

62. By the uplift in the caste and devotion the fruit gains more efficacy. Anything done with a desire in view yields results immediately.

63-64. Anything done with no specific desire in view yields the region of Śiva directly. Of the three periods of time, ordained rites shall be performed in the morning, rites for the fulfilment of desires in the midday and rites for the suppression of the evil in the evening. The same thing holds good for nights too.

65. The two middle Yāmas (1 Yāma is equal to 3 hours) at night are called Nīśītha. The worship of Śiva at that time accords desired results.

66. If a man performs rites after realising this, he shall achieve the due results. Especially in the Kali age the achievement of fruit is only due to the precise performance of actions.

67. If the man is well behaved, afraid of sins and the observer of good actions at other man's suggestion or at his own he shall attain due results.

68-69. (The sages said :—) O Sūta, foremost among excellent yogins, please tell us briefly about the various holy centres by resorting to which women and men shall attain the region (of Śiva). Please tell us about the traditions of Śiva temples also. (Sūta said) :—All of you listen faithfully to the account of all holy centres and their traditions.

CHAPTER TWELVE

(Narration of Śiva Temples)

Sūta said:—

1. O wise sages, please listen to the narrative of holy centres with Śiva's temples all of which accord salvation. Thereafter I shall tell you their traditions for the welfare of the people.

2. The Earth, fifty crores of yojanas in extent, abounding in mountains and forests, supports the people at the bidding of Śiva.