

*Arjuna* (1) (*Kārtavīrya*)—son of *Kṛtavīrya*. Lord of seven islands and of *Haihayaṣ*, *Samrāt* and *Cakravartin*. By the grace of *Hari* he got 1000 arms and enjoyed *aṣṭa-aiśvarya*. Learnt the merit of *yoga* from *Dattātreyā*. Ruled in peace for 85,000 years<sup>1</sup> and was ambitious to have more territorial possessions.<sup>2</sup> Was engaged in water-sports with women wearing the garland of *Vaijayanti*.<sup>3</sup> Imprisoned *Rāvaṇa* in his capital *Māhiṣmatī* and released him on an appeal from *Pulasya*.<sup>4</sup> In the course of a hunting expedition, he came to the hermitage of *Jamadagni* who entertained him with the help of his *Kāmadhenu*. The king, envious of the sage's prosperity, desired its possession, and on being refused by the sage, he took the cow by force.<sup>5</sup> *Parasurāma* who was away, heard the story on his return, went to *Arjuna*'s capital, cut off his head with his axe after a terrible battle in which *Matsyarāja* took part and recovered the cow and the calf.<sup>6</sup> *Jamadagni* regretted his son's action as the king was a *Naradeva*, and killing him was an offence greater than *brāhmanicide*.<sup>7</sup> Had 1000 (?) sons, (100 sons) all of whom except five died in battles. These sons killed *Jamadagni* when *Rāma* and his brothers were gone out.<sup>8</sup> These five were great warriors.<sup>9</sup> His minister was the evil *Candragupta* and the *Purohita*, *Garga*.<sup>10</sup> Incarnation of *Viṣṇu Cakra*;<sup>11</sup> to his family belonged *Tālajaṅgha*,<sup>12</sup> performed thousands of *yajñas* with golden *yūpas* and *vedis*, which were attended by gods. A *Rājaṛṣi*, *paśupāla*, *kṣetrapāla*.<sup>13</sup> Defeated *Karkoṭaka*'s son at *Māhiṣmatī* and established his city on the banks of the *Narmadā*. Could control the waters of the *Narmadā* and the fury of the ocean: a terror to *Asuras* in *Pātāla* as also to *Rākṣasas* and *Uragas*. Defeated *Rāvaṇa* and released

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 17-19; 23. 24-27; Br. III. 30. 4. 75; 69. 9, 49, 56; Vi. IV. 11. 11-21; M. 43. 15; Vā. 94. 10. <sup>2</sup> Bhā. XII. 3. 9; I. 12. 21.  
<sup>3</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 20. <sup>4</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 21-22; Br. III. 33. 50; M. 43. 37-40;  
<sup>5</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 23-26; Br. III. 26. 7 whole chapter, chaps. 27 and 28; 30. 4. <sup>6</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 27-36; Br. III. 30. 5-15; 32. 61; 38. 8, 27; 40. 19; 41. 37, 38; 44. 14; 47. 63, 88. <sup>7</sup> Bhā. IX. 15. 37-41; Br. III. 38. 8. <sup>8</sup> M. 43. 46-51; Bhā. IX. 16. 9-12.  
<sup>9</sup> Br. III. 28. 31-63. <sup>11</sup> Br. III. 37. 27-28; 40. 66. <sup>12</sup> Vā. 94. 50.  
<sup>13</sup> M. 43. 13-25.