

**Puru-panthā** is mentioned as a generous donor to a **Bharadvāja** in one hymn of the *Rigveda* (vi. 63, 10).

**Puru-māyya** occurs in one hymn of the *Rigveda*<sup>1</sup> as a protégé of Indra. It is quite possible that he was the father of, or at least connected with, **Atithigva**, **Rkṣa**, and **Aśvamedha**, who are celebrated in the hymn.

<sup>1</sup> viii. 68, 10. Cf. Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 163.

**Puru-mitra** is mentioned twice in the *Rigveda* (i. 117, 20; x. 39, 7) as the father of a maiden who wedded **Vimada**, apparently against her father's will.

**Puru-mīlha** is mentioned twice in the *Rigveda*<sup>1</sup> as an ancient sage, in which capacity he appears in the *Atharvaveda*<sup>2</sup> also. Perhaps the same<sup>3</sup> **Purumīlha** is intended in an obscure hymn in the *Rigveda*,<sup>4</sup> where, according to the legends reported in the *Bṛhaddevatā*<sup>5</sup> and by *Ṣaḍguruśiṣya* in his commentary on the *Sarvānukramaṇī*,<sup>6</sup> and by *Sāyaṇa* in his commentary on the *Rigveda*,<sup>4</sup> he as well as **Taranta** was a son of **Vidadaśva**, and a patron of the singer **Śyāvāśva**. The correctness of the legend has been shown to be most improbable by *Oldenberg*,<sup>7</sup> who points out<sup>8</sup> that the legend misinterprets the *Rigveda* by making **Purumīlha** a **Vaidadaśvi**, for he is there only compared in generosity to one.

In another legend found in the *Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa*,<sup>9</sup> and based on a hymn of the *Rigveda*,<sup>10</sup> **Purumīlha** and **Taranta** appear as persons who received gifts from **Dhvasra** and **Puru-ṣanti**, and as sons of **Vidadaśva**. The legend, which also occurs in the *Śāṭyāyanaka*,<sup>11</sup> is apparently best explained by

<sup>1</sup> i. 151, 2; 183, 5.

<sup>2</sup> iv. 29, 4; xviii. 3, 15.

<sup>3</sup> See, however, *Weber, Episches im vedischen Ritual*, 27, n. 3; *Sieg, Die Sagenstoffe des Rgveda*, 62, n. 2

<sup>4</sup> v. 61, 9.

<sup>5</sup> v. 49 *et seq.*, with *Macdonell's* notes.

<sup>6</sup> *Editio. Macdonell*, pp. 118 *et seq.*

<sup>7</sup> *Rgveda-Noten*, 1, 353, 354. Cf. *Max Müller, Sacred Books of the East*, 32, 359.

<sup>8</sup> *Op. cit.*, 354, n. 1.

<sup>9</sup> xiii. 7, 12.

<sup>10</sup> ix. 58, 3.

<sup>11</sup> Cited by *Sāyaṇa* on *Rv.*, *loc. cit.*