

perhaps, even at this moment Dhritarashtra may be persuaded to withdraw his sons from the warfront.

*15. Hrishikesha blew the Panchajanya and Dhananjaya (Arjuna) blew the Devadatta and Vrikodara (Bhima) , the doer of terrible deeds, blew the great conch, named Paundra.*

In his description of the Pandava array, Sanjaya is very particular to mention even the name of each warrior's special conch. Panchajanya was blown by Krishna.

*Hrishikesha* is the name of the Lord and it has often been described as meaning the 'Lord of the Senses.' But this is according to an old derivation: *Hrishika*+ *Isha* = "Lord of the Senses." But the word "*Hrishika*" is an obscure one. Modern commentators prefer to explain it as *Hrish*+ *kesha* "Having short hair."

*16. King Yudhisthira, the son of Kunti, blew the Anantavijaya; Nakula and Sahadeva blew the Sughosha and the Manipushpaka.*

*17. The king of Kashi, an excellent archer, Shikhandi, the mighty commander of eleven thousand archers, Dhristadyumna and Virata and Satyaki, the unconquered;*