

RUDRA-SAMHITĀ

SECTION I

Creation

CHAPTER ONE

(The inquiry of the sages)

1. I bow to Śiva the consort of Gaurī, the sole cause of the origin, sustenance, dissolution of the universe, who has understood the reality, who is of endless renown, who is the support of Māyā but is free from its influence, whose form is incomprehensible, who is unsullied and who is perfect knowledge itself.

2. I salute Śiva who is prior to Prakṛti, who is calm and tranquil, the only excellent Puruṣa, who has created this visible universe and who stays both within and without like ether.

3. I salute Śiva, of unmanifest form, who having extended himself by way of creation stands in the middle of it while the worlds move around him like iron filings round the magnet.

Vyāsa said :—

4. I describe this after bowing to Śambhu, the father of the universe, Śivā the mother of the universe and Gaṇādhīśa their son.

5. Once Śaunaka and other sages living in Naimiṣa forest asked Sūta with full devotion.

The sages said :—

6. The good and auspicious story of Vidyēśvarasaṃhitā has been heard by us. This first delightful compendium, “On the achievable and the means of achievement” is lovingly disposed to the devotees.

7. Sūta, O blessed Sūta, live long. Be happy. You will