## The Union of Shiva and Shakti: "Amritanubhava" -Ambrosial Experience, by Jnaneshwar

I paid 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.

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

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.

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When the masculine and feminine temperaments within us are united, completed, and balanced, when masculine power and feminine passivity are brought together <u>inside</u> 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. 25.2.120

