

9. The mothers of the worlds are worthy of reverence of the entire universe always. They are the bestowers of great joy. They are great yoginīs, storehouses of knowledge. They pervade the three worlds.

10. O excellent sage, once the three sisters went to Śvetadvīpa (white island)⁴ in the world of Viṣṇu for sight-seeing purpose.

11. After bowing to and eulogising Viṣṇu with great devotion they halted there at his bidding. A great concourse of people was held there.

12. O sage, at the same time, Siddhas, sons of Brahmā—Sanaka and others came there. They bowed to and lauded Viṣṇu and stayed there at his bidding.

13. On seeing those sages Sanaka and others and the persons who had assembled there, stood up. When they, the elders of gods respected by the people, sat they all bowed to them.

14. Helpless by misfortune and deluded by lord Śiva's illusion O sage, the three sisters did not stand up.

15. Śiva's illusion is weighty and capable of deluding the worlds. The entire universe is subservient to it. It is also called Śiva's Will.

16. The same is also called an action that has begun to fructify. Its names are many. Everything takes place on Śiva's wish. There is nothing to be pondered over in this respect.

17. Becoming a victim thereof, the sisters did not make obeisance to them. They remained surprised and stunned thereafter seeing them.

18. On seeing such a behaviour on their part the great sages, Sanaka and others, despite being wise, became unbearably furious.

19. Himself deluded by Śiva's illusion Sanaka, a perfect Yogin, furiously told them giving a curse as punishment.

Sanatkumāra said :—

20. In spite of being the daughters of the forefathers,

4. It has not been possible to identify this island. Colonel Wilford attempted to identify it with Britain. See. H. M. P. 315.