

up by Him to kill me, Marīci²⁷¹ and others raised a hue and cry.

36. Then all the devas and the sages, extremely terrified, began to eulogise Him who was blazing there.

Devas said :—

37. O lord, O great lord, favourably disposed to those who seek refuge, O Śiva, save me. O lord Śiva, be pleased.

38. O great lord, you are the father of the universe. Satī is the mother of the universe. O lord of Devas, Viṣṇu Brahmā and others are all your slaves.

39. Mysterious is your form, O lord, and mysterious are your divine sports. Your Māyā is enigmatic and complex. Everything and everyone except your devotee is deluded by it, O Lord.

Brahmā said :—

40. Thus in many ways, the timid and frightened devas and the sages eulogised the lord of devas who was furious.

41. Suspecting some terrible disaster, Dakṣa raised his hand and rushed at Śiva, preventing Him with shouts of “O don’t do this, O don’t do this”.

42. Seeing Dakṣa in front of Him in a state of excited suspicion, and remembering the request of Viṣṇu, lord Śiva spoke these displeasing words:—

Lord Śiva said :—

43. O patriarch Dakṣa what has just been requested by Viṣṇu my great devotee and agreed to by me shall be done here.

44. “O lord, whoever stares at Satī lustfully shall be killed by you.” I shall make these words of Viṣṇu true by killing Brahmā.

45. Why did Brahmā stare at Satī lustfully? Moreover he has committed a sin by discharging his semen. Hence I shall kill him.

271. For the mind-born and physical sons of the creator, See Note No. 242 P. 305.