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Yoga in the Viṣṇupurāṇa

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Abstract:

The analysis of yoga in the Viṣṇupurāṇa (which at this stage is a research program with uncertain results) will have to begin by looking at the occurrences (and distribution) of the word *yoga*. The contexts will serve to identify the theoretical and the practical elements which determine the scope (and claims) of yoga in a thoroughly Vaiṣṇava purāṇa, its beliefs and its mythology. Attention will be paid to references to counterparts to be inferred from explicit polemics no less than from implied counterpositions. The comparison with the Pātañjala tradition and (if feasible) Mahābhārata tracts on yoga will serve to delimit the chronological position of the ViP in the history of yoga.

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