācamana shall be offered again with the mantra "Tryambakam¹²⁴" etc.

29. Fruit shall be offered with the mantra "Imā Rudrāya¹²⁵". Everything shall be dedicated to Śiva with the mantra "Namo Vrajyāya¹²⁶" etc.

30. We shall make an offering of eleven raw rice grains to the eleven Rudras¹²⁷ with the two mantras "Mā No Mahāntam¹²⁸" etc. and "Mā Nastoke¹²⁹" etc.

31. The scholarly devotee shall offer sacrificial fee (Dakṣiṇā)¹³⁰ with the three mantras beginning with "Hiraṇyagarbha" etc. and shall perform ablution (Abhiṣeka) with the mantra "Devasya tvā¹³¹" etc.

32. The rite of waving lights Nīrājana for Śiva shall be performed with the mantra for the lamp (Namaḥ Āśave*). Puṣpāñjali (offering of handful of flowers) shall be performed with devotion with the hymn Imā rudrāya¹³² etc.

33. The wise devotee shall then perform the Pradakṣiṇā (circumambulation) with the mantra "Mā No Mahāntam¹³³" and the intelligent one shall perform Sāṣṭāṅga (eight limbs touching the ground) prostration with the mantra "Mā Nastoke¹³⁴" etc.

121. Ibid. 16.29.

122. Ibid. 16.31.

123. Ibid. 16.32.

124. Ibid. 3.60.

125. Ibid. 16.48.

126. Ibid. 16.44.

127. The names of eleven Rudras are variously mentioned in the Purāṇas. According to MP they are : Ajaikapād, Ahirbudhnya, Hara, Virūpākṣa, Raivata, Bahurūpa, Tryambaka, Savitā, Jayanta, Pināki: Aparājita. In the VP. the first three are the same; the rest are substituted by Nirṛta, Īśvara, Bhuvana, Aṅgaraka, Ardhaketu, Mṛtyu, Sarpa, Kapālin.

128. VS. 16.15.

129. Ibid. 16.16.

130. Ibid. 13.4.

131. Ibid. 11.28.

* Ibid. 16.31.

132. Ibid. 16. 48-50.

133. Ibid. 16.15.

134. Ibid. 16.16.