

paddhatyādi prañetrīṇ ca janakam vedadān gurūn ॥ 6 ॥

vedārthayajnavidyē ye daduḥ Samrāṭsutāḥ svāyam ।

samrājō 'gnicitas tyaktasāvasaṃgamadā(ṇ)s tu tān ॥ 7 ॥

vācaspatyabhidhānatō(t) paramātmānam apy atha ।

yajñajñānām gurur yas tu karma padmaravis tathā ॥ 8 ॥

ekaikādeṣadān anyān gurūn buddhivairiddhaye ।

prāṇamya kriyate yatnāḥ Kāṭīyasūtrasaṃsthitaḥ ॥ 9 ॥

To justify his own beginning he characterises them as follows :

kiṃ ca । Bhartṛiyajñabhāshyam utsannam sthitam । vālpānyāyayutam(!), na dṛiḍhanyāyanirūpyavaiḥkṛitakarmakṛitisamartham । Pitṛibhūtikṛitam ca ṣrutimātralekhanaparam, paryāyo'pi ṣab-dāntareṇa koṣcitka eva, tasmāt sambhāvanāpi vaiḥkṛitasiddher na ghaṭate । namu Karkabhāshyam anekanyāyayutam yuktibhūḥ sudṛiḍham sāvasaṃdigdhanirṇetṛi prayogavidhyapexitatattad-aṇṣaprapūrakam bhaviṣhyati? satyam, tad api Jaiminiṣāstrasasṃskṛitabuddhiparinishpannatōt tyaktasūtraṣrutyaḥprāyam Jaiminipaxah(!) svaṣrutisūtraviruddhasamācṛitam, katham etachā-khāpramāṇapramāṭṛiṇā tad ācṛitya karmā'nushṭhātum cittam utsahate । Vāsudevakṛitam Karka-pariṣeṣha iti svāyam Vāsudevenoktam, tatpariṣiṣṭatōt tadanurūpatōt tad api svaṣākhāviruddham । ato 'sty asyā'vasarāḥ prāṇayane, yenārjaveṇa sūtrāṇy arthaparāṇi neshyante, ṣrutiviruddham tyāxyate, vidyamānam svaṣrutau viśayavākyam parigrahīṣhyate, chedayiṣhyante ghanatarāḥ saṃdehāḥ, pūroabhāshyebhyo bahulatara viṣeṣhā niravaṣeṣhayiṣhyante । ity ārabhyate bhāshyam ।

3. The third of the series is the excellent *vyākhyā* of *Yājñika-Deva*, son of *ṣṛītriragnicit samrāṭsthapatitrīṇṣatkratukṛinmahāyājñika ṣṛī Prajāpati*. This is a most valuable commentary, distinguished by the abundance of quotations from other ritual works, especially from the *Āpastambasūtra*, the *Kaṭhasūtra* or *Kāṭhakam*, the *Mānavasūtra* (= *Maitrasūtra*) or *Manu*, the *Taittirīya* (or *Taittiri*)-*sūtra*, *Çāṅkhāyana*, *Lāṭyāyana* and many others.

Only twenty *adhyāyas* are extant, viz. I-XI. XIII-XV. XX. XXI. XXIII-XXVI, in the following mss. :

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| I | E. I. H. 747 | (my copy २, second hand २), on 165 leaves. |
| II | — | 748 on 83 leaves, written in <i>Vārāṇasī Saṃvat</i> 1660. |
| III | — | 749 ^a on 49 leaves (22-49 by a second scribe, dated <i>Saṃvat</i> 1800). |
| | — | 763, on 65 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1675. |
| IV | — | 749 ^b , on 133 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1708. |
| V | — | 750, on 121 leaves. — My extracts from II-V = २, second hand २. |
| VI | — | 761 (A), on 71 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1640 <i>Vārāṇasyām li. Devajī</i> . |
| | — | 753 ^a (B), on 44 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1639 <i>li. Gaṇeṣena</i> . |
| | — | 755 ^b (C), on 49 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1697 (altered in 1797). |
| VII | — | 751 ^a (A), on 68 leaves. |
| | — | 753 ^b (B), on 47 leaves, <i>Saṃvat</i> 1628 <i>Çake</i> 1493 <i>Sadācivādixita-suta Kācīnāthena</i> . |