

*Aṇḍa*—the egg shaped universe; the *vyakta-rūpa* of Viṣṇu described. See also *Puruṣa*.

Vi. I. 2. 54-60.

*Aṇḍam*—beyond *Āloka*. Here are the seven continents and earth surrounded by a sea of clouds.<sup>1</sup> The golden egglike *aṇḍa* emerges from *Īśvara*'s seed and attains *yonī* (*prakṛti*), the latter being the embodiment of *Nārāyaṇa*, in a period of a thousand years. It became heaven and earth, *ākāśa* being in the middle.<sup>2</sup>

The outside is covered with waters ten times the *aṇḍa*—covered by *tejas*,—successively covered by *vāyu*, by *ākāśa*, this by *Bhūtādi*; that by *mahat* and that in turn by *avyakta* each ten times the mass of its predecessor. These are the seven *Prakṛtis*. *Avyakta* is *kṣetra* and *Brahmā ksetrajña*.<sup>3</sup>

*Brahmā* born of.<sup>4</sup>

Like the moon in *Kumbha rāśi* at the commencement of the *Śukla pakṣa*; there are several *aṇḍams*, each covered by seven characteristics of *Prakṛti*.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Br. I. 1. 43f; II. 19. 154-5, 160; 21. 24; III. 59. 27; IV. 2. 230-1. <sup>2</sup> M. 2. 29-32; 247. 43; 248. 1. <sup>3</sup> Vā. 1. 50-52; 4. 82-9; 101. 227; Br. I. 3. 26. <sup>4</sup> Vā. 9. 122. <sup>5</sup> Vā. 49. 147-51.

*Aṇḍakaṭāha*—consisting of *Bhūrloka*, *Bhuvah*, *Suvar*, *Mahar*, *Jana*, *Tapa* and *Satya*; all in the shape of an umbrella, each covered by ten *Prakṛtis* more than the preceding.<sup>1</sup> A shell of egg encircling the dark regions beyond the *Lokāloka*; encircled by water ten times the earth in space; waters encompassed on the outer surface by fire, fire by air; air by sky; sky by Anger of elements; and that by intellect; the last girt by chief principle, *Ananta*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Vā. 50. 78-81. <sup>2</sup> Vi. II. 4. 95; 7. 22-5.

*Atala*<sup>1</sup>—a thigh of the cosmic *Puruṣa*; is dependent on the loins of the *Puruṣa*.<sup>2</sup> An underworld, ruled by *Bala*, son of *Maya*.<sup>3</sup> The fourth world of pink (*pīta*) soil and residence of *daityas* like *Kālanemi*.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Bhā. II. 1. 27. <sup>2</sup> Ib. II. 5. 40. <sup>3</sup> Ib. V. 24. 7 & 16. <sup>4</sup> Br. II. 20. 12, 14, 32-34.