

be made for freedom from imprisonment. When there is the fear of the evil influence of Dākinī and other evil spirits he shall cause seven thousand such to be made.

19. A person having no sons shall cause fiftyfive thousand such to be made. One shall get daughters by causing ten thousand such to be made.

20. A devotee shall achieve the prosperity and splendour of Viṣṇu and others by making ten thousand images. He shall derive unrivalled glory and wealth by making one million images.

21. Surely if a man makes a crore he shall become Śiva Himself.

22. The worship of earthen phallic images accords the the benefit of a crore sacrifices. It gives all worldly pleasures and salvation to those who desire them.

23. He who spends his time in vain without worship of such images will incur great loss. He is no better than a wicked, evil-souled man.

24. If the worship of such images is weighed against all the charitable gifts, sacred rites, holy centres, restraints and sacrifices, both will be found equal.

25. In the age of Kali the worship of the phallic image is excellent as is evident from what we see in the world. There is nothing else. This is the conclusion of all sacred texts and religious cults.

26. The phallic image yields worldly pleasures and salvation. It wards off different sorts of mishaps. By worshipping it, man attains identity with Śiva.

27. Since the phallic image is enjoined to be worshipped even by the sages, it shall be worshipped by every one in the manner stipulated.

28. Based on sizes the images are of three types—Excellent (Uttama), normal (Madhyama) and inferior (Nīca). O foremost of sages, I shall explain them, please listen.

29. A phallic image, four angulas (inches) in height, with a splendid pedestal is mentioned as the most excellent by sages who are well-versed in sacred lore.

30. Half of that is middling. Half of this latter is inferior. Thus I have mentioned three types of phallic images.