

the king's wife desired to have a daughter and expressed it to the Hotā who uttered the *mantra* in such a way as to get a daughter. Ilā was born; but Śrāddhadeva was not pleased. So Vasiṣṭha converted Ilā into a male by name Sudyumna;² was present at Ambariṣa's *asvamedha*;³ the ideal Purohita.⁴

¹ Bhā. VI. 15. 13. ² Ib. IX. 1. 13-22, 36-7; M. 245. 86.
³ Bhā. IX. 4. 22. ⁴ Ib. XI. 16. 22.

Vasiṣṭha (iv)—a sage of the Vaivasvata epoch; his sons Mānasa pitṛs; fought in the form of a bird for years a battle with Viśvāmitra concerning Hariścandra; acted as Sāmaga in his Puruṣamedha;² cursed Saudāsa to become a Rākṣasa; with the king's assent, Vasiṣṭha begot Aśmaka on Madayanti.³

¹ Bhā. VIII. 13. 5; 1. 24; M. 9. 27; 12. 4-5; 15. 12; Vi. III. 1. 32.
² Bhā. IX. 7. and 23. ³ Ib. IX. 9. 18-23, 38.

Vasiṣṭha (v)—the sage presiding over the months of Śuci (Āṣāḍha) and Śukra;¹ in the Viśvacakra.²

¹ Bhā. XII. 11. 36; Br. II. 23. 6. ² M. 285. 6.

Vasiṣṭha (vi)—the eighth Veda Vyāsa. Heard the *Brahmāṇḍa Purāṇa* from Indra and narrated it to Sārasvata;¹ āśrama of, on the Ūrjjanta hill.²

¹ Br. II. 35. 118; IV. 2. 47; 4. 60. ² Ib. III. 13. 53 and 74.

Vasiṣṭha (vii)—born in the *Vārūṇi-yajña* from the centre of Vasu (sacrificial fire), and hence Vasumat; progenitor of Pitṛs, Sukātas.

Br. III. 1. 21 and 46; 10. 96; M. 195. 11; 200. 1.

Vasiṣṭha (viii)—cursed Haihaya to be ruined; of madhyama bhakti;¹ a maharṣi and a Brahmvādin.²

¹ Br. III. 30. 70; 34. 40. ² M. 145. 90 and 109; 171. 27.