

**Manthāvala** is the name of an animal in the Aitareya Brāhmaṇa,<sup>1</sup> a sort of snake according to the St. Petersburg Dictionary. Sāyaṇa<sup>2</sup> understands it to be a kind of animal which hangs head downwards from the branches of trees, meaning, presumably, the flying fox.<sup>3</sup> Cf. **Mānthāla**, **Mānthilava**.

<sup>1</sup> iii. 26, 3.

<sup>2</sup> P. 291 (ed. Aufrecht). Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 86.

<sup>3</sup> This is the probable meaning of the word according to Böhtlingk, Dictionary, s.v.

**Manthin** in the Rigveda<sup>1</sup> and later<sup>2</sup> denotes Soma juice mixed with meal (**Saktu**) by stirring.

<sup>1</sup> iii. 32, 2; ix. 46, 4. Tilak's conjecture that the planets are referred to here is absurd. See *Orion*, 162; Whitney, *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 16, xciv.

<sup>2</sup> Taittiriya Saṃhitā, iii. 1, 6, 3; vi. 4, 10, 1; vii. 2, 7, 3; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, vii. 18; viii. 57; xiii. 57; xviii. 19; Aitareya Brāhmaṇa, iii. 1, 6, etc.

**Mandira** is perhaps the name of a man whose cattle, according to a Mantra in the Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra (xiii. 3, 21), did not drink the water of the **Gaṅgā** (Ganges). See **Maṅgira**.

1. **Mandhātṛ** occurs in several passages of the Rigveda,<sup>1</sup> in all of which Roth<sup>2</sup> takes the word as merely an adjective used substantively, 'the pious man.' In one passage<sup>3</sup> the word, being applied to Agni, is thus used, but in another<sup>4</sup> *Mandhātṛvat* being parallel with *Aṅgirasvat*, 'like Aṅgiras,' is naturally to be understood as a proper name, which is probably also the sense of the word in the preceding hymn.<sup>5</sup> A different **Mandhātṛ**<sup>6</sup> may be meant in the first Maṇḍala,<sup>7</sup> where he is mentioned as a protégé of the Aśvins, and evidently as a king. To equate these persons, and make a Rājarsi out of **Mandhātṛ**, as Ludwig<sup>8</sup> and Griffith<sup>9</sup> do, is unnecessary and improbable.

<sup>1</sup> i. 112, 13; viii. 39, 8; 40, 12; x. 2, 2.

<sup>2</sup> St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.

<sup>3</sup> Rv. x. 2, 2.

<sup>4</sup> Rv. viii. 40, 12.

<sup>5</sup> Rv. viii. 39, 8.

<sup>6</sup> Rv. i. 112, 13.

<sup>7</sup> Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 107, where he attributes Rv. viii. 39-42 to him as a **Nābhāka**, 'descendant of **Nābhāka**.'

<sup>8</sup> *Hymns of the Rigveda*, i, 147.