

Rajas, Sattva and Tamas in the form of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva.

41. The lord is omnipresent. He is the inducer, greater than all. He is free from aberrations, unchanging, eternal, the lord of illusion and devoid of attributes.

42. Even a weak person becomes strong, thanks to his will, O excellent son of Bali. O intelligent one, realise this in your mind, be normal and complacent.

43. The lord who quells pride, who is an expert in various sports and who is favourably disposed to his devotees will destroy your arrogance."

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

44. O great sage, having spoken thus, the celestial voice stopped. On hearing these words the Asura Bāṇa did not kill Aniruddha.

45. Then he went to his harem and drank excellent beverages. His intellect was adversely affected, he forgot those words and began to sport.

46. Aniruddha was bound by serpentine bodies emitting poison powerfully. His passion for his beloved had not been satiated fully. He remembered Durgā then.

*Aniruddha said:—*

47. O goddess, you are worthy of being resorted to. I have been bound by serpents. O goddess bestowing fame, O goddess of fierce fury, come and save me.

48. O great goddess, devotee of Śiva, O cause of creation, sustenance and dissolution, there is no other saviour except you. O Śivā, save me.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

49. Propitiated by him, Kālī, lustrous like the split collyrium, arrived there in the dark night of the fourteenth day in the dark half of the month Jyeṣṭha.

50-51. With the heavy blows of her fists she broke the cage. She reduced the serpentine arrows to ashes. She released Aniruddha and let him enter the harem and then vanished from the scene.

52. O great sage, thus, thanks to the grace of the