

The 32 Signs of the Great Man (Mahāpuruṣa)

1. He has feet with level tread
 2. The soles of his feet are marked with thousand-spoked wheel-signs
 3. He has projecting heels
 4. He has long toes and fingers
 5. He has soft and tender hands and feet
 6. He has hands and feet that are net-like
 7. He has projecting well-rounded ankles
 8. He has legs like an antelope's
 9. His hands come down to his knees when he stands up straight
 10. His penis is enclosed in a sheath
 11. His skin is the color of gold
 12. His skin is soft and smooth
 13. He has but one body hair to each follicle
 14. His body hairs grow straight up, are black, and curl to the right
 15. His body is perfectly straight
 16. His body has seven convex surfaces, i.e., the backs of his arms, legs, shoulders, and his chest
 17. His bust is like a lion's
 18. He has no hollows between his shoulder-blades
 19. His body is perfectly proportioned like a banyan-tree
 20. His bust is well-rounded
 21. He has an excellent sense of taste
 22. He has a jaw like a lion's
 23. He has forty teeth
 24. His teeth are even
 25. There are no gaps between his teeth
 26. His canine teeth are very white
 27. His tongue is long and slender
 28. He has a voice like Brahmā's
 29. He has blue eyes
 30. He has eyelashes like those of a cow
 31. He has a tuft of hair (*ūrṇā*) between his eyebrows
 32. The top of his head has a turban-shaped protuberance (*uṣṇīṣa*)
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