

34. Let the names Ṛṣi, Yati, Ācārya, and Upādhyāya also be well known appendages to you all.

35. My names shall also be assumed by you. The auspicious name “Arihat” shall be considered destructive of sins.

36. All activities conducive to the happiness of the worlds shall be performed by you. The goal of those who carry on activities favourable to the worlds shall become excellent.”

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

37. Then, bowing to Viṣṇu who carried out the wishes of Śiva, the deceptive sage went joyously to the three cities accompanied by his disciples.

38. Urged by Viṣṇu of great magic, that sage of great self-control entered the three cities and created illusion.

39. Stationing himself in a garden at the outskirts of the city, accompanied by his disciples he set his magic in motion. That was powerful enough to fascinate even the expert magicians.

40. O sage, his magic was ineffective in the three cities by virtue of Śiva’s worship. Then the heretic sage became distressed.

41. He mentally remembered and eulogised Viṣṇu many times, with an aching heart. He had been so dispirited and listless.

42. On being remembered by him Viṣṇu mentally thought of Śiva. Receiving his behest by the process of thought forms he remembered Nārada.

43. Immediately after, Nārada approached Viṣṇu. After bowing to him and eulogising him, he stood before Viṣṇu with palms joined in reverence.

44. Viṣṇu, the foremost among the intelligent and who always carried out the tasks of the gods and who was engaged in rendering help to the worlds spoke to Nārada then.

45. “O dear, this is being mentioned to you at the bidding of Śiva. Go to the three cities immediately. The