

Pary-āṅka is the name of the seat of the Brahman in the Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad.¹ It seems to correspond to what is elsewhere called **Āsandi**;² as used in the Upaniṣad, it can, however, hardly mean a long seat for reclining on, but rather a throne.³

¹ i. 5.

² Av. xv. 3. 3. Cf. xiv. 2. 65; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, viii. 5. 6. 12.

³ Cf. Weber, *Indische Studien*, I, 397.

401; Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 155; Lanman in Whitney, Translation of the Atharvaveda, 765, 776.

Pary-āsa is used in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa (iii. 1, 2, 18) to denote the woof of cloth, the warp being called *anuchāda*.

1. **Parvata** in the Rigveda¹ and the Atharvaveda² is conjoined with *giri* in the sense of 'hill' or 'mountain.' From the Rigveda³ onwards⁴ it is common in this sense as connected with the waters of rivers which flow in the hills.⁵ The legend of the mountains having wings is already found in the Saṃhitās.⁶ In the Kauṣītaki Upaniṣad⁷ are mentioned the southern (*dakṣiṇa*) and the northern (*uttara*) mountains, evidently in allusion to the Himālaya and the Vindhya ranges. The plants (*oṣadhi*) and aromatic products (*añjana*) of the mountains are referred to in the Atharvaveda,⁸ and their mineral treasures in the Rigveda.⁹

¹ i. 37. 7; v. 56. 4.

² Av. iv. 6. 8; vi. 12. 3; 17. 3; ix. 1, 18; xii. 1, 11.

³ i. 39. 5; 52. 2; 155. 1; 191. 9; ii. 12. 2. 3; 17. 5, etc.

⁴ Av. i. 14. 1; iii. 21. 10; iv. 9. 8; viii. 7. 17; Taittirīya Saṃhitā, iii. 4. 5. 1; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xvii. 1; xviii. 13, etc.

⁵ Rv. vii. 34. 23; 35. 8; viii. 18. 16;

31. 10; x. 35. 2; 36. 1, etc.; Pischel, *Vedische Studien*, i. 80; 2. 66.

⁶ Kāṭhaka Saṃhitā, xxxvi. 9; Maitrāyaṇi Saṃhitā, i. 10. 13; and Rv. iv. 54. 5, as explained by Pischel, *Vedische Studien*, i. 174.

⁷ ii. 13; Weber, *Indische Studien*, i. 407; Keith, *Sāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka*, 28, n. 1.

⁸ xix. 44. 6; 45. 7. ⁹ x. 69. 6.

2. **Parvata** in one passage of the Rigveda¹ denotes, according to Ludwig,² a sacrificer whose generosity is praised. But it is probable that the god Parvata, the spirit of the mountain, is meant.³

¹ vii. 87. 8

² Translation of the Rigveda, 3. 159.

³ St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.