

passage of the Rigveda¹⁶ references to **Dirghatamas'** having been subjected to the fire and water ordeals, but this view cannot be supported. According to Weber,¹⁷ the 'balance' ordeal is referred to in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa,¹⁸ but see Tulā.

¹⁶ i. 158, 4 *et seq.*

¹⁷ *Indische Streifen*, i, 21; 2, 363.

¹⁸ xi. 2, 7, 33.

Cf. Jolly, Recht und Sitte, 145; *Zeit-*

schrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 44, 347, 348; Stenzler, *ibid.*, 9, 669 *et seq.*

Divya Śvan, the 'divine dog,' in one passage of the Atharvaveda¹ appears to denote *Canis major* or Sirius. But Bloomfield² thinks that the two divine dogs referred to in the Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā³ and the Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa⁴ are the sun and moon, and that the sun is meant in the Atharvaveda.

¹ vi. 80, i.

² *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 15, 163; *Hymns of the Atharvaveda*, 500, 501.

³ i. 6, 9.

⁴ i. 1, 2, 4-6.

Cf. Zimmer, Altindisches Leben, 353; Whitney, Translation of the Atharvaveda, 341.

Diś, 'direction,' is a word very frequently used in the Rigveda and later¹ to denote a quarter of the sky. As a general rule, four quarters are mentioned—east, south, west, north.² But the number of the 'directions' is sometimes increased up to ten by the addition to these four of various others. The five points include the zenith (*ūrdhvā*);³ the six, the zenith and the nadir (*ūrdhvā* and *avācī*);⁴ the seven, the zenith, the ground on which one stands (*dhruvā*), and the air (*antarikṣa*) between these two (*vyādhvā*);⁵ the eight include the intermediate quarters (S.E., S.W., N.E., N.W.);⁶ the nine add to these the zenith;⁷ the ten, zenith and nadir.⁸ The number

¹ Rv. i. 124, 3; 183, 5; iii. 30, 12; Av. iii. 31, 4; xi. 2, 12, *etc.*

² Rv. vii. 72, 5; x. 36, 14; 42, 11; Av. xv. 2, 1 *et seq.*, *etc.*

³ Taittirīya Saṃhitā, vii. 1, 15; Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, ii. 8, 9.

⁴ Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā, iii. 12, 8; Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā, xxii. 24; Bṛhad-āraṇyaka Upaniṣad, iv. 2, 4.

⁵ Rv. ix. 114, 3; Av. iv. 40, 1;

Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, vii. 4, 1, 20; ix. 5, 2, 8; Taittirīya Āraṇyaka, i. 7.

⁶ Taittirīya Saṃhitā, vii. 1, 15; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, i. 8, 1, 40, *etc.*

⁷ Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra, xvi. 28, 2.

⁸ Rv. i. 164, 14; viii. 101, 13; Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, vi. 2, 2, 34; viii. 4, 2, 13, *etc.*