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6. Twenty full lotuses constitute one prastha measure. A Thousand Bilva leaves constitute half a Prastha.

- 7. Petals of lotuses, a thousand in number constitute half a prastha. Ten Ṭaṅka weight constitutes one pala and sixteen palas make one prastha.
- 8. Flowers for worship shall be weighed in the balance according to this calculation. The worship thus duly performed shall accord all cherished desires. If the devotee worships with no specific desires he will become Siva himself.
- 9-14. O lordly sages, a person desirous of obtaining a kingdom shall propitiate Lord Siva with the worship of a hundred million earthen lingas. Lord Siva confers a kingdom on the devotee certainly. He shall use Sivalinga for worship. Flowers shall be used. Unsplit rice grains mixed with sandal paste shall be used. The ceremonial ablution shall be performed. The manrta used shall be pleasing. Bilva leaves are very excellent. Or he can use loose petals or full lotuses or Sankha flowers according to ancient authorities. The worship is divine and accords pleasures and achievement of desires both here and hereafter, He shall not omit other items such as incense, lamps, food-offerings, Arghya, Ārārtika (waving of lights), Pradakṣiṇā, Namaskāra, Kṣamāpana (craving forgiveness and Visarjana) the ritualistic dismissal). At the end he shall feed other devotees.
- 15. A person who yearns for important positions shall worship half the former number. A person desiring release from prison shall worship a hundred thousand lingas of Siva.
- 16. A person afflicted by ailments shall worship half that number. A person desiring a daughter shall worship half that number.
- 17. A person desirous of learning shall worship half that number. A person desirous of eloquence shall worship Siva with ghee.
- 18. In order to drive out enemies, the number of worship is the same as before. For exterminating enemies, worship is for a hundred thousand times and for enchantment worship is half that number.
- 19. For the conquest of vassal kings, worship for ten million times is recommended. For keeping vassal kings under influence the same for ten thousand times is recommended.