

vated seat fall into hell and after undergoing the tortures there are reborn as crows.

45. Those who listen to this auspicious story seated in the Vira pose²² fall into hell and after undergoing the tortures of hell are reborn as poisonous plants.

46. Those who listen to the story without bowing to the discourser at first fall into hell and after undergoing the tortures of hell are reborn as Arjuna trees.

47. Those who, not being sick, listen to the story lying down, fall into hell and are reborn as pythons etc.

48. Those who listen to the story seated on the same level as the discourser become as sinful as the defiler of the preceptor's bed and fall into hell.

49. Those who speak ill of the discourser or of this sacred story are born as dogs and lead miserable lives in hundred births.

50. Those who begin to argue and dispute while the discourse is being held fall into hell and after undergoing the tortures there are reborn as donkeys.

51. Those who never listen to this sanctifying story fall into hell. After experiencing the tortures there they are reborn as wild boars.

52. The rogues who create hindrances even as the discourse is being held fall into hell. After undergoing the tortures there for millions of years they are reborn as village-boars.

53. Realising all these, the listener shall always be pure, devoted to the discourser and intelligent enough to listen to the story with devotion.

54. For warding off obstacles to the discourse Lord Gaṇeśa should be worshipped at first. Every day at the end of the discourse he shall briefly perform expiatory rites (for omissions and commissions).

55. He shall worship the nine planets²³ and the deities in the "Sarvatobhadra" array. He shall worship the book according to the rites of Śiva's adoration.

56. At the conclusion of the worship he shall offer prayer

22. Virāsana also called Paryāṅka bandha. It is a particular kind of posture practised by ascetics in meditation setting on the hams.

23. Nine planets : Sun, Moon, Mars, Mercury, Jupiter, Venus, Saturn, Rāhu and Ketu.