

Daśatayī in the Nirukta¹ frequently denotes the text of the Rigveda as divided into ten Maṇḍalas.

¹ vii. 8. 20; xi. 16; xii. 40.

Daśa-dyu appears twice in the Rigveda¹ as the name of a hero, but nothing can be made out regarding him or his relation to Vetasu, who is mentioned in one passage along with him.

¹ i. 33, 14; vi. 26, 4. Cf. Oldenberg, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, 55, 328.

Daśan, 'ten,' forms the basis of the numerical system of the Vedic Indians, as it does of the Āryan people generally. But it is characteristic of India¹ that there should be found at a very early period long series of names for very high numerals, whereas the Āryan knowledge did not go beyond 1,000. In the Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā² the list is 1; 10; 100; 1,000; 10,000 (*ayuta*); 100,000 (*niyuta*); 1,000,000 (*prayuta*); 10,000,000 (*arbuda*); 100,000,000 (*nyarbuda*); 1,000,000,000 (*samudra*); 10,000,000,000 (*madhya*); 100,000,000,000 (*anta*); 1,000,000,000,000 (*parārdha*). In the Kāthaka Saṃhitā³ the list is the same, but *niyuta* and *prayuta* exchange places, and after *nyarbuda* a new figure (*badva*) intervenes, thus increasing *samudra* to 10,000,000,000, and so on. The Taittirīya Saṃhitā has in two places⁴ exactly the same list as the Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā. The Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā⁵ has the list *ayuta*, *prayuta*, then *ayuta* again, *arbuda*, *nyarbuda*, *samudra*, *madhya*, *anta*, *parārdha*. The Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa⁶ has the Vājasaneyi list up to *nyarbuda* inclusive, then follow *nikharvaka*, *badva*, *akṣita*, and apparently *go* = 1,000,000,000,000. The Jaiminīya Upaniṣad Brāhmaṇa⁷ list

¹ Thibaut, *Astronomie, Astrologie und Mathematik*, 70.

² xvii. 2 et seq. Cf. xxii. 34; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, ix. 1, 2, 16.

³ xxxix. 6. In xvii. 10 the number *badva* disappears, and the list corresponds with that of the Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, except for the fact that *niyuta* and *prayuta* change places.

⁴ iv. 4, 11, 4; vii. 2, 20, 1.

⁵ ii. 8, 14.

⁶ xvii. 14, 2.

⁷ i. 10, 28. 29. Cf. Aitareya Āraṇyaka, v. 3, 2; Hopkins, *Transactions of the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences*, 15, 30, n. 2; Keith, *Aitareya Āraṇyaka* 293, 294.