

85-87. He will enjoy in this world all kinds of auspicious pleasures with sons and grandsons. Then he will go to the region of Śiva that is conducive to all happiness. He will enjoy happy sports with Śiva's attendants, move about in aerial chariots that can go anywhere they pleased and that shine like ten million suns and will be served by Rudra's maidens with songs and instrumental music, till the time of Dissolution. Then he will attain perfect knowledge and ultimately salvation.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

(The manifestation of Rudra)

Nārada said :—

1. O creator, O Brahmā the fortunate, you are blessed O foremost among Devas. A wonderfully sanctifying story of Śiva has been narrated by you, today.

2. I have heard the wonderfully divine story of the origin of the Liṅga, the auspicious hearing of the efficacy of which destroys all miseries here.

3. Please narrate what transpired thereafter, the grandeur of the created things and particularly the mode of creation.

Brahmā said :—

4. You have requested very pertinently. I shall briefly narrate what transpired later as I have heard before.

5-6. When the eternal lord Śiva vanished, O chief of brahmins, Viṣṇu and I in a very happy mood withdrew our forms of Swan and Boar and wished for creation and sustenance of the worlds.

Nārada said :—

7. O Vidhi, O Brahmā, O wise one, I have a great doubt. Please remove the same.

8. How is it that both of you assumed the forms of Swan and Boar instead of other forms? Please tell me the reason for the same.