

Śaunaka, 'descendant of Śunaka,' is a common patronymic. It is applied to Indrota<sup>1</sup> and Svaldāyana.<sup>2</sup> A Śaunaka appears as a teacher of Rauhiṇyāyana in the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad.<sup>3</sup> A Śaunaka-yajña, or Śaunaka sacrifice, occurs in the Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa.<sup>4</sup> In the Chāndogya Upaniṣad<sup>5</sup> Atidhanvan Śaunaka appears as a teacher. That Upaniṣad<sup>6</sup> and the Jaiminiya Upaniṣad Brāhmaṇa<sup>7</sup> mention a Śaunaka Kāpeya who was a contemporary of Abhipratārin Kākṣasenī, whose Purohita Śaunaka was according to another passage<sup>8</sup> of the latter Upaniṣad. In the Sūtras, the Bṛhaddevatā, etc., a Śaunaka appears as a great authority on grammatical, ritual, and other matters.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xiii. 5, 3, 5;  
4, 1.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., xi. 4, 1, 2.

<sup>3</sup> ii. 5, 20; iv. 5, 26 Mādhyamīna.

<sup>4</sup> iv. 7.

<sup>5</sup> i. 9, 3.

<sup>6</sup> iv. 3, 5, 7.

<sup>7</sup> iii. 1, 21.

<sup>8</sup> i. 59, 2.

<sup>9</sup> Cf. Weber, *Indian Literature*, 24, 32-34, 49, 54, 56, 59, 62, 85, 143; Macdonell, *Bṛhaddevatā*, i, xxiii; Keith, *Aitareya Aranyaka*, 18, 19, 297.

Śaunakī-putra, 'son of a female descendant of Śunaka,' is the name of a teacher, a pupil of Kāśyapībālākyaṃātari-putra in the last Vaṃśa (list of teachers) in the Mādhyamīna recension of the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad (vi. 4, 30, 31).

Śaurpa-nāyya, 'descendant of Śūrpaṇāya,' is the patronymic of a teacher, a pupil of Gautama, in the first two Vaṃśas (lists of teachers) in the Mādhyamīna recension of the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad (ii. 5, 20; iv. 5, 26).

Śaulbāyana or Śaulvāyana, 'descendant of Śulba,' is the patronymic of a teacher, Udaṅka.<sup>1</sup> According to the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa,<sup>2</sup> a Śaulbāyana was the Adhvaryu, or sacrificing priest, of those who had Ayasthūpa as Gṛhapati ('householder,' the title of the sacrificer who has precedence at a *sattra*, or sacrificial session).

<sup>1</sup> Taittiriya Saṃhitā, vii. 4, 5, 4; 5, 4, 2; Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, iv. 1, 2 Mādhyamīna.

<sup>2</sup> xi. 4, 2, 17 et seq.