

Dakṣa, the lord of the universe, was a bit arrogant though worthy of honour, as he had no deep insight into Reality.

10. Dakṣa, of great splendour was honoured by the humble celestial sages with laudatory songs, obeisance, and the joining of palms in great reverence.

11. But lord Śiva who indulges in diverse sports, sat firmly and did not bow to Him. Naturally the lord who is the cause of protection is independent.

12. Seeing Śiva not bowing to him, my son became displeased. Dakṣa, the patriarch, was furious with Śiva.

13. Haughty and devoid of perfect knowledge, Dakṣa looked cruelly at Śiva and spoke aloud within the hearing of all present.

*Dakṣa said :—*

14. “All these Suras and Asuras, brahmins and sages bow to me. How is it that this gentleman who is always surrounded by goblins and ghosts behaves like a wicked man ?

15. “How is it that this shameless frequenter of cremation grounds does not bow to me now ? He is devoid of rites. He has cast off religious practices. He is surrounded by spirits and ghosts. He is elated and he spoils good policies and conventions.

16. Heretics, wicked persons, who behave arrogantly on seeing a brahmin and despise him are on a par with one another. Besides, this person is always engrossed in the love of his wife. Hence I am going to curse him”.

*Brahmā said :—*

17. After saying thus the furious rogue spoke to Śiva thus.

*Dakṣa said :—*

May all these brahmins and devas listen. May all of you deem him worthy of being killed by me.

18. Let not this Śiva, a resident of cremation grounds, lacking in nobility of birth and pedigree, expelled