

to in the Brāhmaṇas,⁵ though the exact details and significance of the legend are variously treated by Oldenberg,⁶ Sieg,⁷ Hertel,⁸ and von Schroeder.⁹

He also appears in a strange dialogue with Lopāmudrā in the Rigveda,¹⁰ which appears to show him as an ascetic who finally yields to temptation. Von Schroeder¹¹ regards it as a ritual drama of vegetation magic.

In another passage of the Rigveda¹² he appears as helping in the Aśvins' gift of a leg to Viśpalā. Sāyaṇa holds that he was the Purohita of Khela, and Sieg¹³ accepts this view, while Pischel¹⁴ thinks that Khela is a deity, Vivasvant.

Geldner¹⁵ shows from the Rigveda¹⁶ that Agastya, as brother of Vasiṣṭha—both being miraculous sons of Mitra and Varuṇa—introduces Vasiṣṭha to the Ṛṣṭsus. There are two other references to Agastya in the Rigveda, the one¹⁷ including him in a long list of persons, the other alluding to his sister's sons (*nadbhyaḥ*),¹⁸ apparently Bandhu, etc. In the Atharvaveda¹⁹ he appears as connected with witchcraft, and in a long list of sages.²⁰ In the Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā²¹ cows, with a peculiar mark on their ears (*viṣṭya-karṇyaḥ*), are associated with him.

⁵ Taittirīya Saṃhitā, vii. 5, 5, 2; Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa, ii. 7, 11, 1; Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, ii. 1, 8; Kāthaka Saṃhitā, x. 11; Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa, xxi. 14, 5; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, v. 16; Kauṣītaki Brāhmaṇa, xxvi. 9.

⁶ *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 39, 60 et seq.

⁷ *Die Sagenstoffe des Rgveda*, 108-119.

⁸ *Vienna Oriental Journal*, 18, 152-154.

⁹ *Mysterium und Mimus im Rgveda*, 91 et seq.

¹⁰ i. 179. Cf. Sieg, *op. cit.*, 120-126; Oldenberg, *op. cit.*, 66-68.

¹¹ *Op. cit.*, 156-172.

¹² i. 117, 11; cf. i. 116, 15.

¹³ *Op. cit.*, 128.

¹⁴ *Vedische Studien*, 1, 171-173.

¹⁵ *Vedische Studien*, 2, 138, 143.

¹⁶ Rv. vii. 33, 10. 13.

¹⁷ vii. 5, 26. Sieg, 129, suggests that this refers to the Khela legend.

¹⁸ x. 60, 6.

¹⁹ ii. 32, 3; iv. 37, 1. Perhaps for this reason the Rigveda Anukramanī ascribes to him (Rv. i. 191) a magic hymn.

²⁰ xviii. 3, 15.

²¹ iv. 2, 9.

Cf. Ludwig, Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 117; Sieg, *Die Sagenstoffe des Rgveda*, 106-129; Macdonell, *Bṛhad-devatā*, 2, 136 et seq.; Oldenberg, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 42, 221; *Rgveda-Noten*, 1, 110.

Agāra.—This rare word is found as 'house' in the Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad.¹

¹ ii. 15. Cf. *āgara*, 'chamber' (?), *the Atharvaveda*, 407. *Agāra* occurs also in *Āvalāyana Gṛhya Sutra*, i. 7, 21.