

ṣaṇa, worshipped by Śiva in Ilāvṛta; as Hayagrīva in Bha-drāśva country; as Nṛsimha in Harivarṣa; as Kāmadeva in Ketumālā; as Matsya in Ramyaka; as Kūrma in Hiraṇmaya; also Sāṅkhyanidarśana; as Varāha in Uttara Kuru country; also in the form of both Yajña and Kratu; as Sītārāma in Kim-puruṣa; as Naranārāyaṇa in Bhāratavarṣa; as Sūrya in Plak-ṣadvīpa; as Soma in Śālmali; as Agni in Kuśadvīpa; as a form of water in Krauñcadvīpa; as Vāyu in Śākadvīpa; as Brahmā in Puṣkaradvīpa.²

Propitiated by Dakṣa after his reconciliation with Śiva, Viṣṇu came to receive offerings in person in the form of yajña and was praised by all present including Brahmā and Śiva. He told Dakṣa that he was not different from Śiva or Brahmā.³ presented Pṛthu with Sudarśana and addressed him to befriend Indra, to be devoted to Him and to conduct himself righteously.⁴ His residence near Kṣīroda where he sleeps in yoga: vanquisher of Bali; saw a *linga* of efful-gence and with Brahmā went down and up to know its origin and end, but could not get at that. Śiva's remark that his right and left arms were Brahmā and Viṣṇu. This is Mahā-yāgam and Māheśvaram balam;⁵ cursed by Bhṛgu to take 10 (7 M.P.) incarnations on the earth; called Puruṣa and Yajña.⁶ In Svāyambhuva epoch was born of Ākūti, in Svārociṣa, born of Tuṣitā as Ajita, in Uttama epoch, born of Satyā as Satya, in Tāmasa born of Hariṇi as Hari, in Vaivasvata, born of Kaśyapa and Aditi with the name Vaikuṇṭha.⁷ Overlord of Ādityas; gave peacock and fowl to Kumāra.⁸ Killed Daityas in Tārakāmaya and especially Kālanemi. Aided Indra against Asuras. Introduced yajña and other rites, divisions of time, three castes, three Vedas, three guṇas and so on.⁹ Got Indra redeemed of the sin of hitting his Purohita Viś-varūpa, by distributing it among the women, trees and earth. When Durvāsa cursed Indra for refusing to accept Devī's garland, the Asuras destroyed the Devas and entered heaven. Then Hari suggested churning of the ocean and distributed as Mohinī nectar to Devas making them invincible.¹⁰ Gave his sister Devī in marriage to Śiva with wedding presents.¹¹