

by whom the entire universe of the mobile and the immobile is sanctified, has not been invited by you?

10. What is that sacrifice without Śiva who is sacrifice Himself, the performer of sacrifice, the fee of sacrifice, the adjunct of sacrifice and the foremost of those who know sacrifice itself.

11. Every rite performed without Him will be impure but with Him or by the mere remembrance of Him becomes pure.

12. The articles of offerings, the mantra, the Havya and Kavya<sup>311</sup>, everything is identical with Śiva. How is it that the sacrifice is being performed without Him ?

13. Did you disrespect Him, considering Him on a par with ordinary devas ? You have become senseless and mean though you are my father.

14. Ha, you do not know Śiva the great lord by serving whom Viṣṇu Brahmā and other devas have attained their position and status.

15. How did Viṣṇu, Brahmā, other devas and the sages happen to be present at your sacrifice without their lord Śiva ?”

*Brahmā said :—*

16. After saying this, Satī addressed Viṣṇu and others severally, taunting them.

*Satī said :—*

17. “O Viṣṇu, don’t you know the real nature of Śiva whom the Vedas speak of as both full or devoid of attributes ?

18-19. Although as the chieftain of king Śālva,<sup>312</sup> Śiva had caught hold of your hand and set you aright many a time, that admonition has not entered your brain, now that you have evinced a desire to partake of your share in Dakṣa’s sacrifice without inviting lord Śiva.

311. Havya-Kavya : Oblations both to the Gods and the spirits of the deceased ancestors.

312. Śālva, the king of the country of Śālvas (modern Rājasthan) was inimical to Viṣṇu.