

the third libation is headed by the Gâyatri during these three days.

Vis'vânaro ajîjanat is the beginning of the Agni-mâruta Shastra, which contains the word *jan* to be born. *Pra yad vas trishtubham* (8, 7) is the (Nivid) hymn for the Marutas, which has the word *pra*. *Jâtavedase sunavâma* (1, 99, 1) is the invariable Jâtavedâs verse. *Dûtam vo vis'vavedasam* (4, 8) is the (Nivid) hymn for Jâtavedâs, where the name (Jâtavedâs) is not explicitly mentioned (only hinted at). All these are in the Gâyatrî metre ; for the third libation on these three days is headed by the Gâyatrî.

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(*The characteristics of the eighth day. The Shastras of the morning and midday libations.*)

Neither the words *â* nor *pra*, but what is "standing" is the characteristic of the eighth day ; because the eighth is identical with the second. The characteristics are, *ûrdhva*, *prati*, *antar*, *vriśhan*, *vridhan*, the mentioning of the deity in the middle pâda, an allusion to the airy region, twice the name Agni (in the same pâda), the words *mahad*, *vihûta*, *punar*, the present tense.

Agnim vo devam agnibhiḥ (7, 3) is the Ajya of the eighth day ; because it contains twice the word *agni*. It is in the Trishtubh metre ; for the Trishtubh is the leading metre at the morning libation during these three days. The Pra-uga Shastra is composed of the following verses : *Kṛvid anga namasâ* (7, 91, 1), *pîvo annân* (7, 91, 3), *uchhan ushasaḥ* (7, 90, 4), *us'antâ dûtâ* (7, 91, 2), *yâvat taras* (7, 91, 4-5), *prati vâṃ sūra udite* (7, 65, 1-3), *dhenuḥ pratnasya* (3, 58, 1-3), *Brahmâna indropa* (7, 28, 1-3), *ûrdhvo agniḥ sumatim* (7, 39, 1-3), *uta syâ naḥ sarasvatî* (7, 95, 4-6). In these verses are the characteristics