

names go to heaven (announce our arrival in heaven) !

- (15) What success the gods who have Prajâpati for their master, gained, the same we shall gain !”⁸

The Hotar now reads the *Prajâpati tanu* (bodies) mantras, and the *Brahmodyam*.

- (1 & 2) *Eater of food, and mistress of food.* The eater of food is Agni ; the mistress of food is Aditya.
- (3 & 4) *The happy and fortunate.* By “happy” Soma, and by “fortunate” cattle are meant.
- (5 & 6) *The houseless and the dauntless.* “Houseless” is Vâyu, who never lives in a house, and “fearless” is Death, for all fear him.
- (7 & 8) *The not reached, and not to be reached.* “The not reached” is Earth, and “the not to be reached” is Heaven.
- (9 & 10) *The unconquerable, and, the not to be stopped.* “The unconquerable” is Agni, and “the not to be stopped” is Aditya (sun).
- (11 & 12) *Who has no first (material) cause (apûrvâ), nor is liable to destruction.* “Who has no first (material) cause” is the mind (*manas*), and “what is not liable to destruction” is the year.

These twelve bodies of Prajâpati make up the whole Prajâpati. On the tenth day one reaches the whole Prajâpati.

They now repeat the *Brahmodyam*.⁹ “Agni is

⁸ Heaven-world. The gods ascended to heaven by sacrifice. The same is the object of the sacrificers. This is the *Graha mantra*, recited by the Hotar. Now follow the *Prajâpati tanu* mantras, and the *Brahmodyam*. There are twelve *Prajâpati tanu* mantras ; they are repeated by pairs, every time two.

⁹ That is, what Brahmans ought to repeat. It begins with the words, *Agnir grihapatiḥ* and ends with *arâtsma*. This *Brahmodyam* is no proper mantra, but a kind of *Brâhmaṇam*, or theological exposition. However the whole is repeated by the Hotar as a mantra. See the whole of it also in the *As'v. S'r. S.* 8, 13.