

fice cannot be perfect and complete without the noble-souled, trident-holder Śiva.

28. The bull-bannered, blue-necked eternal Puruṣa the great Īśa is not seen here. Great scholars have affirmed, that all auspicious results happen due to Him alone.

29. O Dakṣa, if accepted by Triyambaka all inauspicious things become auspicious and fresh auspicious things take shape which will be greater than the greatest in a trice.

30. Hence the invitation to the great Śiva shall be extended by you yourself immediately or by Brahmā or by Viṣṇu the lord.

31. By all means Śiva shall be brought here by you along with Indra, the guardians of the quarters, the brahmins and the Siddhas in order to make the sacrifice complete and perfect.

32. All of you shall go where He is stationed. Immediately bring Śiva along with Satī.

33. O lords of Devas, everything shall be sanctified through Śiva, the supreme Self. If the consort of Śivā, the great Being, comes here, everything will be all right.

34. Since all merits accrue from thinking upon Him and repeating His names, the bull-bannered deity shall be brought with all efforts.

35. If Śiva comes here, the sacrifice will become sanctified, or it will remain incomplete and imperfect. I am telling you the truth.

36. On hearing his words, the foolish and evil-minded Dakṣa became furious in a trice and said mockingly.

*Dakṣa said:—*

37. Viṣṇu who is the prime cause of all deities and in whom the eternal virtue resides has been invoked here by me. What is it that the sacrificial rite lacks in ?

38. Viṣṇu in whom all the Vedas, sacrifices and the different rites are founded has graced this place by his presence.

39. Brahmā, the grandfather of the worlds, has come here from Satyaloka along with the Vedas, Upaniṣads and the Āgamas.

40. Similarly, the king of devas himself has come along