

35. Obeisance to the lord free from attachment; obeisance to Śiva the great soul. Obeisance to the pure beyond the world of matter, obeisance to the great, the unwasting.

36. Obeisance to you the god of death holding the staff of punishment and noose in the hand. Obeisance to the chief of the deities invoked by Vedic mantras. Obeisance to you the hundred-tongued deity.

37. O lord, everything has come out of your body whether past, present or future, whether mobile or immobile.

38. O lord, protect us always. O supreme lord, we have sought refuge in you in every respect.

39. Obeisance to you, the blue-necked Rudra, of the form of offering. Obeisance to you both possessed and devoid of forms, the multiformed one.

40. Obeisance to Śiva, the blue-necked, the wearer of ashes on the limbs from the funeral pyre. Obeisance to you Śrīkaṇṭha and Nīlāśikhaṇḍa.

41. Obeisance to you saluted by all, saluted by the Yogins. Obeisance to you, the great lord, whose feet are worshipped by all.

42. You are Brahmā among all the gods, you are Nīlāhita among Rudras; you are the soul in all living beings; you are the Puruṣa of Sāṅkhya system.

43. You are Sumeru among mountains, you are the moon among the stars. You are Vasiṣṭha among the sages and you are Indra among the gods.

44. You are Omkāra among all Vedic passages; O great lord, be our protector. For the benefit of the worlds you nourish the Beings.

45. O great lord, O fortunate one, O scrutinizer of the good and evil, O lord of gods, make us flourish as those who carry out your instructions.

46. In your millions and millions of forms we are unable to realize your true self. O lord of gods, obeisance be to you.

*Brahmā said:—*

47. After eulogising thus and bowing to him frequently, Viṣṇu and other gods stood before him after placing Skanda ahead.