

or hates her husband. She shall not stand alone anywhere nor shall she take bath in the nude.

38. A chaste lady shall never sleep on a mortar threshing rod, a broom, a grinding stone, a machine or on the threshold.

39. Except at the time of sexual intercourse she shall never show her maturity and initiative. She shall like whatever her husband is interested in.

40. A chaste lady shall be delighted when her husband is delighted and dejected when he is dejected. She shall always wish for his benefit.

41. She shall be virtuous and equanimous in affluence and adversity. She shall have fortitude and shall never go astray.

42. Even when ghee, salt, oil or other things are exhausted she shall not tell her husband openly about it lest he should be subjected to undue strain.

43. O Goddess, the husband is superior to Brahmā, Viṣṇu or Śiva, for a chaste lady her husband is on a par with Śiva.

44. She who transgresses her husband and observes fast and other rites wrecks the longevity of her husband and after death goes to hell.

45. If she furiously retorts to her husband she is born as a bitch in a village or as a vixen in a secluded place.

46. The chaste lady shall never take a higher seat never approach a defiled person, never speak to her husband in agitation.

47. She should avoid slanderous words, shun quarrels and shall not speak aloud or laugh in the presence of elders.

48-49. She who delights her husband delights all the worlds. When she sees her husband coming home she shall hasten to serve him food and water, hand him betel and change of garments, and serve him by massaging his feet. By pleasing words she shall fascinate him and dispel his gloom.

50. What father gives is limited, what brother gives is limited and what the son gives is also limited. A chaste lady shall worship her husband who gives what has no limit.

51. To a wife the husband is god, preceptor, virtue,