

awful dreams, evil planets affecting the birth star or Rāśi (sign of the zodiac) occur, these hindrances are called Ādhidaivika. In order to ward off these hindrances and on occasions when one touches a corpse, a cāṇḍāla or a fallen man and goes inside without bathing, Śānti Yajña shall be performed to remove the evil effects.

107-109. The precincts of a temple, a cowshed, a sanctuary or one's own court-yard shall be selected for the performance of sacrifice. It shall be on a raised platform at least two hastas high. It shall be well decorated. Paddy weighing a Bhāra shall be spread on the ground to make a large circle. Diagrams of lotuses shall be made in the middle and in the eight quarters on the border of the circle. A big pot round which a thread is tied, shall be placed in the middle and eight other similar pots shall be placed in the eight quarters. All of them shall be fumigated with Guggulu.

110. In the eight pots bunches of mango leaves shall be placed with Darbha grass. They shall be filled with water purified by mantras and five kinds of articles.

111. Precious gems shall be put in the nine vessels, one in each. The sensible devotee shall ask his preceptor to preside as a priest. The presiding priest shall be accompanied by his wife. He shall be well-versed in the rituals.

112. Gold idols of the guardians of the quarters and Viṣṇu shall be put in the different vessels. Viṣṇu shall be invoked and worshipped in the central vessel.

113. The respective guardians of the different quarters shall be worshipped in the vessels concerned, using the dative case after the name and ending with Namaḥ.

114. The invocation shall be performed by the presiding priest. Along with the Ṛtviks he shall repeat the mantras a hundred times.

115-116. At the end of the Japas, Homa shall be performed to the west of the vessel. According to the time, place and convenience, the offerings in the fire may be a crore, a hundred thousand, a thousand, or hundred and eight in number. It shall be performed for a single day, for nine days or for forty days.

117. The sacrificial twigs shall be of Śamī tree if the