

of mountains and the sinless son from the terrible jaw of Vighasa, he sported.

## CHAPTER FORTYSEVEN

(Description of swallowing Śukra)

*Vyāsa said:—*

1-2. This has been succinctly heard by me that in the great terrible battle that caused horripilation, Śukra the wise lord of the Daityas was swallowed by Śiva, the enemy of the Tripuras. Please narrate in detail what that great Yogin, stationed in the stomach of the trident-bearing lord Śiva did.

3-4. How was it that the gastric fire of Śiva, that terrible fire of dissolution at the end of Kalpa did not burn Śukra? How did the intelligent Śukra of bright refulgence, come out of the stomach of Śiva. How long and in what manner did Śukra propitiate him?

5. How did he obtain that great knowledge that suppresses death? O dear one, what is that knowledge which prevents death.

6. O sage, how did Andhaka get the position of the chieftain of Gaṇas after being released from the trident of Śiva, the lord of the gods, indulging in divine sports.

7. O highly intelligent one, please be merciful. Mention all these sweet sports entirely to me who listen with attention.

*Brahmā said:—*

8. On hearing these words of Vyāsa of immeasurable refulgence, Sanatkumāra remembered the lotus-like feet of Śiva and said.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

9. O Vyāsa of great intellect, listen to the nectar-like sport of Śiva. You are the foremost of devotees of Śiva and you delight me.