

Aditi (1)—a daughter of Dakṣa and a wife of Kaśyapa.¹ Mother of Vāmana-Hari and other gods.² Was much concerned at the evacuation of Amarāvati by gods, and informed her husband of her grief. Kaśyapa consoled her saying that it was all Hari's *māyā* and everything would be rectified by His aid. Asked to the means of approaching Hari, Kaśyapa taught her the *Payovrata*. Observed the *vrata* for twelve days as directed. Hari heard her prayers, promised to be born in her womb to protect her sons, and desired that she should keep it a secret. She soon waited on Kaśyapa and became pregnant with Hari. Then Hari was praised by Brahmā.³ Birth of the Lord described.⁴ Changed before her into a boy-brahmacārin.⁵ Worshipped for food and other things, while her sons the Ādityas are prayed to for attainment of heaven.⁶ Her desire was fulfilled by Vāmana. Pleased with his anointing, gods sent their praises to Aditi on the exploits of Vāmana.⁷ Kṛṣṇa took back the *Kuṇḍalas* which had been taken away by Naraka, and Satyabhāmā in her Lord's company bowed to Aditi and handed over the *Kuṇḍalas*. At this Aditi embraced her daughter-in-law.⁸

Prajāpati caused the *tejas* of the *aṇḍam* in her *garbha*, and removing it at the request of gods, made it into two pieces, and finding it weak, placed it on the lap of the Sun-god (Mārtāṇḍa): given to dharma.⁹ A part of Mother Earth.¹⁰

A mother goddess.¹¹ Worshipped in housebuilding.¹² Mother of the 12 Ādityas the former Jayadevas.¹³ Known for strength.¹⁴

¹ Bhā. IX. 1. 10; VI. 6. 25; Br. II. 33. 17; III. 3. 56, 117; 71. 200; Vi. I. 15. 124; III. 1. 42. ² Bhā. VIII. 13. 6; VI. 6. 38-39; VI. 18. 9; X. 3. 42; M. 172. 5; 178. 20; Vā., 96. 196; 97, 23. ³ Bhā. VIII. ch. 16 & 17. ⁴ Bhā. VIII. 18. 1-11; Br. III. 72. 22; 73. 75. ⁵ Bhā. VIII. 18. 12. ⁶ Ib. VIII. 18. 13-19; II. 3. 4; M. 171. 55-8. ⁷ Ib. VIII. 23. 4, 21, 27; M. 244. 9-48; 245. 63; 246. 58. ⁸ Bhā. X. 59. 38; Ib. [65 (v) 6-10]; Vi. V. 29. 11, 35; 30 (whole). ⁹ Br. III. 7. 277-94, 465. ¹⁰ Br. III. 71. 238; M. 6. 1. 5; 11. 2; 47. 9; 146. 18; 154. 351; 171. 29. ¹¹ M. 179. 15. ¹² M. 253. 27. ¹³ Br. III. 4. 34; Vā. 66. 55; 60, 65. ¹⁴ Vā. 69. 92. Br. II. 13. 79.