

96. Thus I have mentioned, O lordly sages, the deities of the different parts of the body. Now please listen to the different parts connected with them.

97. These lines are to be made either in thirtytwo places, or half of that—in sixteen places, or in eight places or in five places.

98-102. The thirty-two places are :—head, forehead, two ears, two eyes, two noses, mouth, neck, two arms, two elbows, two wrists, chest, two sides, navel, two testicles, two thighs, two knees, two calves, two heels and two feet. The names of the following shall be uttered when the Tripuṇḍra is applied :—Fire, Water, Earth, Wind, the quarters, the guardians of the quarters, the eight Vasus.¹⁶³ The eight Vasus are Dharā, Dhruva, Soma, Āpa, Anila, Anala, Pratyūṣa and Prabhāsa.

Or the devotee shall apply the Tripuṇḍra in sixteen parts of the body.

103—109. The sixteen parts mentioned before are :—head, forehead, neck, two shoulders, two arms, two elbows, two wrists, chest, navel, two sides and back. The names of the deities presiding over them and which are to be worshipped are :—two Aśvinś, Dasra and Nāsatya, Śiva, Śakti, Rudra, Īśa, Nārada, and nine Śaktis—Vāmā etc., or the sixteen parts are :—Head, hair, two eyes, the mouth, two arms, chest, navel, two thighs, knees, two feet and the back. The deities are :—Śiva, Candrar, Rudra, ka (Brahmā), Vighneśvara, Viṣṇu, Śrī in the heart, Śambhu, Prajāpati in the navel, Nāga, Nāgakanyās, Ṛṣikanyās in the feet and the ocean of vast expansion in the back. Now the eight parts are mentioned.

110. The private parts, forehead, the excellent pair of ears, two shoulders, chest and navel—these are the eight parts of the body.

111. The presiding deities are Brahmā and the seven

¹⁶³. The eight Vasus mentioned in this verse differ in certain names from those in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa : Cp.

पृथिवी च वायुरचान्तरिक्षं चादित्यश्च द्यौश्च चन्द्रमाश्च नक्षत्राणि चैते वसवः ।

ŚB. 11.6 3.6.