

23. They are no longer devoted to preceptors, gods and brahmins ; their intellect has become distorted ; miserly and tight-fisted they no longer feed the brahmins.

24. They take delight in being the paramours of beautiful women ; squalid and filthy in their ideas and deluded by cupidity they have lost clear thinking; they have abandoned their zeal for Pūrta and other holy rites such as digging wells, tanks, planting trees and parks.

25. Similarly most of the Śūdras have become depraved. Some of them show their interest in leading the life of brahmins with shining forms and features ; they too in the confusion of their minds have abandoned their traditional practices.

26. In their eagerness to appropriate a brahmanical splendour they frequently perform penances. They cause infantile and premature deaths by their chanting of mantras.

27. They worship the Śālagrāma stone and other things; they evince some interest in Homas too but in their thoughts and actions they are crooked and antagonistic ; they calumniate the brahmins.

28. Rich people indulge in misdeeds ; learned people take perpetual delight in disputations; those who conduct discourses in holy narratives and expound virtuous rites of worship, themselves abandon virtuous practice of the same.

29. Haughty persons assume the features of noble kings; those who liberally give, do so with a lot of fuss and haughtiness thinking themselves to be great lords and treating the brahmins and others as their servants.

30. Devoid of the strict observance of their traditional duties and virtues, the foolish people have brought about an admixture of various castes. Cruel in thought and obsessed by false prestiges, people have discarded the four-fold system of social classification.

31. Deluded people, wrongly considering themselves high-born, perform certain good rites which result only in the upset of the caste-order and down-fall of all people.

32. Women too generally misbehave and err; they slight their husbands ; they are inimical to their fathers-in-law ; fearlessly they pursue their nefarious activities.

33. They indulge in foul coquettish gestures ; they are carried away by amorous dispositions; their conduct is bad ;