

ficial gifts and offering of prayers at this place shall be millionfold efficacious.

24. Of all my sectors this sector shall be the greatest. A mere remembrance of me at this place shall accord salvation to all souls.

25. Hence this sector shall be greater than all other sectors, very auspicious, full of all sorts of welfare and according salvation to everyone.

26-27. Worshipping me in my supreme phallic form at this place and performing the other sacred rites shall accord the five types of salvation—Sālokya, Sāmīpya, Sārūpya, Sārṣṭi and Sāyujya. May all of you achieve all your cherished desires.

*Nandikeśvara said :—*

28-29. Thus blessing Brahmā and Viṣṇu who had been made humble, the lord resuscitated by His nectar-like power all the soldiers of the two deities that had been killed in the battle before and spoke to them in order to remove their foolishness and mutual enmity.

30. I have two forms : the manifest and the unmanifest. No one else has these two forms. Hence all else are non-Īśvaras.

31-32. Dear sons, first in the form of the column and afterwards in this embodied form I have expounded to you my formless Brahma-hood, and embodied Īśa-hood. These two are present only in me and not in anyone else. Hence no one else, not even you too can claim Īśatva (Īśa-hood).

33. It is out of your ignorance of this fact that you were swept away by your false prestige and pride of being Īśa, surprising as it is. I rose up in the middle of the battle-field for quelling the same.

34. Cast off your false pride. Fix your thought in me as your lord. It is out of my favour that all the objects in the world are illuminated.

35. The statement of the preceptor is the reminder and the authority on all occasions. This secret truth of Brahman I am revealing to you out of love.

36. I am the supreme Brahman. My form is both