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Appendix F. - Chronology Of Indian Dynasties For Seven Centuries Before  
And After Christ

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## APPENDIX F.

THE two following tables contain the results of my lucubrations in the chronology of the principal Indian dynasties who are recorded to have reigned for seven centuries before and as many after the Christian era. As mentioned in the body of the work (page 63), it is my intention to submit a paper embodying these facts, together with the data on which they are founded, to the Royal Asiatic Society, and perhaps it would have been prudent to have awaited the remarks and criticisms which might arise in discussing it before printing it in the naked form in which it is here given. It was absolutely necessary, however, in a work involving so much history as this, that some system of chronology should be adopted, and as my investigations have led me to results in many cases widely different from any published tables, the work must either have been left incomplete in this respect, or my views stated in some form or other. All I ask of the reader, at present, is to believe I have a reason to give for every date and every synchronism in these tables; whether it is a good reason or not must be determined hereafter. The whole, however, appears to me to hang so well together and to accord so well with what we learn from coins or inscriptions, or from the architectural remains, and historical traditions, that I feel confident that the scheme will be found correct within very narrow limits of error.

All the dynasties here quoted will be readily recognized as those published by Prinsep,\* Wilson,† Thomas,‡ and others. No novelty in this respect has been attempted. It is only the arrangement that is, in some instances, somewhat different from that usually accepted. The newest list is that of the Sâh kings, which is copied with its dates from one by Mr. Justice Newton, which appeared in the "Bombay Times of India" in July last.

There are several of the dates in these tables which I would like to adjust arbitrarily to the extent of four or five years, and when I can give my reasons I shall probably do so. For the present I prefer leaving them as I have found them. They are near enough the truth for the purposes of the present work.

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\* Useful Tables, Calcutta, 1834.

† Vishnu Purâna. London, 1840.

‡ Prinsep's Indian Antiquities. London, 1858.

20 DESCENTS FROM KALIYUGA.	37 DESCENTS IN 600? YEARS FROM YUDHISHṬIRA.	
Kritanjaya, 1st emigrant from Kośala.	ŚAISUNĀGA DYNASTY.	
Rañanjaya.	Śisunāga - - - - 691	
Sanjaya.	Kākavarṇa.	
Śākya.	Kshemadharman.	Buddha born, 623.
Śuddhodana.	Kshetrajās.	" attained Buddhahood sixteenth year of this king.
	Bimbisāra - - - - 603	
Rāhula, son of Śākya Muni.	<i>Kaṇḍāyana</i> , 9.	
	<i>Bhāmiputra</i> , 14.	
Prasenajit.	Ajātaśatru - - - - 551	" died eighth year of this reign 543. First Convocation held that year.
Kshudraka.	Udayāśwa - - - - 519	
Kuṇḍaka.	Daśaka - - - - 503	
Suratha.	Nāgadāśoka - - - - 495	
Sumitra.	Śisunāga - - - - 471	
	Kālāśoka - - - - 453	Second Convocation 100 years after Buddha's death.
	Mahā Nanda - - - - 425	
	Sumālya.	
	7 Nandas.	Alexander in India, 327.
	<i>Interregnum, Kauṭilya.</i>	
	MAURYA DYNASTY, 137 years.	
	Chandragupta - - - - 325	
	Bimbisāra - - - - 301	
	Aśoka - - - - 276	Third Convocation, 255 B.C. in 17th year after his inauguration. Stūpa at Sanchi.
	Suyāśas - - - - 240	
	Daśaratha - - - - 230?	Caves at Behar.
	Sangata - - - - 220?	
	Indrapālita - - - - 212?	
	Somaśarman - - - - 210	
	Śaśadharman - - - - 203	
	Vrihadratha - - - - 195	
	ŚUNGA DYNASTY, 112 years.	Caves in Cuttack ? No. 2 Tope at Sanchi ?
	Pushpamitra - - - - 188	
	Agnimitra - - - - 152	
	Sujyeshṭha - - - - 144	
	Vasumitra - - - - 137	
	Ādraka - - - - 129	
	Pulindaka - - - - 127	Caves at Bājā ?
	Ghoshavasū - - - - 124	
	Vajramitra - - - - 121	
	Bhāgavata - - - - 112	
	Devabhūti - - - - 86	Great Cave at Kārlee.
	KĀṆVA DYNASTY, 45 years.	
	Vāsudeva - - - - 76	
	Bhūmimitra - - - - 67	
	Nārāyaṇa - - - - 53	
	Suśarman - - - - 41	
	" died - - - - B.C. 31	

ANDHRA DYNASTY.	SĀH KINGS.	KINGS OF MAGADHA.	KINGS OF CASHMERE.	
Śipraka - B.C. 31	Nahapana - - - B.C. 57		Hushka } Tartar Jushka } Princes Kanishka } established Buddhism	Great Caves at Karlee.
Krishṇa - A.D. 8	Ushavadāta - - - 11	Śakrāditya.		Nāgārjuna.
Śātakarṇi I. - 10	Swāmi Chastana - - - A.D. 10			
Pūrṇotsanga - 28	Jīva Dama - - - 38		Abhimanya, A.D. 21	Gateways at Sanchi.
Śrīvaswāmi - 46	Rudra Dāman.		GONARDAYA DYNASTY.	
Śātakarṇi II. - 64	Rudra Sinha - - - 45-47	Buddhagupta.	Gonarda. <i>Naga wor-</i> <i>shipped.</i>	
Lambodara - 120	Rudra Sāh.		Vibhishana.	Śālivāhana, A.D. 78.
Apītaka - - 138	Śrī Sāh.		Indrajita.	
Sangha - - 150	Sangha Dāman.		Rāvāna.	Early Caves at Ajanta.
Śātakarṇi III. - 168	Dāman Sāh.		Vibhishana.	
Skandhaswātī - 186	Yaśa Dāman.		Nara.	
Mrigendra - 193	Dāmājāta Śrī		Siddha.	
Kuntalawātī - 196	Vīra Dāman.	Tathāgatagupta.	Utpalāksha.	
Swātīkarṇa - 204	Īśvara Datta.		Hiranyāksha.	
Pulomāvit - 205	Vijaya Sāh.		Hiranyākula.	
Gorakshāsawāśrī 241	Dāmājāta Śrī.	Balāditya.	Vāsūkulo.	
Hāla - - 266	Rudra Sāh - - - 131, 141		Mihirakula, 200 ?	Central building, Amravati.
Mantalaka - 271	Viśva Sinha - - - 143		Vaka.	
Purindra sena - 276	Atri Dāman - - - 153, 157	Vajra.	Kshitinanda.	
Rājādaswātī - 6 ms.	Viśva Sāh - - - 160, 168		Vasunanda.	
Sīvaswātī - 281	22. Rudra Sinha - - 173 or 213		Nara.	
Gautami putra - 309	Āśā Dāman.		Aksha.	
Vāsithi putra 330	Swāmi Rudra Sāh - - 223, 235		Gopāditya, 290 ?	Built Takht i Sulciman? Cave at Nassick.
Pulomat - - 355	Swāmi Rudra Sāh II.		Gokarna.	Outer rail, Amravati.
Śīvaśrī - - 383	Swāmi Rudra Sāh.	Kings of OUGEIN and CANOUGE.	Narendrāditya.	
Skandaswātī - 390	Gupta.		Yudhishthira.	
Yajnaśrī - - 397	GHAUPTA, or BALABHI Era - 318		ĀDITYA DYNASTY.	
Vijaya - - 406	Gupta.	Vasudeva.	Pratāpāditya, 350 ?	
Vadaśrī - - 412	Ghaṭotkacha.	<i>Bahram-gour.</i>	Jalaukas.	Inner Rail, Amravati.
Pulomat - - 422	Chandra gupta I. - - 400, 411	Ramadeva.	Tunjina.	Buddha ghosha.
„ died - 429	Samudra gupta - - - 420 ?	Harsha.	Vijaya.	Great Cave at Kenheri.
or 436	Chandra gupta II. - - 430 ?		Jayendra.	
CHĀLUKYA KINGS.	Kumāra gupta - - - 442		Ārya Rāja.	
Jaya Sinha Vijayāditya - 430 ?	Buddha gupta - - - 463		GONARDAYA LINE restored.	
Rāja Sinha.	Toramāṇa - - - 498	Vikramāditya - 490 ?	Meghavāhana, 434 ?	
Vijayāditya II.		Śilāditya - - 530	Śreshtasena.	Buildings at Eran.
Pulakeśi I. - 489	BALABHI KINGS.	Prabhākara.	Hiranya } 498 Toramāṇa }	
Kirtti Varman I.	Nine kings from Bhaṭārka Senāpati		Mātrigupta, 525	Zodiac Cave, Ajanta.
Mangaliśa.	Śrīdhara Sena. 493 ?	Rāja varddhana 607 ?	Pravara sena, 530	
Vishṇu Vardhana	Dhruva Sena II. - - - 628	Śilāditya - 610	Yudhishthira II.	Temple at Martand.
founds Vengi 605	Dhruva Sena III. - - - 640	„ died - 650	Nandravat.	
Pulakeśi II.	Śilāditya - - - 656		Ranāditya.	Temple at Bhuvanēswar.
founds Kalyān 607	Śilāditya - - - 666		Vikramāditya, 622	
			Balāditya, cotem.	
			Yezdigerd and	
			Hiouen Thsang.	