

rite is intended for Śānti (suppression of evil effects) or of Palāśa tree if the rite is intended for the acquisition of livelihood. Cooked rice and ghee shall also be used. The offerings shall be made by repeating the names of the deities or mantras.

118. The articles of worship used in the beginning shall be continued till the end. At the conclusion, the Puṇyāhavācana shall be performed and the holy water sprinkled over the different members of the family.

119. Brahmins, as many in number as the number of offerings made, shall be fed, O scholarly sages, the preceptor and the presiding priest shall partake of sacrificial food alone.

120. The entire rite shall conclude after the worship of nine planets. A gem along with monetary gifts shall be given to each of the Ṛtviks.

121-122. Different types of gifts shall be made to deserving persons, to boys invested with sacred threads, to householders, sages, virgins, ladies and widows. The materials used for the rite shall be given to the priest.

123. Yama is the presiding deity of all calamities, grave diseases etc. Hence to gratify Yama Kāladāna shall be made.

124-125. A replica of Kāla (God of death) in the form of a man holding noose and goad shall be made in gold using a hundred or ten Niṣkas (gold coins). This shall be given as gift along with the sacrificial fee; gingelly seeds shall be gifted for the sake of longevity.

126-127. Ghee or mirror shall be gifted for the sake of quelling ailments. Rich men shall feed a thousand brahmins. The poor shall feed a hundred brahmins. Indigent persons shall perform rites according to their capacity. For the quiescence of evil spirits the great adoration of Bhairava shall be performed.

128. At the conclusion, Mahābhiṣeka and Naivedya shall be offered to Śiva. Then a public feeding of the brahmins shall be held.

129. By performing sacrifice in this way there will be an alleviation of all defects and evils. This Śānti Yajña shall be performed every year in the month of Phālguna.

130. In regard to evil dreams and ill omens this shall be performed instantly or definitely within a month. When