

Amśumat (III)—an Āditya.

M. 6. 4.

Amśumat (IV)—the son of Pañcajana; married Yaśodā, mindborn daughter of Haviṣmanta Pitrṣ: Father of Dilipa.

M. 15. 18.

Amśumat (V)—a son of Kauśika: in previous births born as Cakravāka in Mānasa.

M. 20. 18.

Amśumat (VI)—a horse of the moon's chariot.

M. 126. 52.

Aya (I)—a son of Vasiṣṭha, and a Prajāpati of the Svārociṣa epoch.

M. 9. 9.

Aya (II)—a son of Devakī.

Vā. 96. 173.

Ayana—a sādhyā.

M. 203. 11.

Ayanam—Six months constitute an *Ayana*. Distinguished as the southern and northern corresponding to the course of the sun towards the north and south of the equator;¹ suitable for *śrāddha* and *dāna*.² According to divine calculation *Dakṣiṇāyana* is the night and the *Uttarāyana*, the day of the Devas;³ the months of *Tapa*, *Tapasya*, *Madhu*, *Mādhava*, *Śukra* and *Śuci* are *Uttarāyana* and the months of *Nabha*, *Nabhasya*, *Iṣa*, *Ūrja*, *Saha* and *Sahasya* are *Dakṣiṇāyana*.⁴

¹ Bhā. III. 11. 11; Br. II. 21. 126; 22. 10; 28. 17; Vā. 3. 14; 23. 106, etc. ² M. 17. 2; 82. 25; 83. 7; 98. 2; 101. 38; 124. 92; 184. 72. ³ Vi. I. 3. 10; II. 8. 31, 36. ⁴ Vi. II. 8. 81.