

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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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.

1619. May the Lord of men, and the performer of dedicated acts, the gracious and the noble, be dear to us, and may we also be dear to our Lord by our spiritual fervour.
1620. We invoke God from anywhere. May He be exclusively our own.
1621. Therefore, O Lord, showerer of blessings and granter of all desires, may you break open the dark clouds of evil forces and comply with our requests.
1622. The mighty Lord invests men with His strength and showers His blessings on them and defends, as a bull defending a herd of kine.
1623. O wonderful Lord, giver of homes and shelter, encourage us by your protection and by rewarding riches You are the conveyer, o adorable Lord, of earthly wealth; may you quickly bestow safety to our children.

1624. You protect our sons and grandsons with effective, never failing defences. May you remove far from us celestial wrath and malevolence of faithless men.
1625. What is left to be proclaimed of you, O all-pervading Lord, when you say, "I am the one with a shining halo of light." Please do not conceal your real form (behind your halo). You have been engaging yourself under various forms in your creative functions.
1626. O all-pervading Lord, the fulfiller of aspirations, please show to us that amiable disposition which is benevolent to all without exception or distinction. May we, by your grace, easily acquire ample all-delighting riches including horses (and kine).
1627. I offer, o all-pervading Lord, the oblation placed before you with the pronouncement of the syllable VAṢAṬ. O the one with a halo of light, be pleased with my offering. May this poem of praise exalt you. May you all cherish us with blessings.

1628. O vital breath, purified by holy acts, I bring to you the loving devotion, offered first to you at all worships. O ever-loved divine, come with your subsidiaries, the sense perceptions, to enjoy the exhilarating experiences.
1629. O soul and vital breath (*indra-vāyu*), both of you deserve to relish the devotional elixir. Our devotion flows towards you as drops of water gather to move towards lower levels.
- 1630 O soul and vital breath, lords of strength, vigorous and drawn by the subsidiaries, the sense-perceptions may both of you come riding in the same vehicle to accept devotional love for our protection.
1631. And (the elixir), consecrated by the end of night, plunges into the strengthening food, while the prayers of the worshippers impel the golden-hued elixir to effuse and proceed (to the receiving pitchers).

1632. We purify the sap of that elixir which is exhilarating and fit for assimilation of the resplendent Self and which the cows and men of wisdom have been now and of old taking up by their mouths (cows provide milk to be mixed with the elixir; and wise men chant hymns of praise).
1633. They have been celebrating the purified elixir with the ancient hymn of praise, and the sacred songs, bearing the names of divine powers, supplicate it.
1634. With deep reverence, we express our obligations to the virtues of the fire-divine, the sovereign Lord of fire-rituals, whose flames resemble the hairy tail of a horse.
1635. May He (the fire-divine), the source of our strength, with his fleeting and vigorous energies shower down on us (Nature's gifts).
1636. May you, O adorable Lord, who is present everywhere, protect us, whether near or afar, from men seeking to do us injury.

1637. O resplendent Lord, you in conflicts are the subduer of all opposing elements. You are the vanquisher of the wicked, as well as the progenitor. You are the destroyer of all enemies. O opposer, you bend down the opponents.
1638. Heaven and earth follow your destructive forces as mothers follow their children; since you smite the demon of nescience, all the hostile hosts shrink and faint at your wrath, O resplendent.
1639. The worship magnifies the glory of the resplendent Lord, while He supports earth and makes clouds fertile in firmament.
1640. Through the ecstasy of celestial elixir, the lord of resplendence spreads His glory across the firmament and the realm of radiance for destroying evil-forces.
1641. He hurls the demon of evil forces head-long down and liberates the stolen cows of conscience, kept hidden in our inner cavity; thereby He grants strength to our vital organs.

1642. May He be brought hither for our protection, who is the resplendent supreme, the conqueror of many, and who pervades all through our measures of protection.
1643. Please invoke, O warriors, one whom none opposes and whom none can over-throw. He, verily, is the acceptor of devotion, and is the leader whose activities cannot be hindered.
1644. O resplendent omniscient, worthy of our praise, who knowest all things, may you send us plentiful riches. May you help us with the wealth seized from enemies.
1645. The praise sharpens your great energy, your strength, your acts and your adamant justice.
1646. O resplendent Lord, heaven augments your supreme virility and earth your renown. These waters and mountains also glorify you.

1647. The great omnipresent, the mighty giver of dwellings the Sun, ocean, clouds and all strong divine (powers) find delight in your association.
1648. O divine adorable Lord, men sing reverent praises for the attainment of strength; may you destroy the enemy by strength.
1649. O adorable Lord, may you send us abundance of wealth to fulfil our aspirations. O provider of space, grant us abundant space to live.
1650. O foremost adorable Lord, leave us not alone in this conflict as a bearer of load; snatch up wealth of infidels and give it to us.
1651. Just as the rivers flow towards an ocean, similarly all people, all men, bow down before His strict discipline.

1652. He severs the head of the turbulent demon of evil with His mighty hundred-knotted olt of justice.
1653. This powder of His omnipotence shines forth brightly when the Lord of resplendence folds and unfolds celestial and terrestrial regions like the rolling and unrolling of a skincoat.
1654. O hymns of devotion, you arouse kind thoughts, (*sumanmā*), are rich in treasure (*vasvī*), are gladdening (*ranti*), and are also a friendly one (*sūnarī*).
1655. O charming hero (with unchanging form), please come close to this auspicious pair, that draws the car. They, verily are coming towards us-and *sāman*.
1656. May you receive blessings on your head. Of course, the resplendent Self or our Lord who provides us the entire happiness, with the signal of all his ten fingers stands amid the nectar of divine elixir.

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