Iswara is Everything - 16-19

अहं कतुरहं यज्ञ: स्वधाहमहमीपधम । यन्त्रोऽहमहमेवाज्यमहमप्रिरहं हतम् ॥ १६

शहस रहतः सहस यज्ञः स्वया सहस सहस औषयम । मन्त्रः शहम सहस्र एव आज्यम अहम सन्तिः सहस्र हन्तम ॥

akanı kratur aham yajñah svadhā 'ham aham auşadham mantro 'ham aham evā 'jyam aham agnir aham hutam

अहम aham I ऋतु: kratuh sacrifice अहम aham I यज्ञ: vaiñah the sacrifice स्वया svadhā the offering to Pitrus or ancestors अहम् aham I अहम् aham I औषधम् ausadham the medicinal herbs and all plants 473: mantrah sacred syllable अहम aham I अहम aham I एव eva also आज्यम āivam ghee or clarified butter अहम aham I अनिन: agnih the fire अहम aham I इतम् hutam the offering

I am Kratu, I am Yajna, I am Svadha, I am the medicinal herb, I am Mantra, I am also the clarified butter, I am fire, I am oblation. 16

Kratu is a Vedic ritual while Yajna denotes Vedic and Post-Vedic forms of sacrificial worship. The offerings made to the manes is svadhā. The food that is medicinal and at the same time nourishing is called aushadha. The formative thought behind the chanted hymn is mantra. This stanza supplements the ideas contained in the twenty-fourth stanza of the fourth chapter. Apart from God there is no object, no thought and no act. Holding everything as He is the way to reach Him.

> पिताहमस्य जगती माता धाता पितामहः । वेद्यं पवित्रमोङ्कार ऋससाम यद्धरेव च ॥ १७ 🕝