

50-52. [Yama's directive to his attendants :—] “Those who wear at least one Rudrākṣa on their heads, Tripuṇḍra on the forehead and repeat the five-syllabled mantras shall be honoured by you all. They are indeed saintly men. You can bring the man here who has no Rudrākṣa on his person, and no Tripuṇḍra on his forehead and who does not utter the five-syllabled mantra. All those who have the ash and Rudrākṣa shall be honoured always by us after knowing their power. They shall never be brought here”.

53. Yama commanded his attendants like this. They too remained quiet agreeing to it. In fact they were surprised.

54. Hence Mahādevī, the Rudrākṣa as well as the person who wears it is my favourite. O Pārvatī, even if he has committed sins he becomes pure.

55. He who wears Rudrākṣa round the hands and arms and over the head cannot be killed by any living being. He shall roam in the world in the form of Rudra.

56. He shall be respected by the Gods and Asuras always. He shall be honoured like Śiva. He removes the sin of any one seen by him.

57. If a person is not liberated after meditation and acquisition of knowledge he shall wear Rudrākṣa. He shall be freed from all sins and attain the highest goal.

58. A mantra repeated with Rudrākṣa is a crore times more efficacious. A man wearing Rudrākṣa derives a hundred million times more merit.

59. O Goddess, as long as the Rudrākṣa is on the person of a living soul he is least affected by premature death.

60. One shall attain Rudra on seeing a person with Tripuṇḍra, his limbs covered with Rudrākṣa and repeating the Mṛtyuñjaya mantra¹⁷³.

61. He is a favourite of the five deities¹⁷⁴ and a

173. VS. 30.60.

174. The five deities referred to here are : the sun, Gaṇeśa, Goddess Durgā, Rudra and Viṣṇu. Cp.

आदित्यं गणनाथं च देवीं रुद्रं च केशवम् ।

पञ्चदैवतमित्युक्तं सर्वकर्मसु पूजयेत् ॥