

17. O lord, you are the cause of welfare, the destroyer of the sins of Kali age and a friend of Kubera. Your heart melts with pity. You have twelve eyes and you shine with six faces. Please make my sacrifice complete and perfect.

18. You are the protector of the three worlds, favourite of those who seek refuge in you. You are the performer and sustainer of sacrifices. You remove those who bring in obstacles.

19. O warder of obstacles, the cause of the creation of the good in every respect, O son of Iśāna, please make my sacrifices complete. Obeisance be to you,

20. O Skanda, you are the protector of all, the knower of all and the lord of all and Iśāna. By your penetration you protect all.

21. You alone are the knower of music, the great lord and knower of the Vedas. You are all-in-all, the creator, the lord of the gods and the goal of the good.

22. You are the joy of Pārvati, the son of Śiva. You are the perfect wisdom, the self-ruler, the meditator and the object of meditation. You are the father of the fathers and the source of origin of good souls.

*Brahmā said :—*

23. On hearing his words, Śiva's son, the emperor of the gods, sent his attendant Virabāhu on that mission.

24. At his bidding, the great hero Virabāhu who bowed to his master with devotion started in search of it.

25. He searched throughout the universe but nowhere did he find the goat (although) he heard about the havoc done by it.

26. Then he went to Vaikuṇṭha where he saw the powerful goat working havoc with the sacrificial stake tied to its neck.

27. The hero dragged it catching hold of its horns and brought it quickly before his lord even as it was bleating loudly.

28. On seeing it, lord Kārttikeya who could carry the weighty universe, and the worker of great miracles, quickly rode on it.