

Havya and Kavya offerings always.

15. O righteous one, how is it that the sacrifice has been broken by you ? O great God, you are a benefactor of brahmins. O lord, how can you be a destroyer of sacrificers ?

16. You are the protector of virtue, brahmins and cows. O lord, you are the shelter for all living beings and worthy of being bowed to.

17. Obeisance to you, O lord, having the splendour of innumerable suns. Obeisance to you, the Bhava, the lord in the form of flavour and fluid.

18. Obeisance to you who are every thing, who are in the form of fragrant earth. Obeisance to Him of great splendour, Him in the form of fire.

19. Obeisance to Śiva who is wind in the subtle form of the principal of touch. Obeisance to you, the lord of individual souls, the priest presiding over sacrifice; and Vedhas (the creator).

20. Obeisance to you the terrible in the form of Ether with the principle of sound<sup>340</sup>. Obeisance to the great lord Moon, or, one accompanied by Umā; obeisance to the Active.

21. Obeisance to Ugra in the form of Sun; obeisance to you the detached performer of actions, the slayer of Kāla, and the furious Rudra.

22. Obeisance to Śiva, Bhīma, Ugra, the controller of living beings; you are Śiva to us.

23. Obeisance to the giver of pleasure to all-pervasive universal soul, the destroyer of distress; the consort of Umā.

24. Obeisance to the annihilator, the supreme Being in the form of all objects, the great soul who is indistinguishable from the existent and the non-existent, and is the cause of intellect.

25. Obeisance, obeisance to one who is omniformed and the plentiful; obeisance to Nīla, Nīlarudra, Kadrudra and Pracetas.

26. Obeisance to the most bounteous lord who is perva-

<sup>340</sup>. Śiva symbolises the five elements viz. earth, water, fire, wind and ether.