

of this urge in beings It is not to be condemned as base but revered as divine in origin The Lord puts it to us that this urge is His divine attribute.

The serpent is a venomous creature. All the same it is associated with Iswara in all of His forms It is the symbol of Sakti, the Cosmic Energy. In man the dormant power is called the Kundalinī Sakti or the coiled up energy symbolized as serpent power. Happiness and misery, life and death are both expressions of energy The negative expression is the poison in the snake Vasuki the poisonous snake was utilized as the rope to rotate the Mount Meru in the act of churning the ocean. The Lord speaks of this snake as His own energy.

अनन्तश्चास्मि नागानां वरुणो यादसामहम् ।

पितृणामर्यमा चास्मि यमः संयमतामहम् ॥ २९

अन्-अन्त च अस्-मि नागानाम् वरुण यादसाम् अहम् ।

पितृणाम् अर्यमा च अस्-मि यम सम्-यमताम् अहम् ॥

*anantaś cā 'smi nāgānām varuno yādasām aham ।*

*pitṛṇām aryamā cā 'smi yamaḥ samyamatām aham ॥*

अनन्त *anantaḥ* Ananta च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi* (I) am नागानाम् *nāgānām* among Nagas वरुण *varunaḥ* Varuna यादसाम् *yādasām* among water-deities अहम् *aham* I पितृणाम् *pitṛṇām* among the Pitrus or ancestors अर्यमा *aryamā* Aryama च *ca* and अस्मि *asmi* (I) am यम *yamaḥ* Yama संयमताम् *samyamatām* among governors अहम् *aham* I

Of the Nagas I am Ananta; of the water-deities I am Varuna. Of the Pitrus I am Aryama; of controllers I am Yama.