

meant. In a few others² a bird of prey seems indicated. See also Kṛṣṇājina.

² Rv. x. 94, 5; Av. xi. 2, 2; Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, xii. 27.

2. Kṛṣṇa appears as the name of a seer in one hymn of the Rigveda.¹ Tradition assigns to him or to Viśvaka, son of Kṛṣṇa (*Kārṣṇi*), the authorship of the following hymn.² The word Kṛṣṇiya may be a patronymic³ formed from the same name in two other hymns of the Rigveda,⁴ where the Aśvins are said to have restored Viṣṇāpū to Viśvaka Kṛṣṇiya. In that case Kṛṣṇa would seem to be the grandfather of Viṣṇāpū. This Kṛṣṇa may be identical with Kṛṣṇa Āṅgīrasa mentioned in the Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa.⁵

¹ viii. 85, 3. 4.

² viii. 86.

³ i. 116, 23; 117, 7.

⁴ As a patronymic, it would be an isolated formation (cf. however *Paṇḍiya*),

instead of *Kārṣṇya*. Cf. Macdonell, *Vedic Grammar*, 228a and 200.

⁵ xxx. 9.

Cf. Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 108; Macdonell, *Vedic Mythology*, p. 52.

3. Kṛṣṇa Devakī-putra is mentioned in the Chāndogya Upaniṣad¹ as a pupil of the mythical Ghora Āṅgīrasa. Tradition,² and several modern writers like Grierson, Garbe, and von Schroeder, recognize in him the hero Kṛṣṇa, who later is deified. In their view he is a Kṣatriya teacher of morals, as opposed to Brahminism.³ This is extremely doubtful. It appears better either to regard the coincidence of name as accidental, or to suppose that the reference is a piece of Euhemerism. To identify this Kṛṣṇa with the preceding, as does the St. Petersburg Dictionary, seems to be quite groundless.

¹ iii. 17, 6.

² Cf. Weber, *Indian Literature*, 169.

³ Von Schroeder, *Vienna Oriental Journal*, 19, 414, 415; Grierson, *Encyclo-*

pædia of Religions, article 'Bhakti'; Garbe, *Bhagavadgītā*.

Cf. Weber, *op. cit.*, 71; 148; Hopkins, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 1905, 386.

4. Kṛṣṇa Hārīta is mentioned as a teacher in the Aitareya Āraṇyaka.¹ The Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka² has Kṛtsna in the parallel passage.

¹ iii. 2, 6.

² viii. 10.

Cf. Weber, *Indische Studien*, I, 391, n.; *Indian Literature*, 50.