

in the Kaliyuga people would say to each other : "this is mine, not his", it would then be difficult to carry on every day life (*mamedam iti nāsyaitat pravarteta kalau yuge / lokayātrā na caiva syāt*) 12. 259. 6; if one always recites the description of the origin of cows he is freed of the impurity of the Kali age (? or of evil spirit ?) (*imaṁ gavāṁ prabhavavidhānam uttamam paṭhan sadā ... vimucyate kalikaluṣeṇa mānavaḥ*) 13. 76. 32.

I. Span of life : In the Puṣya (i. e. the Kali) Yuga there is no fixed span of life; people die (even) in the womb or immediately after they are born (*na pramāṇasthitir hy asti puṣye 'smin bharatarṣabha garbhasthās ca mriyante 'tra tathā jātā mriyanti ca //*) 6. 11. 7; the life-span, as also other faculties, of human beings decrease successively in each following Yuga (*āyur vīryam ... / manuṣyāṇām anuyugam hrasatīti nibodha me //*) 3. 188. 13; however, life is expected to be of a hundred years (*... tretādiṣv eteṣām pādaśo hrasate vayah*) 12. 224. 24, 25.

J. Kali as a name of Sūrya : Kali occurs among the 108 names of Sūrya taught by Dhaumya to Yudhiṣṭhira 3. 3. 22 (Nī. on Bom. Ed. 3. 3. 20 : *kalīḥ sarvamalāśraya ity ekaṁ nāma*).

Kāmyāṣṭamī f. : Name of the eighth day (of the bright or the dark fortnight ?) of the month (?)

One should give cows and then observe the *govrata* (live like a cow ?) for three nights, spending one of the nights with cows; then from the Kāmyāṣṭamī he should live three nights on milk or on cow-dung and cow-urine (*gā vai dattvā govratī syāt trirātram niṣām caikām samvaseteha tābhīḥ / kāmyāṣṭamīyām vartitavyam trirātram rasair vā goḥ śakṛtā prasnavair vā //*) 13. 75. 19.

Kārtayuga : See Kṛtayuga.

Kārttika m. : Name of a month.

A. Epic event related with this month : The wrestling match between Bhīma and Jarāsandha began on the first day of Kārttika 2. 21. 17. **B.** Religious rite performed in this month : Aṅgiras told Bhīṣma that if one took food only once a day in Kārttika he became brave, got many wives, and became famous (*kārttikam tu naro māsaṁ yaḥ kuryād ekabhojanam / śuraś ca bahubhāryaś ca kīrtimāṁś caiva jāyate //*) 13. 109. 29. [See Kaumuda]

Kārttikī (Cr. Ed. also Kārtikī) f. : The night of full moon in the month of Kārttika.

A. Description : Most holy among the *parvans* (*puṇyatamā rātriḥ parvasandhau*) 3. 179. 16; the best conjunction (*yogam uttamam*) 3. 179. 17. **B.** Epic events connected with this *tithi* : (1) When the Pāṇḍavas lived near the river Sarasvatī there occurred the Kārttikī of the autumn season; the Pāṇḍavas spent that night of best conjunction in the company of the holy ascetics and when the darkness set in (*tamisrābhyudaye*) they, with Dhaumya, went to the Kāmyaka forest 3. 179. 16–18; (2) Vidura reported to Yudhiṣṭhira that Dhṛtarāṣṭra had decided to retire to the forest on the following Kārttikī (*gamiṣyati vanam rājan kārttikim āgatām imām*) 15. 17. 3; before setting for the forest Dhṛtarāṣṭra wished to give rich gifts on the Kārttikī (*kārtikīyam*) 15. 19. 15; he gave those gifts for ten days preceding (the Kārttikī) (*daśāham evam dānāni dattvā rājāmbikāsutaḥ*) 15. 20. 17; gifts given by him detailed in 15. 20. 3–16; the gifts were intended as a *śrāddha* or an