

'those who were in possession of Victory Charm'. But he contradicts himself at another place while explaining a seal<sup>619</sup> found at Naurangabad with the remarks : "This seal indicates the bravery of the tribe and that they were never defeated as they had adopted the title of 'जयमन्त्रधराः'".

Actually the expression may mean 'the Yaudheyas who knew the secret of victory'. It is symbolic of their victory and pride that they never got defeated.

Another word which has raised some controversy among the scholars is "*Darma*" found on some of the Yaudheya coins. Some scholars take it to mean Dharma while others take it for '*Dama*' or '*Darma*' to be a Sanskritised form of Greek—"*Drachma*".<sup>620</sup> Again some controversy arose whether it was a Copper one or of silver.<sup>621</sup> The word '*Damma*' or '*Dramma*' has been used for a gold coin.<sup>622</sup> It may be remarked that the word borrowed from some foreign language may not strictly be used in the original sense and hence it may simply mean coin.<sup>623</sup> The Kuṣāṇas had introduced gold-coins which were later on adopted by the Guptas. But the Yaudheyas seem to have never adopted the gold currency since so far we have found no gold coin belonging to them. This may speak of their weaker economic condition ; surely they could not compare with powerful monarchies. On some of the Yaudheya coins, we have the mysterious words, "*dvi*" (two) and "*tri*" (three) after the legend "*Yaudheyagaṇasya jayaḥ*" which may point out their making a confederation with other tribes, viz., the Ārjunāyanas and the Kuṣindas.<sup>624</sup> They seem to have controlled the area lying on the banks of the river Sutlej up to the borders of the Bahawalpur State which is still called Johiyawar. The word '*Johiya*' is apparently an abbreviation of '*Jodhiya*', which is the Sanskrit Yaudheya.<sup>625</sup> Cunningham, however, takes the words '*dvi*' and '*tri*' of the above-mentioned coins to signify 'the money of the second and third tribes of the Yaudheyas'.<sup>626</sup>

M.K. Sharan<sup>627</sup> has enlisted about twenty-four types and Symbols on the coins of the Yaudheyas which may point to their religious leanings as well bear out some aspects of their social life. They are as follows :

1. Bull
2. Elephant