

R̥ṣi (ety.)—got the *mantras* by the pupil of the eye, by observation, by accident and by past and future events. Five groups are distinguished: *avyaktātmā*, *mahānātmā*, (also *mahātmā*), *ahamkārātmā*, *bhūtātmā* and *Indriyātmā*; also *Brahmaṛṣis*, *devaṛṣis*, *Rājaṛṣis*, *mahaṛṣis*, *saptaṛṣis*, *R̥ṣikas*—all *mantravits*.¹

Milked the cow Earth when Soma acted as calf; Br̥haspati was the milkman, the vessel being the Vedas and the essence *tapas*;² cursed by Mahādeva in the Svāyambhuva epoch and freed from it in the Vaivasvata.³

Agnihotra R̥ṣis procreate for the world and establish *Dharma* in it; live in the *Pitryāna*. *Gr̥hamedhi* R̥ṣis; 88,000; live in the southern path of the sun till the end of the world;⁴ quality of immanence in them; kinds of;⁵ place of 8000 sages.⁶

¹ Br. II. 32. 70-95; 33. 32, 34; 35. 89 & 95; M. 123. 29; 145. 81-89. Vā. 59-87. ² M. 10. 16-7. ³ M. 195. 3. ⁴ M. 124. 98-100, 102-4. ⁵ Vā. 5. 35; 49. 126; 59. 63. ⁶ Br. II. 7. 180.

R̥ṣi—*Paramaṛṣi*, *R̥ṣitā*, *Mahaṛṣis*, *R̥ṣikas*, *R̥ṣiputrakas*, *Śrutaṛṣis* and *R̥ṣijāti*, ety. of.

Vā. 59. 79-87.

R̥ṣis—blessed Pṛthu.¹ Divine ascetics.² Went to Dvārakā to see Kṛṣṇa.³ Sing in praise of the sun.⁴ Born in the form of cows when Hari manifested himself as Kṛṣṇa.⁵ (See *R̥ṣi*). The seven of the Vaivasvata epoch were Viśvāmitra, Jamadagni, Bharadvāja, Śaradvān, Atri, Vasumān, Vatsāra-Kāśyapa.⁶ Relations of, with gods and Pitrs.⁷

¹ Bhā. IV. 15. 19; 19. 18. ² Ib. III. 20. 52-3; VII. 8. 37 and 43; VIII. 5. 39; 14. 8; X. 72. 8; 74. 37. ³ Ib. XI. 6. 3. ⁴ Ib. XII. 11. 47. ⁵ Ib. X. 1. 23 [1]. ⁶ Vā. 64. 24-28. ⁷ Ib. 62. 21.

R̥ṣi(ī)kas (I)—a kingdom watered by Hlādinī.

¹ Br. II. 18. 54; M. 121. 53.