

intercourse with Mamata (brother's wife), when she was pregnant; cursed the baby in the womb for obstructing the entry of his semen. Bharadvāja was born who was brought up by the Maruts;<sup>4</sup> appointed Purohita of the Gods and got back to life the Gods killed by the Asuras;<sup>5</sup> had faith in *Kriyāyoga*;<sup>6</sup> served as calf for the sages (milked the cow-earth-*Vā. P.*) to milk the Vedic lore from the earth and got the essence of tapas; saciva of Indra; caused illusion for Rajo's sons and got back the place for Indra;<sup>8</sup> wielded overlordship over Indra and was the cause of his *Yogakṣema*;<sup>9</sup> master of Mantras;<sup>10</sup> finding Śukra engaged for ten years with Jayanti, Br. took the guise of Śukra and acted as Śukra to the Asuras; when Śukra spoke of the deceit, they would not listen to him and hence were cursed; Brhaspati threw off his guise and went to his place;<sup>11</sup> appeared before the Asuras in the guise of Kāvya;<sup>12</sup> fought with Uśanas or Śukra in the Devāsura war;<sup>13</sup> advised Indra besieged by Bali, to abandon the city and await better times<sup>14</sup> was not accorded due welcome by Indra in his pride and hence Brhaspati abandoned the Devas when the Asuras rose up in arms against them; after consulting him on Tāraka's advance, Indra resolved on war;<sup>15</sup> blessed Umā with a son; blessed the Deva host in the Tārakāmaya.<sup>16</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IV. 1. 35; 17. 9. 8. M. 192. 10; 196. 5. 19, 24. Vā. 52. 77; 53. 33; 59. 90, 131; 85. 100; 98. 24 and 27. <sup>2</sup> Bhā. XI. 16. 22; M. 245. 86; 249. 11. <sup>3</sup> Bhā. IX. 14. 4; M. 23. 30, 47; 26. 3; Vā. 65. 103; 70. 4; 76. 1 and 25; Vi. IV. 6. 10. <sup>4</sup> Bhā. IX. 20. 36-9; M. 48. 33-41; 49. 15. Vi. IV. 19. 16; Vā. 99. 37; 103. 59; 106. 50. <sup>5</sup> Ib. IX. 24. 45; 25. 9. 12; Vā. 2. 19; 3. 4; 38. 44. <sup>6</sup> Bhā. XI. 27. 2. <sup>7</sup> Ib. IV. 18. 14; M. 10. 17; Vā. 62. 138 and 177. <sup>8</sup> Bhā. V. 24. 24; M. 29. 11; Vā. 53. 67; Vi. IV. 9. 17-22. <sup>9</sup> Vā. 84. 15; 92. 91. <sup>10</sup> M. 47. 81. <sup>11</sup> Ib. 47. 181-205. <sup>12</sup> Vā. 97. 106, 121. <sup>13</sup> Bhā. VIII. 10. 33. <sup>14</sup> Ib. VIII. 15. 28-31. <sup>15</sup> Ib. VI. 7. 79 and 16-19; M. 148. 62-76. <sup>16</sup> Ib. 154. 507; 174. 52.

*Brhaspati* (II)—a planet; three-fourth of Śukra (*Bhārgava Vā. P.*) in size; possesses 12 rays;<sup>1</sup> has a golden chariot drawn by 8 white (red-*Vā. P.*) horses;<sup>2</sup> traverses each sign in one full year; generally favourable to the Brahmanas; a good *graha*;<sup>3</sup> on the right a bad omen;<sup>4</sup> his place above