

*Gayā* (II)—(c) the kingdom of; sacred for śrāddha offering. Dharmaprṣṭa, Brahmasaras, and Gr̥dhraṇḍa are chief places here: capital of Gaya; Paraśurāma performed śrāddha here.<sup>1</sup>

A *pitṛtīrtham* being the residence of Pitāmaha; a gāthā says that any one son may visit Gayā and satisfy all Pitṛs.<sup>2</sup>

Fit for śrāddha; a man devoted to Gayāśrāddha must dress himself in beggar's garments, circumambulate the grāma, and the next one with shaving and begging money; śrāddha in Brahmakuṇḍa and other places; going to Dharmaṇya after worshipping Gadādhara; feed the Brahmans there without enquiring into their family, conduct or learning; offer *piṇḍas* in Gayārūpa, even for unknown cognates and names; *piṇḍa* for one's own self with *tila*; by this even heinous crimes are mitigated; a superior tīrtha; best in Makara, eclipses of the sun and moon, and Caitra and Pretapakṣa (Mahālaya); others are adhīmāsa, birthday, the evening of Guru and Śukra, the stay of Br̥haspati in Simha which is once in twelve years.<sup>3</sup>

The face of the Veda;<sup>4</sup> Śambhu, Viṣṇu and Ravi; sacred to Gaya.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> M. 12. 17. Br. III. 13. 104: 19-11: 47. 17: 60. 19: Vā. 85. 19.

<sup>2</sup> M. 22. 4-6 and 26: 110. 2; 192. 11: 204. 8: 207. 40. <sup>3</sup> Vā. 77. 97: 80. 45: 83. 12-44. <sup>4</sup> Ib. 104. 77. <sup>5</sup> Ib. 112. 20.

*Gayā* (III)—six in number, Gāyāgaya, Gayāditya, Gāyatrī, Gadādhara, Gayā, Gayāsura, all tending to salvation.

Vā. 112. 60.

*Gayākūṭa*—in Gayā.

Vā. 112. 52.

*Gayākhyānam*—the legend about Gayā.

Vā. 112. 62, 67.