

work' in the Soma sieve, but the exact sense of the passages is doubtful.⁶

⁶ Hillebrandt, *Vedische Mythologie*, I, 52, takes Śaryāpī in Rv. ix. 68, 2, as denoting the outer husk of the Soma

plant. See also Geldner, *Vedische Studien*, 2, 255, n. 1.

Śaryanāvant occurs in several passages of the Rigveda,¹ in all of which Sāyaṇa sees a local name. According to his account, Śaryanāḥ (masc. plur.) is a district in Kurukṣetra, Śaryanāvant being a lake not far from it in the back part (*jaḡhanārdhe*) of Kurukṣetra. The unusual consistency of his statements on this point is in favour of the word being a place name; it is also to be noted that Kurukṣetra contained the lake Anyataḥplakṣā. Roth,² however, thought that in two passages³ the word denoted merely a 'lake,' literally '(water) covered with a thicket of reeds' (*śaryana*), and in the others a Soma vessel. Zimmer⁴ inclines to this rendering. On the other hand, Pischel⁵ accepts Sāyaṇa's view. Hillebrandt⁶ also sees in the word a place name, but he is inclined to locate it among the 'five tribes,'⁷ which is not quite inconsistent with its being in Kurukṣetra, for the connexion of the Pūrus with the later Kurus is known;⁸ or perhaps, he suggests, Śaryanāvant is an old name for the Wular sea of Kāśmīr, which was only a reminiscence in Vedic times. This is not probable; still less so is Ludwig's hypothesis⁹ that the Śaryanāvant is the later eastern Sarasvatī. Bergaigne¹⁰ regards the name as that of a celestial preparer of Soma.

¹ i. 84, 14; viii. 6, 39; 7, 29; 64, 11; ix. 65, 22; 113, 1; x. 35, 2. See Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 64 (*Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 18, 17); Śātyāyanaka in Sāyaṇa on Rv. i. 84, 13.

² St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

³ i. 84, 14; x. 35, 2.

⁴ *Altindisches Leben*, 19, 20.

⁵ *Vedische Studien*, 2, 217. So Max

Müller, *Sacred Books of the East*, 32, 398, 399.

⁶ *Vedische Mythologie*, I, 126 et seq.

⁷ This is deduced, not with any certainty, from Rv. ix. 65, 22.

⁸ Hillebrandt, *op. cit.*, I, 142, n. 4; Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 205.

⁹ *Op. cit.*, 3, 201.

¹⁰ *Religion Védique*, I, 206.

Śaryāta is mentioned once in the Rigveda¹ as a protégé of the Aśvins. Of him in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa² and the

¹ i. 112, 17.