

themselves as sandal-coated puritans. *Vedantins* and teachers, when they talk of sex-life, are as much brutally open as the professors are in a medical college.

Of all the causes of offspring, the Lord declares, "I AM CUPID," who in himself, as the lord of love, represents, in the field of sensuality, the total satisfaction of the physical, mental and intellectual sheaths in man.

OF SNAKES, I AM VASUKI --- The serpent '*Vasuki*,' is described in our mythology as ever living on Shiva's ring-finger, as an adornment. Though small enough to become a ring on the finger of the Lord, it was the '*Vasuki*' Serpent, who volunteered to serve as a rope in the churning process of the "milky-ocean." This naturally reminds one of the *Upanishadic* declarations, that the Truth is at once the "minutest of the minute," and "the greatest of the great." Naturally, it is very apt that the Lord declares Himself to be "*Vasuki* among the snakes." The term '*Sarpa*' is to be rightly understood, in contrast with the *Nagas*, mentioned in the next stanza. *Sarpas* are single-hooded; while *Nagas* are multi-hooded.

CONTINUING IN THE TUNE, THE SINGER-DIVINE
SINGS OF HIS OWN SONGFUL GLORY:

29. I am 'ANANTA' among NAGAS; I am 'VARUNA' among water deities; I am 'ARYAMA' among the ancestors; and I am 'YAMA' among controllers.