

*Yaśas* means fame or glory. The whole would literally mean "The god (Viṣṇu) of glory".<sup>56</sup>

### One-word names

In such names the second part is generally dropped for the sake of brevity. The names of the gods given directly to persons in some cases are against prescribed rules; but we may suggest that the second part has been dropped.

#### 1. *Acyuta* (No. 43, L. 11) :

*Acyuta* literally meaning 'not fallen', i.e. permanent, solid, firm, imperishable is the name of Lord Viṣṇu or Kṛṣṇa.<sup>57</sup>

#### 2. *Bhāskara* (No. 44, L. 3; L. 9; L.14; L. 16) :

Literally meaning 'one who produces the rays of light'. *Bhāskara* is the name of God Sun.<sup>58</sup>

#### 3. *Bhava* (No. 43, L. 11) :

Literally meaning 'coming into existence', *Bhava* is the name of Lord Śiva. It also means 'the world'.<sup>59</sup>

#### 4. *Bhoyila* (No. 44, L. 3; L. 8; L. 14; L. 15) :

It is a name with the suffix *ila*.<sup>60</sup> The name of *Bhavadatta* seems to have been changed to *Bhoyila* as in the case of *Agila* (*Agnidatta*), *Satila* (*Svātidatia*), *Nāgila* (*Nāgadatta*) and *Yakhila* (*Yakṣadatta*).<sup>61</sup>

#### 5. *Bonda* (No. 43, L. 10) :

It is a local name in Prakritised form which literally means 'mouth'.<sup>62</sup> We have such names as *Mukharāma Śarmā*. The word seems to have some relationship with *Bundelkhand* in *Madhya Pradesh* where the inhabitants are called *Bundelas*.

#### 6. *Gopāla* (No. 43, L. 12) :

*Gopāla* literally meaning 'the protector or foster of the cows' is the name of Lord Viṣṇu or Kṛṣṇa

#### 7. *Guha* (No. 43, L. 10) :

*Guha* is the name of *Skanda* or *Kārttikeya*, Lord Śiva, Lord Viṣṇu.<sup>63</sup> According to *Monier Williams*, it is a name belonging to persons of the writer caste.<sup>64</sup> We cannot say with affirmity whether *Guha* was a writers' caste in the Gupta period.

#### 8. *Hari* (No. 43, L.7) :

*Hari* is the name of Lord Viṣṇu or Kṛṣṇa. It is to be derived from  $\sqrt{hr}$ , 'to take away or remove evil or sin'.<sup>65</sup>

#### 9. *Kālaka* (No. 43, L. 11) :