

51. After enlightening him and also his favourite Gaṇas, Śiva returned to His abode accompanied by his Gaṇas with great delight.

52. Seething with fury and malice against Śiva, Dakṣa went to his abode along with the brahmins.

53. Remembering the situation in which Śiva had been cursed and still furious against him, Dakṣa of confounded intellect forsook his faith and entertained enmity and disgust against the worshippers of Śiva.

54. Thus I have narrated the crooked intellect of Dakṣa in regard to Śiva the great Self. O dear one, hear about his evil intention and thought. I shall tell you further.

## CHAPTER TWENTYSEVEN

*(The inauguration of Dakṣa's sacrifice)*

*Brahmā said :—*

1-2. Once a great sacrifice was started by Dakṣa, O sage. To partake in that sacrifice, the celestial and terrestrial sages and devas were invited by Śiva and they reached the place being deluded by Śiva's Māyā.

3-5. Agastya, Kaśyapa, Atri, Vāmadeva, Bhṛgu, Dadhīci, the revered Vyāsa, Bharadvāja, Gautama, Paila, Parāśara, Garga, Bhārgava, Kakubha, Sita Sumantu, Trika, Kaṅka, Vaiśampāyana and many others along with their sons and wives arrived at the sacrifice of Dakṣa—my son.

6. All the devas, the guardians of the quarters of rising fortune, the subordinate devas with their offers of help and service attended the sacrifice.

7. From Satyaloka, I, the creator of the universe, was duly lauded and taken there along with my sons, followers and the embodied forms of the Vedas etc.