



Thus, having called to the mind the sixteen names, one should recite the Panegyric of Thousand Names.

1. Aum, Datta, the Son of Atri, 2. a Great Ascetic, 3. the Lord of Ascetics and 4. the Master of Gods, 5. the Sage, 6. having directions as garments, 7. (assuming the form of) a Child, 8. one who is free from illusion and 9. the Destroyer of arrogance, (1)

10. An Ascetic who has renounced all the worldly attachments and relations, 11. a great Natha (Master),*² 12. the Conferrer of happiness, 13. the Beloved of Gods, 14. the Great God and 15. the Primordial Deity, 16. the Primeval God, 17. the Lord and 18. the Controller, (2)

19. the Generator of *sattwa*, 20. the Sustainer of *sattwa*, 21. the Existence, 22. the Soul of *sattwa*, 23. the Ocean of *sattwa*, 24. the Knower of *sattwa* and 25. the Witness of *sattwa*, 26. One who can be propitiated by *sattwa* and 27. the Lord of Gods, (3)

28. the Creator of beings, 29. the Sustainer of beings, 30. the Soul of beings, 31. the Existence of beings, 32. the Reality (持志 ◆:), 33. the Knower of beings and 34. the Cause of beings, (4)

35. the Witness of the beings, 36. the Origin, 37. the Highest Resort of the beings, 38. One whose mind is unattached to the beings, 39. Pure-minded (and) 40. the Pure Conferrer of (worldly) happiness, (5)

41. the Master of beings, 42. the Great Lord (or the Chief Natha), 43. the First Natha (i.e. the First Master of the Natha-*Sampradaya* of the Chief Lord), 44. the Controller of the Gods, 45. the Soul residing in all the beings, 46. the Destroyer of the afflictions of the beings, (6)

47. the Soul of all, 47-A. the Sustainer of all, 48. the Embodiment of everything, 49. Omniscient, 50. the Certainty (or Ascertainment) of all (i.e. the root-cause of and reality behind everything), 51. the Witness of all, 52. the Great Sun, 53. the Knower of all and 54. the Auspiciousness of all (or One who is All-auspiciousness), (7)

55. Calm, 56. True, 57. Just (or Virtuous)*³, 58. Perfect, 59. Supreme (i.e. Peerless or Matchless) (or Solitary or Alone), 60. The Lord of Laxmi, 61. Rama (One in whom *yogis* take delight), 62. the Beloved of Rama, 63. The Final Resort, 64. The Delighting Cause

65. Ambrosial, 66. Purifier, 67. Infinite, 68. Wise or Realised (by true devotees), 69. the Sustainer of emancipation, 70. the Supreme Soul 71. the Knower, 72. All-pervading (i.e. Omnipresent), 73. Brilliance (or: Strength, Majestic Glory) and 74. Dissolution (or the Mystic Syllable ,)*⁴, (9)

75. the Soul of the inspired sages (or the Pious Self), 76. the Great God, 77. the Highest Refuge of the seers, 78. the Prophet 79. the Accomplishment (in embodied form) and 80. the Attainable One, 81. the Instrumental Cause and 82. the Best Emancipation (or the Best Abode), (10)

83. Possessing auspicious qualities, 84. Excellently intelligent, 85. Endowed with knowledge, 86. Devoid of garments , 87. Free from passion, 88. Having long arms, 89. Dark-hued ⁶, 90. the Elevator of delight, (11)

91. Imperishable, 92. the Supreme Being, 93. the Wise Person, 94. the Knower of the Supreme Reality, 95. the Seer of the most sublime truth, 96. Free from high and low, 97. Possessing the truth and 98. Endowed with Light, (12)

99. Merciful, 100. God, 101. Endowed with the Superhuman Powers*⁷, 102. the Embodiment of affection, 103. the Cause of the universe, 104. the Destroyer of afflictions of life, 105. Possessing the sharp intellect, 106. the Learned and 107. the Wise, (13)

108. One to whom everything is perceptible, 109. the Soul of the universe, 110. the Innermost *Brahman*, 111. Eternal, 112. One who is beyond the means of knowledge, 113. the Impeller of the restraintment of organs, (14)

114. One who is the Mystic Syllable , (*Aum*), 115. Beyond , (*Aum*), 116. the Foremost Guide (or One who is the foremost of all things), 117. the Embodiment of the dissolution (of the world), 118. One who has overpowered Death, 119. the Solitary Soul, 120. the Very Being of Shankara, 121. Residing in the city in the form of the body, (15)

122. Beyond the body, 123. Incomprehensible, 124. Soundly established in God, 125. the Substratum of the supreme knowledge and understanding, 126. the (Form of) Magnanimity (or the Embodied Form of strength), 127. the Best of the excellent, (16)



128. Having consciousness as the garment, 129. the Elegance (or the Play or the Outburst) of consciousness (i.e. Pure Consciousness), 130. the All-pervading Consciousness (or the Subtle Space or Vacuity in the form of consciousness), 131. One who is Supreme on account of consciousness, 132. the Pure Intelligence 133. the Embodiment of consciousness and pure intelligence and 134. the Final Refuge of Gods, (17)

135. Unconceivable, 136. the Substratum of consciousness, 137. the Stride of consciousness of the soul, 138. Pure Intelligence, 139. the Embodied Consciousness, 140. Possessing the eyes like waving lotuses, (18)

141. the Supreme *Brahman*, 142. the Supreme Abode, 143. the Supreme Austerity, 144. the Supreme Bliss, 145. the Supreme Authority (or beyond the rituals)*¹⁰; 146. Holy and 147. the Supreme Eternal, (19)

148. the King i.e. the Master of the body*¹¹, 149. One who acts in the body, 150. the Place of origin 151. the Substratum of the body, 152. the Governing Master of the body, 153. One who is beyond the body (i.e. One who has no support or body), 154. the Sun 155. One who possesses the body (and) 156. the Leader of multitude, (20)

157. the Supreme Master of *Yoga*, 158. *Yoga*, 159. One who is to be worshipped*¹², 160. Fit for abstract meditation, 161. Delighted with the Self (or Loving the Self), 162. Holy, 163. Possessing the power of *Yoga*, 164. Steady, 165. Unchangeable (and) 166. One having pure eyes (i.e. Pure-sighted), (21)

167. the Master of *Yoga*, 168. the Originator of *Yoga*, 169. the Producer of the knowledge of *Yoga*, 170. the Protector of *Yoga*, 171. the Guardian of the world, 172. the Dispeller of the darkness (i.e. ignorance) of the world, (22)

173. One who is Mysterious, 174. the Greatest Secret, 175. Invisible 176. Liberated, 177. One who has become one with the Supreme Spirit, 178. Eternal, 179. Unfathomable, 180. One who is like the sky, 181. Sagacious, 182. the Leader of the multitude, (23)

183. the Attainer of the speech, 184. the Master of the senses, 185. the Protector, 186. the Saviour 187. One who is well-established in the existence of the earth (or Existing in the senses) (or Existing in the form of speech), 188. the Seer of the senses and 189. the Enlightener of the senses, 190. the Third Note (i.e. *Gandhara*) of the Indian *Gamut*, 191. Analogous to space (i.e. Spread all over like space), (24)

192. Well-established in *Yoga*, 193. (and still) Possessing enjoyments (Note :- Dattatreya has mystic power to impart and enjoyment to the devotees desirous of enjoyments), 194. Free from doubts, 195. Firm in meditation, 196. Having natural disposition, 197. the Lord of the noble family, 198. the Bestower of boons to Kartavirya / (25)

199. Having natural disposition, 200. Free from *Rajas* [= passion], 201. Courageous, 202. Purificator, 203. the Destroyer of sins, 204. Absolutely free from high and low (i.e. subtle and gross), 205. the Supreme Light and 206. the Primeval Being, (26)

207. Endowed with manifold brilliance, 208. Possessing many forms, 209. Self-luminous, 210. Always Benevolent, 211. Possessing the Divine Light (i.e. Full of Divine Knowledge) and 212. the Sun of true wisdom, (27)

213. Eternal, 214. Fully endowed with ambrosia, 215. Brilliance, 216. Originated from the excellent light (or the Originator of the excellent light), 217. Free from infatuation, 218. the Supreme Lord and 219. Possessed of excellent prowess (or Beyond transgression), (28)

220. the Very Form of *Yoga* (or One to whom *Yoga* is subordinate), 221. the Embodiment of *Yoga* and 222. One who is enlightener (i.e. impartor) of the practice of *Yoga*, 223. Concentrator, 224. Enjoyer, 225. Doer, 226. Saviour, 227. Protector and 228. (still) possessing no weapons, (29)

*1 If the reading is, the translation would be 'in whom the world is inter-woven'.

*2 Dattatreya is considered the Principal Natha in the *Natha-Sampradaya*.

*3 The word : in Sanskrit means 'Virtuous' also.

*4 may mean 'The Very Existence and the Absorber (of all)'. The text may be

*5 The word : means (1) a garment (2) peculiarity (3) difference (4) weakness (5) time (6) opportunity etc. Dattatreya is called $\times\text{öü}^2\text{ö ü}$ also. Therefore, here we have translated the word as 'without garments'.

It may mean 'to whom all is one'. – Prof. J. J. Pandya

*7 The word $^3\text{öü}^3/4\text{ö}$ in Sanskrit has 30 different meanings. The main are 1) being, existence 2) manner 3) state 4) rank 5) capacity 6) sincerity 7) devotion 8) innate property 9) disposition 10) love 11) affection 12) import 13) abstract meditation 14) birth 15) the world 16) superhuman power etc. Here, the word 3 has been translated as 'Endowed with the superhuman powers' in-as-much as Dattatreya possessed and bestowed upon devotees so many such divine powers.

may mean 'Existent and the Very Soul of existence'.

*8 The printed text seems to be corrupt. In the available printed text, the word is , perhaps it being the usual way of pronunciation in some southern region of India, but means 'Cut', and : means 'Well-cut' which is not fit here. Hence, we have preferred the reading , considering the probable error on the part of the Scribe.



: is an incorrectly formed word. The correct word should be which, of course, would involve the metrical mistake in-as-much as the fifth syllable in the

metre should be short. The phrase has not been split up into two names, but as in the 'the word has been used in the sense of 'the second of the soul', the author might have used the word as an independent name of Then the meaning of the name would be 'Full of Consciousness' i.e. 'Consisting of Consciousness'.

*10 The word ordinarily means 'dependent', but here means either 'The regular order of ceremonies and rites' or 'Authority' or 'Ruling' or 'Happiness'. Dattatreya, being one with Supreme Reality, is beyond all this. The word means 'Rites', 'System', 'Framework' and 'Ritual' also.

*11 A king; A master. Therefore, the Master of the body. The word means 'the sphere of action; the body (regarded as the field of the working of the soul).'

*12 means 'A Teacher' also. Hence, the word may be translated as 'A Preceptor', 'A Teacher' also.

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