

1572. Highly pleasant is the place of the supreme God who pours forth all desires with His inviolable protections; auspicious in His appearance like the Sun.

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Adhyāya XVI

1573 O resplendent Lord, men glorify you with hymns, so that you may cherish their noble deeds; the spiritually awakened sages, in one accord, lift up their voice to praise you first and men possessing vital energy also sing forth your praises prior to their (work).

1574. The resplendent lord augments the energy of devotees when the exhilaration of divine love pours forth through His manifestations. Men sing forth praises to His majesty today as ever.

1575. O rays of the inner cosmic Sun and lightning, the devotees who know the right path and are well-versed in the melody of divine symphony, invoke both of you. So I too beseech you for getting super nourishment.
1576. O rays of the inner cosmic Sun and lightning (*indrāgnī*) with one united effort you overthrow ninety strongholds possessed by evil forces.
1577. O rays of the inner cosmic Sun and lightning, the enlightened persons always tread the paths of truth.
1578. O rays of the inner cosmic Sun and lightning, in you vigour and food are abiding together; your readiness for dispensing justice is highly commendable.
1579. O resplendent Lord of cosmic creation, may you fulfil our aspirations with all your possible assistance. We, O hero, obey your commands as you are bliss-giving, glorious, and granter of wealth and wisdom.

1580. You are the promoter of our vital powers, and multiplier of our mental faculties. O embodiment of divine light, you are a fountain of golden blessings; let no one impair the treasure laid up in you for me; may you grant me whatsoever I solicit from you.
1581. Bounteous as you are, come, and get wealth to be distributed to your worshippers. o bounteous Lord, may you shower your bounty on a wisdom-seeker, and O resplendent Lord, shower your bounty on a vitality-seeker.
1582. You keep hundreds and thousands of herds for granting; reciting long praises, we please you and bring you in our proximity for our protection, as you are the destroyer of strongholds of evils.

1583. May our praises like the principal cups of the exhilarating elixir of devotion proceed to Him who is the invoker of Nature's bounties and who cheerfully distributes all wealth to men.
1584. The liberal worshippers honour you with their songs as the steed harnessed to the chariot. O Lord of men, grant wealth to us, to our children and grand-children.
1585. I invoke you, O venerable Lord, to make this day a happy one. I implore you for your helpful blessings.

1586. O showerer of blessings, with what type of help of yours you gladden us and with what type of wealth, you make your worshippers happy and prosperous?
1587. We invoke the resplendent Lord for paying homage to Nature's bounties and when sacred works are in progress. We call Him amidst our struggles of life for the attainment of wisdom and prosperity.
1588. The resplendent lord, by virtue of His prowess, spreads out earth and heaven. He renders the Sun radiant. In him are all creatures closely held; to Him alone the sweet streams of devotional prayers flow.

1589. O universal architect, the creator of all things, you are exalted by offerings, in your own divine person, or at the consecrated fire. May the enemies, the unbelievers, all around be stupefied, and may you, the courteous Lord, the All-wise, be always with us.
1590. The bright gold-tinted elixir, when filtered, comes out in streams with its juices yoked to it to overcome all enemies. Verily, it is like the Sun with rays yoked to it (to dispel darkness). The stream of the effused elixir shines. The filtered green tinted elixir is resplendent, pervading all constellations with grand splendour, verily, with prayers in seven-metres (or seven-mouthed) high-flown splendour.
1591. The intelligent elixir proceeds to the eastern quarter. Your beautiful chariot, — verily, the celestial beautiful chariot, meets the Sun's rays; the hymn of manly praises invoke the resplendent Self and stimulates Him to victory. The Self is resplendent with adamantine determination and you thus become invincible, verily, you are invincible in the battle of life.

1592. O elixir, you have been able to procure for us the treasure kept concealed by the miser traders. You in your own abode, are consecrated. — verily, in your own abode, consecrated by cosmic waters at the place of sacrifice. The Sāman hymns are chanted in your praise and to the sacrificer's enjoyments. The elixir with its brilliance in the three regions bestows upon us food, verily, the shining one gives us food and nutrition.
1593. Give us that pious wisdom which is productive of cows, of horses, of food and of dependents for our delight and use.
1594. O truly strong brave vital breaths, you know the toil of him who sings your praise, and the desire of him who loves you.

1595. May all sons of the immortal hear our words and be the source of happiness to us.
1596. We offer earnest praise to both of you, O resplendent heaven and earth. We approach you to offer adoration with pure heart.
1597. You physically sanctify each other, and shine by your own power and thus you function according to eternal laws.
1598. O mighty heaven and earth, you fulfil the aspirations of your friends; distributing food and giving sustenance; may your blessing be always with us in our dedicated task.
1599. This devotional prayer is offered to you. Please accept it as a pigeon, eagerly awaiting his pregnant mate.

1600. O valiant resplendent God, Lord of affluence, acceptor of prayers, may genuine prosperity be the reward of your faithful devotee.
1601. Come to us, O embodiment of total selfless actions, for protection from our fears and help us to over-power them. May we establish communication with you for our guidance.
1602. Draw near, O cows, to the cauldron: the two mighty ones — heaven and earth. The sacrificial fire has been fed plentifully and is fruit-giving: both ears of the cauldron are golden.
1603. The reverent priests drawing near pour the superfluous butter into the large spoon, when they set the cauldron down.
1604. With reverence they pour out the inexhaustible cauldron, as it goes round and round from a height with its mouth below.

1605. Blessed with your guidance and patronage, we become fearless and are never tired of work. Verily, O showerer, your deeds are praiseworthy. May the physically strong persons and assiduous workers emulate the same.
1606. You, the showerer of blessings, are able to encompass the entire creation with a fraction of your body, just of the left part. You are moreover, not displeased with a small gift. May you come and accept our love, which is as sweet as milk products blended with honey of bees.
1607. These are our holy hymns addressed to you, on this occasion, with joy and in earnestness. May the stream of your riches come down towards us. O resplendent Lord, may we find comforts under your care.

1608. He, with His might augmented by sages and seers, attains thousand-fold fame, which becomes vast as an ocean. His true magnanimity is glorified at the solemn ceremonies and at the places where pious persons are held in esteem.
1609. You (the bounteous and resplendent Lord) are that wealth personified which is coveted by every generous master of riches, and even by the humblest miser. May the wealth be brought directly close to you, the energetic devotees.
1610. The zealous seers glorify you with sweet prayers and affectionate dedication; may the wealth and strength distributed among us and so too the spiritual delight.
1611. O powerful elixir, while expressed, pour upon the riches, comprising cattle (wealth) and horses (vigour); I shall add pure milk and curds to the elixir.

- 16 2. O divine elixir, lord of our vigorous actions, you possess a most brilliant form; may you be kind to priests, and enlighten us as a friend enlightens a friend.
1613. May you show us your ancient eternal friendship; drive away the impious voracious demoniac tendencies; O victorious elixir, overcome those who oppress us, and drive off those who are engrossed in sin.
1614. They, the priests, smear and grease, and anoint the effused elixir with milk. Nature's bounties enjoy the sweetness of the original invigorating sap. They smear it over with sweetened milk. They filter it through sheepwool, and plunge it into those waters, the sprinkler, the beholder, falling into the seething torrent.
- 1615 Sing forth (o priests) to the intelligent elixir, who sends forth food like a mighty stream: like a snake, he glides out of his old skin. He, the showerer and green-tinted, comes to the receptacle like a sporting horse.

1616. The divine elixir, going foremost, radiant, dweller in cosmic waters, placed in the firmament (or in consecrated waters), as the measurer of days, is now glorified, and purified; it is golden-hued, shedder of rain, charming, source of moisture, borne as if in a chariot of light. It is friendly and flowes, giving wealth (to all house-holders) since he has been domiciled by us.

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Adhāya XVII

1617. O kind-hearted venerable God, the source of strength, may you with your life-giving energies help us in the performance of noble deeds, guide us with sacred wisdom, and bless us with plenty of food.

1618. Whatever we offer in repeated and plentiful oblations in the recognition of Nature's bounties, is assuredly an offering to you.