

favourite of all gods. O beloved, a devotee shall repeat all mantras wearing a garland of Rudrākṣas (or counting on the beads).

62. Even the devotees of Viṣṇu and other deities shall unhesitatingly wear the Rudrākṣa. Especially the devotee of Rudra shall wear Rudrākṣas always.

63. Rudrākṣas are of various types. I shall explain their different classifications. O Pārvatī, hear with great devotion. These Rudrākṣas bestow worldly pleasures and salvation.

64. A Rudrākṣa of a single face is Śiva Himself. It bestows worldly pleasures and salvation. The sin of brahmin-slaughter is washed off at its mere sight.

65. Where it is adored, Fortune cannot be far off. Harms and harassments perish. All desires are fulfilled.

66. A Rudrākṣa with two faces is Īśa, the lord of devas. It bestows the fulfilment of all desires. Especially, that Rudrākṣa quickly quells the sin of cow-slaughter.

67. A Rudrākṣa with three faces always bestows means of enjoyment. As a result of its power all lores become firmly established.

68. A Rudrākṣa of four faces is Brahmā Himself. It quells the sin of man-slaughter. Its vision and its contact instantaneously bestow the achievement of the four aims of life.

69. A Rudrākṣa with five faces is Rudra Himself. Its name is kālāgni. It is lordly. It bestows all sorts of salvation and achievement of all desired objects.

70. A five-faced Rudrākṣa dispels all sorts of sins such as accrue from sexual intercourse with a forbidden woman and from eating forbidden food.

71. A Rudrākṣa with six faces is Kārtikeya. A man who wears it on the right arm is certainly absolved of the sins of brahmin-slaughter and the like.

72. A Rudrākṣa with seven faces, O Maheśāni, is called Anaṅga. O Deveśī, by wearing it even a poor man becomes a great lord.

73. A Rudrākṣa with eight faces is called Vasumūrti and Bhairava. By wearing it a man lives the full span of life. After death he becomes the Trident-bearing lord (Śiva).