

vanced in age, (Msb, K,) and (Msb) in a declining state (S, Msb) by reason of age: like عَتَا. (S.) [See also an explanation of عَتَا more agreeable with the first and second of the significations mentioned in this paragraph.] — And عَسَا اللَّيْلُ The night became intensely dark: (K:) but عَسَا is more known [in this sense]. (TA.)

عَسُو i. q. شَمْعٌ [Wax, or wax-candles]. (K.)

عَا Dates while green and small: (S:) said in the K, in art. عَسَى, and [before] by Hr as is stated in the handwriting of Aboo-Zekereyya, to be correctly with غ; but mentioned by Sb in the "Book of Palm-trees," and by AHn in the "Book of Plants," as being with ع and غ. (TA.) — [Also, as stated by Freytag on the authority of Dmr, The female locust.]

عَسُوَة Age; old age. (TA. [See 1.])

عَاسٍ [part. n. of 1:] Thick, coarse, or rough. (TA.) — And The fruit-stalk of the raceme of a palm-tree: (A'Obeid, S, and TA in art. عَسَى:) of the dial. of Belhārith Ibn-Kaāb. (TA.) — And (TA) Palm-trees (تَخْلُ). (K, TA, both in art. عَسَى.)

أَعْسَاءُ [a pl. of which the sing. is not mentioned:] Hard [hollows, or cavities, in stone, or in rugged ground, that retain the water of the rain, such as are termed] أَرْزَان. (TA.)

عسى

1. عَسَى is [said by some to be] one of the verbs of appropinquation, implying eager desire, or hope, and fear, and not perfectly inflected, for it is applied in the form of the preterite to that which occurs in the present: one says عَسَى زَيْدٌ [meaning, accord. to what has been said above, Zeyd is near to going forth, though generally otherwise expl., as will be shown in what follows], and عَسَتْ فُلَانَةٌ أَنْ تَخْرُجَ [Such a woman is near to going forth]; زَيْدٌ being the agent of عَسَى, and أَنْ تَخْرُجَ being its objective complement and meaning الخُرُوجُ: and one says also, عَسَيْتُ أَنْ أَفْعَلَ ذَاكَ [as meaning, accord. to what here precedes, I am near to doing that], and عَسَيْتُ, with kesr, agreeably with readings [in the Kūr xlvi. 24], عَسَيْتُمْ and قَبْلَ عَسَيْتُمْ, with kesr and fet-h; and one says to a woman, عَسَيْتِ أَنْ تَفْعَلِي ذَاكَ; and [to women,] عَسَيْتِنَّ; but one does not use the form يَفْعَلُ thereof, nor the form فَاعِلٌ; (S:) both of which [however] are mentioned [as used] by the author of the "Inṣāf:" (IAk p. 88:) [or, accord. to Fei,] عَسَى is a preterite verb, [used in the sense of the present,] aplastic, not perfectly inflected, of the verbs of appropinquation, implying hope, and eager desire, and sometimes opinion, and certainty; and it is incomplete [i. e. non-attributive], and complete [i. e. attributive]: the incomplete has for its predicate an aor. maṣoob by means of أَنْ, as in the saying, عَسَى زَيْدٌ أَنْ يَقُومَ, meaning زَيْدٌ قَارِبٌ

الْقِيَامُ [Zeyd is near to standing], the predicate being an objective complement or having the meaning of an objective complement: or, as some say, the meaning is عَسَى زَيْدٌ أَنْ يَقُومَ, i. e. [virtually, but not literally,] I eagerly desire, or I hope, that Zeyd may be performing the act of standing: [but see عَلَّ and لَعَلَّ in art. عَل, as well as what follows in this paragraph after the explanation of the next ex.:] the complete is such as occurs in the saying, عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ زَيْدٌ [meaning, accord. to what is said above, Zeyd's standing is near to being a fact]; the agent being literally a phrase composed of a subject and an attribute because أَنْ is here what is termed قِيَامٌ [so that عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ زَيْدٌ is equivalent to مَصْدَرِيَّةٌ زَيْدٌ]: (Msb:) — [in the MA and PS and TK &c., عَسَى is expl. as meaning It may be that; and this, or simply may-be, or may-hap, or perhaps, I regard as the preferable rendering; as being virtually the meaning in all cases: for عَسَى زَيْدٌ أَنْ يَقُومَ, in which it is used as an incomplete verb, however it may be rendered, virtually means It may be that Zeyd is, or will be, standing; or may-be Zeyd &c.: and عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ زَيْدٌ, in which it is used as a complete verb, virtually means the same, though more properly rendered Zeyd's standing may be a fact: its usages are various, and have occasioned much dispute respecting its grammatical character and its meaning or meanings; as will be shown by what here follows:] — it is [said to be] a verb unrestrictedly, or a particle unrestrictedly: (K:) [but this statement seems to have originated from a mistranscription: IHsh says,] it is a verb unrestrictedly: not a particle unrestrictedly, contrary to the opinion of Ibn-Es-Sarrāj and Th; nor when it has an affixed pronoun, as in عَسَاكَ, contrary to an opinion of Sb, ascribed to him by Seer: (Mughnee:) it denotes hope in the case of that which is liked, and fear in the case of that which is disliked; as in the saying in the Kūr [ii. 213], وَعَسَى أَنْ تَكْرَهُوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ خَيْرٌ لَكُمْ وَعَسَى أَنْ تُحِبُّوا شَيْئًا وَهُوَ شَرٌّ لَكُمْ [But it may be that ye dislike a thing when it is good for you, and it may be that ye like a thing when it is evil for you]: (Mughnee, K:*) — it is used in various ways; one of which is the saying, عَسَى زَيْدٌ أَنْ يَقُومَ [mentioned above], respecting the analysis of which there are different opinions: that of the generality is, that it is like كَانَ يَقُومُ [inasmuch as عَسَى is here an incomplete verb]; but this is deemed dubious, because the predicate [عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ] is rendered by an inf. n., and the subject [زَيْدٌ] is a substance; to which several replies have been made; one being that a prefixed noun is meant to be understood, either before the subject, so that the meaning is, عَسَى أَمْرٌ زَيْدٌ الْقِيَامُ [It may be that the case of Zeyd is, or will be, the performing of the act of standing], or before the predicate, so that the meaning is عَسَى زَيْدٌ صَاحِبُ الْقِيَامِ [It may be that Zeyd is, or will be, the performer of the act of standing]; and another reply is, that it is of the class of زَيْدٌ عَدْلٌ and

عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ [meaning عَادِلٌ and صَائِرٌ, for عَسَى is equivalent to an inf. n., and an inf. n. may be used in the sense of an act. part. n.]; and another is, that أَنْ is here redundant, which reply is [said to be] nought, because ان has rendered the aor. maṣoob, and because it seldom falls out [from the phrase, though it should be remarked that لَعَلَّ, which is said in the Mughnee to be like عَسَى in meaning, is generally followed by a simple aor. and sometimes by أَنْ and an aor.]: another opinion respecting the analysis of the phrase is, that عَسَى is a trans. verb, like قَارِبٌ in meaning and in government, [agreeably with the explanations mentioned above from the S and Msb,] or intrans. like قَرِبَ مِنْ with the preposition suppressed; and this is the opinion of Sb and Mbr: the opinion of the generality is, that it is an incomplete verb [like كَانَ in the phrase كَانَ يَقُومَ, mentioned above], and that أَنْ and the verb following it compose a substitute of implication supplying what is wanting in the two preceding portions of the sentence: — the second way of using it is, the making it to have أَنْ and the verb following this for its object, [as in عَسَى أَنْ يَقُومَ زَيْدٌ, mentioned above], so that it is a complete verb: — the third and fourth and fifth are when it is followed by a simple aor., [being in this case likened to كَادَ, (S, K, TA,)] or an aor. with س prefixed, or a single noun; as in عَسَى زَيْدٌ يَقُومُ [It may be that Zeyd stands, or will stand] and عَسَى زَيْدٌ سَيَقُومُ [It may be that Zeyd will stand] and عَسَى زَيْدٌ قَائِمٌ [It may be that Zeyd is standing]; the first whereof is one of which there are few exs., such as the saying,

• عَسَى الْكَرْبُ الَّذِي أُمْسَيْتَ فِيهِ •
• يَكُونُ وَرَاءَهُ فَرْجٌ قَرِيبٌ •

[It may be that the state of anxiety in which thou hast become (or, as some relate it, أُمْسَيْتَ i. e. I have become,) is such that after it will be a near removal thereof]; and the third is one of which there are fewer exs., [and which is said in the S to be not allowable,] such as the saying,

• أَكْثَرَتْ فِي الْعَذْلِ مِلْحًا دَائِمًا •
• لَا تُكْثِرَنَّ إِنِّي عَسَيْتُ صَائِمًا •

[or, as some relate it, عَسَيْتُ, which is more common, i. e. Thou hast been profuse in censuring, persisting constantly: be not thou profuse: verily it may be that I am, or shall be, abstaining]; and as to the prov., عَسَى الْغَوْبَرُ أَبْوًا, [expl. in art. بَأْس, and of which it is said in the K that the verb therein is used in the manner of كَانَ, and in the S that the phrase is extr., that أَبْوًا is there put in the place of the predicate, and that there sometimes occurs in provs. what does not occur elsewhere], the right opinion is that يَكُونُ is suppressed before أَبْوًا; and [in the latter of the two verses cited above] أَكُونُ is suppressed before صَائِمًا; because thus the primary usage is preserved, and because what is hoped is the person's being an abstainer, not the abstainer him-