

for him, though Kṛṣṇa had his own doubt. Accompanying the Brāhmaṇa, Arjuna guarded the delivery room. The child was born and soon died. At this Arjuna went to Indra's place, and Yama's, and to the abodes of all gods, with the resolution to fall in a fire in case he did not rescue the child. Unable to recover it, Arjuna was about to plunge into the flames when Kṛṣṇa prevented him. He was taken to the abode of Nārāyaṇa and all the children were recovered. Returned to Dvārakā to attend Kṛṣṇa's *aśvamedha*, after bringing joy to the Brāhmaṇa.¹⁶ Other exploits of Arjuna were defeating Indra at Khāṇḍava, pleasing Śiva in Kirāta's disguise, and vanquishing Nivātakavacas.¹⁷ Went once to Heaven to please Indra, when he slew single-handed 60,000 *dānavas* who obstructed *yajñas*.¹⁸ Went to Dvārakā to see his relations. Was advised to take Yādavas to Indraprastha as Dvārakā was about to be swallowed by the sea. Performed the last rites to the dead in Dvārakā, and took the remainder to his place. Was defeated by robbers and Ābhira after the departure of Kṛṣṇa to Heaven. Informed Yudhiṣṭhira of Kṛṣṇa's departure to Heaven and of his great sorrow, and also of the almost end of the Yādava stock. Crowned Vajra king.¹⁹ Arjuna knew and realised the *māyā* of Hari.²⁰ Observed the *Ādityaśayanam* vow. Visited the Vāmana temple at Kurukṣetra during his *tīrthayātrā* and asked Śaunaka to narrate the circumstances of that *Avatār* after Vārāha.²¹ Was asked by Vyāsa to perform penance expelling death.²² Put down the prowess of Kārtavīrya by the curse of Āpava.²³ Known as Pārtha, Dhanamjaya, Jiṣṇu.

¹⁶ Ib. X. 89. 22-64. ¹⁷ Ib. X. 89. 34 [4-5]; M. 6. 29. ¹⁸ Bhā. VI. 6. 36. ¹⁹ Ib. I. 12. 36; 14, 1 and 22; 15. 5-27 and 32; XI. 30. 47-48; 31. 21-25; M. 70. 12. Vi. V. 38. 5-6, 12-24, 34-36. ²⁰ Bhā. II. 7. 45. ²¹ M. 55. 32: 244. 4. ²² Vi. V. 38. 37-92. ²³ Vā. 94. 45; 99. 280; Br. III. 69. 46.

Arjunas—The reference is to both Pāṇḍava Arjuna and Kārtavīrya Arjuna, both noted for military prowess. Parīkṣit is compared to them.