CHAPTER TWENTY-TWO

1. (O fire divine), you are lustre, bright and immortal, preserver of life; may you preserve my life. (1) At the impulsion of the Creator Lord, I take you with arms of the healers and with hands of the nourisher. (2)

2. This is the girdle of truth, worn by the sages of the earliest ages in the sacrifices. She, the same, has appeared again at this sacrifice of ours resounding the hymn of truth and knowledge. (1)

3. O fire divine, you are praised by all. You are the shelter. You are the controller. You are the support. Now, consecrated by offerings, may you go to the vaster fire, benefactor of all men. (1)

4. O fire, you move at your will for the enlightened ones and for the Lord of creatures. (1) Now, for the sake of the enlightened ones and the Lord of creatures I shall put in discipline the fast-moving defence forces. May I prosper thereby. (2) May you put them in discipline for the enlightened ones and the Lord of creatures, and prosper. (3)

5. I sprinkle you, who are pleasing to the Lord of creatures. (1) I sprinkle you, who are pleasing to the clouds as well as to the fire. (2) I sprinkle you, who are pleasing to the wind. (3) I sprinkle you, who are pleasing to all the bounties of Nature. (4) I sprinkle you, who are pleasing to all the enlightened ones. (5) The venerable Lord smites him, who wants to harm an aspirant moving forward. (6) May the man keep away; may the dog keep away. (7)

6. *Svāhā* to the adorbale Lord. (1) *Svāhā* to the blissful Lord. (2) *Svāhā* to the joy-giving water. (3) *Svāhā* to the impeller Lord. (4) *Svāhā* to the purifying Lord. (5) *Svāhā* to the pervading Lord. (6) *Svāhā* to the resplendent Lord. (7) *Svāhā* to the Lord Supreme. (8) *Svāhā* to the friendly Lord. (9) *Svāhā* to the venerable Lord. (10)

7. *Svāhā* to *the hiṅ* sound. (1) *Svāhā* to him, that has made *hiṅ* sound. (2) *Svāhā* to the crying. (3) *Svāhā* to the low crying. (4) *Svāhā* to the snorting. (5) *Svāhā* to the loud snorts. (6) *Svāhā* to the smell. (7) *Svāhā* to him, that smells. (8) *Svāhā* to him, that enters. (9) *Svāhā* to him, that sits down. (10) *Svāhā* to him, that is departing. (11) *Svāhā* to him, that is walking. (12) *Svāhā* to him, that is seated. (13) *Svāhā* to him, that is lying down. (14) *Svāhā* to him, that is sleeping. (15) *Svāhā* to him, that is awake. (16) *Svāhā* to him, that is making sweet low sounds. (17) *Svāhā* to him, that is aroused. (18) *Svāhā* to him, that is yawning. (19) *Svāhā* to him, that is outshining. (20) *Svāhā* to him, that is crouching. (21) *Svāhā* to him, that is standing by. (22) *Svāhā* to him, that is going. (23) *Svāhā* to him, that is going extremely well. (24)

8. *Svāhā* to him, that is walking. (1) *Svāhā* to him, that is running. (2) *Svāhā* to jumping up. (3) *Svāhā* to him, that has jumped up. (4) *Svāhā* to the shoo sound. (5) *Svāhā* to him, that has made the shoo sound. (6) *Svāhā* to him, that is sitting down. (7) *Svāhā* to him, that has stood up. (8) *Svāhā* to the speed. (9) *Svāhā* to the strength. (10) *Svāhā* to him, that is rolling. (11) *Svāhā* to him, that has finished rolling. (12) *Svāhā* to him, that is shaking himself. (13) *Svāhā* to him, that has shaken himself. (14) *Svāhā* to him, that is trying to listen. (15) *Svāhā* to him, that is listening. (16) *Svāhā* to him, that is trying to see. (17) *Svāhā* to him, that is seen by others. (18) *Svāhā* to him, that has been seen minutely by others. (19) *Svāhā* to him, that blinks. (20) *Svāhā* to him, that eats. (21) *Svāhā* to him, that drinks. (22) *Svāhā* to him, that urinates. (23) *Svāhā* to him, that acts. (24) *Svāhā* to him, that has finished actions. (25)

9. May we imbibe in ourselves the choicest effulgence of the divine Creator, so that He evokes our intellects. (1)

10. For preservation, I invoke the divine Creator, imbued with golden radiance. Only realization of His nature leads one to the final destination. (1)

11. We hereby invoke the immense grace of the awakener and the impeller Lord; the grace, that is the true wealth. (1)

12. For praise and gifts, we beg the divine impeller Lord, who strengthens our good intentions, and knows our all the intentions as well. (1)

13. I invoke and praise the impeller Lord, who is the true bestower, good master and delighter, for the well-being of the enlightened ones. (1)

14. The grace of the impeller Lord, that bestows bliss on all the enlightened ones, we think to be a big fortune. (1)

15. Awaken the immortal fire divine with praises, so that being enkindled may he convey our offerings to the enlightened ones. (1)

16. The adorable Lord, medium of devotion, immortal, divine carrier of enlightenment, and the cherisher of our dedicated actions, inspires the devotees with divine wisdom. (1)

17. I establish to the fire divine the foremost status of the messenger. I adore him as the bearer of the oblations; may he inspire Nature's bounties to occupy their functional places. (1)

18. O purifier Lord, you have created the sun with your might for lifting water (in the space), that in its turn hastens in large streams for sustaining the life of animals. (1)

19. O horse, majestic through mother and mighty through father, you are a swift runner *(aśvaḥ)*; You are a courser *(hayaḥ)*; you are ever-moving *(atyaḥ)*; you are a pleasure *(mayah)*; you are a racer *(arvā)*; you are a draft horse *(saptiḥ)*; you are a strong horse *(vajī)*; you are a stallion *(vṛṣā)*; you are kind to man *(nṛmaṇas)*; you are *yayu* (fond of running) by name; you are *śiśu* (baby) by name. May you follow the path of the suns. (1) O bounties of Nature, warders of quarters, may you protect this horse, besprinkled for sacrifice. (2) Here is pleasure. (3) May you delight here. (4) May here be satisfaction for you. (5) May here be satisfaction for oneself. *Svāhā*. (6)

20. *Svāhā* to the Lord of bliss. (1) *Svāhā* to the bliss personified. (2) *Svāhā* to the highest bliss. (3) *Svāhā* to him, who has been enkindled. (4) *Svāhā* to the Lord of creatures, who knows the mind. (5) *Svāhā* to one, that knows the thought thoroughly. (6) *Svāhā* to the Eternity. (7) *Svāhā* to the mighty Eternity. (8) *Svāhā* to the Eternity, the bestower. (9) *Svāhā* to the divine speech. (10) *Svāhā* to the purifying speech. (11) *Svāhā* to the great speech. (12) *Svāhā* to the nourisher. (13) *Svāhā* to the nourisher, the guide. (14) *Svāhā* to the nourisher, the strengthener of men. (15) *Svāhā* to the universal Architect. (16) *Svāhā* to the speedy universal Architect. (17) *Svāhā* to the multiform universal Architect. (18) *Svāhā* to the sacrifice. (19) *Svāhā* to the sacrifice, the sure protector. (20) *Svāhā* to the sacrifice imbibed within all the creatures. (21)

21. Let all the mortals desire the company of the Creator Lord, our leader. All the people beg Him for riches. Let you also approach the glorious Lord for nourishment. (1)

22. O Lord Supreme, may our intellectuals be imbued with the highest moral values; may our nation have warriors, brave, skilled in shooting, free from diseases whatsoever, and fierce and undaunted fighters; may the cows be rich in milk, the oxen good at carrying, the horses swift of speed, and the women full of cultural accomplishments: may this householder be blessed with a son, who, desirous of conquests, be always in the forefront and be well-versed in parliamentary manners, as well as be youthful; may the cloud bring rain as and when we desire; may our fruitful harvests ripen; bestow on us, O Lord, power of acquisition and preservation of riches. (1)

23. *Svāhā* to in-breath. (1) *Svāhā* to out-breath. (2) *Svāhā* to diffused breath. (3) *Svāhā* to vision. (4) *Svāhā* to hearing. (5) *Svāhā* to speech. (6) *Svāhā* to mind. (7)

24. *Svāhā* to the eastward region. (1) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (2) *Svāhā* to the southward region. (3) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (4) *Svāhā* to the westward region. (5) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (6) *Svāhā* to the northward region. (7) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (8) *Svāhā* to the upward region. (9) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (10) *Svāhā* to the downward region. (11) *Svāhā* to the proximate region. (12)

25. *Svāhā* to waters. (1) *Svāhā* to drinking waters. (2) *Svāhā* to irrigation waters. (3) *Svāhā* to standing waters. (4) *Svāhā* to flowing waters. (5) *Svāhā* to trickling waters. (6) *Svāhā* to well-waters. (7) *Svāhā* to spring waters. (8) *Svāhā* to stream waters. (9) *Svāhā* to the Sea. (10) *Svāhā* to the Ocean. (11) *Svāhā* to the tide. (12)

26. *Svāhā* to wind. (1) *Svāhā* to fumes. (2) *Svāhā* to vapours. (3) *Svāhā* to cloud. (4) *Svāhā* to lightning cloud. (5) *Svāhā* to thundering cloud. (6) *Svāhā* to the bursting. (7) *Svāhā* to the raining. (8) *Svāhā* to lightly raining. (9) *Svāhā* to heavily raining. (10) *Svāhā* to quickly raining. (11) *Svāhā* to the holding up. (12) *Svāhā* to the held up. (13) *Svāhā* to the sprinkling. (14) *Svāhā* to the drizzling. (15) *Svāhā* to drops, (16) *Svāhā* to hails. (17) *Svāhā* to hoar frost. (18)

27. *Svāhā* to the fire. (1) *Svāhā* to the moon. (2) *Svāhā* to the lightning. (3) *Svāhā* to the Earth. (4) *Svāhā* to the mid-space. (5) *Svāhā* to the sky. (6) *Svāhā* to the regions. (7) *Svāhā* to the mid-regions. (8) *Svāhā* to the upward region. (9) *Svāhā* to the downward region. (10)

28. *Svāhā* to the stars. (1) *Svāhā* to the constellations. (2) *Svāhā* to the pairs of day and night. (3) *Svāhā* to the half months. (4) *Svāhā* to the months. (5) *Svāhā* to the seasons. (6) *Svāhā* to the groups of seasons. (7) *Svāhā* to the year. (8) *Svāhā* to the heaven and earth. (9) *Svāhā* to the moon. (10) *Svāhā* to the sun. (11) *Svāhā* to the rays. (12) *Svāhā* to the abodes. (13) *Svāhā* to the vital forces. (14) *Svāhā* to the luminous bodies. (15) *Svāhā* to the cloud-bearing winds. (16) *Svāhā* to all the bounties of Nature. (17) *Svāhā* to the roots. (18) *Svāhā* to the branches. (19) *Svāhā* to the plants. (20) *Svāhā* to the flowers. (21) *Svāhā* to the fruits. (22) *Svāhā* to the medicinal herbs. (23)

29. *Svāhā* to the earth. (1) *Svāhā* to the mid-space. (2) *Svāhā* to the sky. (3) *Svāhā* to the sun. (4) *Svāhā* to the moon. (5) *Svāhā* to the stars. (6) *Svāhā* to the waters. (7) *Svāhā* to the medicinal herbs. (8) *Svāhā* to the plants. (9) *Svāhā* to the swimming creatures. (10) *Svāhā* to the moving and non-moving. (11) *Svāhā* to the reptiles. (12)

30. *Svāhā* to the life-breath. (1) *Svāhā* to the soul living in the body. (2) *Svāhā* to the pervading wind. (3) *Svāhā* to the sun. (4) *Svāhā* to the splendour of people. (5) *Svāhā* to the head of the state. (6) *Svāhā* to the conqueror. (7) *Svāhā* to the overlord. (8) *Svāhā* to strength. (9) *Svāhā* to the lightning. (10) *Svāhā* to the moon. (11) *Svāhā* to light. (12) *Svāhā* to the intercalary month (*malimluca*). (13) *Svāhā* to him that flies in the sky. (14)

31. *Svāhā* to Madhu *(caitra)*. (1) *Svāhā* to Mādhava *(vaiśākha)*. (2) *Svāhā* to Śukra *(jyeṣṭha)*. (3) *Svāhā* to Śuci (*āṣāḍha*). (4) *Svāhā* to Nabhas *(śrāvaṇa)*. (5) Svāhā to Nabhasya (*bhādrapada*). (6) *Svāhā* to Iṣa *(āśvina)*. (7) Svāhā to Ūrja (*kārttika*). (8) *Svāhā* to Sahas (*mārga-śīrṣa*). (9) *Svāhā* to Sahasya (*pauṣa*). (10) *Svāhā* to Tapas (*māgha*). (11) *Svāhā* to Tapasya (*phālguna*). (12) *Svāhā* to Aṁhasaspati (intercalary month). (13)

32. *Svāhā* to strength. (1) *Svāhā* to the progenitor. (2) *Svāhā* to the born. (3) *Svāhā* to action. (4) *Svāhā* to bliss. (5) *Svāhā* to top position. (6) *Svāhā* to the enjoyer. (7) *Svāhā* to the final. (8) *Svāhā* to the worldly finality. (9) *Svāhā* to the Lord of the world. (10) *Svāhā* to the Over lord. (11) *Svāhā* to the Lord of all creatures. (12)

33. May the longevity be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (1) May the vital breath be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (2) May the downward breath be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (3) May the diffused breath be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (4) May the up-breath be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (5) May the digestive breath be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (6) May the vision be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (7) May the hearing power be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (8) May the speech be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (9) May the mind be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (10) May the self be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (11) May the knowledge of the Supreme be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (12) May the light be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (13) May the bliss be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (14) May whatever is left be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (15) May the sacrifice itself be secured through sacrifice. *Svāhā.* (16)

34. *Svāhā* to the one. (1) *Svāhā* to the two. (2) *Svāhā* to the hundred. (3) *Svāhā* to the hundred and one. (4) *Svāhā* to the effort to rise. (5) *Svāhā* to the state of absolute bliss. (6)