

Yaska is the name of a man. The Yaskas, descendants of Gīrikṣit (*Gairikṣitāḥ*) are mentioned in the Kāṭhaka Saṃhitā.¹ Cf. Yaska.

¹ xiii. 12. Cf. Weber, *Indische Studien*, 3, 475 et seq.; 8, 245 et seq.; *Indian Literature*, 41, n. 30.

Yājña-tura, 'descendant of Yajñatura,' is the patronymic of 2. Rṣabha in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa.¹

¹ xii. 8, 3, 7; xiii. 5, 4, 15; Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xvi. 9, 8. 10.

Yājña-vaalkya, 'descendant of Yajñavalkya,' is repeatedly mentioned in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa¹ as an authority on questions of ritual. He is, however, also given as an authority on questions of philosophy in the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad,² but Oldenberg³ is, no doubt, right in thinking that no possible importance can be attached to the mention of Yājñavalkya in the latter capacity. He is said to have been a pupil of Uddālaka Āruṇi,⁴ whom he opposed successfully in a dispute.⁵ His two wives, Maitreyī and Kātyāyanī, are mentioned in the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad,⁶ which concludes⁷ with a passage ascribing to Yājñavalkya Vājasaneyā the 'white Yajus' (*śuklāni yajūṃṣi*). It is remarkable that Yājñavalkya is never mentioned in any other Vedic text outside the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa except the Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka,⁸ where, however, both references are merely transcripts from the Śatapatha.⁹ It has

¹ i. 1, 1, 9; 3, 1, 21. 26; 9, 3, 16; ii. 3, 1, 21; 4, 3, 2; 5, 1, 2 (where he is said to be in contradiction with the Rīgveda); iii. 1, 1, 4; 2, 21; 3, 10; 8, 2, 24 (cursed by a Caraka teacher); iv. 2, 1, 7; 6, 1, 10; 8, 7, etc. There are no references to Yājñavalkya in books v-ix, which, on the contrary, owe their doctrine to Tura Kāvaṣeya and Śāṇḍilya; but the fame of Yājña-vaalkya revives in books x-xiv—e.g., xi. 3, 1, 2; 4, 2, 17; 3, 20; 6, 2, 1; 3, 1; xii. 4, 1, 10, etc.

² iii. 1, 2 et seq.; 2, 10 et seq.; 3, 1; 4, 1; 5, 1; 6, 1; 7, 1, etc.

³ *Buddha*,⁵ 34, n. 1.

⁴ vi. 4, 33 (*Mādhyamīna* = vi. 5, 4 Kāṇva).

⁵ iii. 7, 1.

⁶ ii. 4, 1; iv. 5, 1 et seq.

⁷ vi. 4, 33 (*Mādhyamīna* = vi. 5, 4 Kāṇva).

⁸ ix. 7; xiii. 1.

⁹ Weber, *Indian Literature*, 132, n. *; Keith, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 1908, 374.