

befits a weak aggressor nor leads to his welfare.³³⁶

13. Thus, O Brahman, the gods have committed sin and offended Śiva, since they had partaken of His share in the sacrifice.

14. You shall propitiate Śiva by falling at his feet, with pure mind.

15. At the bidding of the protector of the world whose fury annihilates everything, the resuscitation is certain and immediate.

16. That lord has been wounded in the heart by the wicked Dakṣa by harsh words. Crave the forgiveness of that lord who has lost his beloved now.

17. O Brahman, this is the only remedy for tranquilising him, I think and also for pleasing him. I have mentioned that truth.

18. Neither I nor you, nor the gods, nor the sages, nor any embodied being knows the reality and the extent of his strength and power.

19. Who else can lay down a remedy for Śiva who is independent and the greatest self—a remedy that quells delusion?

20. I too have offended Śiva. I shall also come, O Brahmā, to Śiva's abode along with you all and crave the forgiveness of Śiva.

Brahmā said :—

21. After commanding thus, me, Brahmā and the gods, Viṣṇu desired to go to his mountain along with the devas.

22. Accompanied by the gods, sages, Brahmā and others Viṣṇu went to Kailāsa, the auspicious excellent mountainous abode of Śiva.

23. It was a favourite abode of the lord where Kinnaras, Apsaras, Siddhas and other divine beings stayed. It was very high.

24. It was brilliant with many peaks full of precious gems all round. It was of variegated colour due to diverse

336. The text of this verse is corrupt in all printed editions. We have translated it after emending the text in the following way :

तेजीयसि न सा भाति कृतागसि बुभूषता ।

तन्न क्षेमाय बहुधा बुभूषा हि कृतागसाम् ॥