

Brahma Gita

The Brahma Gita is contained in chapter 35, slokas 96 & 97 of Chapter 37, and Chapter 38 of Brahmapurana (Part I).

Brahma said:

When the marital ceremony of Lord Siva of unmeasured splendour was performed, Indra and other deities were highly pleased. They eulogized the Lord in glorious words and

paid obeisance in reverence, in the following way.

The deities said:

Obeisance to the Lord whose symbol is the mountain!

Obeisance to the Lord who is the wind in velocity!

Obeisance to the Lord, the destroyer of pain and the bestower of splendid riches!

Obeisance to the Lord who has the blue tuft!

Obeisance to the Lord, the lord of Uma!

Obeisance to the Lord in the form of the wind!

Obeisance to the Lord of one hundred forms!

(The Veda declares emphatically that there is only one Rudra. At the same time, it declares of numerous Rudras on earth. In other words, the Supreme Spirit is One; Its manifestations are innumerable.)

Obeisance to the Deity of terrible form, deformed eyes, one thousand eyes and one thousand feet!

(The primeval Being – Purusa is referred to as the thousand-eyed and the thousand-footed.)

Obeisance to the Lord in the form of deities!

Obeisance to the Lord, the ancillary of the Veda!

Obeisance to the Deity who stunned the arms of Indra!

(Indra lifted up his arm to strike Siva in the form of an infant lying in the lap of Parvathi. But his right hand remained stunned, and he could not hurl his thunderbolt.)

Obeisance to the germinating sprout of the Veda!

Obeisance to the Overlord of mobile and immobile beings! Obeisance to the One who suppresses sinners!

Obeisance to the Deity whose symbol is a water-reservoir! Obeisance to the One who annihilates the yugas!

Obeisance to the Deity who has skulls for garlands!

Obeisance to the Deity who wears skulls for the sacred thread! Obeisance to the Deity with a skull in his hand!

Obeisance to the Deity holding a staff!

Obeisance to the Deity holding the iron-club!

Obeisance to the Lord of the three worlds!

Obeisance to the Deity interested in the world of mortals!

Obeisance to the Deity with the iron club in the hand!

Obeisance to the Lord who dispels the agony of those who bow down to him!

Obeisance to the Destroyer of the head of sacrifice!

Obeisance to the Lord who removed Krisna's tresses!

Obeisance to Him who plucked the eyes of Bhaga!

(Bhaga is one of the twelve Aadityas. According to mythology, the deities once assembled and decided upon the share of sacrifices due to each one of them. While so

doing, they left out Rudra. Enraged at this neglect, Rudra made a bow and fought against the deities. During the fight, He extracted the eyes of Bhaga and the teeth of Pusan. Ultimately, the deities satisfied Rudra. Pleased with them, He returned the eyes and the teeth to Bhaga and Pusan respectively.)

Obeisance to the Deity who removed the teeth of Pusan!

(Pusan is one of the twelve Aadityas born to Kasyapa and Aditi. It is stated in Sauptika parva of Mahabharata – chapter 18, that there was a fight between Siva and the

deities in a sacrifice which Siva attended un-invited. In this fight against Siva, Pusan lost his teeth.)

Obeisance to the Wielder of Pinaka, trident, sword, dagger and iron-club!

(Pinaka is the name of the bow of Siva.)

Obeisance to the Destroyer of the god of Death!

Obeisance to the Deity with the third eye!

Obeisance to the One who annihilated the god of Death!

(Siva gave a boon to Markandu that a pious son would be born to him, but would live only for sixteen years. The child was born and named Markandeya. He was educated in

the Veda and the Sastras. When the hour of his death arrived, the boy embraced the linga idol of Siva. When Yama, the god of Death, came to take him, Siva arose furiously out of the idol and killed Yama. At the request of gods, Siva revived Yama to life, and granted Markandeya youth forever.)

Obeisance to the Deity who resides on the mountain!

(The mountain is Kailash in the Himalayas.)

Obeisance to the Deity with the necklace of gold!

Obeisance to the One wearing ear-rings!

Obeisance to the Destroyer of yogic power of demons!

Obeisance to the Yogin!

(The reference is to Sakti, the power of Siva.)

Obeisance to the preceptor!

Obeisance to the Deity with the moon and the sun for eyes! Obeisance to the Deity with an eye in the forehead!

(The two eyes of Siva represent the sun and the moon. The third eye in the forehead is the eye of wisdom. But it emits fire when it opens at the time of dissolution of the

universe, or even earlier when Siva is angry.)

Obeisance to the One taking delight in the cremation-ground!

Obeisance to the Bestower of boons in the cremation-ground!

Obeisance to the Destroyer of the rude and the impolite!
 Obeisance to the Deity devoid of garments!
 Obeisance to the Deity who laughs as boisterously as hundred thunderbolts!
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 Obeisance to the Lord of mountain!
 Obeisance to the householder Saint!
 Obeisance to the perpetual Wearer of matted hair!
 Obeisance to the celibate One!
 Obeisance to the One with partially shaven head!
 Obeisance to the Lord of pasus!
 (Pasus are the individual souls or the Jiva.)
 Obeisance to the One who performs penance in water!
 Obeisance to the One who bestows yogic powers and prosperity! Obeisance to the
 One who is calm and tranquil!
 Obeisance to the One who has controlled His sense-organs!
 Obeisance to the One who causes dissolution!
 Obeisance to the One who causes blessings!
 Obeisance to the One who sustains the world!
 Obeisance to Rudra!
 Obeisance to Vasu!
 Obeisance to Aditya!
 Obeisance to Aswin!
 Obeisance to the father of all!
 Obeisance to the Supreme Being of perfect knowledge!
 Obeisance to Visvedevas!
 Obeisance to Sarva, Ugra, Siva, the bestower of boons!
 Obeisance to the Terrible One!
 Obeisance to the Commander-in-chief!
 Obeisance to the Lord of pasus!
 Obeisance to the Pure!
 Obeisance to the Destroyer of enemies!
 Obeisance to Sadyojata!
 Obeisance to Mahadeva!
 Obeisance to the Wonderful!
 Obeisance to the Deity that bears the trident!
 Obeisance to Pradhana!
 Obeisance to the Incomprehensible!
 Obeisance to the Effect!
 Obeisance to the Cause!
 Obeisance to You – Purusa!
 Obeisance to the One who causes the wish of Purusa!
 Obeisance to the One who causes the gunas of Pradhana to get into contact with
 Purusa!
 Obeisance to the One who makes Prakrti and Purusa function! Obeisance to the
 One who is the doer of what is done and what is not done!

Obeisance to the One who bestows union on the act and its fruit!

Obeisance to the Knower of the time of all!

Obeisance to the One who restrains all!

Obeisance to the One who disturbs the equilibrium of gunas! Obeisance to the One who bestows means of subsistence!

Obeisance to You, the lord of the chiefs of deities!

Obeisance to You, the creator of living beings!

O Siva! Be gentle in face to be looked at!

O Lord! Be gentle to us!

Brahma continued:

On being eulogized thus by all deities, the Lord of the universe, the Lord of Uma spoke thus to the immortal beings.

Lord Rudra said:

O Deities! I am both harsh and gentle to you. Tell me the boons you wish to choose. I shall grant them undoubtedly.

Brahma said:

Thereafter, the deities bowed down to the three-eyed Lord and said to Him.

‘O Lord! Let this boon be retained by You alone. When there is any need, You may grant the boon desired by us.’

Brahma said:

After saying ‘let it be so’, the Lord bade farewell to the deities and others. Thereafter He entered His abode together with the Pramathas.

(Pramathas are the attendants of Siva, known as ganas.)

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Brahma said:

The Lord Siva who removed the eyes of Bhaga said.

‘So be it!’

The Patriarch Daksha bowed to the three-eyed Lord Siva, the presiding Deity of virtue. After securing the boon from the Lord Siva, Daksha knelt on the ground and eulogized

the bull-bannered Lord by His thousand and eight names.

O excellent Brahmins! On seeing the virility of Siva thus, Daksha joined his palms in reverence and bowed down. Then he began to eulogize.

Obeisance to You, o Lord of the chiefs of deities!

Obeisance to You, o slayer of Bala!

O Lord of deities! You are the most excellent one in strength; You are worshipped by deities and demons!

O thousand-eyed One!

O One of deformed eyes!
 O Three-eyed-one!
 O One fond of the overlord of Akshas!
 O You have hands and feet all round!
 O You have eyes, heads and mouths all round!
 O You have ears all round!
 O You stand enveloping everything in the world!
 O You are Sanku-karna (pike-eared)!
 O You are Maha-karna (long-eared)!
 O You are Kumbha-karna (pot-eared)!
 O You are Arna-valaya (ocean-dweller)!
 O You are Gajendra-karna (elephant-eared)!
 O You are Go-karna (cow-eared)!
 O You are Sata-karna (hundred-eared)!
 Obeisance to You, Sata-udara (hundred-bellied)!
 O You are Sata-avarta (having hundred curly locks of hairs)!
 O You are Sata-jihva (having hundred tongues)!
 O You are Sanata (eternal)!
 O One who is worshipped by the gayatrins, singing songs of praise! O One who is
 worshipped by those who have stopped performing any acts!
 O You are Devadanavagopta (protector of deities and demons)!
 O You are Brahma and Satakratu (Indra)!
 O You are Murtiman, (embodied)!
 O You are Mahamurti (having physical form)!
 O You are Samudra (ocean)!
 O You are Sarasam Nidhi (storehouse of lakes)!
 O You in whom deities abide as cows in the cowshed!
 I see in Your body the moon, fire, lord of waters, sun, Visnu, Brahma and Brhaspati
 (Jupiter)!
 You are the cause, action and effect, the maker and the instrument! You are Sat and
 Asat (existent as well as non existent)!
 You are the source of origin and the seat of dissolution!
 Obeisance to Bhava!
 Obeisance to Sarva!
 Obeisance to Rudra!
 Obeisance to the Bestower of boons (Varada)!
 Obeisance to Pasupati (Lord of pasus)!
 Obeisance to Andhakaghatin (one who hit Andhaka)!
 Obeisance to Trijata (having three locks of matted hair)!
 Obeisance to Trisirsa (having three heads)!
 Obeisance to Trisulavaradharin (one who holds excellent trident)! Obeisance to
 Tryambaka (three-eyed)!
 Obeisance to Trinetra (tree-eyed)!
 Obeisance to Tripuraghna (one who destroyed the three cities)! Obeisance to
 Chanda (the fierce)!

Obeisance to Munda (one with shaven head)!
 Obeisance to Visvachandadhara (one who holds the universe fiercely)!
 Obeisance to Dandin (one who holds a staff)!
 Obeisance to Sanku-karna (one having pike-ears)!
 Obeisance to Chandi-chanda (fierce lord of the fierce goddess)! Obeisance to
 Urdhva Dandi-kesa (one who holds the staff pointed upwards and one who has hair
 growing up)!
 Obeisance to Suska (dried, skeleton-like)!
 Obeisance to Vikrta (the deformed)!
 Obeisance to Vilohita (one who is particularly red)!
 Obeisance to Dhuumra (smoke-coloured)!
 Obeisance to Nilagriva (the blue-necked)!
 Obeisance to Apratirupa (one who is beyond replication)!
 Obeisance to Virupa (the deformed)!
 Obeisance to Siva!
 Obeisance to Surya (the sun)!
 Obeisance to Suryapati (the lord of the sun)!
 Obeisance to Surya-dhvajapatakin (one having the sun as flagstaff and emblem)!
 Obeisance to the Lord of Pramathas!
 Obeisance to Vrsa-skandha (bull-shouldered)!
 Obeisance to Hirnyavarna (golden coloured)!
 Obeisance to Hiranya-varchas (gorgeous appearance)!
 Obeisance to Hiranya-krtachuda (one with golden tufts)!
 Obeisance to Hiranya-pati (lord of gold)!
 Obeisance to Satru-ghata (one who kills enemies)!
 Obeisance to Chanda (the fierce one)!
 Obeisance to Parna-sanghasaya (one who lies amidst clusters of leaves)!
 Obeisance to Stuta (the eulogized one)!
 Obeisance to Stuti (the eulogy)!
 Obeisance to Stuyamana (one who is being eulogized)!
 Obeisance to Sarva (all)!
 Obeisance to Sarva-bhaksha (one who eats everything)!
 Obeisance to Sarva-bhuta-antaratman (the immanent soul or spirit in all living
 beings)!
 Obeisance to Homa!
 Obeisance to Mantra!
 Obeisance to Sukla-dhvajapatakin (one whose flag-staff and banner are white)!
 Obeisance to Anaamya (one who cannot be bent)!
 Obeisance to Naamya (one who should be bowed to)!
 Obeisance to Kilakila (tumultuous noise)!
 Obeisance to Sayamana (lying down)!
 Obeisance to Sayita (one who has already lain down)!
 Obeisance to Utthita (one who has got up)!
 Obeisance to Sthita (one who is immobile)!
 Obeisance to Dhavamana (one who is mobile)!

Obeisance to Bhuuta (one who has become)!
 Obeisance to Kutila (the crooked)!
 Obeisance to Nartanaseela (one habituated to dancing)!
 Obeisance to Mukha-vaaditrakaarin (one who plays with his mouth, as with a musical instrument)!
 Obeisance to Baadhaphaha (one who dispels (overcomes) obstacles)!
 Obeisance to Lubdha (one who is greedy and miserly)!
 Obeisance to Gita-vaaditrakaarin (one who sings and plays on musical instruments)!
 Obeisance to Jyestha (the eldest)!
 Obeisance to Srestha (the excellent)!
 Obeisance to Balapramathana (one who suppresses Bala)!
 Obeisance to Kalpana (conception)!
 Obeisance to Kalpya (one who is to be conceived)!
 Obeisance to Kshama (the competent)!
 Obeisance to Upakshama (very nearly efficient)!
 Obeisance to Ugra (the fierce one)!
 Obeisance to Dasabahu (ten-armed)!
 Obeisance to Kapaalahasta (having the skull in hand)!
 Obeisance to Chitabhasmapriya (one fond of white burnt ashes)! Obeisance to Vibhisana (the terrifying one)!
 Obeisance to Bhiima (the terrible)!
 Obeisance to Bhiimavratadhara (one who observes terrible holy rites)!
 Obeisance to Naanaavikrtavakra (one who has many deformed faces)!
 Obeisance to Khadgajihvogradamstrin (one with sword-like tongue and fierce curved fangs)!
 Obeisance to Pakshamaamsaalavadya (one who has huge musical instruments on his sides)!
 Obeisance to Tumbiveenaapriya (one fond of Tumbiveena, a kind of lute)!
 Obeisance to Aghoraghorarupa (one who has the terrible form of Aghora, a terrible form)!
 Obeisance to Ghoraghoratara (one who is more terrible than the most terrible)!
 Obeisance to Siva!
 Obeisance to Santa (calmness)!
 Obeisance to Saantatara (more calmness)!
 Obeisance to Buddha (enlightened)!
 Obeisance to Suddha (pure one)!
 Obeisance to Samvibhaagapriya (one fond of classification)!
 Obeisance to Prapancha (extensive universe)!
 Obeisance to Ugra (fierce)!
 Obeisance to Samkhyapara (one devoted to Samkhya philosophy)! Obeisance to Chandaikaghanta (one having a fierce bell)!
 Obeisance to Ghantanada (sound of the bell)!
 Obeisance to Ghantin (one with a bell)!
 Obeisance to Sahasrasataghanta (one who has thousands of thousands of bells)!

Obeisance to Ghantaamaalaapriya (one fond of a garland of bells)! Obeisance to
 Pranadanda (one awarding life sentence)!
 Obeisance to Nitya (the permanent)!
 Obeisance to You, Lohita (red in colour)!
 Obeisance to Humhumkaara (one shouting humhum)!
 Obeisance to Rudra!
 Obeisance to Humhumkaarapriya (one fond of the sound humhum)! Obeisance to
 Aparavaan (endless, limitless)!
 Obeisance to Nityam-girivrkshapriya (one who is always fond of trees on the
 mountain)!
 Obeisance to Marga-maamsasrgala (the jackal at the way-side with a piece of
 meat)!
 Obeisance to Taaraka (one who redeems)!
 Obeisance to Taara (one who crosses)!
 Obeisance to Yajnaadhipati (the over-lord)!
 Obeisance to Krta (what is done)!
 Obeisance to Prakrta (what is perfectly done)!
 Obeisance to Yajnavaaha (one whose vehicle is Yajna)!
 Obeisance to Daanta (one who has controlled sense-organs)! Obeisance to Tathya
 (truth)!
 Obeisance to Vitatha (untrue)!
 Obeisance to Tata (shore)!
 Obeisance to Tatya (one favourable to the shore)!
 Obeisance to Tatineepati (lord of rivers)!
 Obeisance to Annada (bestower of cooked rice)!
 Obeisance to Annapati (lord of cooked rice)!
 Obeisance to Annabhujja (one who eats cooked rice)!
 Obeisance to Sahasraseersha (the thousand-headed)!
 Obeisance to Sahasraacharana (the one having thousand-feet)!
 Obeisance to Sahasrodyatasoola (one who has lifted up a thousand tridents)!
 Obeisance to Sahasranayana (thousand-eyed)!
 Obeisance to Baalaarkavarna (one having the form of the rising sun)!
 Obeisance to Baalaroopadhara (one having the form of a child)!
 Obeisance to Baalakreedanaka (one who plays like children)! Obeisance to Suddha
 (the pure one)!
 Obeisance to Buddha (enlightened)!
 Obeisance to Kshobhana (one who causes agitation)!
 Obeisance to Kshaya (one who causes decline)!
 Obeisance to Tarangaankitakesa (one whose hair floats like waves)!
 Obeisance to Muktakesa (one whose tresses are released)!
 Obeisance to Satkarmatushta (one who is pleased with six types of holy rites)!
 Obeisance to Trikarmanirata (one is engaged in the three holy rites)! Obeisance to
 Varnaasramadharmapravartaka (one who makes castes and stages of life function
 duly
 and severally)!

Obeisance to Srestha (the most excellent)!
 Obeisance to Jyestha (the eldest)!
 Obeisance to Kalakala (indistinct but sweet sound)!
 Obeisance to Svetapingalanetra (one who has white and tawny coloured eyes)!
 Obeisance to Krsnaraktekshana (one who has black and red eyes)!
 Obeisance to Dharmakaamaarthamoksha (embodiment of virtue, love, wealth and salvation)!
 Obeisance to Kratha (one who injures)!
 Obeisance to Krathana (one who slaughters)!
 Obeisance to Samkhya!
 Obeisance to Samkhyamukhya (chief of the Samkhyas)!
 Obeisance to Yogaadhipati (overlord of Yoga)!
 Obeisance to Rathyaadhirathya (charioteer on the street)!
 Obeisance to Chatuspaathapatha (having the pathway in the four cross-roads)!
 Obeisance to Krsnajinottareeya (one having the hide of a black deer as the upper garment)!
 O Isana Rudrasanghata (group of Rudras), obeisance to You!
 O Harikesa (one having green hair), obeisance to You!
 O Trayambaka (three-eyed), obeisance to You!
 O Ambikaanaatha (lord of Ambika), obeisance to You!
 O Manifest and Un-manifest, obeisance to You!
 O Kaala, obeisance to You!
 O Kaamada (bestower of desires), obeisance to You!
 O Kaamaghna (destroyer of desires), obeisance to You!
 O Dustaduritanivaarana (destroyer of the wicked and the violators of good conduct), obeisance to You!
 O Sarvagharita (despised by everyone), obeisance to You!
 O Sarvaghna (destroyer of everyone), obeisance to You!
 O Sadyojata, obeisance to You!
 O Unmadana (one who causes madness), obeisance to You!
 O Sataavartagangaa-toyaardramoordhaja (one whose hair on the head is wet due to the waters of Ganga that has hundreds of whirlpools), obeisance to You!
 O Chandraardhasamyugaavarta (one who has war-like eddies by means of crescent moon), obeisance to You!
 O Meghaavarta (having eddies with clouds), obeisance to You!
 You alone are
 Naanaarthadaanakarta (the bestower of different sorts of riches)!
 Arthada (bestower of riches)!
 Annasrashtaa (creator of cooked rice)!
 Bhoktaa (eater of cooked rice)!
 Yajnabhuk (partaker of sacrifice)!
 Anala (fire)!
 The Four types of creatures, Jaraayuja etc!
 The Lord of the deities!
 The Creator of the mobile and immobile beings!

The Pratikartaa (one who withdraws, that is, annihilates)!
 The Lord of the universe!
 The Brahman!
 The Source of everything!
 Svadhaa!
 The Storehouse of luminaries!
 Expounders of the Brahman call You Rk, Saaman and Omkaara.
 The excellent deities and the expounders of the Brahman who sing Saaman say frequently 'Hari, Hari, etc' or 'Hara, Hara, etc.'
 You are full of Yajur Mantras, Rk Mantras, Saaman and Atharva Mantras.
 You are served by those who know the Brahman, the Kalpas and the Upanisads.
 The brahmana, kshatriya, vaisya, sudra and other castes, and the stages of life are identical with You.
 You are Asramas!
 You are Vidyut Stanitam (lightning and thunder)!
 You are the Year, Seasons, Month, Fortnight, and Kaala, Kastha, Nimesas, Stars and Yugas!
 You are Vrsanam Kakudam (the chief of bulls)!
 You are the Peak of mountains!
 You are the Lion, the chief among animals!
 You are Takshaka among Nagas!
 You are the Milk-ocean among seas!
 You are Yajus among Mantras!
 You are the Thunderbolt among weapons!
 You are the Truth among holy rites!
 You are all the Attributes, namely, Wish, Hatred, Lust, Delusion, Calmness, Forbearance, Industry, Courage, Greed, Love, Anger, Victory and Defeat.
 You are the wielder of Arrow, Bow, Iron-club (Khatvaanga), Banner and Chariot.
 You cut, pierce, strike and lead!
 You are considered a Thinker by us!
 You are Dharma with its ten characteristics!
 You are Artha (wealth)!
 You are Kaama (love)!
 You are Indra!
 You are Samudra (ocean)!
 You are Sarits (rivers)!
 You are Palvalas (puddles)!
 You are Sarasi (lakes)!
 You are Lataavallis (creepers and winding plants)!
 You are Trnausadhayah (grasses and medicinal herbs)!
 You are Patus (animals)!
 You are Birds!
 You are the Source of dravyas (objects), karma (actions) and gunas (attributes)!
 You are Kaalapushpa-phalaprada (bestower of flowers that grow into fruits of time)!
 You are Aadi (origin), Anta (end) and Madhyama (middle)!

You are Gaayatri and Omkaara!
 You are Harita (green)!
 You are Lohita (red)!
 You are Krsna (black)!
 You are Neela (blue)!
 You are Peeta (yellow)!
 You are Aruna (pink)!
 You are Kadru (tawny)!
 You are Kapila (palebrown)!
 You are Babhru (deep-brown)!
 You are Kapota (dove-coloured)!
 You are Mechaka (dark-coloured)!
 You are well-known as Suvarnaretas (one having golden semen)! You are considered Suvarna (gold in colour)!
 You are Suvarna-naaman (golden named)!
 You are Suvarnapriya (fond of gold)!
 You are Indu (moon)!
 You are Yama!
 You are Varuna!
 You are Dhanada (bestower of wealth, that is, Kubera)!
 You are Anala (fire)!
 You are Utpulla-Chitrabhaanu (full-fledged sun)!
 You are Svarbhaanu (Rahu)!
 You are Bhaanu (sun)!
 You are Hotra (sacrifice)!
 You are Hotaa (sacrificer)!
 You are Homya (paraphernalia of oblation)!
 You are Hutam (oblation)!
 O Lord!
 You are the Trisauparna mantra!
 You are the Satarudriya mantra of Yajurveda!
 You are the most sacred of all sacred things!
 You are the most auspicious of all auspicious things!
 You are the mountain that destroys sins!
 You are Vrksa (tree)!
 You are the Jiva (individual soul)!
 You are Pralaya (dissolution)!
 You are Prana (vital airs)!
 You are Tamoguna, Rajoguna and Sattvaguna!
 You are Prana, Apana, Samana, Udana and Vyana!
 You are Unmesa (opening of the eye)!
 You are Nimesa (closing of the eye)!
 You are Kaala (time)!
 You are Kalpa!
 You are Lohitanga (red-limbed)!

You are Damstrin (having curved fangs)!
 You are Mahaavaktra (having huge mouth)!
 You are Mahodara (one having huge belly)!
 You are Suchiroman (having clean hair)!
 You are Haricchmasru (having green moustache and beard)!
 You are Vurdhvakesa (one with hair standing up)!
 You are Chala-achala (moving and stationary)!
 You are Geetaavaaditranrtyaga (interested in singing, playing on instruments and dancing)!
 You are Geetavaadanaka-priya (fond of singing and playing on instruments)!
 You are Matsya (fish)!
 You are Jaala (net)!
 You are Jala (water)!
 You are Ajeya (unconquerable)!
 You are Jalavyala (water-python)!
 You are Kuticharya (porpoise)!
 You are Vikaala (having adverse time)!
 You are Sukaala (having good time)!
 You are Dushkaala (having bad time)!
 You are Kaalanaasana (destroyer of Kaala or god of death)!
 You are Mrtyu (death)!
 You are Akshaya (Everlasting)!
 You are Anta (end)!
 You are Kshamaamaayaa-karotkara (one who offers and carries out forbearance and deception)!
 You are Samvarta (dissolution)!
 You are Vartaka (one who causes whirling)!
 You are Samvartaka and Balahaka (the clouds at the time of dissolution)!
 You are Ghantaakin, Ghantakin and Ghantin (having bells of different types)!
 You are Chudaala (having tufts)!
 You are Lavanodaadhi (the briny sea or the sea of salt)!
 You are Brahma!
 You are Kaalaagnivaktra (having black fire in the mouth)!
 You are Dandin (having staff)!
 You are Munda (having shaven head)!
 You are Tridandaadhrk (one holding three staffs)!
 You are Chaturyuga (of four Yugas)!
 You are Chaturveda (of four Vedas)!
 You are Chaturhotra (set of four sacrifices)!
 You are Chatuspatha (set of four paths)!
 You are Chaturaasramyaneta (leader of the people of four stages of life)!
 You are Chaturvarnyakara (cause of division into four castes)!
 You are Kshara-akshara (perishable and imperishable)!
 You are Priya (Beloved)!
 You are Dhurta (wicked)!

You are Ganaikaganya (worthy of being considered by the Ganas)! You are
 Ganadhiva (the overlord of Ganas)!
 You are Raktamaalyaambaradhara (one who wears red garments and garlands)!
 You are Girisha (lord of the mountain)!
 You are Girijaapriya (fond of the daughter of the Mountain Lord)!
 You are Silpeesa (chief of artisans)!
 You are Silpi-srestha (the most excellent among artisans)
 You are Sarvasilpapravartaka (he who makes arts and crafts function)!
 You are Bhaganetraantaka (the destroyer of the eyes of Bhaga)!
 You are Chanda (fierce)!
 You are Poosnah Danta vinaasanaha (the destroyer of the teeth of Poosan)!
 You are Svaahaa Svadhaa Vasatkaara Namaskaara (obeisance)!
 You are Goodhavrata (one who performs holy rites in isolation)!
 You are Goodha (well-hidden)!
 You are Goodhaavratanivesita (one sought by those who perform holy rites in
 secret)!
 You are Tirnna (one who crosses)!
 You are Tarana (one who redeems)!
 You are Sarvanusyuta-charana (one who has his charanas (feet or informants or
 spies) spread in every place)!
 You are Dhaataa (creator)!
 You are Vidhaataa (dispenser of destiny)!
 You are Sandhaataa (one who joins together)!
 You are Nidhaataa (one who deposits)!
 You are Dharanidhaara (sustainer of the earth)!
 You are Tapas (penance)!
 You are the Brahman (the Supreme Being)!
 You are Satyam (truth)!
 You are Brahmacharyam (the soul of every living being)!
 You are Bhuutaakrt (the creator of living beings)!
 You are Bhuuta (one who has become a being)!
 You are Bhavya Bhavodbhava (the source or origin of every thing past, present and
 the future)!
 You are Bhuurbhuvah-svar (one who has gone to the worlds Bhuh, Bhuvah and
 Svah)!
 You are Vrta (surrounded)!
 You are Agni (fire)!
 You are Mahesvara (great lord)!
 You are Rekshana (having fiery vision)!
 You are Dveekshanakaanta (lover of one with two eyes)!
 You are Daanta (one who has self control)!
 You are Adaanta-vinaasana (destroyer of those who have not conquered their
 sense organs)!
 You are Brahmaavarta (one that has emerged out of the Brahman)!
 You are Suraavarta (one who makes deities revolve)!

You are Kaamaavarta (one who makes the deity of desire revolve), Obeisance to you!

You are Kaamabimba-avinirhanta (one who destroys the idol of the lord of desire)!

You are Karnikaarasrajapriya (one fond of the garland of karnikaara flowers)!

You are Goneta (leader of cows)!

You are Goprachara (one who makes rays spread, or one who makes cows graze)!

You are Govrsesvaravahana (one who has, as vehicle, a cow and a leading bull)!

You are Trailokyagopta (the protector of the three worlds)!

You are Govinda!

You are Gopta (protector)!

You are Gogarga!

You are Akhandachandraabhimukha (one who is face to face with the full moon)!

You are Sumukha (having good face)!

You are Durmukha (having bad face)!

You are Amukha (having no face)!

You are Chaturmukha (four-faced)!

You are Bahumukha (many-faced)!

You are Ranesvabhimukhah sadah (Always willing to be in the battle field)!

You are Hiranyagarbha!

You are Sakuni!

You are Dhanada (bestower of wealth)!

You are Annapati (Lord of cooked rice)!

You are Virat (Universal Being)!

You are Adharmaha (destroyer of evil)!

You are Mahaadaksha (very efficient)!

You are Dandadhaari (holder of staff)!

You are Ranapriya (fond of war)!

You are Tisthan (standing)!

You are Sthira (steady)!

You are Sthanu (stump)!

You are Nishkampa (unmoving)!

You are Sunischala (very still)!

You are Durvaarana (one who cannot be checked)!

You are Durvisaha (who cannot be borne)!

You are Durdarpa (having whisked arrogance)!

You are Duratikrama (one who cannot be made submissive)!

You are Nitya (permanent)!

You are Durdama (one who cannot be suppressed)!

You are Vijaya (victory)!

You are Jaya (conquerer)!

You are Sasa (hare)!

You are Sasaankanayana (having the moon as an eye)!

You are Sitoshna (bearing climatic variations)!

You are Kshut (hunger)!

You are Trsaa (thirst)!

You are Jaraa (old age)!
 You are Aadhis (agonies)!
 You are Vyaadhis (ailments)!
 You are Vyaadhihaa (destroyer of ailments)!
 You are Vyaadhipa (the lord of sickness)!
 You are Sahya (bearable)!
 You are Yajnamrgavyadha (hunter of Yajna in the form of a deer)!
 You are Vyaadhinam-aakara (mine of ailments)!
 You are Akara (handless)!
 You are Sikhandi (tufted)!
 You are Pundareeka (lotus)!
 You are Pundareekavalokana (one who looks at lotuses)!
 You are Dandadhrk (holding staff)!
 You are Chakradanda (holding wheel and staff)!
 You are Raudrabhaaga-vinaasana (destroyer of terrible share)!
 You are Visapaa (one who drinks poison)!
 You are Amrtapaa (one who drinks nectar)!
 You are Suraapaa (one who drinks wine)!
 You are Kshira-somapaa (one who drink milk and soma juice)!
 You are Madhupaa (one who drinks honey)!
 You are Apapaa (one who drinks water)!
 You are Sarvapaa (one who drinks everything)!
 You are Balaabala (one who is strong and weak)!
 You are Vrsangavaahya (one who is to be carried over the body of the bull)!
 You are Vrshabha (bull-leading deity)!
 You are Vrshabhalochana (bull-eyed)!
 You are Leader of all worlds!
 You are Lokasamskrta (consecrated in the world)!
 The moon and the sun constitute Your eyes!
 Brahma is Your heart!
 Agnistoma sacrifice is Your body, embellished by virtuous holy rites!
 O Siva! Neither Brahma nor Visnu, nor the ancient sages are competent to know
 Your greatness precisely like a father protecting his son.
 O Siva! Always protect one with the help of Your physical subtle forms. Let them
 come into my vow.
 O Sinless one! Protect me. I am worthy of Your protection. Obeisance to you!
 You are sympathetic to the devotees, and I am always your devotee.
 May He be my continuous protector, He who stands alone on the shore of the sea
 after encompassing the miserable state of many thousands of men?
 Those who have conquered sleep, those who have mastered their breath, those
 who abide by their sattva-guna, those who have similarity of vision and those who
 perform
 yoga see That Brilliance! Obeisance to that yogic Atman!
 As each yuga is about to end, He devours all living beings, and He lies down in the
 middle of waters. I resort to Him who lies down in the said waters.

It is the fire of the soma-juice that enters the mouth of Rahu, and drinks the nectar of the moon at night. As Rahu, It devours the sun.

Purusas (souls of individuals) of the size of a thumb are stationed in the bodies of embodied souls. Let them protect me always. Let them always nourish me.

Deities are procreated by Svaahaas and Svadhaas. To those who attain death, Svaahaas and Svadhaas are offered. Svaahaa, Svadhaa and Ahaar eulogize you!

Where the embodied persons ascend to and where the living beings descend from, obeisance be to those who delight but do not drag one!

Obeisance to those who are in the ocean, to those who are on mountains, to those who are in the impassable rivers, to those who are in caves, at the roots of trees, in cow-pens, in dense forests, in the four cross-roads, in streets, in jungles, in assemblies, in the chambers of elephants, horses and chariots, in old and dilapidated parks and temples!

Obeisance to those who are in five elements, in quarters and intermediary junctions, to those who are in between Indra and the sun, to those who are in the rays of the moon

and the sun, to those who are present in the nether worlds and who have gone beyond them!

You are identical with all. You are the omnipresent Lord, the Lord of all living beings, and the immanent Soul in all living beings. Hence you have not been invited.

O Lord! You alone are worshipped in sacrifices with various sorts of gifts. You alone are the doer of everything. Hence you have not been invited.

Or, O Lord, I have been deluded by Your subtle Maya. For that reason, too, You have not been invited by me.

O Lord of deities! Be pleased with me. You alone are my refuge! You are the goal and the foundation. It is my opinion that no one else is so.

Brahma said:

After eulogizing the great Lord thus, the highly intelligent Daksha stopped. The delighted Lord spoke to Daksha once again.

The Lord said:

O Daksha of good holy rites! I am delighted with this hymn of Yours. Of what avail is much talk? You will come to My presence.

After uttering the words of consolation, the omniscient Lord of the three worlds spoke the following words, succinctly put in good sentences.

Lord Siva said:

O Daksha! You should not feel sad by this destruction of the sacrifice. O sinless one! I am the destroyer of sacrifices, and you have seen this before.

O one of good holy rites! Accept this boon from me. Put on a happy and pleasant face and listen to me attentively.

O Patriarch! By virtue of my favour, you will derive the fruit of a thousand-horse and a hundred-Vaajapeya sacrifice.

The holy rite of Paasupata has been prescribed by me. The Veda and its six ancillaries are to be appreciated in the context of the schools of philosophy such as Samkhya,

Yoga, etc. A penance too difficult to be performed even by deities and demons should also be undertaken. Thus, during the course of twelve years, this holy rite has been

prepared. It is subtle, and no intelligent man shall censure it.

In some respects, it may conform to the disciplined life of the four castes and the four stages; and, in some respects, it may not. But its aim is the liberation of the individual

soul from bondage.

This holy rite of Pasupata has been prescribed by me, o Daksha, for people of all stages of life. It releases one from all sins. If this holy rite is performed well, the benefit is

splendid. O highly blessed one, may it befall you! May this mental ailment be eschewed?

Brahma said:

After saying so to Daksha of unmeasured splendour, the Lord of deities vanished along with his wife and attendants.

O sages conversant with holy rites! After acquiring His share as mentioned before, the Lord classified (ailments, fever etc) into various divisions, in the company of Uma.

It is for peace among all living beings that He classified thus. O Brahmins! Listen. For Naagas (elephants), it is the scorching of the tuft; for the mountains, it is bitumen.

It is Neelikaa (for water). For the serpents, it is slough. For the cow, it is khoraka (limping); for earth, it is the barren soil.

O sages conversant with virtue! For dogs, it is the obstruction of the vision; for horses, it is the entanglement with the cavity. For peacocks, it is the splitting of their tuft-like

flower on the head.

Redness in the eye is the affliction of a cuckoo. Split is the affliction among noble persons.

Hikkikaa (coughing) is the affliction of a parrot. O Brahmins! For lions, fatigue is the affliction.

O sages conversant with virtue! Such are the afflictions among living beings. They occur at the time of birth, death and in the intervening period.

What is called affliction is the refulgence of the great Lord; it is very terrible. The Supreme Lord should be bowed to, and honoured by all living beings.

He who reads this narrative about the origin of affliction with great attention and without any wretchedness of mind shall be liberated from ailments. He will be gay and

joyous. He will get the benefit of his wishes.

He who repeats the hymn of Daksha or he who listens to it will never have any thing inauspicious. He will have a long life.

Just as Lord Siva is the most excellent among deities, so also this hymn of Daksha is the most excellent among all hymns.

With great devotion this hymn should be repeated assiduously by those who seek

fame, heavenly pleasures, divine riches, glory, victory, knowledge and other things of a similar nature.

He who is sick, he who is miserable, he who is in a wretched state, or who is employed in a dangerous task by the ruler is liberated from danger and fear. From the

Supreme Lord he derives happiness, and with this body itself he becomes the lord of the Ganas.

In the abode where the Lord is eulogized, neither Yakshas nor Pisachas, nor Nagas nor Vinayakas will create any obstacle.

A woman who listens to this hymn with devotion and is sanctified by the Lord shall be honoured in her parental abode as well as in the abode of her husband.

The holy rites of that person, who listens to this or narrates this frequently, shall fructify without any hindrance.

By repeating this hymn, whatever one desires mentally or utters orally shall be realized.

The devotee of the Lord shall maintain holy observances with complete control of his sense-organs. According to his capacity, he shall offer oblations to the Lord, to His

consort Parvati and their son Karttikeya, and Nandisvara. Thereafter, he shall repeat the names in due order. Such a devotee will attain his desired objects. He shall enjoy

his cherished pleasures.

After death, he will go to heaven where he will be surrounded by thousands of beautiful women (angels).

If a person though endowed with all desires or defiled by all sins reads this hymn of Daksha, he will be liberated from sins. On death, he will attain identity with the Ganas.

He will be honoured by deities and demons. He enjoys a trip in an aerial chariot yoked to a bull. He will be a follower of Rudra and stay in the region of Siva till the dissolution of the universe.

This has been mentioned by lord Vyasa, the son of Parasara. No one knows this, nor should it be narrated to any one or every one. By listening to this secret, vaisyas,

sudras and women who are of sinful origin will attain to the world of Rudra.

There is no doubt that the Brahmin who narrates this on auspicious days attains to the world of Rudra.