

*Lord Śiva said :—*

18. The infallible semen of mine, has not been concealed by the gods. By whom could it then have been concealed ?

19. All of you are the witnesses of all actions always. Has it been concealed by you ? Have you come to know of it ? Please narrate.

20. On hearing the words of Śiva they nervously looked at one another and spoke before the lord one by one.

*Brahmā said :—*

21. The infallible semen of Śiva, infuriated at the intervention in the course of his sexual dalliance, fell on the ground. This was observed by me.

*The Earth said :—*

22. I was unable to bear the terrible semen. Hence I dropped it into the fire. O lord, please forgive me.

*The fire said :—*

23. O Śiva, assuming the form of a dove I gulped the semen but could not bear the terrible thing. Hence I immediately dropped it on the mountain Kailāsa.

*The mountain said :—*

24. O lord of the worlds, I too was unable to bear the terrible thing. O lord, I dropped it in the Gaṅgā.

*Gaṅgā said :—*

25. O lord of the worlds, I too was unable to bear your terrible semen. O lord, completely exhausted, I dropped it in the grove of Śara plants.

*Vāyu said :—*

26. O Śiva, the semen that fell among the Śara plants immediately became a very beautiful boy on the holy banks of the celestial river.

*The sun said :—*

27. On seeing the crying boy, O lord, I went to the