

48. Beneath the moon is the sun and beneath that is the fire. Dharma etc. are beneath that. All these shall be assigned regularly.

49-50. In the four quarters Avyakta etc. the unmanifest principle and in the end of Soma the three Guṇas shall be assigned. Lord Śiva shall be invoked by the formula "I am addressing Sadyojāta"<sup>192</sup>. Then the devotee shall repeat Vāmadeva<sup>193</sup> mantra and stand on his seat. The Sānnidhya rite shall be performed with Rudra Gāyatrī<sup>194</sup> mantra and the rite of Nirodha shall be performed with Aghora<sup>195</sup> mantra.

51. Rudra shall be worshipped with the mantra Iśānaḥ Sarvavidyānām<sup>196</sup> etc. Pādya, Ācamaniya and Arghya shall be offered duly.

52. Rudra shall be duly bathed with water, scented with sandal in the same manner as with Pañcagavya after taking it in a vessel duly instilled with mantras.

53. Then the deity shall be bathed invoking Praṇava with cow's milk, curds, honey and sugarcane juice.

54. Worshipping Rudra who bestows everything that is wholesome and desirable with ghee, the devotee shall perform the Abhiṣeka with all materials of worship reciting Praṇava.

55. In the holy vessels full of water he shall pour water reciting various mantras after straining it with a white cloth duly.

56. The sprinkling need not be performed until sandal paste is mixed. Then raw rice grains made beautiful (by adding turmeric powder etc.) shall be offered joyously to Śankara.

57-58. Offerings of flowers, especially white flowers and rare flowers, shall be made to Lord Śiva. Flowers of Apāmārga, Karpūra, Jāti, Campaka, Kuśa, Pāṭala, Karavīra, Mallikā, Kamala (lotus) and Utpalas (lilies) of various sorts

192. VS. 29.36.

193. TA. 10.41.1.

194. KS. 17.11.

195. VS. 16.2.

196. VS. 27.35.