72 Šivapurāņa

All the other sorts of mantras shall be repeated a hundred thousand times.

- 50. If the mantra consists of only one syllable it shall first be repeated a crore times and thereafter a thousand times with great devotion.
- 51. Doing thus according to one's capacity one shall gradually attain Siva's region. It is the duty of every one to repeat a mantra pleasing to him every day till his death.
- 52—53. If a man repeats "Om" a thousand times he shall get all his desires fulfilled at the bidding of Siva. If he plants a flower-garden for the sake of Siva or even renders service by sweeping and cleaning Siva's temple and precincts he shall attain Siva's region. The devotee shall reside for ever in Siva's temple with great devotion.
- 54. It yields worldly enjoyment and salvation to every one sentient or insentient. Hence an intelligent man shall reside in a temple of Siva till death.
- 55. In a temple built by ordinary man, the space upto a hundred hastas (1 hasta 30 cms) from the phallic image is holy. In a temple dedicated to sages, the space upto a thousand Aratnis (1 Aratni 45 cms) from the phallic image is holy. In a temple dedicated to sages, the space upto a thousand Aratnis (1 Aratni=45 cms) from the emblem is holy.
- 56. If the phallic emblem had been installed by gods the space upto a thousand Aratnis is holy. In a temple where phallic emblem is self-risen, the space upto a thousand Dhanuh Pramāṇas (a dhanuh pramāṇa=4 hastas) is holy.
- 57. The tank, well, pond etc. in a holy centre shall be considered Siva-Gangā in accordance with Siva's statement.
- 58. By taking bath or making gifts or muttering mantras in that centre one will attain Siva. One shall seek shelter in a temple of Siva and stay there till death.
- 59—61. The rites of obsequies of the second day or the tenth day, the offerings of monthly Pindas, the rite of Sapindikarana or the annual Śrāddha shall be performed in a holy centre. He will instantly attain Śiva's region. By staying there for seven, five or three nights or a single night he will attain Śiva's region gradually. He will obtain results according to his conduct and befitting his caste.