

## The Union of Shiva and Shakti

When the masculine and feminine temperaments within us are united, completed, and balanced, when power and passivity are brought together inside the person and knowledge and reverence encircle them both, then wisdom begins to dawn in the soul. The ineffable reality and the mentalist universe are then understood to be non-different from one another. *The Notebooks of Paul Brunton 25.2.120*

### *"Amritanubhava", or "Ambrosial Experience", by janeshwar*

I pay my homage to the God and Goddess who are the limitless primal parents of the universe.  
The Lover Himself, out of overflowing love, becomes the  
Beloved, who is made up of the same nature.

They are neither completely identical nor completely different. We do not know their real nature.

Out of deep love they swallow each other, and again overflow each other because they long to be  
two.

How strong is their desire to enjoy themselves! They become one through it and never allow their  
unity to be disturbed.

They are so afraid of their separation that, although they have given birth to the child in the form  
of the universe, their duality is not disturbed.

It is through God that the other is Goddess, and without her the Lord is nowhere. As a matter of  
fact their existence is due to each other. Oh! How sweet is their union! The great world is too small  
for them to live in, while they live happily even in the smallest particle.

Both of them are objects to each other. Both are subjects to each other. Both are happy in each  
other's company. Shiva, the essence of void became Experiencer through Her, while the Shakti got  
Her particular existence through Shiva

Shiva himself formed his Beloved without whom Shiva loses His own personality.

Her form is the cause of God's glory manifested in the world-process. But Her power itself is of  
Shiva out of Himself.

She is His form while her beauty is due to him who is Her lover.

They are enjoying the feast by intermingling with each other.

Blushing at Her formless husband and Her own graceful form, She adorned him with the ornament  
of the names and forms of the universe.