

Vedic texts. Obeisance to Thee, the great lord and the ultimate goal of devotees and possessed of three attributes.

53. Obeisance to Thee, O great lord whose fiery heat of knowledge is latent in the sacrificial churning rod for the production of fire of three attributes. Obeisance to Thee whose form is beyond the reach of fools and who livest for ever in the heart of the wise.

54. Obeisance to the liberator of the individual soul from the noose; to the bestower of salvation to the devotee, to the self-luminous, the eternal, the unwasting, the incessant knowledge.

55. Obeisance to Thee, the self-contemplator, the unchanging, the holder of great suzerainty and glory. Never be ruthless unto them who resort to the four aims of life and desire the cherished final goal. Obeisance to Thee O Śiva.

56. Thy devotees never desire anything solely to themselves. They sing the auspicious glory of Thy life.

57. We eulogise Thee, the imperishable supreme Brahman, the omnipresent whose features are unmanifest, who can be attained by the Yoga of the Soul and is complete.

58. O lord of everything, we bow to Thee who art beyond the perception of the sense-organs; who hast no support; who art the support of all; who hast no cause; who art endless; the primordial and the subtle.

59. All the devas, Viṣṇu and others, and the world of mobile and immobile Beings are created by deficient digit with the difference of name and form.

60. Just as the flames of fire and the rays of the sun emerge and submerge so also this current of creation and dissolution.

61. Thou art neither a deva nor an Asura, nor a man nor a brute, nor a brahmin, O lord. Thou art neither a woman nor a man, nor a eunuch. Thou makest nothing either the existent or the non-existent.

62. After all negations whatever remains thou art that. Thou art the maker, the sustainer and the destroyer of the universe; Thou art the soul of the universe. We bow to that lord Śiva.