

यथा न कमला देहात्प्रयाति तव केशवा।

तथा ममापि देवेश शरीरे स्वे कुरु प्रभो॥५३॥

O Keśava! As the Goddess Lakṣmī never remains apart from you, in the same way make my body Your dwelling place.

तथा च कांचनं देवं प्रतिगृह्णन्दिजोत्तमः।

क इदं कस्मादादिति वैदिकं मन्त्रमीरयेत्॥५४॥

After that, the Brāhmaṇa, accepting the image of Cupid, should pronounce the following Vedic mantra. 'Ka Idam Kasmāt.'

ततः प्रदक्षिणी कृत्य विसर्ज्य द्विजपुङ्गवम्।

शय्यासनादिकं सर्वं ब्राह्मणस्य गृहं नयेत्॥५५॥

Then the Brāhmaṇa should be dismissed, after being circumambulated, and beddings and other things should be sent to the house of the Brāhmaṇa.

ततः प्रभृति यो विप्रो रत्यर्थं गृहमागतः।

स मान्यः सूर्यवारे च स मन्तव्यो भवेत्तदा॥५६॥

Henceforth, any Brāhmaṇa coming to them for the sake of sexual enjoyment on a Sunday, should be respected and honoured.

एवं त्रयोदशं यावन्मासमेवं द्विजोत्तमान्।

तर्पयेत् यथाकामं प्रोषितेऽन्यं समाचरेत्॥५७॥

In this way, the good Brāhmaṇas should be kept satisfied for a period of thirteen months; but if they go abroad, their course of action will be different.

तदनुज्ञया रूपवान्यो यावदभ्यागतो भवेत्।

आत्मनोऽपि यथाविधं गर्भभूतिकरं प्रियम्॥५८॥

दैवं वा मानुषं वा स्यादनुरामेण वा ततः।

साचारानष्टपञ्चाशद्यथाशक्त्या समाचरेत्॥५९॥

If, with the consent of that Brāhmaṇa, another handsome person come to them, these women should, with love and affection and to the best of their ability, perform all the fifty-eight kinds of observances of Love, favourite of man and gods, which would lead to pregnancy and which is not harmful to their soul's welfare.

एतद्धि कथितं सम्यग् भवतीनां विशेषतः।

अधर्मोऽयं ततो न स्याद्वेश्यानामिह सर्वदा॥६०॥

I have described to you this vrata in detail, which, when always performed, never leads the prostitutes to sin.

पुरुहूतेन यत्प्रोक्तं दानवीषु पुरा मया।

तदिदं साम्प्रतं सर्वं भवतीष्वपि युज्यते॥६१॥

I have fully related to you what Indra said to the women of the Dānavas (demons) in ancient days.

सर्वपापप्रशमनमनन्तफलदायकम्।

कल्याणीनां च कथितं तत्कुस्व्वं वराननाः॥६२॥

O, Women of beauty! This vrata is the dispeller of all sins and giver of innumerable benefits. I wish well of you; hence you should do as I told you.

करोति याऽशेषमखण्डमेतत्

कल्याणिनी माधवलोकसंस्था।

सा पूजिता देवगणैरंशेषै-

रानन्दकृत्स्थानमुपैति विष्णोः॥६३॥

She (the well-favoured), who follows this ordinance strictly, goes to the region of Mādhava, and is honoured by the Devas, and in the end obtains a place in the Viṣṇu-loka.

श्रीभगवानुवाच

तपोधनः सोऽप्यभिधाय चैवं

तदा च तासां व्रतमङ्गनानाम्।

स्वस्थानमेष्यत्यनु ताः समस्त-

व्रतं करिष्यन्ति च देवयानेः॥७०॥

The Lord said- "The sage Dālhbhya, having thus taught those women how to observe this ordinance, will go to his own place; and those women of divine origin will practise the vrata, as directed."

इति श्रीमात्स्ये महापुराणेऽनङ्गदानव्रतं नाम

सप्ततितमोऽध्यायः॥७०॥

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