

*Amāvasu* (I)—a son of Aila. Him Acchodā adopted as her *pitr* and lost her yogic powers; son of Purūravas and Urvaśī. Father of Bhīma.

Br. III. 10. 56 and 68; 66. 22; M. 14. 5, 7. Vā. 91. 51. 2; Vi. IV. 7. 1 and 2.

*Amāvasu* (II)—the son of Āyu; a Vasu passing through the sky loved by Acchodā.

Vā. 73. 5.

*Amāvāsyā*—the time when Pitṛs worship moon and when the sun, moon and constellations meet together in the same maṇḍala; Pitṛs drink the nectar of the moon 1/15 part of it remaining; there is no moon, middle sun—half night half day.<sup>1</sup> *Yajñas* with 21 *sanjñas*.<sup>2</sup> Only when two of its *kalas* remain, the moon enters the orbit of the sun and stays in the ray called *Amā* and hence the period is *Amāvāsyā*,<sup>3</sup> fit for *śrāddha*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Br. II. 10. 62, 65; 21. 153; 23. 70; 28. 6; 17. 19; M. 17. 2; 126. 66. 72; 141. 42-49; Vā. 52. 64; 53. 92; 56. 1, 6, 42 and 49  
<sup>2</sup> Br. III. 11. 14. Vā. 74. 13. <sup>3</sup> Vi. I. 20. 38; II. 8. 80; 12. 8; III. 14. 7-10. <sup>4</sup> Vi. III. 14. 7-10.

*Amāvasyakā*—a śakti devī on the *Soḍaśapatrābja*.

Br. IV. 32. 12.

*Amāvīryā*—called *kuhū* because it casts the length of time a cuckoo takes to say *kuhū*.

M. 141. 42, 49.

*Amita* (I)—a son of Jaya.

Bhā. IX. 15. 2.

*Amita* (II)—a Sudharmāṇa god.

Br. IV. 1. 60.