

38. O great sage, whatever you had asked in regard to Kārttikeya and Gaṇeśa has been narrated by me.

39. On hearing this, an intelligent man becomes free from all sins. He achieves all desired fruits of auspicious nature.

40. Whoever reads, teaches, listens or narrates this story derives all desires. No doubt need be entertained in this respect.

41. A brahmin derives brahminical splendour, a Kṣatriya becomes victorious, a Vaiśya prosperous and a Śūdra attains equality with the good.

42. A sick man becomes free from sickness; a frightened man becomes free from fear; no man is harassed by the visitation of goblins, ghosts etc.

43. This narrative is sinless, conducive to glory and enhancer of happiness. It is conducive to longevity and attainment of heaven. It is unequalled and bestows sons and grandsons.

44. It confers salvation and reveals Śiva's principles. It is pleasing to Pārvatī and Śiva and increases devotion to Śiva.

45. This shall always be heard by devotees and by those who seek liberation and are free from worldly desires. It confers identity with Śiva. It is conducive to welfare and is identical with Śiva himself.