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(The penances when the Agnihotri sheds tears, or breaks his vow, or neglects the performance of the *Dars'apúrñima iskti*, or when he allows his fires to go out.)

They ask, when an Agnihotri on the day previous to the sacrifice should shed tears, by which the Purodâśa might be sullied, what is the penance for it? He must offer to *Agni vratabhrit* (Agni the bearer of vows) a Purodâśa consisting of eight pieces under the recital of the following Anuvâkyâ and Yâjyâ : *tvam agne vratabhrit s'uchir* (As'v. S'r. S. 3, 11) *vratâni bibhrad vratapâ* (As'v. S'r. S. 3, 11).⁹ Or he may sacrifice (melted butter) under the recital of, *to Agni vratabhrit Svâhá!* in the Ahavanîya fire. This is the penance for it.

They ask, When an Agnihotri should do something contrary to his vow (religion) on the day previous to the sacrifice, what is the penance for it? He must offer a Purodâśa consisting of eight pieces to *Agni vratapati* (Agni the lord of vows) under the recital of the following Anuvâkyâ and Yâjyâ : *tvam agne vratapâ asi* (8, 11, 1); *yad vā vayam pramināma* (10, 2, 4). Or he may sacrifice (melted butter) under the recital of, *to Agni vratapati Svâhá!* in the Ahavanîya fire. This is the penance for it.

They ask, When an Agnihotri should neglect the celebration of the New Moon or Full Moon sacrifices,

⁹ The Anuvâkyâ is according to As'val. :

त्वमग्ने व्रतभृच्छुचिरग्ने देवानिहावह ।

उप यज्ञं हविष्य नः ॥

The Yâjyâ is :

व्रतानि बिभ्रदव्रतपा अदब्धो यजानो देवानजरः सुवीरः ।

दधद्रत्नानि सुमृळीको अग्ने गोपाय नो जीवसे जातवेदः ॥