

॥ māheśvarāni sūtra ॥

Lord Śiva is said to have once played on his small *damru* drum from which came 14 separate sounds. These vibrations were said to be originally in the mysterious formula of the *Māheśvara Sutra*. Those vibrations inspired Panini, who then went on to explain the science of Sanskrit grammar. This *Sūtra* is said to contain all sounds arranged in an order that holds the key to all structure of language.

a ī u ṇ |

ṛ ḷ k |

e o ṅ |

ai au c |

ha ya va ra ṭ |

la ṇ |

ña ma ña ṇa na m |

jha bha y |

gha ḍha dhā ṣ |

ja ba ga ḍa da ś |

kha pha cha ṭha tha - ca ṭa ta v |

ka pa y |

śa ṣa sā r |

ha l ||

iti māheśvarāni sūtrāni ||

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