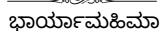
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ಕುಂಡಲೋವಾಚ -ಭರ್ತವ್ಯಾ ರಕ್ಷಿತವ್ಯಾ ಚ ಭಾರ್ಯಾ ಹಿ ಪತಿನಾ ಸದಾ . ಧರ್ಮಾರ್ಥಕಾಮಸಂಸಿದ್ಧ್ಯೈ ಭಾರ್ಯಾ ಭರ್ತೃಸಹಾಯಿನೀ .. 68.. ಯದಾ ಭಾರ್ಯಾ ಚ ಭರ್ತಾ ಚ ಪರಸ್ಕರವಶಾನುಗೌ. ತದಾ ಧರ್ಮಾರ್ಥಕಾಮಾನಾಂ ತ್ರಯಾಣಾಮಪಿ ಸಂಗತಂ .. 69.. ಕಥಂ ಭಾರ್ಯಾಮೃತೇ ಧರ್ಮಮರ್ಥಂ ವಾ ಪುರುಷಃ ಪ್ರಭೋ . ಪ್ರಾಪ್ಸೋತಿ ಕಾಮಮಥವಾ ತಸ್ಯಾಂ ತ್ರಿತಯಮಾಹಿತಂ .. 70... ತಥೈವ ಭರ್ತಾರಮೃತೇ ಭಾರ್ಯಾ ಧರ್ಮಾದಿಸಾಧನೇ ನ ಸಮರ್ಥಾ ತ್ರಿವರ್ಗೋಽಯಂ ದಾಂಪತ್ಯಂ ಸಮುಪಾಶ್ರಿತಃ .. 71.. ದೇವತಾಪಿತೃಭ್ಯತ್ಯಾನಾಮತಿಥೀನಾಂಚ ಪೂಜನಂ . ನ ಪುಂಭಿಃ ಶಕ್ಯತೇ ಕರ್ತುಮೃತೇ ಭಾರ್ಯಾಂ ನೃಪಾತ್ಮಜ .. 72.. ಪ್ರಾಪ್ಕೋಽಪಿ ಚಾರ್ಥೋ ಮನುಜೈರಾನೀತೋಽಪಿ ನಿಜಂ ಗೃಹಂ . ಕ್ಷಯಮೇತಿ ವಿನಾ ಭಾರ್ಯಾಂ ಕುಭಾರ್ಯಾಸಂಶ್ರಯೇಽಪಿ ವಾ .. 73.. ಕಾಮಸ್ಕು ತಸ್ಯ ನೈವಾಸ್ತಿ ಪ್ರತ್ಯಕ್ಷೇಣೋಪಲಕ್ಷ್ಮತೇ. ದಂಪತ್ಯೋ: ಸಹಧರ್ಮಣ ತ್ರಯೋಧರ್ಮಮವಾಪ್ನುಯಾತ್ .. 74... ಪಿತೄನ್ ಪುತ್ರೈಸ್ತಥೈವಾನ್ನಸಾಧನೈರತಿಥೀನ್ ನರ:. ಪೂಜಾಭಿರಮರಾಂಸ್ಕದ್ವತ್ ಸಾಧ್ವೀಂ ಭಾರ್ಯಾಂ ನರೋಽವತಿ .. 75... ಸ್ತ್ರಿಯಾಶ್ಚಾಪಿ ವಿನಾ ಭರ್ತ್ರಾ ಧರ್ಮಕಾಮಾರ್ಥಸಂತತಿಃ . ನೈವ ತಸ್ಮಾತ್ ತ್ರಿವರ್ಗೋಽಯಂ ದಾಂಪತ್ಯಮಧಿಗಚ್ಛತಿ .. 76..

From Markandeya Purana Adhyaya 21

- 68. Verily a husband must ever cherish and protect his wife. A wife is her husband's help-mate unto the complete attainment of religious life, wealth and love (dharma, artha, kAma).
- 69. When both husband and wife are subject to mutual control, then all the three, viz. moral life, wealth and love combine.
- 70. How without a wife, does a man attain to moral life,

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or wealth, or love, my lord?

In her the triad of dharma, artha, and kAma is established.

71. So also without a husband a wife is powerless to fulfil dharma and the other duties.

This threefold group (trivarga) is established in wedded life (dAmpatya).

- 72. Men cannot perform the worship of the gods, ancestors, dependents and of guests, without a wife, O prince.
- 73. And riches, although acquired by men, although brought to their own home, waste away without a wife, or even where a worthless wife dwells.
- 74. There is indeed no love for him without a wife,— this is clearly evident. By the wedded pair treading together the path of duty (dharma), men may attain to the ideal of trivarga or the Triple Aims of life.
- 75. A man satisfies his ancestors by procreating children, and guests with preparations of food; likewise the immortal gods with religious observances: therefore should a man protect his virtuous wife.
- 76. Moreover, for a woman there is no separate religion, love, wealth or offspring without a husband.

Hence the triple group of dharma, artha and kAma rests upon the wedded life of the home.

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