

Kṛṣṇa addressed his charioteer Dāmaka to go to Dvārakā, and advise the people there to leave for Hastinapura with Arjuna. Invited by gods Kṛṣṇa entered his *dhāma*, while his wives entered fire.³⁹ It was the first day of Kali yuga.^{39a} Resides in Sutalam; the *mantra* sacred to;⁴⁰ as Puruṣa with Lakṣmī as prakṛti; the sacred Hari.⁴¹

One of the five Vamśavīras.⁴² After his great Decease Arjuna felt himself powerless even against Ābhīras;⁴³ helped Arjuna to overcome the arrow Brahmaśīras of Aśva-thāma; advised him to accept Draupadi's plea to release him and to treat him as a *brahmabandhu*. Went with Draupadi and party to attend the funeral rites of her sons, on the Ganges; anointed Yudhiṣṭhira on the throne.

When he was about to leave for Dvārakā, Uttarā ran to him for help to the child in her womb against a burning missile. This was granted. Kuntī's praise of. Followed Yudhiṣṭhira to see the dying Bhīṣma who welcomed and praised him. Painful leave-takings. Praise by women of Hastināpura. Escorted by Yudhiṣṭhira's army and passing through many lands reached Dvārakā. Blew his conch as a sign of his arrival. Welcome in the city. Paid his respects to the wives of his father and enjoyed the company of his 16108 wives.⁴⁴ His feet marked with *Padma*, *Vajra*, *Aṅkuśa* and *Dhvaja*.⁴⁵

An able charioteer, councillor, friend, ambassador, soldier and protector of devotees.

Remembered by Śiva; called with Rādhā on the Lord and Pārvatī, and spoke to the latter on the greatness of Vināyaka with whom he renewed his friendship. Praised Parasurāma's heroism; no difference between Kṛṣṇa and Śiva.⁴⁶ Married three daughters of Bhāṅgākāra and Vrata-

³⁹ Ib. XI. Chaps. 30-31; Vi. V. 37. 1-4; 47-75. ⁴⁰ Br. II. 20. 21; III. 34. 9 and 34; 36. 114 and 48; 41. 8; 71. 196-7. ⁴¹ Ib. IV. 6. 30; 8. 28; 9. 48-55; 29. 126; 39. 59; 40. 8. ⁴² Ib. III. 72. 1. ⁴³ Vi. V. 38. 47-51; VI. 8. 3, 9. ⁴⁴ Bhā. I. Chaps. 7-12. ⁴⁵ Ib. I. 16. 17 and 34. ⁴⁶ Br. III. 42. 18-55; 43. 12-24; 44. 29; 71. 36 and 85. P. 57