

The Asuras having been turned out from this place, entered the Shastra of the Brâhmaṇâchhaṁsî. Indra said, "Who will join me, that we both might turn the Asuras out from this place?" Bṛihaspati answered, "I (will join you)." Thence the Brâhmaṇâchhaṁsî repeats at the evening libation an Aindra-Bârhaspatya hymn. Indra and Bṛihaspati turned the Asuras out from it.

The Asuras after having been turned out from it, entered the Shastra of the Achhâvâka. Indra said, "Who will join me, that we both might turn out the Asuras from here?" Vishṇu answered, "I (will join you)." Thence the Achhâvâka repeats at the evening libation an Aindrâ-Vaishṇava hymn.²³ Indra and Vishṇu turned the Asuras out from this place.

The deities who are (successively) praised along with Indra, form (each) a pair with (him). A pair is a couple consisting of a male and female. From this pair such a couple is produced for production. He who has such a knowledge is blessed with children and cattle.

The Rituyâjas of both the Potar and Neshtar amount to four.²⁴ The (Yâjyâs to be recited by them along with the other Hotars) are six verses. This is a Virât which contains the number ten. Thus they complete the sacrifice with a Virât, which contains the number ten (three times ten).

²² This is *ud apruto na vayo* (10, 68).

²³ This is *saṁ vâm karmaṇâ* (6, 69).

²⁴ The Potar has to repeat the second and eighth, the Neshtar the third and ninth Rituyâja, see page 135-36. At each of the three Shastras of the Ukthya each of these two priests has also to recite a Yâjyâ. This makes six. If they are added to the four Rituyâjas, then the number *ten* is obtained, which represents the Virât.