

Gayātīrtham—origin of; the austerities of Gayāsūra here bearing a stone on his head. Here Gadādhara stood steadfast lest he should move; on this Brahmā performed a sacrifice; shaving and fasting are prescribed in tīrthas but not for this place; measurement 2½ krośa; Gayākṣetram 5 krośas and Gayāsira 1 krośa, the best of all tīrthas.

Vā. 105. 4-46.

Gayāditya—the north sun.

Vā. 109. 21.

Gayāpuri—after the name of king Gaya.

Vā. 112. 5.

Gayāyātrā—pilgrimage to Gayā; preliminaries; performance of Śrāddha, going round the village, travel to another village and so on, every day without begging food, etc.: purity and selflessness to be maintained; reaching Gayā, bathing and performance of Śrāddha according to his Veda śākha; the next day visit to Pretaparvata, bath in Brahmakuṇḍa and the offer of piṇḍas in other places. See *Gaya*.

Vā. 110. 1-9.

Gayāsira—one krośa in extent;¹ Śrāddha there lifts 100 generations.

¹ Vā. 105. 29. ² Ib. 105. 31.

Gayāśrāddham—one of the four means to mukti;¹ special varṇa to mother;² for piṇḍa;³ suitable occasions for.⁴

¹ Vā. 105. 16. ² Ib. 108. 35: 110. 17. ³ Ib. 23. 59. ⁴ Ib. 105. 47-8.

Gayāsura—had a stone over his head on which Brahmā performed sacrifices; Gaya performed yāga in Śvetakalpa-vārāha; after him the name for the place; the son who goes to Gayā, he who resides at Gayā for three pakṣas