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the remover of distress, obeisance to the blue-necked Rudra, obeisance to the knowledge-formed Siva of great mind.

- 11. You are our ultimate goal for ever. You are the remover of all adversities. O destroyer of the enemies of the gods, you alone are to be respected by us always.
- 12. You are the beginning. You are the primordial being. You are self-bliss. You are the everlasting lord. You are the lord of the universe, the direct creator of Prakrti and Purusa.
- 13. You alone are the creator, sustainer and the annihilator of the worlds. Assuming the Guṇas of Rajas, Sattva, and Tamas you are Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva.
- 14. In this universe, you enable people to cross the ocean of Existence. You are the undecaying lord of all. You are the granter of boons. You are the subject and not the object of speech and contents.
- 15. You shall be requested for salvation by the Yogins, the formost among those who know the theory of Yoga. You are stationed inside the lotus like heart of the Yogins.
- 16. The Vedas and the saintly men speak of you as the supreme Brahman. You are a heaped mass of splendour and greater than the greatest. They call you the great principle.
- 17. What they call the great soul in the universe, O lord, are you yourself, O Siva soul of all, ruler of the three worlds.
- 18. Whatever is seen, heard or eulogised, whatever is being realised, O preceptor of the universe, are you alone. They call you minuter than the atom and greater than the greatest.
- 19. I bow to you everywhere, you who have hands, legs, eyes, heads, mouths, ears and noses everywhere.
- 20. I bow to you everywhere, you who are omniscient who pervade everything, you who are unveiled as the lord of all, you who are omniformed and odd-eyed.
- 21. I bow to you everywhere who are the lord of all, who preside over the worlds, who are the excellent Satya and Siva and who have the refulgence of innumerable suns.
  - 22. I bow to you everywhere, you the lord of the uni-