

*Saṅkha-cūḍa said:—*

19. O gentle lady, what you said now is not entirely false. It is partially true also. Now listen to me.

20. You are the foremost among chaste ladies. I am not a lusty person of sinful nature. I think you too are not like that.

21. I come to you now at the behest of Brahmā. O gently lady, I shall take your hand by the Gāndharva rites of marriage.

22. I am Śaṅkha-cūḍa, the router of the gods. O gentle lady, don't you know me? Have I never been heard by you?

23. I am a scion of the family of Danu. I am a Dānava, the son of Dambha. In the previous birth I was the cowherd Sudāmā, a comrade of Kṛṣṇa.

24. Due to the curse of Rādhā I have become a Dānava now. By the favour of Kṛṣṇa I remember events of previous birth. I know everything.

*Sanatkumāra said:—*

25. After saying thus to her, Śaṅkha-cūḍa stopped. Tulasī who was thus addressed truthfully and respectfully by the king of Dānavas, was delighted and she spoke smilingly.

*Tulasī said:—*

26. I have now been overpowered by you who have Sāttvika thoughts. That man is blessed in the world who is not overwhelmed by a woman.

27. Even though he may be the observer of sacred rites, if he is overpowered by a woman he becomes impure and unclean, so he remains for ever. The manes, gods and human beings censure him.

28-29. A brahmin is purified from impurity arising from births or deaths in the family, after the tenth day. A Kṣatriya in twelve days, a Vaiśya in fifteen days and a Śūdra in a month. This is what the Vedas enjoin. But a henpecked man can never be purified till death.

30. The manes do not receive willingly the balls of