

such as ,**आधर** m. mountain (earth-holder)' will be in itself clear enough and save the student the trouble of looking up **आ** & **धर**. By the word *abstract* I understand chiefly the substantives in *tā* and *tvā*, by the word *possessive* the adjectives in *vant*, *mant*, etc. In a great many instances merely the formation of such words is given, because their special meaning is easily suggested by the groundword and the passage where the derivative occurs. Of brackets a very frequent and various use has been made, which, I suppose, will be clear by itself in each single case. For all these things I call the attention of the reader to the list of abbreviations on the next page.

How far I have relied on my authorities or followed my own judgment, others may decide. I can only say that I have always tried to keep the mean between blindly following and thoughtlessly abandoning the path of my great predecessors. Most difficulties arose from the Rīgveda vocabulary, a great part of which has been incorporated into this book. But even on this hotly debated ground I rarely have had occasion to differ from the acknowledged chief of Vedic interpretation.

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