

(5) Arjuna, marching out on his excellent chariot in the company of Kṛṣṇa and Sātyaki looked like moon, accompanied by Budha and Śukra, destroying the darkness 7. 60. 20. [For Budha also see Section 1. 7]

Brhaspati m. : Name of a planet (Jupiter), also called **Guru** (12. 139. 15).

A. Description : Very bright (*prajvalita*) 6. 3. 25. **B. Importance :** Brhaspati, along with other planets, visits the *sabhā* of Brahmadeva 2. 11. 20; Brhaspati, with other planets, finds place in the *Daivata-vamśa* 13. 151. 12. **C. Name of Sūrya :** Brhaspati appears as the 22nd name among the 108 names of Sūrya taught by Dhaumya to Yudhiṣṭhira 3. 3. 19. **D. Bad omen :** (1) Among the bad omens pointed out by Vyāsa to Dhṛtarāṣṭra one was related to Brhaspati making retrograde movement in the constellation Śravaṇa (*maghāsv aṅgārako vakraḥ śravaṇe ca bṛhaspatiḥ*) 6. 3. 13; (2) The other omen observed by Vyāsa was that the planets Brhaspati and Śanaīścara were stationed near the two stars Viśākhā and were in that position for a year (*samvatsarasthāyinau ca grahau prajvalitāv ubhau | viśākhayoḥ samīpasthau bṛhaspatiśanaīścara*) 6. 3. 25 (NĪ. on Bom. Ed. 6. 3. 27: *pūrvam śravaṇastho bṛhaspatir* (reference to 6. 3. 13) *bhaganakṣatrasthaḥ sūryaputra* (reference to 6. 3. 14) *ity uktam | tāv ubhau viśākhāsamīpe tiryagvedhena śatapade cakre viśākhānakṣatram vidhyatu ity arthaḥ*); (3) At the time of the death of Karṇa, Brhaspati afflicted Rohiṇī constellation and looked like moon and sun (*bṛhaspatī rohiṇīm samprapīḍya babhūva candrārka-samānavarṇaḥ*) 8. 68. 49. **E. Events connected with Brhaspati :** (1) Formerly, when the Tretā was about to end and the

Dvāpara was about to commence, as the Guru (Brhaspati) was not favourable it did not rain for twelve years (*na vavarṣa sahasrākṣaḥ pratilomo 'bhavad guruḥ*) 12. 139. 15, 13-14; (2) Mārkaṇḍeya told the Pāṇḍavas that when the moon, the sun, the Tisya (Puṣya) and Brhaspati will come together in the same sign of the zodiac (*rāśi*), the Kṛtayuga will commence (*yadā candras ca sūryaś ca tathā tiṣyabṛhaspatī | eka-rāśtau sameśyanti prapatsyati tadā kṛtam*) 3. 188. 87 (NĪ., however, on Bom. Ed. 3. 190. 90: *gurusūryacandrāḥ yadā yugapat puṣyanakṣatram eśyanti tadā kṛtayugapravṛtṭir ity arthaḥ*). [For Brhaspati see Section 1. 7]

Brahmakalpa m. : A cosmic period of Brahman.

In a former Brahmakalpa, when the *brahmarṣis* met, they entertained doubt about the creation of the world (*brahmakalpe purā brahman brahmarṣiṇām samāgame | lokasambhavasandehaḥ samutpanno mahātmanām*) 12. 176. 6.

Brahmarāśi m. : Name of a constellation (identical with Śravaṇa?).

One of the bad omens pointed out by Vyāsa to Dhṛtarāṣṭra was related to the planet Mars who made repeated retrograde movements and then returned to Brahmarāśi to remain steady in the constellation Śravaṇa (*vakrānuvakram kṛtvā ca śravaṇe pāvakaprabhaḥ | brahmarāśīm samāvṛtyu lohītāṅgo vyavasthitaḥ* || 6. 3. 17) (NĪ. on Bom. Ed. 6. 3. 18: *tatrava sarvatobhadra-cakre maghāstho lohītāṅgo 'ṅgārako vakrānuvakram kṛtvā punahpunar vakribhūya brahmaṇā bṛhaspatinākrāntam rāśīm nakṣatram śravaṇam samāvṛtya samyak pūrnadṛṣṭyā viddhvā tiṣṭhātī*).