

## CHAPTER THREE

*(Kāma is cursed but blessed later)*

*Brahmā said :—*

1. Then those sages, my sons—Marīci and others who understood my view, gave him suitable names.

2. Dakṣa and others who understood other facts on seeing my face gave him a suitable place and a wife.

3. The brahmins Marīci and others, my sons, decided on suitable names for the Being and said thus.

*The sages said :—*

4. Since at your nativity itself you have begun to torment and bedevil our minds and that of Brahmā too, you will be famous in the world as Manmatha.

5. You will be able to assume any form you wish. Hence, O mind-born God, you will be known as Kāma too. There is no one equal to you.

6. Causing elation in others you will be known as Madana. Since you were haughty even as you were born you will be Darpaka and your name Kandarpa will also become popular in the world.

7. The collective power of all the Devas will not be equal to yours. Therefore you will have any station as yours and you will be omnipresent too.

8. Dakṣa here, the first Prajāpati, will give you a suitable wife, O best of men, as you please.

9. This girl of handsome features, born of Brahmā's mind, shall become famous in the world as Sandhyā.

10. Since she was born when Brahmā was deeply contemplating, the woman of lovely features will be famous as Sandhyā. She will be as lustrous as the jasmine flower.

*Brahmā said :—*

11. Taking his five flower-arrows, Kāma decided on his future course remaining invisible in form.

12. His five arrows are respectively Harṣaṇa (delighting), Rocana (appealing), Mohana (deluding),