

that does not worship Śiva. Fie upon the lore that does not refer to Śiva.

46. Great indeed is the sin accruing even from the sight of those who censure Śiva who is the support of three worlds and those who censure the man wearing Tripuṇḍra on his forehead. They are on a par with pigs of rubbish heap, demons, donkeys, dogs, jackals and worms. Such sinful persons are hellish fiends even from their very birth.

47.* They may not see the sun during the day and the moon during the night. They may not see them even during sleep. They may be freed by repeating the Vedic Rudra Sūkta. Those who censure a person wearing the Tripuṇḍra are fools. A mere talk with them may cause the fall into hell. There is no way of saving them.

48. O sage, tāntrika is not authorised in a Śivayajña nor a person having Ūrdhvapūṇḍra (worn on the forehead by vertical mark by a Vaiṣṇava). A person marked with a heated wheel (a mark of a Vaiṣṇava) is excluded from Śivayajña.

49. There are many worlds to be attained as explained in Bṛhajjābāla Upaniṣad; taking that into consideration a man shall be devoted to the ashes.

50. Just as sandal paste alone can be applied over sandal paste, so also only the ash shall be applied over the sacred mark on the forehead. A sensible person will not apply anything over the forehead that wears the ornamental mark of ashes on it.

51. The Tripuṇḍra shall be applied upto the forelocks by women. Brahmins and widows shall apply the ash also. Similarly it shall be applied by persons of all Āśramas. Thus it bestows salvation and destroys all sins.

52. He who makes Tripuṇḍra duly with the ash is freed from groups of great as well as small sins.

53-54. A Brahmacārin, a householder, a forest-dweller or an ascetic, brahmins, kṣatriyas, vaiśyas, sūdras, the low and the base people become pure by means of Tripuṇḍra and Uddhūlana applied according to the prescribed manner and get their heaps of sins destroyed.

55. A person regularly applying the ash is freed of the

*The text is corrupt and the English rendering is not certain.