Adhyāya XVIII

1657. O devotees, prepare for Him the elixir, each draught of which you have made as relishing as you could. For it is to be offered to the brave, the conqueror and the showerer of joy.

1658. May the strong dedicated vital forces, yoked by devotional hymns, bring hither unto us our friend, who is lover of laudations, renowned by songs.

1659. Lord, the destroyer of evils, drinks this elixir of spiritual joy. May He who gives us hundreds of aids be constantly with us, and not stay afar.

1660. Let the drops of divine love enter your heart, as the rivers enter sea. None, verily surpasses you.

1661. The resplendent Lord, the showerer of blessings, ever wakeful, you attain by your strength the drinking of this celestial elixir which enters into thy heart and mind.

1662. O resplendent Lord, dispeller of darkness, may the divine lover (the elixir) be enough for your heart and mind. May the drops be enough for your numerous bodies.

1663. O cosmic Lord, earnest to prayers, may you enter into the spirit of our songs of praise for the completion of the sacrifice that benefits all mankind.

1664. May the vast illimitable, precursor of light, and resplendent adorable Lord inspire us with wisdom and strength.

1665. May the omniscient, adorable and effulgent God listen to our sacred divine prayers and shower blessings on us as a generous master gives to the needy.

1666. O priests, may you sing glory of Lord, who is invoked by all and the subduer of adversaries. Do it when you are ready to recite your devotional hymns. This gives delight to Lord just as fresh pastures to cattle.

1667. The resplendent Lord, who is granter of dwelling, does not withhold the reward of food and cattle, or of vital strength and wisdom, when He hears our praises.

1668. The Lord, the destroyer of wicked, proceeds to the cattle-crowded folds of butchers and by His these actions opens the gates, and releases these cattle for us.

1669. The omnipresent and the all-powerful God dominates over all the three regions, earth, midregion and the celestial. His own step is rooted in the deep dark mystery, beyound the knowledge of mankind.

1670. The omnipresent God, the preserver of the indomitable, created three regions, the earth mid-region and the celestial. He sustains and preserves the sanctity of all vital functions that keep life ticking.

1671. Behold the marvellous creativity and activity of omnipesent God who fulfills our noble aspirations. He is a true friend of the soul.

1672. The wise and true seekers have the supermost realization of the omnipresent Lord through meditation (within their own self); they see Him vividly as the eye ranges over the sky.

1673. By transcendental meditation and pious acts the vigilant seeker of truth realizes the all-pervading God within the innermost cavity, the supreme abode of the Lord.

1674. May the omnipresent God, along with Nature's bounties, preserve us on that part of our earth from whence the Lord measured the (infinite) regions in the whole universe. (This refers to that part of our global earth on which the divine revelation came to men in the most natural course.)

1675. Let none, not even your worshippers, for a moment detain you far away from us. Even from long distances, please do come to our place of worship to grant our prayers.

1676. When the homage is effused to you, these hymn-chanters gather like flies swarming round honey. The pious praisers desiring blessings set their hope upon the resplendent Lord, as men set their foot upon a chariot.

1677. We have been singing the songs since ancient times and chanting these prayers for the resplendent Lord. We loudly sing many Bṛhatī verses in the ceremonies in which devotees have poured forth many hymns.

1678. When effused, pure and shining, mixed with milk and its products, the draughts of elixir gladden the resplendent Self and (pleased with that) in return, the resplendent Self has tossed together mighty stores of wealth,- the global earth and the Sun.

1679. O elixir, you as a beverage, are poured forth for the aspirant, the resplendent Self, the crusher of nescience, and for the exhilaration of the manifestant worshipper, who sits in the assembly of worship and offers homage.

1680. The resplendent Lord has heaped together vast stores of wealth and wisdom of both the worlds and of the solar region. The Lord is extremely delighted to hear brilliant, purifying and devotional prayers tuned with enlightenment.

1681. It is golden-hued and brown (attractive and nutritious) and coveted by all; they purify it and filter across the filters (attractive and nutritious); it goes to Nature's all bounties with exhilaration. [A fragment of the verse only — परि त्यं॑ हर्यतं॑ हरिम् - cf. Rv. IX. 98.7.]

1682. O resplendent Lord, what mortal can assail a man who has favour of your support? O bounteous Lord, the one who offers homage to you with faith, shall immediately win the reward on the day of completion. [A fragment of the verse only:/ कस्तमिन्द्र त्वावसो - Rv. VII. 32.14.]

1683. Inspire those who for the destruction of their opponents offer valuable homage dear to you. O Lord of vital energies, may we with our nobles devotees, pass through all perils under your guidance.

1684. O performers of sacred works, may you offer exhilarating sweet beverage of devotion to the brave Lord alone, who provides prosperity to us.

1685. O supreme Lord of resplendence, controller of energies, neither one can ever surpass your power, nor can be compared with you in fame or in strength.

1686. Desirous of food, we invoke you, O lord of viands; verily, you are to be magnified by sacrifices offered by the devotees engaged in beneficial work.

1687. Glorify that unattached lord, the leader of light, whom the priests approach with devotion and through him convey their oblations to Nature's bounties.

1688. O wise, O the bounteous sage, may you while performing sacrifice, glorify the Lord who is the giver of opulence and whose lustre is wonderful! He is the regulator of this beautiful cosmic sacrifice of creation.

1689. Expressed by the stones, the golden-hued, divine elixir, passes through the cosmic fleecy filters to the cups, just as a man enters a city.

1690. Passing through the interstices of the fleece, the divine elixir is adorned like a horse in the battle; it is to be invoked and praised by everyone, praised by men of wisdom and by the reciters of sacred songs.

1691. Today, yesterday, and all the days, let the resolute will power express our tributes to His full satisfaction. We offer Him our reverence. Let Him now hasten to be with us and listen to our tributes.

1692. Even the wolf-like, wicked, the savage beast, that kills the sheep, is obedient to Him in many ways. O resplendent Lord, may you graciously accepting our praises, come speedily to us with your wondrous splendour, and accept our praises.

1693. O rays of inner cosmic Sun and lightning, you illuminate the lucid realms of heaven with victory in inner conflicts. So well known is the prowess of both of you (the Sun and the lightning).

1694. Only fragmentary: इन्द्राग्नी अपसस्परि -
[O rays of the inner cosmic Sun and lightning (or of our Lord of knowledge and bliss), the enlightened persons offer you praise and alwys tread on the path of Truth.]

1695. Only fragmentary: इन्द्राग्नी तविषाणि वाम् -
[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.]

1696. Only fragmentary: क ईं वेद सुते सचा -
[No one knows what vital drinks He enjoys when devotional prayers are offered to Him and when and what foods He takes! He looks resolute as a man having strong jaws; exhilarated by the spiritual joy, He breaks down the strongholds of evil forces by His strength.]

1697. May you come to the place of worship like a wild elephant who rushes on, this way and that way, mad with heat; no one can bind you, yet come hither to the place of worship; verily, you move mighty with your strength.

1698. He is powerful, never overthrown by foes, steadfast and always ready to fight the evil. When the bounteous Lord hears the invocation of an adorer, He does not stand aloof. He is sure to come.

1699. The brilliant purified divine elixirs have been pouring forth amidst divine praises.

1700. The purified elixir are poured forth from heaven and from the firmament upon the summit of the earth.

1701. O purified elixir, swift and bright, is flowing forth, driving off all adversaries.

1702. I invoke the rays of the inner cosmic sun and lightning, the destroyers of the foes, the removers of the darkness, the victorious, the invincible and the bestowers of abundant nourishment.

1703. (O rays of the inner cosmic sun and lightning — Indra-Agni) 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.) [see 1575.]
Priests well-versed in the malody of divine symphony.
[A fragment only: / प्र वामर्चन्त्युक्थिनः - Rv. III. 12.5.]

1704. O rays of the cosmic sun and lightning (Indra-Agni), overthrow by one blow ninety strongholds (of enemies).
(O cosmic sun and lightning, by one blow overthrow ninety strongholds, possessed by evil forces or overthrow ninety cities, providing shelter to our enemies.) [see 1576]

1705. O resplendent fire-divine, offering readily inflamable, food, we enkindle you from time to time by our prayers.

1706. O resplendent Lord, glittering like gold, we come to you for shelter, as men seek shade to avoid scorching heat.

1707. O adorable Lord, you are like a fierce archer, or like a sharp-horned bull, capable of breaking the forts of evils.

1708. We offer prayers to the leader of all of us, who maintains the eternal law, who is holy and who is the lord of all luminaries and the possessor of eternal energy.

1709. He, the Lord, is one, who, furthering the light of eternal law, has spread Himself in every bit of His creation — so that He may work incessantly. He, the controller, sends for us all the seasons.

1710. The adorable Lord, is present in all His loving regions. He has been our sole reliance in the past, and so will He be in future. He shines forth alone as a sovereign Lord.

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Adhyāya XIX

1711. The wise fire-divine decorating its form with brilliant flame, with the chant of hymns grows in might through the singing of hymns.