

Prajāpatya, 'descendant of Prajāpati,' is only a patronymic of mythical persons like Āruṇi Suparnā ('descendant of Suparnā') in the Taittirīya Āraṇyaka (x. 79), or of **Prajāvant** in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa (i. 21).

Prāṇa, properly denoting 'breath,' is a term of wide and vague significance in Vedic literature. It is frequently mentioned from the Rigveda¹ onwards; in the Āraṇyakas and Upaniṣads it is one of the commonest symbols of the unity of the universe.² In the narrow sense Prāṇa denotes one of the vital airs, of which five are usually³ enumerated—Prāṇa, Apāna, Vyāna, Udāna, and Samāna; but often only two, Prāṇa and Apāna,⁴ or Prāṇa and Vyāna,⁵ or Prāṇa and Udāna;⁶ or three, Prāṇa, Apāna, and Vyāna,⁷ or Prāṇa, Udāna, and Vyāna,⁸ or Prāṇa, Udāna, and Samāna;⁹ or four, Prāṇa, Apāna, Vyāna, and Samāna,¹⁰ or Prāṇa, Apāna, Udāna, Vyāna.¹¹ The exact sense of each of these breaths when all are mentioned cannot be determined.¹²

Prāṇa is also used in a wider sense to denote the organs of sense,¹³ or as Sāyaṇa¹⁴ puts it, the 'orifices of the head,' etc. These are given as six in one passage of the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa,¹⁵ presumably the eyes, ears, and nostrils. More frequently there are stated to be seven in the head, the mouth being then included.¹⁶ Sometimes again they are mentioned

¹ i. 66, 1; x. 59, 6; 90, 13, etc.

² Deussen, *Philosophy of the Upaniṣads*, 89 et seq.

³ See **Udāna**, n. 1.

⁴ Av. ii. 28, 3; v. 4, 7 (Paipp.); vii. 53, 4 (in vii. 53, 3, Apāna, Prāṇa); Taittirīya Saṃhitā, iii. 4, 1, etc.

⁵ Av. v. 4, 7; vi. 41, 2, etc.

⁶ See **Udāna**, n. 3.

⁷ Av. xiii. 2, 46; Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, iv. 5, 6, 9; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xii. 23; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, ii. 29; Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa, vi. 10; Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, viii. 8; Taittirīya Upaniṣad, ii. 2, etc.

⁸ See **Udāna**, n. 2.

⁹ *Ibid.*

¹⁰ Av. x. 2, 13.

¹¹ Brhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad-iii. 4, 1.

¹² Cf. Deussen, *Philosophy of the Upaniṣads*, 273 et seq.

¹³ Colebrooke, *Miscellaneous Essays*, i. 339, 355; St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. 1.

¹⁴ On Aitareya Āraṇyaka, i. 3, 7.

¹⁵ xiv. 1. 3, 32; 4, 1.

¹⁶ Av. ii. 12, 7; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, i. 17; iii. 3; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 1, 3, 21; vi. 4, 2, 5; xiii. 1, 7, 2; Jaiminiya Upaniṣad Brāhmaṇa, ii. 5, 9, 10; 6, 8, etc.