

being the lowest part of the body (and that is why the famous *Purnahasûkta* derives the so called S'âdras from the feet of the Divine Person पद्मंशु शूद्रो भजायत) is thought the fittest limb that may be referred to by inferiors. It is not rare to meet with expressions like इति शंकरपादाः, इत्याचार्यपादाः, 'such is the opinion of the venerable S'ankara,' 'such is the opinion of the venerable Âchârya.' Pâdamûla being lower than pâda is then used to indicate greater reverence than pâda. Conf. स्वपादमूलं भजतः प्रियस्य *Bhâgavata sk. IX. Adh.* Also जगामानिलवेगेन पादमूलं महात्मनः *Râmâyana* as quoted in the St. Petersburg *Wörterbuch*, which see.

सुदृजस्स पादमूलावहणं वदति is therefore equivalent to सूर्यस्योत्थानं वर्तते. What this *upasthâna* is appears from the *Bhâgavata Purâna*. It says

सामर्ग्यजुभिस्तल्लिङ्गैर्ऋषयः संस्तुवन्त्यमुम् ।
 गन्धर्वास्तं प्रगायन्ति नृत्यन्त्यप्सरसोऽग्रतः ॥ ४६ ॥
 उन्नयन्ति रथं नागा ग्रामण्यो रथयोजकाः ।
 नोदयन्ति रथं पृष्ठे नैर्ऋता बलशालिनः ॥ ४७ ॥
 वालखिल्याः सहस्राणि षट्त्रिंशद्विंशयोमलाः ।
 पुरतोऽभिमुखा यान्ति सूर्यं च स्तुतिभिर्विभुम् ॥ ४८ ॥

sk. XII. Adh. ॥

'Every month in Sûrya's progress the Rishis praise him in such of the hymns of the three Vedas as are addressed to him; the Gandharvas sing and the Apsarases dance before his car; Nâgas (snakes) serve him as ropes to tie his car; the Yakshas accompany the car as harnessers; mighty Râkshasas push the car from behind, and the sixty thousand holy Brahmarshis called Vâlakhilyas go forth before him, the Lord Sûrya, singing his praises.' Each month these six *Ganas* do service by turns. The names of the Rishis, of the Gandharvas, of the Apsarases, of the Yakshas, &c., that attend upon and serve Sûrya are set forth with the month in which they serve, (Stt. 33-43). We