

her in it. This is the reason that in the As'vina Shastra a series of verses is addressed to Ushâs.

The As'vins (closely) followed Indra. They said to him, "Maghavan, we both wish to be winners of this race." They did not dare to say to him, "go aside." He consented, under the condition that he should also obtain a share in it (the As'vina Shastra). They consented, and made room also for him. This is the reason that in the As'vina Shastra there is a series of verses addressed to Indra.

Thus the As'vins were winners of the race, and obtained (the prize). This is the reason that it (the prize) is called As'vinam (*i. e.* the As'vina Shastra). He who has such a knowledge obtains what he may wish for.

They ask, Why is this (Shastra) called As'vinam, notwithstanding there being in it verses addressed to Agni, Ushâs, and Indra? (The answer is) the As'vins were the winners of this race, they obtained it (the prize). This is the reason that it is called the As'vina Shastra. He who has such a knowledge obtains what he may wish for.

## 9.

*(What animals were yoked to the carriages of the gods when they were running the race for the As'vina Shastra. The verses addressed to Sûrya in this Shastra.)*

Agni ran the race with a carriage drawn by mules. When driving them he burnt their wombs; thence they do not conceive.

Ushâs ran the race with cows of a reddish colour, thence it comes that after the arrival of Ushâs (Dawn) there is a reddish colour shining as it were (spread over the eastern direction) which is the characteristic of Ushâs.