

desired to marry him; she met the king and offered to be with him under two conditions, that he would undertake to protect the two sheep in her custody, and never to show himself naked except at their sexual intercourse; agreeing to the conditions he enjoyed her company, going round the earth, and frequenting Caitraratha and other gardens; missing Ūrvaśi, Indra asked his Gandharvas to fetch her back; at midnight they stole the sheep, and hearing their noise she induced Purūravas to recover them; the king who was then naked, went as he was and fetched them back; but Ūrvaśi seeing him naked left him; mad in love with her he followed her naked begging her to stay on; he found her playing in the Sarasvatī waters with five friends; on an appeal from him she agreed to sleep with him one day every year; but he was all anxious to have her for ever; on her advice he prayed to the Gandharvas who gave him accommodation and an Agniṣṭhālī; he left it on the way in a forest and went home; meanwhile Tretāyuga had commenced; he went to see his ṣthālī but found an aśvattha instead; there in order to get at Ūrvaśi he cut off a couple of branches (*araṇi*) and churned them; fire, Jātavedas came with the three Vedas who all became his sons; by this one Veda became three;<sup>3</sup> had six sons Āyu and others by Ūrvaśi;<sup>4</sup> finding she had gone once for all, he repented his action, got ashamed of his position as king and devoted himself to Hari; worshipped the Fire which was his son and reached the Gandharva world; the story given as an example of the evils of bad association;<sup>5</sup> meets Pitrs every New Moon day; a Kṣatriya mantravādin; ācārya of Sāmagas; originator of three sacred fires<sup>6</sup> of the Ikṣvāku line but originator of the lunar race and a Rājarsi; the Ailas came into prominence in the Tretāyuga and declined in the Kali.<sup>7</sup> By meditating on the 108 names of the Devī scored success over his enemies;<sup>8</sup> as a result of *tapas* at the Himālayas in honour of Janārdana, became the lord of the seven Dvīpas; slew Keśi and other Asuras; was offered *ardhāsanam* by Indra, going to see him every day; paid more attention to Dharma