

71. The Dhārā worship is very excellent in regard to flourishing series of pleasures. Different types of auspicious materials of worship shall be added to the water.

72. If Dhārā worship is performed with ghee continuously while a thousand mantras are repeated, the family will undoubtedly flourish.

73. Thus the worship of Śiva shall be performed with the mantras mentioned by me. Sages have held that brahmins shall be fed and Prājāpatya rite shall be performed.

74. Milk without sugar is usually taken for the Dhārā. If the devotee is deficient in intellect and yearns for the same, sugar shall be added to milk for the sake of Dhārā.

75. His intellect will become as keen as that of Bṛhaspati. The Dhārā shall be continued till ten thousand mantras are completely repeated.

76-77. If there is any crack or laceration in the body without an apparent cause, if there is any uncommon increase of love or misery anywhere, or if there be very frequent quarrels in the house, miseries will perish when the Dhārā worship is performed.

78. Oil-Dhārā shall be performed on Śivaliṅga for harassing enemies. Success in the enterprise is certain.

79. If scented oil is used, worldly pleasures will be increased. If mustard oil is used, enemies will be exterminated undoubtedly.

80. If honey is used, the devotee will become Kubera (God of wealth). The Dhārā of sugarcane juice is conducive to all pleasures.

81-82. The Dhārā of Gaṅgā water yields worldly pleasures and salvation. In all these Dhārās Mṛtyuñjaya mantra shall be muttered ten thousand times. Eleven brahmins shall be fed.

83. O lordly saint, what I have been asked I have now explained to you completely. This will be fruitful in the world and will contribute to the achievement of all desires.

84. I shall now tell you, as I have heard, the benefit accruing from the due worship of Śiva in the company of Skanda and Umā.