

day with Ārdrā star, the recital of this mantra will give you everlasting efficacy.

34-35. The recital of this mantra at the time when the transit of the sun is in the Ārdrā star is million-fold efficacious. In the context of worship, Homa and Tarpaṇa, the last quarter of the star Mṛgaśīras and the first quarter of Punarvasu must always be considered on a par with Ārdrā. The Vision is to be had at early dawn and within three muhūrtas (two hours twentyfour minutes) thereafter.

36. Caturdaśī is to be taken when it continues up to midnight. If it is only upto the early part of the night and joined with another thereafter, it is also recommended.

37. Although I consider the phallic and the embodied form to be equal, the phallic form is excellent for those who worship. Hence for those who seek salvation the latter is preferable to the former.

38-39. The others too shall install the phallic form with Omkāra mantra and the embodied form with the five-syllabled mantra, with excellent articles of worship and adore with due homage. It will be easy for them to attain my region.

Having thus instructed His disciples Śiva vanished there itself.

## CHAPTER ELEVEN

*(The mode of worshipping the phallic form and making gifts)*

*The sages said :—*

1. How is the phallic form of Śiva to be installed ? What are the characteristic features of the form ? How is it to be worshipped ? What is the appropriate time and place for worship. What sort of performer he must be ?

*Sūta said :—*

2-3. I shall tell you everything for your sake, please listen attentively. The time must be convenient and auspicious. The place must be a holy centre. It can be on the