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OF  
HINDU LAW,  
ON  
CONTRACTS AND SUCCESSIONS:  
WITH A  
COMMENTARY  
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all the subjects abovementioned, is called *Smṛiti*, what was remembered, in contradistinction to *Sruti*, what was heard. By these names it is signified, that the *Vēda* has preserved the words of revelation, while the system of law records the sense expressed in other words. It has been promulgated by thirty-six ancient Sages, who are named in three verses of the *Padma purāna*; YAJNYAWALKYA, however, mentions no more than twenty: on the other hand, Sages are cited in law tracts, whose names do not appear in either list.<sup>(3)</sup>

(3) RAMA KRISHNA, a modern Hindu writer, gives a list of thirty-nine sages, of whom nine are new names, not found in the lists given by YAJNYAWALKYA and the *Padma Purāna*.

The following is a list of all the sages or *Rishis*, who are recognised as authors of distinct codes of Hindu law and ritual. YAJNYAWALKYA mentions twenty names, viz. :—

1. <i>Manu.</i>	8. <i>Yama.</i>	15. <i>Santha.</i>
2. <i>Atri.</i>	9. <i>Apastamba.</i>	16. <i>Likhita.</i>
3. <i>Vishnu.</i>	10. <i>Samvarta.</i>	17. <i>Daksha.</i>
4. <i>Harita.</i>	11. <i>Katyayana.</i>	18. <i>Gautama.</i>
5. <i>Yajnyavalkya.</i>	12. <i>Vrihaspati.</i>	19. <i>Satatapa.</i>
6. <i>Usanas.</i>	13. <i>Parasara.</i>	20. <i>Vasishtha.</i>
7. <i>Angiras.</i>	14. <i>Vyasa.</i>	

PARASARA enumerates also twenty authors; but instead of *Yama*, *Vrihaspati*, and *Vyasa* in the above list, he gives the names of *Kasyapa*, *Gargya*, and *Prachetas*.

The following seventeen names given in the *Padma purāna*, do not occur in the preceding list :—

21. <i>Marichi.</i>	27. <i>Visvamitra.</i>	33. <i>Jabali.</i>
22. <i>Pulastya.</i>	28. <i>Devala.</i>	34. <i>Sumantu.</i>
23. <i>Prachetas.</i>	29. <i>Rishyasringa.</i>	35. <i>Paraskara.</i>
24. <i>Bhrigu.</i>	30. <i>Gargya.</i>	36. <i>Laughakshi.</i>
25. <i>Narada.</i>	31. <i>Baudhayana.</i>	37. <i>Kuthumi.</i>
26. <i>Kasyapa.</i>	32. <i>Paithinasi.</i>	

RAMA KRISHNA's catalogue contains the following nine names which are not recorded in either of the lists above given :—

38. <i>Agni.</i>	41. <i>Jatakarna.</i>	44. <i>Budha.</i>
39. <i>Chyavana.</i>	42. <i>Pitamaha.</i>	45. <i>Satyayana.</i>
40. <i>Ch'haqaleya.</i>	43. <i>Prajapati.</i>	46. <i>Soma.</i>

To the above forty-six names some writers add five more, increasing the number to fifty-one; the new names are :—

47. <i>Lohita.</i>	49. <i>Chidambara.</i>	51. <i>Sandilya.</i>
48. <i>Kanva.</i>	50. <i>Bharadvaja.</i>	

MR. BORRADAILE mentions the names of ten sages as authors of Law Institutes. (Preface to *Vyavahara Mayukhu*)

52. <i>Asvalayana.</i>	56. <i>Dharmya.</i>	59. <i>Vatsa.</i>
53. <i>Atraya.</i>	57. <i>Nacibetu.</i>	60. <i>Vyaghra.</i>
54. <i>Krishnajini.</i>	58. <i>Markandeya.</i>	61. <i>Satyavrata.</i>
55. <i>Datta.</i>		

Reference to the Institutes of these authors is seldom met with.