

Devayānī through Jayantī.¹ The Purohita of Hiranyakaśipu. Father of Śaṇḍa and Marka, tutors of Prahlāda. Took part in Prahlāda's coronation. A Brahmarṣi: Heard of the insult offered to his daughter by Śarmiṣṭhā, the daughter of the ruler Vṛṣaparvan and left the capital. The Purohita of Vṛṣaparvan, the latter made him stay offering to make his daughter a slave of Devayānī. In offering the latter to Yayāti, he asked him not to share his bed with Śarmiṣṭhā, cursed Yayāti to become aged for having shared his bed with Śarmiṣṭhā, and on an appeal mitigated it by saying that he could exchange his old age with youth of another if he found one to accept the exchange;² joined Soma in Tārakāmaya war: blessed the Asuras in this war: fought with Brhaspati in a Devāsura battle.³ Brought back to life the unconscious Bali by Sañjivini Vidya. Presented Bali with an unfading garland of flowers; knowing Vāmana to be Hari, warned Bali from agreeing to his request. Bali would not hear, and Śukra cursed him to lose all Śrī. At the bidding of Hari completed the Yajña begun by Bali.⁴ The third Vedavyāsa. Heard the Purāṇa from Vāyu and told it to Brhaspati;⁵ worshipped Sthānu with severe penance; born in Tiṣyanakṣatra: married mind-born daughter of Pitṛs (Somapaś) and father of 4 sons, Tvaṣṭri, Varatri, Śaṇḍa and Marka;⁶ cursed the Asuras when they lost their empire, and Yajña came to the side of Devas. Asura's appeal and Śukra's penance to Śiva. Finding the Asuras having no Ācārya, the Devas attacked them who appealed to Śukra's mother. Viṣṇu at the instance of Indra slew her, a woman and a wife of Bhṛgu, for which Viṣṇu was cursed to be born on earth as man seven times. Indra then set up his daughter Jayantī to serve Śukra and earn his goodwill. Pleased with her service, Śukra agreed to live with her as husband for ten years. After this period, Brhaspati assumed his form and deluded the Asuras. Śukra who grew angry cursed the Asuras at which Brhaspati felt happy and threw off his disguise. They appealed to Śukra for help once again or threatened to leave for Rasāṭalam. He managed to get back their kingdom in the epoch of Sāvarni