

celibacy; saw the Puruṣa sleeping on a leaf of the *vaṭavṛkṣa*; his *āśrama* near the Himālayas on a Śila-citra; Indra sent the God of Love, Apsaras and others to disturb him, but in vain; the mahātmā, seeing Hari in Nara-Nārāyaṇa form praised him; pleased with him as one who would be ever meditating on his feet Hari showed him what a *Pralaya* was; Pārvatī and Śiva. saw him, and were praised; when Śiva offered to grant him anything he wanted, he expressed his wish to be ever devoted to him and Hari; pleased with him Śiva went away with Pārvatī; this worthy son of the Bhṛgu race having earned Yogic vision and absolutely devoted to Hari even now goes about the world;<sup>3</sup> an authority on Rāma's story.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. VI. 15. 12; M. 2. 13; 186-3. <sup>2</sup> Bhā. IV. 1. 45. <sup>3</sup> Ib. XII. Chh. 8, 9 and 10. <sup>4</sup> Ib. VII. 1. 44.

*Mārkaṇḍeya* (II)—a contemporary of Dattātreya; Purohita, the fourth incarnation of Dattātreya, born to help him;<sup>1</sup> narrated the *Mārkaṇḍeya Purāṇa*;<sup>2</sup> acted as Brahmā in Paraśurāma's sacrifice.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Br. II. 33. 11; III. 73. 89; M. 47. 242; 53. 26; Vā. 98. 89; 109. 24; 112. 34. <sup>2</sup> M. 47. 242; 53. 26. <sup>3</sup> Br. III. 47. 46; IV. 39. 55.

*Mārkaṇḍeya* (III)—speaks of the greatness of the Narmadā to Yudhiṣṭhira;<sup>1</sup> came to Syamantapāncaka to see Kṛṣṇa.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> M. 190. 1; 191. 81; 192. 6; 193. 66; 194. 48. <sup>2</sup> Bhā. X. 84. 4.

*Mārkaṇḍeya* (IV)—a son of Manasvinī and Mr̥kaṇḍu;<sup>1</sup> wife Dhūmrapatnī and son Vedaśiras;<sup>2</sup> present at Rāma's abhiṣeka.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Vā. 28. 5; Vi. I. 10. 4. <sup>2</sup> Br. II. 11. 7. <sup>3</sup> Vi. IV. 4. 99.

*Mārkaṇḍeya* (V)—a disciple of Indra Pramati entrusted with a Samhitā; his son and grandson were respectively Satyaśravas and Satyahita who traditionally handed it down.

Vā. 60. 27-28.