

34. His caste is not recognised. He has no learning or wisdom. His assistants are the ghosts. Poison is seen even in His throat.

35. He also moves about in isolation. He is detached from everything particularly. Hence you cannot fix your mind in Him.

36. Where your necklace and where the garland of skulls that he wears? Where your rich divine unguent and where the ash from the funeral pyre that He has on His body?

37. O divine lady, everything concerning you and Śiva, such as form, features etc. is mutually discordant. I do not like your resolution. You can do whatever you please.

38. You yourself have evolved taste for all bad objects. Turn your mind from Him. If not, do whatever you please.

Brahmā said: —

39. On hearing these words of that brahmin, Pārvatī said angrily to the brahmin who discredited Śiva.

CHAPTER TWENTY EIGHT

(Pārvatī sees Śiva's real form)

Pārvatī said :—

1. So long I have been thinking that some one else has come. Now everything has become clear. You are a person who cannot be killed.

2. O lord, what has been said by you is known. It is not otherwise. If what has been said by you is real, it cannot be called unreal.

3. Sometimes lord Śiva is seen in that guise. But He is the supreme Brahman who, out of his own accord, takes up bodies in his own sports.

4. You have now come in the form of a student ascetic for the sake of deceiving me. Using false arguments, you have spoken fraudulent words.