

## Appendix-5

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#### A note on the titles of CP.

CP has declared his own titles which he obtained by performing several śrauta and grhya sacrifices. He is also an erudite scholar in this branch. Herebelow his titles are explained.<sup>1</sup>

① अग्निचित - Agnicit is a person who has offered Agnicayana which is a rite of piling the fire-altar, included in the Soma sacrifices, in 5 layers with bricks, on the uttaravedī for setting up the āhavanīya; it is represented in SBr. as a human imitation of the construction of the cosmic world of Prājapati.

② द्वादशाह्याजी - A person who performs a Soma sacrifice lasting 12 days, comprising a Dasāha (10) : 6 Prsthyasādaha + 3 Chandomas (ukthyas) days + 1 Atyagnistoma day; the Dasāha is preceded and followed by 1 Atirātra day (2 days). Dvādasāha is both ahina and a sattra. By performing this sacrifice CP got the title dvādasāha-yajī. As he also performed agnicayana in this ritual he got the title agnicit as well.

③ दीक्षित - (A consecrated sacrificer) at the beginning of a Soma sacrifice. It (dīksā) takes place after the preliminary isti and huti. The proper dīksā consists of a series of attitudes and manipulations, adopted and made by the sacrificer, who is provided with a garment, a girdle of munjā grass to be used as a belt, a piece of cloth for his head-dress, a staff and skin of an antelope to sit on.

④ सम्राट् - A person who performs a Vājapeya sacrifice gets the title Samrāt. Vājapeya is "drink of strength or of food", the 6th Samsthā of Soma. The Vājapeya incorporates many much popular rites. The number 17 is very much emphasized in the rite.

⑤ स्थपति - "lord of place"; a chieftain, who may belong to any caste, as distinguished from a king. He is one of the persons who is eligible for Madhuparka. This title is offered to a person who offers the Brāhaspatisava sacrifice, which is a Soma ceremony of one day duration supposed to confer the rank of purohita on the performers. It is considered as an aṅga of the Vājapeya sacrifice which it follows.

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1. The relevant information in this appendix is taken from the following book:-

Sen Chitrabhanu : A dictionary of the Vedic rituals, based on the Śrauta and grhyasūtras; concept publishing Co., Delhi, 1st edn., 1978.