

Arundhati, Śāṇḍilyā, Śatarūpā, Anasūyā, Lakṣmī, Svadhā, Sati, Saṃjñā, Sumati, Śraddhā, Menā, Svāhā and several others whose names are not mentioned lest the list should be too detailed have attained adoration from all people by their virtue of chastity. They have been honoured by Brahmā, Viṣṇu, Śiva and great sages.

14. Lord Śiva, benefactor of the depressed, worthy of worship and the goal of the good shall be served by you always.

15. The duty of a chaste lady is very important and it has been mentioned in the Vedas and Smṛtis. No other duty is so admirable as this.

16. A chaste lady shall take food only after her husband has taken it. O Śivā, if he stands, the woman too shall remain standing.

17. When he sleeps she can also sleep. But she must intelligently wake up before him. She shall do what is beneficial to him. She shall love him without any sort of deception.

18. O Śivā, she shall never show herself unembellished to him. If for any important work he is on exile she shall never adorn herself.

19. A chaste lady shall never mention her husband's name. If the husband scolds or rebukes her she shall not abuse him in return. Even when beaten by him she shall remain glad and say "I may even be killed, O lord. Be kind to me."

20. When called by him she shall leave the work she is engaged in and approach him immediately. With palms joined in reverence and love she shall bow to him and say as follows.

21. "O lord, be pleased to say what I have been called for." Whenever ordered by him to do any job she shall do it gladly.

22. She shall not stand near the entrance for a long time. She shall not go to other people's house. She shall not take his money, even though it be a little, and give it to others.

23. Without being told she shall arrange the necessary