

Kapithaka—a Kādraveya Nāga

Br. III. 7. 36.

Kapibhū—a Trayārṣeya; Aṅgiras and Gārgya are Pravaras.

M. 196. 48-49.

Kapimukhas—Kṛṣṇa Parāśāras.

M. 201. 35.

Kapila (1)—the fifth *avatār* of Hari. Born of Kardama and Devahūti. Had nine sisters. Taught the knowledge of Brahman to his mother.¹ A *siddha*.² Propounder of *tattvas*. Imparted to Āsuri the *Sāṅkhya* obscured by time. After Kardama left the family, Kapila lived with his mother at Bindusaras and instructed her on *Sāṅkhya tattvas*, *tattva-lakṣaṇa*, the distinction of *Prakṛti* and *Puruṣa*, *Aṣṭāṅga yoga*, *Bhakti yoga*, *Kāla*, attachment and consequent hell, *garbha* and attachment to women and evils attending thereon, *kāmya karma* and *Jñāna yoga*; left his mother for north. Being worshipped by Samudra (sea) with *arghya* and residence, he devoted his mind to *yoga*.³

Knew Vāsudeva's glory but could not comprehend His *māyā*.⁴ Served as calf for Vidyadharas to milk *siddhi* and *vidyā*.⁵ Attended Pṛthu's sacrifice.⁶ Prācīnabarhis who retired from kingly duties came to his hermitage to perform *tapas*.⁷ One of the twelve who knew the *dharma* ordained by Hari.⁸ A sage who went about the world imparting knowledge;⁹ would find no fault with Hara's violation of *dharma*.¹⁰ King Rahūgaṇa went to visit him.¹¹

Near by his *āśrama* was the consecrated horse of Sagara. The 60,000 Sāgaras who searched for it imputed the theft to the sage and attacked him, who in wrath burnt them down. Met by Amśumān, he gave back the horse and said that the Sāgaras would get redemption by the Ganges waters.¹² The