

**Vyadhvara**, 'perforating,' designates a worm in one passage of the Atharvaveda,<sup>1</sup> where there seems to be no good reason to alter the reading to Vyadvara, though Whitney<sup>2</sup> thinks that it may rather be connected with *vi-adhvan*<sup>3</sup> than with the root *vyadh*, 'pierce.'<sup>4</sup> The term occurs with **Maśaka**, 'fly,' in the Hiranyakeśi Gṛhya Sūtra,<sup>5</sup> and perhaps also in another passage of the Atharvaveda,<sup>6</sup> where, however, both Whitney<sup>7</sup> and Śaṅkar Paṇḍit read **Vyadvara**.

<sup>1</sup> ii. 31, 4.

<sup>2</sup> Translation of the Atharvaveda, 74.

<sup>3</sup> This would mean 'diverging from the road,' 'devious.'

<sup>4</sup> The Padapāṭha analyzes the word as *vi-adhvara*.

<sup>5</sup> ii. 16, 3.

<sup>6</sup> vi. 50, 3.

<sup>7</sup> *Op. cit.*, 318. Cf. 135.

Cf. also Bloomfield, *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 316, 361, 487; Lanman in Whitney, *op. cit.*, 318.

**Vyalkaśā** is the name of a plant in the Rigveda.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> x. 16, 13. Cf. Zimmer *Altindisches Leben*, 70.

**Vy-aśva** is the name of a Ṛṣi, a protégé of the Aśvins,<sup>1</sup> mentioned in several hymns of the eighth Maṇḍala,<sup>2</sup> which may have been the composition of a descendant of his, **Viśva-manas**. In two other passages<sup>3</sup> he is referred to only as a Ṛṣi of the past, and Oldenberg<sup>4</sup> points out that none of his own work appears in the Saṃhitā. The Rigveda also mentions<sup>5</sup> the **Vyaśvas**, with whom Ludwig<sup>6</sup> is inclined to connect **Vaśa Aśvya**. An **Āṅgīrasa Vyaśva** occurs as a seer of Sāmans or Chants in the Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Rv. i. 112, 15.

<sup>2</sup> viii. 23, 16, 23; 24, 22; 26, 9.

<sup>3</sup> Rv. viii. 9, 10; ix. 65, 7.

<sup>4</sup> *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 42, 217.

<sup>5</sup> Rv. viii. 24, 28.

<sup>6</sup> Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 106.

<sup>7</sup> xiv. 10, 9.

**Vy-aṣṭi** is the name of a mythical teacher in the first two **Vamśas** (lists of teachers) in the Brhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> iv. 5, 22; iv. 5, 28 Mādhyandina.