

Rigveda to be a prince at all, though Yāska<sup>38</sup> calls him a Kauravya; the hymns attributed to kings and others cannot be vindicated for them by certain evidence, though here, again, the Brāhmanas do not scruple to recognize Rājanyarsis, or 'royal sages'; and the famous Viśvāmitra shows in the Rigveda no sign of the royal character which the Brāhmanas insist on fastening on him in the shape of royal descent in the line of Jahnū.<sup>39</sup>

(b) *Caste in the later Samhitās and Brāhmanas.*—The relation between the later and the earlier periods of the Vedic history of caste must probably be regarded in the main as the hardening of a system already formed by the time of the Rigveda.

1. *The Names of the Castes.*—The most regular names are Brāhmaṇa, Rājanya, Vaiśya, and Śūdra,<sup>40</sup> or later Brāhmaṇa, Kṣatriya, Vaiśya, and Śūdra.<sup>41</sup> There are many other variants: Brahman, Kṣatra, Śūdrāryau;<sup>42</sup> Brahman, Rājanya, Śūdra, Ārya;<sup>43</sup> Brahman, Rājanya, Vaiśya, Śūdra;<sup>44</sup> Brāhmaṇa, Rājan, Viśya, Śūdra;<sup>45</sup> Deva, Rājan, Śūdra, Ārya;<sup>46</sup> and Brahman, Kṣatra, Viś, and Śūdra.<sup>47</sup> In other cases the fourth class is represented by a special member: Brāhmaṇa, Kṣatriya, Vaiśya, and Cāṇḍāla.<sup>48</sup> Often only the three upper classes are mentioned, as Brāhmaṇa, Rājanya, Vaiśya;<sup>49</sup> Brahman, Kṣatram, Viś,<sup>50</sup>

<sup>38</sup> ii. 10.

<sup>39</sup> See Viśvāmitra and Jahnū.

<sup>40</sup> Rv. x. 90; Taittirīya Samhitā, vii. 1, 1, 4, 5; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, vii. 19, 1; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, i. 1, 4, 12; iii. 1, 1, 10; v. 5, 4, 9; Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa, vi. 1, 6-11.

<sup>41</sup> Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, i. 2, 27 (Mādhyamdina=i. 4, 15 Kāṇva); Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, vi. 4, 4, 13; xiii. 6, 2, 10; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxx. 5.

<sup>42</sup> Taittirīya Samhitā, iv. 3, 10, 1-3; Kāthaka Samhitā, xvii. 5; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xiv. 28-30.

<sup>43</sup> Av. xix. 32, 8. Cf. 62, 1. Cf. Whitney, Translation of the Atharvaveda, 949, 1003.

<sup>44</sup> Kāthaka Samhitā, xxxvii. 1.

<sup>45</sup> Taittirīya Samhitā, v. 7, 6, 4;

Kāthaka Samhitā, xl. 13; Maitrāyaṇi Samhitā, iii. 4, 8; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xviii. 48; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, v. 6, 4, 9, etc.

<sup>46</sup> Av. xix. 62, 1; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, xxvi. 2. Cf. Ārya, Ārya.

<sup>47</sup> Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, i. 2, 13 (Mādhyamdina=i. 4, 15 Kāṇva).

<sup>48</sup> Chāndogya Upaniṣad, v. 10, 7.

<sup>49</sup> Av. v. 17, 9; Maitrāyaṇi Samhitā, iii. 1, 5; 2, 2; iv. 4, 9 (with Vaiśya before Rājanya); Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 12, 9, 2; Taittirīya Samhitā, vi. 2, 5, 2, 3; Taittirīya Āraṇyaka, ii. 8, 8.

<sup>50</sup> Vājasaneyi Samhitā, x. 10-12; xxxviii. 14; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, ii. 1, 4, 11; xi. 2, 7, 15 *et seq.*; xiv. 2, 2, 30; Taittirīya Āraṇyaka, iv. 10, 10-12.