

37. No creation of mine shall become lustful or fall anywhere degraded. He who becomes my husband shall be my intimate friend of pure mind.

38. Any person who looks at me with lustful eyes shall lose his manliness and become a eunuch.

39. On hearing the words of that woman who had become freed of sin Śiva who is favourably disposed to His devotees and who was delighted at what she had said, spoke as follows.

40. O lady Sandhyā, listen. Your sin has been reduced to ashes. I have abandoned my anger towards you. By this penance you have become pure.

41. O gentle lady Sandhyā, whatever you have asked I grant you entirely. I am delighted by this excellent penance of yours.

42. (In all living beings) the first stage shall be infancy, the second childhood, the third youth and the fourth stage shall be old age.

43. When the third stage in life is reached, the living beings shall become lustful. In some cases it shall be at the end of the second stage.

44. This new limitation is imposed by me as a result of your penance. No living being shall be lustful at the time of its nativity.

45. You will attain such a pure chastity as will not be attained by any other woman in the three worlds.

46. Excepting your husband whoever looks at you with lustful eyes shall immediately become impotent and weak.

47. Your husband shall be one endowed with great fortune, penance and comely features. He shall live for a period of seven Kalpas along with you.

48. Thus I have granted you all the boons requested by you. I shall tell you another incident that transpired in the previous birth.

49. That you would cast off your body in the fire has been foretold. I shall tell you the means thereof. You will certainly carry it out.

50. Let that be performed by you at the twelve-year-sacrifice of the sage Medhātithi in the blazing sacrificial fire ere long.