

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

(Śiva-Pārvatī dialogue)

Pārvatī said:—

1. O Yogin, O lord, wise and clever, please listen to the reply to what you, as an ascetic, said to the lord of mountains.

2. O Śiva, you perform this great penance because you possess the energy of penance. Your intellect is inclined to perform penance because you are a noble soul.

3. That energy is the Prakṛti, the cause of all activities. Everything is created, sustained and destroyed by it.

4. O lord, please ponder over who you are and who this subtle Prakṛti is. Without Prakṛti how can the great lord of the phallic form exist ?

5. You are worthy of the worship, respect and meditation of all living beings for ever, thanks to Prakṛti. Thinking of this in your heart, please reply.

Brahmā said:—

6. On hearing these words of Pārvatī, the great lord engaged in the causation of great enjoyment and protection became delighted. He laughed and said.

The great lord said:—

7. I am destroying the Prakṛtī with my great penance. I remain in reality without Prakṛti.

8. Indeed Prakṛti should not be taken in by good people. They should remain unaffected eschewing all worldly conduct.

Brahmā said:—

9. O dear one, this was said by Śiva in accordance with worldly conventions and dealings. Pārvatī thereupon laughed to herself and spoke these sweet words.

Pārvatī said .—

10. O Yogin, O lord Śiva, based on what you said