

Rayi is the common word for 'wealth' in the Rigveda¹ and later.² Special mention is often made of wealth in 'heroes' (*vīra*)—*i.e.*, in 'good sons,'³ in horses,⁴ in cattle,⁵ etc.

¹ i. 73, 1; 159, 4; ii. 21, 6; iii. 1, 19; iv. 2, 7; 34, 10; 36, 1; vi. 6, 7; 31, 1, etc.

² Av. iii. 14, 1; vi. 33, 3; vii. 80, 2; Taittiriya Saṃhitā, vii. 1, 72; Vāja-

saneyi Saṃhitā, ix. 22; xiv. 22; xxvii. 6, etc.

³ Rv. ii. 11, 13; 30, 11; iv. 51, 10, etc.

⁴ Rv. v. 41, 5; viii. 6, 9, etc.

⁵ Rv. v. 4, 11, etc.

Raśanā means generally 'cord' or 'rope.' In the Rigveda the word often refers to various fastenings of a horse. In one passage¹ the expression *śiṛṣanyā raśanā*, 'head rope,' perhaps means not so much 'reins' as 'headstall.' In others² the sense of 'traces' seems certain, though sometimes³ 'reins' or 'traces' may equally well be intended. Elsewhere the more general sense of 'rope' for stening is meant.⁴

¹ i. 162, 8. Cf. Rajju.

² Rv. i. 163, 2, 5; x. 79, 7.

³ Rv. iv. 1, 9; ix. 87, 1; x. 18, 14. Cf. Taittiriya Saṃhitā, i. 6, 4, 3.

⁴ Rv. ii. 28, 5; Av. viii. 78, 1; x. 9, 2; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xxi. 46; xxii. 2;

xxviii. 33; Taittiriya Saṃhitā, vi. 6, 4, 3; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, iii. 6, 3, 10, etc. Cf. the use of Raśanā as equivalent to 'finger' in Rv. x. 4, 6.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 249.

1. **Raśmi** is not rarely found in the sense of 'rope'¹ generally; but more usually it denotes either the 'reins' or the 'traces'² of a chariot, either sense being equally good in most passages.

¹ Rv. i. 28, 4; iv. 22, 8; viii. 25, 18, etc.; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, iv. 19, 3, etc.

² Rv. viii. 7, 8; x. 130, 7, etc.; Taittiriya Saṃhitā, i. 6, 4, 3; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xxiii. 14; Taittiriya

Brāhmaṇa, i. 2, 4, 2, etc. In Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, ii. 37, 1, the two inner (*antarau*) reins or traces of the chariot are mentioned.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 249.

2. **Raśmi** in the Rigveda¹ and later² regularly denotes a 'ray' of the sun.

¹ i. 35, 7; iv. 52, 7; vii. 36, 1; 77, 3, etc.

² Av. ii. 32, 1; xii. 1, 15; Taittiriya

Brāhmaṇa, iii. 1, 1, 1; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, ix. 2, 3, 14, etc.