

It is clear that Trasadasyu must here mean 'descendant of Trasadasyu,' and not King Trasadasyu himself. The difference of the patronymics, Traivṛṣṇa and Traidhātva, by which he is referred to can best be explained by assuming that there were two kings, Trivṛṣan and Tridhātu (or possibly Tridhanvan), from whom Tryaruṇa was descended.⁸ The connexion with the Ikṣvākus is important (see **Ikṣvāku**).

⁸ See Sieg, *op. cit.*, 74-76, and **Trasadasyu**.

Try-avi designates a calf eighteen months old¹ in the Rigveda² and later Saṃhitās.³

¹ The etymological meaning is apparently 'having three sheep (periods)'—that is, 'having periods of thrice six months,' just as the adjective *pañcāvi* means 'having five periods of six months,' or 'thirty months old.'

² iii. 55, 14.

³ Kāthaka Saṃhitā, xvii. 2; xviii. 12, etc. (in the form *triyavi*); Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xiv. 10; xviii. 26, etc.

Try-āsīr, 'with three admixtures,' is an epithet of Soma in the Rigveda.¹ According to Sāyaṇa this means mixed with curds (**Dadhī**), meal (**Saktu**), and milk (**Payas**). More accurately it would seem² to denote the milk (*gavāsīr*), the barley (*yavāsīr*), and the curds (*dadhyāsīr*), which were used to mix with the Soma.

¹ v. 27, 5. Cf. perhaps viii. 2, 7 (*traya Indrasyu somāḥ sutāsah*, 'three kinds of Soma pressed for Indra').

² Hillebrandt, *Vedische Mythologie*, 1, 209; Oldenberg, *Sacred Books of the East*, 46, 422.

Tvac, 'skin,' 'hide,' (*a*) denotes specially in the Rigveda¹ the hide used in the process of extracting the **Soma** juice from the plant. The Soma was pounded with stones (*adri*) upon the skin laid on the pressing boards (*adhiṣavane phalake*),² which, however, are not mentioned in the Rigveda. Or if a pestle and mortar were used, the skin was still placed underneath them to catch the drops of juice, not above, as Pischel³ thought.

¹ i. 79, 3; iii. 21, 5; ix. 65, 25; 66, 29; 70, 7; 79, 4; 101, 11, 16, etc.

² Hillebrandt, *Vedische Mythologie*, 1, 181-183, and **Adhisavana**.

³ *Vedische Studien*, 1, 110