

30. O Kāma, it is only when Śiva falls in love that you will get redemption from the course. Hence do what is good for you.

31-32. Lord Śiva as a noble Being shall save you only when he falls in love and aspires for a wife. Hence with your wife to help you, strive to captivate Śiva. Earn the laurels of the universe after charming Him.

33. On hearing these words of mine, who am his father and the lord of the universe, Kāma spoke these words to me, the lord of all the worlds.

*Kāma said :—*

34. O lord, I shall cause the delusion of Śiva at your bidding ; but my prime weapon is a woman. Hence O lord, you shall create a comely maiden.

35. O creator, arrange for the way how Śiva has to be further enchanted after He has been deluded by me.

*Brahmā said :—*

36. When Kāma put forward this suggestion I, the creator, and the Prajāpati (Dakṣa) considered the matter: "By whom is he to be enamoured?"

37. While I was agitated with this thought, I heaved a deep sigh from which Spring cropped fully bedecked with clusters of flowers.

38. He was like a red lotus. His eyes resembled the full blown lotus. His face shone like the full moon rising at dusk. His nose was well-shapped.

39. His feet were arched like a bow. His hair was dark and curly. He was decorated with two ear-rings. He looked bright as the morning sun.

40. His gait was majestic like that of an elephant in its rut. His arms were long and stout. His shoulders were raised. His neck resembled the conch-shell. His chest was very broad. His face was plump and finely shaped.

41. He was comely in appearance, dark-complexioned and endowed with all characteristic marks. He was very handsome to look at, capable of enchanting everyone and of heightening feelings of love.

42. When spring, the storehouse of flowers, endowed