

Bhartṛ, besides having the literal sense of 'bearer,' means 'supporter' or 'master' in the older literature¹; but it is doubtful whether the sense of 'husband' is ever found there. In one passage of the *Rigveda*² 'husband' is certainly the most natural sense, but, as Delbrück³ correctly remarks, even there 'father' may be meant, since 'mother' is here and there⁴ called **Bhartrī**.

¹ Av. xi. 7, 15; xviii. 2, 30; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, ii. 3, 4, 7 (where 'husband' is possible); iv. 6, 7, 21, etc.

² v. 58, 7.

³ *Die indogermanischen Verwandtschaftsnamen*, 415, n. 1.

⁴ Av. v. 5, 2; Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 1, 1, 4.

Bhalānas, plural, is the name in the *Rigveda*¹ of one of the five tribes, **Pakthas**, **Bhalānases**, **Alinas**, **Viṣāṇins**, and **Śivas**, who are mentioned as ranged on the side² of the enemies of **Sudās** in the battle of the ten kings (**Dāśarājña**), not opposed to them, as Roth,³ and at one time Zimmer,⁴ thought. Zimmer⁵ suggests as their original home East Kabulistan, comparing the name of the Bolan pass. This seems a reasonably probable view.

¹ vii. 18, 7.

² Hopkins, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 15, 260, 261, who takes the form of the name to be **Bhalāna** (but the text of the Rv. has *bhalānāśah*), and who overlooks Zimmer's later view.

³ *Zur Litteratur und Geschichte des Weda*, 95.

⁴ Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 126.

⁵ *Op. cit.*, 431. Cf. Ludwig, *Translation of the Rigveda*, 3, 173, 207.

Bhava-trāta Śāyasthi is the name of a teacher in the *Varṇsa Brāhmaṇa*.¹

¹ *Indische Studien*, 4, 372; Max Müller, *Ancient Sanskrit Literature*, 443.

Bhastrā in the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa* (i. i, 2, 7; 6, 3, 10) denotes a leathern bottle or pouch.

Bhākuri. See **Bekurā**.