

18. Although Śiva resorts to inauspicious things yet by thinking on Him everything becomes auspicious.

19. His worship fulfils all desires. How can there be aberration in Him who always remains in an unmodified state.

20. People are sanctified by merely seeing the person in whose mouth the auspicious name "Śiva" is ever present.

21. If, as you say, the ash from the funeral pyre is unholy, how is it that the same transferred to Śiva's body is taken thence and worn on the head by the gods ?

22. How can He be easily realised, He who is the deity that creates, sustains and annihilates the worlds, all the same who is devoid of attributes and is termed Śiva ?

23. The form of Śiva, the supreme soul, is that of Brahman, devoid of attributes. How can people like you know it, people with extrovert faces ?

24. Persons of evil conduct, sinners and those who have gone astray from the path of the gods do not at all know the reality of Śiva of attributeless form.

25. If, out of ignorance of His reality, any one were to discredit Śiva, his merit hoarded ever since birth becomes reduced to ashes.

26. You have censured Śiva of immeasurable splendour and I have worshiped you, hence I have become sinful.

27. On seeing a person who hates Śiva one should take bath along with one's clothes. On seeing a person who hates Śiva one should perform expiatory rites.

28. O wicked one, you profess knowledge of Śiva. But you should know that the eternal Śiva is not known at all.

29. Whatever may be the form or feature of Śiva, He is multiformed. Still He is my favourite. He is without aberration and beloved of the good.

30. Neither Viṣṇu nor Brahmā can equal that noble soul. How can then the gods and others be ? They are always dependent on Time and are not eternal.

31. After realising this with my sharp intellect factually, I have come to this forest and am performing the elaborate penance for attaining Śiva.

32. My ambition is to attain the supreme lord who is favourably disposed to His devotees and who blesses the distressed.