

a Śūdra and Caṇḍāla will share with them the presents and offerings. Men will entirely be occupied with gathering wealth by crimes, with hoarding up, not refraining from committing horrid and sinful crimes. All this will result in a rebellion of the small ones against the great ones, of the children against their parents, of the servants against their masters. The castes will be in uproar against each other, the genealogies will become confused, the four castes will be abolished, and there will be many religions and sects. Many books will be composed, and the communities which formerly were united will on account of them be dissolved into single individuals. The temples will be destroyed and the schools will lie waste. Justice will be gone, and the kings will not know anything but oppression and spoliation, robbing and destroying, as if they wanted to devour the people, foolishly indulging in far-reaching hopes, and not considering how short life is in comparison with the sins (for which they have to atone). The more the mind of people is depraved, the more will pestilential diseases be prevalent. Lastly, people maintain that most of the astrological rules obtained in that age are void and false.

These ideas have been adopted by Māni, for he says : Saying of Māni.
 “ Know ye that the affairs of the world have been changed and altered ; also priesthood has been changed since the σφαίραι of heaven, *i.e.* the spheres, have been changed, and the priest can no longer acquire such a knowledge of the stars in the circle of a sphere as their fathers were able to acquire. They lead mankind astray by fraud. What they prophesy may by chance happen, but frequently it does not happen.”

The description of these things in the *Vishṇu-Dharma* is much more copious than we have given it. Description of the Kṛitayuga according to Vishṇu-Dharma
 People will be ignorant of what is reward and punishment ; they will deny that the angels have absolute knowledge. Their lives will be of different length, and none