

Aśvins showed Sukanyā her lord and departed.<sup>4</sup> In the *yajña* of Śaryāti, were allowed to partake of *Soma* juice.<sup>5</sup> Parents of Nakula and Sahadeva through Pāṇḍu's queen Mādri.<sup>6</sup> Came to Dvārakā to ask Kṛṣṇa to go to Vaikuṇṭha;<sup>7</sup> worshipped for long life;<sup>8</sup> form the nose of *Puruṣa*;<sup>9</sup> guard medicinal herbs in Candra hill of Plakṣa for nectar;<sup>10</sup> born from the nostrils of Prajāpati; vanquished by Rāvaṇa;<sup>11</sup> present in the Candraśāla of Devī.<sup>12</sup> Fought with Devas against Kālanemi, being experts in *Citrayuddham*.<sup>13</sup> Also *Aśvikumārakau*; worship of, in the *grahabali*.<sup>14</sup>

Born of Brahmā;<sup>15</sup> the two forefeet of the *Śiśumāra* (porpoise);<sup>16</sup> inhabit the *Bhuvarloka*;<sup>17</sup> stood on Gayāsura, along with other gods;<sup>18</sup> presented their weapons on the occasion of the marriage of Śiva with Lalitā to the divine couple;<sup>19</sup> came with other gods to pray to godless Lalitā for her victory against Bhaṇḍa;<sup>20</sup> the ears of Vāmana *avatāra* <sup>21</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Bhā. IX. 3. 11-17. Vā. 10. 71; 30. 84; 39. 49.  
<sup>5</sup> Bhā. IX. 3. 24-26. <sup>6</sup> Ib. IX. 22. 28; M. 46. 10; 50. 50;  
 Vi. IV. 20. 40. <sup>7</sup> Bhā. XI. 6. 2; Vā. 96. 154; 99. 245. <sup>8</sup> Bhā.  
 II. 3. 5. <sup>9</sup> Bhā. II. 1. 29. <sup>10</sup> Br. II. 19. 8; Vā. 49. 9. <sup>11</sup> Br. III.  
 1. 57; 7. 254. <sup>12</sup> Ib. III. 35. 57. <sup>13</sup> M. 148. 86, 97. <sup>14</sup> M. 93. 16;  
 247. 10. <sup>15</sup> Vā. 65. 57. <sup>16</sup> Vā. II. 12. 32; Vā. 52. 93; Br. II. 23.  
 103; M. 127. 23. <sup>17</sup> Vā. 101. 29; Br. IV. 2. 27. <sup>18</sup> Vā. 106. 59.  
<sup>19</sup> Br. IV. 15. 24. <sup>20</sup> Ib. IV. 20. 52. <sup>21</sup> M. 246. 56.

*Aśviṣeṇa*—a Bhārgava-gotrakāra.

Vā. 65. 96.

*Aṣṭaka* (I)—a *śrāddha* performed by Ikṣvāku, which led to the banishment of his son Vikukṣi (s.v.);<sup>1</sup> a *yugādi* for *sādharana śrāddha*;<sup>2</sup> the eighth day after full moon on which Manes are worshipped; three are distinguished, in the month of *Caitra*, of *Pauṣa* and *Māgha*;<sup>3</sup> sacred to Kāvya pitṛs.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IX. 6. 6; Br. III. 17. 2-7; 63. 11; Vā. 88. 11-19. <sup>2</sup> M.  
 17. 2, 5. <sup>3</sup> Vā. 81. 2; <sup>4</sup> Vā. 56. 19.

*Aṣṭaka* (II)—a son of Viśvāmitra by Dṛṣadvatī and a sage;<sup>1</sup> father of Lauhi;<sup>2</sup> originator of the *Jahnugana*.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IX. 16. 36; Br. II. 32. 118; III. 66. 68-74; Vi. IV. 7.  
 38; Vā. 91. 96, 103. <sup>2</sup> Br. III. 66. 75. <sup>3</sup> Vā. 91. 103.