shthād itī8ndrāya vai devā jyaishthyāya sraishthyāya
nātishthanta, so 'bravīd Brihaspatim: yājaya mā dvādaṣā-
heneti. tam ayājayat, tato vai tasmai devā jyaishthyāya
sraishthyāyātishthanta 9 tishthante 'smai svā jyaishthyāya
sraishthyāya, sam asmin svāḥ sreshthatāyāṃ jānate ya
evaṃ vedo10rdhvo vai prathamas tryahas, tiryañ ma-
dhyamo, 'rvāñ uttamaḥ. sa yad ūrdhvaḥ prathamas trya-
has, tasmād ayam agnir ūrdhva uddīpyata, ūrdhvā hy eta-
sya dig. yat tiryañ madhyamas, tasmād ayaṃ vāyus ti-
ryañ pavate, tiraścīr āpo vahanti; tiraścī hy etasya dig.
yad arvāñ uttamas, tasmād asāv arvāñ tapaty, arvāñ
varshaty, arvāñci nakshatrāny; arvācī hy etasya dik.
samyañco vā ime lokāḥ, samyañca ete tryahāḥ 11 sa-
myañco 'smā ime lokāḥ sriyai dīdyati ya evaṃ veda
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1 Dīkshā vai devebhyo 'pākrāmat. tāṃ vāsantikābhyām
māsābhyām anvayuñjata, tāṃ vāsantikābhyām māsābhyāṃ
nodāpnuvaṅs. tāṃ graishmābhyāṃ tāṃ vārshikābhyāṃ tāṃ
sāradābhyāṃ tāṃ haimantikābhyām māsābhyām anva-
yuñjata, tāṃ haimantikābhyām māsābhyāṃ nodāpnuvaṅs.
tāṃ saisirābhyām māsābhyām anvayuñjata, tāṃ saisirā-
bhyām māsābhyām āpnuvann 2 āpnoti yam īpsati, nainaṃ
dvishann āpnoti, ya evaṃ veda 3 tasmād yaṃ satriyā dī-
kshopanamed, etayor eva saisirayor māsayor āgatayor dī-
ksheta. sākshād eva tad dīkshāyām āgatāyāṃ dīkshate,
pratyakshād dīkshām parigrihṇāti. tasmād etayor eva sai-
sirayor māsayor āgatayor ye caiva grāmyāḥ paṣavo ye cā-
raṇyā aṇimānam eva tat parushimānaṃ niyanti, dīkshārū-
pam eva tad upaniplavante 4 sa purastād dīkshāyāḥ prā-
jāpatyam paṣum ālabhate 5 tasya saptadaṣa sāmidhenīr
anubrūyāt. saptadaṣo vai Prajāpatiḥ, Prajāpater āptyai
6 tasyāpriyo jāmadagnyo bhavanti 7 tad āhur: yad anye-