

best among the generalissimos leading Siva's hosts to victory over the demons. It is but appropriate that the Lord claims this general as His own embodiment.

The ocean suggests the infinitude of the Lord. Merging the mind in its expanse is a form of the worship of the Almighty.

महर्षीणां भृगुरहं गिरामस्म्येकमक्षरम् ।

यज्ञानां जपयज्ञोऽस्मि स्थावराणां हिमालयः ॥ २५

महत्-ऋषीणाम् भृगु अहम् गिराम् अस्-मि एकम् अ-क्षरम् ।

यज्ञानाम् जप-यज्ञ अस्-मि स्थावराणाम् हिम-मालय ॥

*maharsinām bhr̥gur aham girām asmy ekam akṣaram ।
yajñānām japayajño 'smi sthāvarānām himālayaḥ ॥*

महर्षीणां *maharsinām* among the great Rishis भृगु *bhr̥guḥ* Bhrigu अहम् *aham* I गिराम् *girām* among words अस्मि *asmi* (I) am एकम् *ekam* the one अक्षरम् *akṣaram* syllable यज्ञानाम् *yajñānām* among sacrifices जपयज्ञ *japa yajñaḥ* the sacrifice of silent repetition अस्मि *asmi* (I) am स्थावराणाम् *sthāvarānām* among immovable things हिमालय *himālayaḥ* Himalaya

Of the great Rishis I am Bhrigu; of utterances I am the monosyllable "Om". Of Yajnas I am *japa-yajna* and of unmoving things, the *Himalaya*. 25

Among the Rishis born of the mind of Iswara, Bhrigu is ever in the highest superconscious plane. So the Lord's glory is revealed best through him.

"Om" is the most sacred sound symbol of Iswara. Constant utterance of this monosyllable is a sure means to reach Divinity. It is equivalent to Iswara.