CHAPTER THIRTY-FIVE

1. May the evil bargainers, mischievous and jealous of the enlightened ones, go away hence. This place belongs to him, who has enjoyed devotional bliss. (1) May the ordainer Lord grant rest to this person in all the seasons day and night. (2)

2. May the impeller Lord grant a place (i.e. body) for your physical existence on earth. Let the sense-organs be harnessed for it. (1)

3. May the wind purify it. (1) May the Impeller Lord purify it; (2) with the glow of fire; (3) with the radiance of the sun. (4) Let the sense-organs be unharnessed. (5)

4. Your abode is on the holy fig tree; and on *parṇa* (Butea frondosa) is your residence. You have been sent to the earth, so that you may serve (sick) men. (1)

5. May the impeller Lord commit your bodies to the bosom of the mother Earth. O mother Earth, may you be pleasing to this person. (1)

6. I, so and so, place you at this spot, adjacent to water, under the care of the divine Lord of progeny. May He burn our sins away. (1)

7. O death, go away. Take that road of yours which is different from the path along which the enlightened ones travel. To you, with eyes to see and ears to hear, I say : "Do not destroy our progeny, nor our brave sons." (1)

8. May the wind be propitious; may the glare of the sun be pleasing to you; may all the desirable things be helpful to you; may the terrestrial fires be auspicious to you and may they not scorch you. (1)

9. May the regions be favourable to you and so be the waters. May the rivers be most auspicious to you. May the mid-space be propitious to you and may all the regions and mid-regions be helpful to you. (1)

10. The rocky river is flowing fast. Gird up yourselves, O friends; get up and swim across it. Here we quit whatever is evil and may we swim across to the auspicious treasures. (1)

11. O cleanser of evils, keep the sin away from us; keep the evil away; keep the evil designs away; keep the guilt away from us. May you keep the bad dreams away from us. (1)

12. May the waters and herbs be friendly to us; and unfriendly to him, who hates us and whom we do hate. (1)

13. We invoke the cart-puller, full of fragrance, for our well-being. May he be a carrier as well as deliverer to us as the resplendent Lord is to the enlightened ones. (1)

14. Beholding the uprising divine light beyond the mundane darkness, we, by and by, approach the spiritual one, the divine of divines. (1)

15. I hereby set this a limit for the living (men). Let none of them follow a different course other than this. May they live a hundred autumns for multi-benevolent activities. May this keep death on the other side of the mountain. (1)

16. O adorable Lord, you purify our lives. May you kindly grant us vigour and food. Drive wicked dogs away from us. (1)

17. O fire, bestower of longevity, flourishing with offerings, born out of purified butter, may your mouth remain always full of purified butter. Having consumed sweet and delicious cow-butter, may you protect these people, just as a father protects his son. Svāhā. (1)

18. They have been taking cows around (for grazing); they have been keeping the fire blazing all around; they have been entertaining the enlightened ones; who can think of overwhelming them? (1)

19. I drive the corpse-consuming fire far away; let that carrier of sin go to the death's territory. Let this other fire remain here, so that he may carry our oblations to the bounties of Nature knowing them well. (1)

20. O omniscient Lord, carry this leather-cask for our elders, to the place where you know them residing far away. May the streams of fat (melted butter) flow near them and their blessings come out true. Svāhā. (1)

21. O pleasant Earth, may you become a thornless place of rest for us. Provide us with spacious accommodation. (1) May you burn the sin away from us. (2)

22. You are born from him; may he be born from you again; may so and so (go) to the world of bliss. Svāhā. (1)