

# Das Beschworungsritual fur die Gottin Wisuriyanza

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tioned.] He goes beyond Levita to discuss in detail "La Massorah et ses problèmes." This section is valuable reading for anyone involved in these problems independent of an interest in Levita. They will find of particular use the extended passages from Qirqisāni's Kitāb al-Anwār translated from the Arabic. An appendix (344–380) contains the translation of the Introduction to Levita's unpublished Massoretic concordance Zikhrōnōt. Much of the material in this last chapter and the appendix is included in G.E. Weil, Initiation à la Massorah, Brill (Leiden, 1964).

The book contains a very detailed Bibliography (384-398) dealing with the various matters taken up in it. C. Roth (JSS X, 1965, 127-128) and F. Secret (REJ III, 1964, 222-225) have offered valuable corrections and supplementary items. I would add the following which were either overlooked by Weil or appeared after his work was published: 1) A. Berliner, "Beiträge zur hebräischen Typographie Daniel Bombergs," JJLG III, 1904, 293–308. [In Hebrew with additional notes by A.M. Habermann in A. Berliner, Kětābīm Nibḥārīm (Jerusalem, 1949) 163–175]; 2) J. Bloch, Venetian Printers of Hebrew Books, N.Y. 1932; 3) N.B. Minkoff, Elye Bokher un zayn Bove-Bukh (N.Y., 1950); 4) Attilio Milano, Storia degli ebrei in Italia, Torino, 1963; 5) M.F. Martin, "The Palaeographic Character of Codex Neofiti 1" Textus III, 1963, 1–35 (done for Egidio da Viterbo under the supervision of E. Levita); 5b) G.E. Weil, "le Codex Neophiti I à propos de l'article de M. Fitzmaurice Martin," Textus IV, 1964, 225-228 (denying Martin's identification); 6) Benjamin Hrushovski, "The Creation of Accentual Iambs in European Poetry and their First Employment in a Yiddish Romance in Italy (1508-09)," For Max Weinreich (The Hague, 1964) 108-146 (an appreciation of Levita's poetic technique); 7) H. Yalon, "Mah bēn R. Šlomo Almoli leR. Elivāhū Baḥūr," Leshonēnu 27/28, 1964, 225-229; 8) H. Yalon, "R. Šlomo Almoli veR. Eliyāhū Bahūr" in R. Šlomo Almoli, Šegel ha-Qodeš (Jerusalem, 1965) 84-87; 9) H. Shmeruk, "Ha-Shīr 'al ha-śrēfā bĕ-Venişiya le-Eliya ha-Bahūr," KOBEZ AL YAD VI, 2, (Jerusalem, 1966) 345-368 (a dirge on the great fire of Venice in 1514). Weil has, at times,

not used the most recent edition of some of the works listed in the Bibliography, e.g. H. J. D. Azulai's Shem ha-Gedolim (p. 385): reference should have been to I. Ben-Jacob's Vilna edition of 1853. One would also have expected here a reference to H. Michael's 'Or ha-Ḥayim (Frankfort a.M. 1891 [reprinted Jerusalem, 1965]) where Levita's works are discussed (pp. 166–170).

The volume is provided with very useful and detailed indices (pp. 399–426). An added feature is almost forty illustrations scattered throughout the text (listed on pp. 427–28) which add greatly to the interest and usefulness of the book. Prof. Weil has done students of Jewish literature, the Massorah and the rise of European Humanism a great service in providing a first rate biography and study of a figure all too little known. It will surely be the standard work on Levita for years to come.

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Das Beschwörungsritual für die Göttin Wišuriyanza. By Onofrio Carruba (Studien zu den Boğazkôy-Texten, Heft 2). Pp. 71. Wiesbaden: Otto Harrassowitz, 1966.

In the brief space of two years (1965-66) there have now appeared two fine contributions to this new series produced under the aggis of the Commission for the Ancient Orient of the Academy of Sciences and Literature at Mainz. The first was an edition of Queen Puduhepa's vow to the goddess Lelwani executed by the team of H. Otten and Vl. Souček. The second is a study of the new incantation ritual for the goddess Wišuriyanza by a student of Otten's, O. Carruba, who now teaches in Pavia, Italy. As the author has noted (p. 1), this incantation ritual by virtue of the locus of its action (A-NA PA-NI ID [obv 6]; ID-i pi-ra-an [obv 26]) belongs to the same general category as the incantation rituals for underworld deities and the Tunnawi ritual. Compare also the fire incantation (XVII 8 rev iv 22ff.) published in transliteration by E. Laroche

(RHA f.77 [1965] 167f.). As for the nature of the goddess Wišuriyanza, the author is probably correct in surmising (p. 21) that the epithet nakkiš ("heavy"), used of other deities (dU, dUTU, dTelepinu, dDahaqawili, etc.) in a complimentary sense "important," possesses a more negative nuance here: "difficult, treacherous." Supporting this thesis is the appellation huwappaš SAL-za applied to Wišuriyanza in obv. 34, although the same adjective is also applied to an unnamed deity in *Hatt.* I 40, IV 12–13 ( $^{\triangle}_{\Delta}huwappi$ DINGIRLIM). The connection of this goddess with the Mesopotamian cultic center Sippar rests upon the interpretation of the river name <sup>1D</sup>Zippira (obv 18) as "river of Sippar," an interpretation which will not be easy to defend precisely because Hittite possessed several other names for the Euphrates (Puratti, Puranti, Mala [pp. 25-6). The etymology of the DN, including a definitive study of the verb wišuriya- "to press, squeeze, choke" is pursued on pp. 49-54. Supplementing these remarks is the observation made by Friedrich(?) in HWb Erg. 3 (1966) 37 that a goddess known from the Phoenician incantation from Arslan Taş is called HNQT 'MR "strangler (fem.) of the lamb." For the hand copies of the texts KBo XV 25, 26, and 27 we will have to await the publication of KBo XV, scheduled to appear sometime in 1967. They were not available to the reviewer at the time this review was submitted.

The author's translations are of a high quality. They can be questioned at only a few points. One must exercise particular care in rendering the constructions with kaša and kašma. In this text ka-a-ša is found in obv 8, 22, and 34, in the first two instances construed with the preterite tense and in the third with the present. The interjections kaša and kašma, when construed with the preterite, often convey the notion of the Greek perfect tense, i.e., stressing a situation existing as the result of a past action. The author's translation of obv 22 should be altered accordingly to "der Opferherr hat euch ein Opfer gegeben." Below is a brief classification of the verbal constructions with kaša and kašma:

#### A. The uses of kaša:

## 1. With the present:

- a. "To be ready or prepared to": KUB I 16 ii 23.
- b. "To be about to, on the point of": KUB I 16 iii 67; Illuyanka obv. i 7; 1st Plague Prayer of Muřš., obv. 5f.; Tawag., i 17-18; KBo XV obv. 34f.
- c. "To be planning to": *Illuyanka*, obv. i 21–22.
- d. (With qualitative verbs) "to have become": *Disap. of Sun*, B i 24 ("has become hot").
- e. (With ki- without -kan) "to have been (set out)": 1st Vers. of Telep. Myth, A ii 13f.

# 2. With the preterite:

- a. "to have (done something)" (often followed by an imperative): *Madd.*, obv. 15, 19, 43; KUB XXX 19 + rev. iv 1-2; XXX 24a + obv. i 9-11; Bo 2327 + obv. ii 6-9, 14-17; KBo XV obv. i 8ff., 22f.
- b. (Same as 2a, but not followed by imper.): 2nd Plague Prayer of Murš., §6, line 3; Tel. & daught. of Ocean, A i 19-20; Bo 2327 + obv. i 22f.;
- c. (With qualitative verbs): Tel. Procl., ii 33 ("bloodshed has become widespread").
- 3. With the imperative: KUB XXX 16 + obv. i 10-11.

#### B. The uses of kašma:

- 1. With the present:
  - a. "Will have done something": Kup., §15, etc.; Targ., 4, 9, 13, etc.; ("you will have transgressed the oath of the gods").
  - b. (With eš- [act. & without -za, -kan, etc.]): Kup., §10, C 13 ("[the city] is situated [on a river]").

### 2. With the preterite:

- a. Same as A 2b: Bo 2327 + obv. i 32-33 (cf. 22-23).
- b. Same as A 2a: *Kup.*, §6, C 6; *Madd.*, obv 70f.

In the remainder of this review I will simply comment upon various aspects of Dr. Carruba's Kommentar (pp. 8–57). The Arabic numerals at the beginning of each paragraph refer to the page number of Carruba's book to which my additions and corrections are directed.

- 8: On the composites in Anatolian GNs:
  - 1) Containing -hila: URU Lum-na-hi-la can equally well be read as URUSIG<sub>4</sub>-na-hi-la (cf. Goetze, JCS 18, 1964, 92). This GN may in turn be interpreted phonetically as URU Kal-pa-aš-ša-na-hi-la (KBo X 10 obv iv 7). Does this equation yield the Hittite pronunciation of the Sumerogram SIG<sub>4</sub> "mud-brick"? Yet another reading for this sign has been proposed by Dietrich and Loretz, WdO 3 (1966), 228<sup>97</sup> (GUZ in TGGUZ.ZA, which is found at Boğazköy in XVII 14 rev iv 4; XXXV 133 obv i 20; XXXVIII 13 rev 13). Yet another GN in -hila- not in RHA f.69, 82 is: URU Zi-hi-la (XII 3:9).
  - 2) Containing -h(a)pa: Add URU Ha-ra-ašha-pa-aš (KBo III 54 obv 13) and URU Zuuh-ha-pa (JCS 10, 1956, 127).
  - 3) Perhaps also GNs in -hari (hari- "valley"): URU Ha-ri-ya (KBo X 23 vi 23).
  - 4) Perhaps GN in -šakuwa (šakui-"spring"?):

    URUNe ni-ša-ku-wa (VI 45 obv ii 62),
    nasalized URUNe-ni-ša-an-ku-wa (KBo I 58:1). Also simple URUŠankawa and
    URUŠankušna.
  - 5) In -luli-: <sup>1D</sup>Šu-up-pi-lu-li-ya (XVII 20 rev iii 14; XXII 51 obv 11).
- 11: That a pugHAB.HAB can have a long neck (GÚ.GÍD.DA) for purposes of pouring (a spout?) is clear from XX 50 rev 2 and 6. For another example of iya- with GIŠZA. LAM.GAR see V. Souček, MIO 9 (1963), 164-74, esp. obv i 24-5. Must we always translate GIŠ"ZA.LAM.GAR as "tent" ("Zelt")? The GIŠZA.LAM.GAR of Elkunirša in XXXVI 35 obv i 7 most probably corresponds to the trellissed arbor designated by qrš in Ugaritic (see the writer's remarks in RHA f.76 [1965] 815). Then too we know of GIŠZA.LAM.GAR AR ŠA GI ("reed huts") in XII 58 obv i 16 and XXXV 43 obv ii 32-33, rev iii 38-9.

- 18: With Sapalulme/Šuppiluliuma compare also Lubarna/Labarna. In RHA f.72 (1963), 34 (see also my further remarks in JAOS 87 (1967) 184) I have proposed yet another example of the a/u alternation: the verb hapallašai-"to injure (on the head)," which is a denominative verb (like haršanallai- from haršanalli-) based upon the noun \*hapallaš-, a variant of huppallaš- "skull"(HWb Erg. 2, 13).
- 20: Other examples of "cheese-bread" are to be found in: XXX 25+, obv 16 (nu 1 [NINDA] a-a-an 1 NINDA.KUR<sub>4</sub>.RA GA.KIN.AG "UTU-i me-na-ah-ha-an-da pár-ši-ya-an-zi); XXX 24a+, obv i 6f. (nu 3 NINDA a-a-an 1 NINDA.KUR<sub>4</sub>.RA GA.KIN.AG). Another example of the two being kept separate by the conjunction is KBo II 3 rev iii 12f (SAL ŠU.GI 1 NINDA.KUR<sub>4</sub>.RA tar-na-aš GA. KIN.AG-ya [A-N]A EN.SISKUR pa-ra-a e-ep-zi).
- 21: On piran takšanniya- see also Goetze, JCS 16 (1962) 25. The expression nu-šmaš kalmareš piran takšatniyantaru, "before you (oh gods) let the mountains be levelled," is echoed almost seven centuries later in the biblical topos of Isaiah 40:4ff.
- 22: The analysis of the nouns in -uzzi- is most interesting. Undiscussed is (among others) kattaluzzi- "threshold." Could this be from katta la- "to put down" (opposite of šara karp- in XX 39 obv. ii 5)? The intaluzzi-shovel may derive from a Hurrian word which seems to be found at Mari. In ARMT XIII 101:26-29 the list of implements includes: 1 SAHAR in-te-la-am (accus. sg.). This intelû might be the same root as our intaluzzi-.
- 23: Goetze's determination of hali- as "portion" finds some support in VII 17:16–8, where 1 šaramnaš hališ and 1 KU<sub>6</sub>HĀ-an hali[š] flank 1 UZUHA.LA ("one portion of meat"). One might also cite those passages (XXXIX 78 obv i 24–5; 80:7) in which fish and birds are juxtaposed with respect to their habitations: KU<sub>6</sub> I-NA A.AB.BA MUŠEN I-NAŠA-ME-E. And finally, the use of the fish-catching method as a metaphor for the trapping of a felon (KBo VI 29+, ii 33–5), in this case

- Urhi-Tešub, is most interesting. Fishermen seem only to be mentioned in the Hurrian myth XXIV 7. In the ritual text designated as 2004 by the *Ugaritic Textbook*, lines 12–13, there is a mention of an offering of *dg hdtm* "fresh fish." And the divine messenger of Asherah is called *Dgy*, "the fisherman" (UT, p. 384).
- 25: With the GN HUR-SAG KUGA of XVIII 20 obv 7, especially relevant in the light of the alternation "KUGA-TUL-ma and "Suppiluli-uma. I fail to see how the name Suppinna can be connected with the West Semitic mountain name Ṣāpôn. If Ṣāpôn is derived from a root ṣpy, the active participle of the basic stem would be ṣôpiy(u), or something similar, but surely not ṣôpin! In all likelihood the name Suppinna is simply an extension in -nna- of the adjective šuppi- "holy".
- 27: See Psalm 15:1; 43:3; etc. NINDA.I(.E). DE.A is the Sumerian writing which corresponds to Akkadian mersu(m), a cake made from oil, honey, dates, and even aromatics like cumin or coriander (ARMT IX, p. 278; AHw, 646 [and see marāsu, AHw, 609]). At Boğazköy it can be made from NINDA.KU<sub>7</sub>, NINDA.KUR4.RA BA - BA - ZA, NINDA.KUR<sub>4</sub>.RA šeppit (XX 92 rev vi 3). or from butter and milk (XXV 14 rev iv 10). In addition sheep fat was employed as an ingredient (6 PA-RI-SI I.UDU A-NA NINDA.I.E.DÉ.A; XXX 32 rev iv 13). NINDA harzazu- was made from NINDA dannaš-(KBo IV 13 obv ii 24, 26; X 8 obv i 30-31; XI 30 rev iv 28; XX 12 i 5, 6; XXV 18 iii 7), NINDA.KUR<sub>4</sub>.RA (X 11 obv iii 6-7, 17-18), NINDA a-a-an (XX 59 rev v 17), UTÚLhurutel-, NINDA.KU, BA-BA-ZA, NINDApunikiš BA-BA-ZA, and ANTAHŠUM<sup>SAR</sup> (KBo IV 13 obv iii 14-16). The ANTAHŠUM was probably a type of onion (CADI, 139a sub imtahšu), so that NINDAharzazu- like the Akkadian mersu(m) contained condiments. The bread name pun(n)iki- is to be connected with the Akkadian bread name puniqu, as is NINDAtappinu- with the Akkadian bread name

- tappinnu "barley bread" (for both names see RLA III, 156).
- 37: Perhaps it is better (with Laroche) to keep hat(ta)rai- "to cross, send across" separate etymologically from hattai- "to pierce." After all, hattarai- is not properly a verb which designates writing or marking. The root gulmay also be attested in the toponyms:

  URUKukkulidaša (KBo X 10 rev v 18),

  HUR.SAGKu-li-ku-li-ya (VII 23 obv 1, rev 8),

  URUKu-ul-gul-li (XXVII 1 obv ii 63), and

  URUKuliwišna/Kuliušna (XXVII 1 obv i 53, ii 50; VI 45 obv ii 3; etc.).
- 38: One must not overlook the use of huwappawith DINGIR (hu-u-wa-ap-pi DINGIR<sup>LIM</sup>ni) in Hatt., I, 40, IV 12-13, where sorcery plays a considerable rôle.
- 42: The literal meaning of NINDA.ERÎN<sup>MEŠ</sup> seems to have been "bread for the troops." With this accords the NINDA bališ ŠA ERÎN<sup>MEŠ</sup> ("bread portion of the troops") of XXXI 57 rev iv 11. This type of bread was well suited for rations; hence, it was allotted to lumberjacks going into the mountains (XXIX 1 rev iii 17, 20)., and to plasterers (XXIX 1 rev iii 36). These loaves were delivered to cities by ship in XXXI 79 obv. passim.

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Entzifferung verschollener Schriften und Sprachen. By J. Friedrich. Pp. 154. 1 map. Index. Berlin: Springer, 1966.

Geschichte der Schrift. By J. FRIEDRICH. Pp. 408. Heidelberg; WINTER, 1966.

I have the good pleasure of reviewing here two useful books by the same experienced and erudite scholar, Professor J. Friedrich of Berlin. A better choice could not have been made on the European scene to write a semi-popular monograph on ancient Oriental languages and writing systems. Friedrich's own scholarly publications include