

libations with gingelly seeds raise the crores of manes on both the sides (Paternal and maternal) of the family. When the sun and the Jupiter are in the zodiac of Mīna, ablution shall be performed in Kṛṣṇāveṇī.

31-32. The ceremonial ablutions taken in the different sacred waters in the respective months accord the region of Indra. An intelligent man shall resort to Gaṅgā or the Kāverī river. Certainly his sin will be quelled thereby. There are many holy centres yielding Rudraloka.

33. The rivers Tāmraparnī<sup>68</sup> and Vegavatī<sup>69</sup> accord Brahmaloaka. There are holy centres on their banks bestowing heaven on the worshipper.

34. In between these rivers there are meritorious holy centres. Intelligent men residing there will reap the respective fruits thereof.

35. Only by good conduct, good predilections and good concepts as well as by being sympathetic can the devotee derive the benefit, not otherwise.

36. Meritorious actions performed in a holy centre flourish in many ways. Sinful acts committed in a holy centre, though slight, become manifold.

37-38. If the sin committed in a holy centre is only for livelihood, the merit will destroy that sin. Merit accords prosperity and quells physical, verbal and mental sins. O brahmīns, the mental sin is adamantīne in sticking to the sinner and it continues for many Kalpas.

39-40. The mental sin can be wiped off only by meditation and not otherwise. The verbal sin is wiped off by Japas and the physical sin by forcefully causing the emaciation of the body. Sins committed by means of wealth can be wiped off by making charitable gifts and not otherwise, though crores of Kalpas (Aeons) may elapse. In some places the increasing sin destroys the merit.

41-43. Both Merit and Demerit have three aspects:— the seed stage, flourishing stage and the enjoyment stage. If they are in the seed stage they can be quelled by perfect

68. It issues from the Malaya mountain called the Travancore hills in the southern parts of the Western Ghats.

69. It is the modern Baiga or Bijari in the district of Madura. G.D. P. 38.