

Svetaketu is found disputing among the Pañcālas.³ He was a pupil of Aruṇa, his father,⁴ as well as of Patañcala Kāpya,⁵ of Madra, while he was the teacher of the famous Yājñavalkya⁶ Vājasaneyana and of Kauṣītiki,⁷ although the former is represented elsewhere⁸ as having silenced him. He overcame in argument Prācinayogyā Śauceya,⁹ and apparently also Bhadrāsena Ājātaśātrava,¹⁰ though the text¹¹ here seems to read the name as Āruṇi. He was a Gautama,¹¹ and is often alluded to as such. As an authority on questions of ritual and philosophy, he is repeatedly referred to by his patronymic name Āruṇi in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa,¹² the Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad,¹³ the Chāndogya Upaniṣad,¹⁴ and occasionally in the Aitareya,¹⁵ the Kauṣītiki,¹⁶ and the Ṣaḍviṃśa¹⁷ Brāhmaṇas, as well as the Kauṣītiki Upaniṣad.¹⁸ In the Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā he is not mentioned, according to Geldner,¹⁹ but only his father Aruṇa; his name does not occur, according to Weber,²⁰ in the Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa, but in the Kāthaka Saṃhitā²¹ he is, as Āruṇi, known as a contemporary of **Divodāsa Bhaimaseni**, and in the Jaiminiya Upaniṣad Brāhmaṇa²² he is mentioned as serving **Vāsiṣṭha Caikitāneya**. In the Taittirīya tradition he seldom appears. There is an allusion in the Taittirīya Saṃhitā²³ to Kusurubinda Auddālaki, and according to the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa,²⁴ Naciketas was a son of Vājaśravasa Gautama, who

³ Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, vi. 1, 1; Chāndogya Upaniṣad, v. 3, 1.

⁴ Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, vi. 4, 33 (in both recensions).

⁵ *Ibid.*, iii. 7, 1.

⁶ *Ibid.*, vi. 3, 15; 4, 33.

⁷ Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka, xv.

⁸ Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad, iii. 7, 31.

⁹ Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xi. 5, 3, 1 *et seq.*

¹⁰ v. 5, 5, 14. Eggeling, *Sacred Books of the East*, 41, 141, has Āruṇi. There is a chronological difficulty in taking Āruṇi as meant, since Ājātaśātrava must presumably have been a descendant of Ajātaśātrava, a contemporary of Janaka (see Kauṣītiki Upaniṣad, iv. 1), who again was a patron of Yājñavalkya, a pupil of Āruṇi. But this difficulty is not fatal.

¹¹ Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, xi. 5, 3, 2; Kauṣītiki Upaniṣad, i. 1.

¹² i. 1, 2, 11; ii. 2, 1, 34; iii. 3, 4, 19; iv. 4, 8, 9; xi. 2, 6, 12.

¹³ iii. 5, 1.

¹⁴ iii. 11, 4; v. 11, 2; 17, 1; vi. 8, 1.

¹⁵ viii. 7.

¹⁶ xxvi. 4.

¹⁷ i. 6.

¹⁸ i. 1 *et seq.*

¹⁹ *Vedische Studien*, 3, 146.

²⁰ *Indian Literature*, 69. But *cf.* xxiii. 1, 5.

²¹ vii. 8. *Cf.* viii. 6.

²² i. 42, 1.

²³ vii. 2, 2, 1 (a late passage).

²⁴ iii. 11, 8, 1 *et seq.*