

Romaka is again corrected into Romaça. It was to be expected beforehand that the quotations from Nárada would not be found in the book in question; they *do* not recur in it. In short the Náradí-Sanhitá current now-a-days, is a cento of older Sanhitás, not genuine, and worthless into the bargain.

Asita-Devala, (or, as Utpala seems to mean, Asita and Devala,) is one of the most celebrated of R̥shi astronomers, celebrated even among Buddhists. Hiouen Thsang knows him under the name of *O-si-ti*, as the astrologer who cast the horoscope for the nativity of Buddha; he was not aware that no horoscopy was known in India at the time of S'ákyamuni. The work ascribed to Asita-Devala has never come to my notice; from quotations I know that Asita-Devala, or at all events Devala, was acquainted with the signs of the Zodiac, from which it is to be inferred that he (I mean his work) was posterior to Garga.

R̥shiputra seems to have been one of the chief authorities in astrological science. He is never called by any other name. From the manner in which the word is used in the Rámáyana, I suspect that R̥shyaçṛṅga is the mythical person intended.

A high authority is also Káçyapa, as the name is written throughout in the best MSS., whilst others now and then exhibit Kaçyapa. As Kaçyapa is the twilight,* especially the

* That Kaçyapa is twilight appears from the word itself and from his myth. *Kaçyapa* or *Kacchapa* stands for *Kaxapa*, from the same root which has formed *xapá* in Sanskrit; it is bodily the Greek *κεκρωψ* and allied to Latin *crepusculum*. From Kaçyapa, as the morning twilight, it is said that the lights rise; see Taittir. *Arany.* I. 8. The morning twilight precedes the sun; the evening twilight comes after the sun, therefore Kaçyapa is also called the son of Maríci, the ray of the parting sun. Precisely so Cecrops is as well the father of Pandion, the All-bright or All-shining, (from *παν* and *dí*, *dídí*; cf. Aphrodite) as the son of Pandion. The wife of Kaçyapa is Aditi (from *a* not and "*diti*"), the wife of Cecrops Aglaura (from *a* "not" and a word identical with Lat. *gloria*, allied to Skr. *glau*.) Aditi, seemingly the reverse of Diti, is in nature and mythology scarcely