

Agastya (Kumbhayoni) (III)—born from a pitcher into which Mitra and Varuṇa dropped their *vīrya* at the sight of the charms of Urvaśī: a brother of Vasistha.¹ Dwarfed the Vindhyas, made a home in Lankā: seeing the universe troubled by Tāraka and other Asuras caused the ocean to dry up by drinking the waters and brought relief to the Devas: performed *tapas* seated on Mount Malaya with his wife Lopāmudrā: white in colour, with four hands, *Akṣa mālā* and *Kamaṇḍalu*, narrated the story of Ajāmila:² present at Rāma's abhiṣeka.^{2(a)} Visited by Paraśurāma, initiated him to the Kṛṣṇapremāmṛtam mantra which he heard from Śeṣa, the Nāga king. Spoke to him of the threefold *bhakti* and its characteristics.³ A Brahmīṣṭha, versed in Vaikhānasa; a Devarṣi, versed in Vedic literature.⁴ The guest of Ilvala who cooked Vātāpi for him.⁵ Roaming about, he found all creatures engrossed in ignorance. Reaching Kāñcī, he prayed to Kāmākṣi and Ekāmraśiva. Here Hayagrīva Viṣṇu appeared before him and pointed out ways to redeem the ignorant millions. Was entertained with the story of Śakti by Hayagrīva.⁶ Praised Śiva out to ruin Tripuram.⁷ He who worships Agastya becomes lord of the seven worlds.⁸

¹ Bhā. VI. 18. 5; Br. IV. 5. 38 M. 61. 21-31; 201. 29; 202. 1.
² Bhā., VI. 3. 35; M. 61. 17; 36-41; Br. III. 56. 53. ^{2(a)} Vi. IV
 4. 99. ³ Br. II, 32. 119; III. 34. 50; 35. 34, 41, 48; 36, 1-59;
 37, 2; 56. 23. ⁴ M. 145. 93, 114. ⁵ Bhā. VI. 18, 15. ⁶ Br. IV.
 5. 3-29; 6: 1; 39. 7. ⁷ M. 133. 67. ⁸ M. 61. 44-55.

Agastya (iv)—married the first born daughter of King Malayadhvaja Pāṇḍya, and had a son Drdhācyuta.¹ Cursed the Pāṇḍyan king Indradyumna to become an elephant.²

¹ Bhā. IV. 28. 32. ² Ib. VIII. 4. 9-10.

Agastya (v)—the constellation (Canopus) that moves fast above Dhruvamaṇḍala.

Br. II. 21. 101; Vā. 50, 155.