

The Nagas are non-poisonous snakes. Ananta among them is conceived of or represented as five-headed. This is a symbol of the *Prakṛiti* being made up of the five elements. Because the Lord is resting on Ananta, He speaks of it as His *vibhūti*.

Varuna is one of the Vedic deities. He has his jurisdiction on earth and in heaven. He is noted for intelligence. With the march of time he associates himself with the water-deities and becomes their king; as such he is also one of the glories of the Lord.

Pitrus are the departed ancestors. The very first to enter the world of the manes is Aryama and so he is the presiding deity over them. All those who pay homage to their departed ancestors pray to Aryama as well. This way he becomes the *vibhūti* of the Lord.

The practice of self-control is called *yama*, in the science of Yoga. Punishment in the form of pain is inflicted on one who does not practise self-control. And this is the experience of one and all. The lord of death is called Yama. He does not deviate an iota in his deal of justice. Life and death are meted out by Yama to beings according to their desert. He is therefore the best among the controllers. This merit comes to Yama from Iswara.

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