

Asuras the heretic sage, professing to be eternal, spoke emphatically.

57. O excellent Asura, if you are prepared to act according to my behests, I shall initiate you, otherwise not, even if you strive for a number of times.

58. On hearing these words the king was deluded by magic. With palms joined in reverence he immediately replied to the sage.

*The Asura said:—*

59. I shall carry out whatever command you are pleased to give. I will not transgress your orders. True. It is certainly true.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

60. On hearing the words of the Tripura-ruler, the excellent sage removed the cloth from his mouth and said.

61. "O lord of Asuras, take initiation in this most excellent of all cults. By this initiation you will become contented."

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

62. Saying thus, the deceptive sage immediately performed the initiation of the ruler of the Asuras, in accordance with his cult observing all rules.

63. O sage, when the ruler of the Asuras was initiated along with his brothers, the residents of the three cities too got themselves initiated.

64. O sage, the entire Tripuras were filled with the line of disciples of the sage, an expert in great art of illusion.