

great-grandson of *Vrishni*. *Vasudeva* married Devaki, the sister of the Mathura-tyrant, Kamsa, and to her was born Krishna. As the son of Vasudeva, the Lord is called "Vaasudeva."

OF THE *PANDAVAS*, I AM *DHANANJAYA* --- Just as Krishna was the mighty one that had given pride and glory to both the *Yadavakula* and the *Vrishni*-clan, because of which they have a glorious existence in the memory of man, so too among the *Pandavas*, He again was the soul-giving factor, but for whom, the five brothers would perhaps have achieved nothing. The term *Dhananjaya* literally means "the winner of wealth." Generally, this term is considered as a title of Arjuna, and therefore, this portion is usually translated as "I AM ARJUNA, AMONG THE *PANDAVAS*."

OF ALL THE SAINTS I AM *VYASA* --- This is not an unfair passage of self-advertisement thrown in by *Vyasa* himself, the author of the Geeta. *Vyasa* was a pen-name which came to symbolise the new style of literature that was discovered and introduced into the realm of philosophical and religious writings of that age. The style was revolutionary, for, till then, philosophical literature was in *mantra*-form --- "thoughts packed into small language-capsules." With the *Puranas*, a new style was initiated and developed, where elaboration was the motive and repeated over-emphasis of the fundamentals was the general technique. This was innovated by Krishna