

out of his sheer delight. But he has gone back. How will he come again to woo my daughter ?

50. Can a person be sent to Śiva immediately ? No, this is not proper. If he spurns the offer it will be a fruitless torment.

51-52. Or shall I worship the same bull-emblemmed deity ? He has already granted the boon to her that He, the lord Himself, shall be her husband. Even if He is delighted at my worship, as at my daughter's devotion, he may like everything to be done through some noble mediator.

53. Even as Dakṣa was constantly thinking like this, I suddenly appeared before him along with Sarasvatī.

54. On seeing me Dakṣa, my son, paid due respects and stood waiting. He gave me a fitting seat to sit on.

55. Dakṣa was worried with thoughts. But he became greatly delighted at my sight. He asked me the purpose of my visit.

*Dakṣa said :—*

56. O creator, preceptor of the universe, be kind and tell me the purpose of your visit to me ?

57. O creator of worlds, is your visit prompted by your love for your son or for any special task that you have come to my hermitage ? I am delighted on seeing you.

58. O excellent sage, being asked thus by my son Dakṣa, I spoke with a smile thereby delighting Dakṣa, the lord of the subjects.

59. O Dakṣa, listen. I shall tell you why I have come here. The wholesome benefit of your progeny is what I desire and what you must also desire.

60. Your daughter has propitiated Śiva, the lord of the universe and has secured a boon. The opportune moment for the same has arrived now.

61. It is certainly for your daughter that I have been sent to you by Śiva. Listen attentively to your duty conducive to your benefit.

62. After granting the boon, Śiva returned. But, ever since, he has not had any mental peace due to separation from your daughter.