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41. To all the three classes – bachelor students, recluses and hermits – properly performing their duties, the householder should ever be a steady support in virtuous ways. 42. To the poor the helpless, the way-farer, those begging for aid and the dependents, the householder gives food and affords loving protection. 43. The prime duty of a householder is to support the five – viz, the manes, the celestials, the guests the kin and himself. 44. Getting wealth avoiding infamy, and enjoying it in the company of all, the householder's live will be free from blemish. 45. If a householder leads a life of love and virtue, that life alone will be fruitful and cultured. 46. If one leads a householder's life, keeping himself steady in virtue that itself is best. What new reward is to be had, following the path of a recluse and the like? 47. the householder leading a life of virtue is deemed far superior to those who follow other paths. 48. The life of a householder who keeps others on the path of virtue, himself setting the example, is indeed far superior to the life of a hermit. 49. The term “virtue” signifies only the householder's life; and if that life is led blemishlessly, it will be most glorified. 50. The householder who lives, never straying from the path of virtue, will be famed like a celestial, as long as he lives in this world; and he will attain the world of the celestials after the close of this life.