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After the preparatory rites on the preceding days (*diksā, upasad*, etc.), the main ceremony of the Soma sacrifices starts, i.e., the pressing out, offering and partaking of the soma juice. The bahispavamāna is the opening ritual of this main ceremony. Properly speaking the bahispavamāna 'the outdoor laud for the purified (soma)' is the first of a certain number of lauds (stotras) chanted by the chanter priests (udgātr, prastotr, pratihartr), but as it is accompanied with several other acts before and after it, I call the whole set of related acts the *bahispavamāna* ritual. As its name states, this laud is chanted not in the sadas hut where the chanter priests chant the other lauds but outdoors at the northeastern border of the sacrificial place. Why is only the first laud to be chanted outside at that place in particular? This is a fundamental question as to the bahispavamāna and is a clue to the ritual symbolism underlying the Soma sacrifices. I will make an answer to it through my description of all the acts of the bahispavamāna ritual in order. Moreover this paper has the purpose of supplementing Caland and Henry's description of the Agnistoma (1906-07) by supplying information on the bahispavamāna ritual prescribed by the Jaiminīya texts which were not consulted by them. As the basic source of the Jaiminiva ritual I will present a translation of the *bahispavamāna* part of the Jaiminīya-Srautasūtra. Reference will be made also to the Brāhmaņa passages which relate to this ritual, because as far as the bahispavamāna is concerned, the Jaiminīya-Brāhmāņa and the Jaiminīya-Upanisad-Brāhmana are so instructive that they can cover the shortage of information in the Sūtra, and because they are the best informants on the meaning of each act of the ritual. Bhavatrāta's commentary on the Sūtra is also very useful not only for understanding the Sūtra text but for elucidating the facts alluded to by the Brāhmaņas but untouched in the Sūtra. On the *bahispavamāna* ritual of the other schools, besides Caland and Henry's work, the translation and study of the Lāţyāyana and Drāhyāyaṇa Śrautasūtras by Parpola (1969) furnishes us much information. The first report of the Jaiminīya *bahispavamāna* was presented by Staal in his description of the Nambudiri Agnicayana ritual (1983: 602-5). As to the musical aspects of the *bahispavamāna*, Howard has made important contributions (1983; 1984; in press).

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After the early-morning activities in the *havirdhāna* hut (i.e. pressing the juice out of the *soma* stalks and drawing it into several cups, see CH §§ 127-133), the priests and the sacrificer move towards the chanting place $(\bar{a}st\bar{a}va)$ for the *bahispavamāna* laud.

JSS 1, 10: (Gaastra ed.) 12, 4-6. After having touched water (for ablution), ¹ they creep in a continuous line.² The adhvaryu creeps first. Then the prastotr. Then the udgatr. Then the pratihartr. Then the sacrificer. The brahman creeps as the sixth.³

¹ JB 1, 82: 36, 23–25. Cf. BaudhŚS 7, 7: 212, 8; LŚS 1, 11, 7–8; DŚS 3, 3, 15–16. ² JB 1, 85: 37, 29–31. ³ JB 1, 85–86: 37, 34–38, 7. Cf. PB 6, 7, 12–15; LŚS 1, 11, 2–3; DŚS 3, 3, 11–12.

They proceed to the chanting place, in a continuous line $(samtat\bar{a}h)$ JŚS 1, 10: 12, 4; JB 1, 85: 37, 30)¹) and stooping $(pr\bar{a}vabhr\bar{a}h$ JB 1, 85: 37, 31; $prahv\bar{a}r\bar{a}h$ JB 1, 278: 116, 9).²) The JB explains this peculiar manner of moving by identifying the procession to the *bahispavamāna* with the ascension to the heavenly world. The passage (1, 85: 37, 29-33) is to this effect: just as when people ascend a steep slope together, each person holds on to the preceding one and bends himself forwards, so they creep upwards to the heavenly world in a continuous

line and stooping (thus also PB 6,7,9-10; cf. Caland 1931: 119, n. 2 on PB 6,7,17).

On the way to the chanting place, the chanter priests offer two oblations called the *pravitahomas* 'oblations by the elected ones'.

JŚS 1, 10: 12, 6-10. They offer the *pravrta* oblations.¹ (Each offers the first oblation with the formula:) "May I be agreeable to Voice, agreeable to the lord of voice ! O Goddess Voice, place me in what is sweet of thy voice. Svāhā to Sarasvatī !"² He offers the second (oblation with the formula:) "Let the god Sun protect me from the demons in the sky, Wind from those in the intermediate region, Fire from those on the earth. Svāhā !"³

³ =JB 1, 83: 36, 37-37, 1.

According to Bhavatrāta (Shastri 1966: 37, 15-19), they pour melted butter $(\bar{a}jya)$ into the $\bar{a}havan\bar{i}ya$ fire with the dipping spoon (sruva). Unlike the Kauthuma-Rāņāyanīya traditions where the chanter priests are elected before the *pravita* oblations (LSS 1, 10, 25; DSS 3, 3, 1), the JSS does not prescribe their election (pravara) anywhere.³⁾ The Sūtras belonging to the other officiating priests prescribe the *pravara* and the *pravrta* oblations with similar formulas after the bahispavamāna at the savanīyapaśu or on the previous day at the agnisomiyapaśu. On the other hand they all but the BaudhŚS and the MSS prescribe here corresponding oblations with the verses addressed to the drops of soma (vaiprusā homāh); while the latter two Sūtras prescribe only the utterance of those verses after the drawing of the soma (like JSS 1, 9: 11, 15-12, 1), and oblations with other formulas here. These facts show that the ritual primarily requires the participants in the procession to make oblations one by one and the difference of their formulas is a secondary variation.

JŚS 1, 10:12, 10-13. They creep upwards (i. e. northwards) for the outdoor $pavam\overline{a}na$ laud.¹ When they are creeping, he (i. e. the

¹ Cf. LŚS 1, 11, 9-11=DŚS 3, 3, 17-20. ² JB 1, 82: 36, 26-30.

udgatr) addresses the formula to the adhvaryu: "I wipe this divine steed."² To the south of the catvala pit, (a helper) strews blades of grass and (places) a water jar. Upon those (blades of grass) they sit down in the proper manner of sitting down.³

¹ JB 1, 83: 37, 3-5. ² JB 1, 83-84: 37, 6-12. Cf. PB 6, 7, 18.

³ Cf. LŚS 1, 11, 18=DŚS 3, 3, 27.

The adhvaryu leads the procession, carrying a bunch of grass (*prastara*) in his hand (JB 1, 84: 37, 11; PB 6, 7, 16), as it is prescribed by all the Yajurvedic Sūtras. It is said that he bears the bunch of grass in order to pacify with it the sacrifice which has taken the form of a divine horse (JB 1, 83-84: 37, 6-12; PB 6, 7, 18). Or according to another explanation, by carrying the bunch of grass which symbolizes the sacrificer, he leads him to the heavenly world (PB 6, 7, 17).

The chanting place $(\bar{a}st\bar{a}va)$ to which they creep is situated "to the south of the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit" (JŚS 1, 10: 12, 12; BhārŚS 13, 17, 1; HirŚS 8, 4: 847, 23; VaikhŚS 15, 19: 201, 7; VaitS 17, 1), in "the area of the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit" (LŚS 1, 11, 18=DŚS 3, 3, 27), "in the northeastern corner of the $(mah\bar{a})vedi$ " ($\bar{A}p$ ŚS 12, 17, 5; VaikhŚS 15, 19: 201, 7), in "the area of the $t\bar{t}rtha$ (i.e. the path to the mahāvedi between the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit and the utkara rubbish heap)" ($\bar{A}sv$ ŚS 5, 2, 6), or "to the north of the $\bar{a}havan\bar{t}ya$ fire" (ŚŚS 6, 8, 3). The HirŚS and the VaikhŚS add "within the $(mah\bar{a})vedi$ ". Noticeably emphasis is laid on its nearness to the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit, the square hole dug outside the mahāvedi (the space for the main ceremony) near its northeastern corner, from which earth is taken for constructing the uttaravedi (the principal altar). The connection between the bahispavamāna and the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit will be discussed later.

They sit down at the chanting place which has been prepared before they arrive. According to Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 38, 15f.), the expression "in the proper manner of sitting down" in the last sentence refers to the general prescription of the manner of sitting down given by JŚS 1, 8: 9, 7-12, thus: "He casts off a blade of grass

which is dried at its tip or which is cut at its tip (with the formula:) 'Ho! Thou son of a remarried widow, stand up from this (seat) and sit on the seat of another man. Sit on the seat of a man who is more ignorant than we. Cast out is he who keeps off wealth!' After having touched water (for ablution), he sits down (with the formula:) 'I sit down on the seat of wealth.'"

JŚS 1, 11: 12, 14-15. The udgātŗ (sits down in the western part of the chanting place with his face) turned north. The prastotr (sits down) in the eastern part (of the chanting place), facing west. The pratihartŗ (sits down) in the western part (of chanting place), facing south.¹

¹ Cf. LŚS 1, 11, 19-23=DŚS 3, 3, 28-30.

The JŚS prescribes the positions of the three chanter priests at the bahispavamāna laud in conformity with their positions in the sadas hut stated in JB 1,72 (see the figure at Staal 1983: 609; cf. LSS 1, 11, 19-23=DSS 3, 3, 28-30 [at all the lauds] \neq PB 6, 4, 14 [in the sadas]). The positions of the other priests and the sacrificer are stated by the other Sūtras, thus: for the adhvaryu, "(the chanter priests) sit down to the west of him" (LSS 1, 11, 8=DSS 3, 3, 27), "in front (i.e. to the east?) of the prastotr" (BharŚS 13, 17, 2), "behind the prastotr on his right (i.e. to his northeast)" (MŚS 2, 3, 6, 5), "to the east (of the chanter priests), facing west" (KŚS 9, 7,2); for the sacrificer, "behind the prastotr on his left (i.e. to his southeast)" (MŚS 2, 3, 6, 5), "to the south (of the adhvaryu and the pratiprasthatr)" (KŚS 9,7,2); for the brahman, "to the south of those who are going to chant" (BhārŚS 15, 3, 14), "facing towards the udgātr (comm.: to his south)" (ĀśvŚS 5,2,7), "to the south" (ŚŚS 6, 8, 4), "he looks at the udgatr" (VaitS 17, 2); for the pratiprasthatr, "to the east (of the chanter priests), facing west" (KSS 9,7,2); for the maitrāvaruna, "facing towards the udgātr (comm.: to his west)" $(\bar{A} \pm v \pm S 5, 2, 7)$, "to the south" ($\pm S \pm S 5, 8, 4$).

On this occasion, Bhavatrāta refers to a rite called devasoma-

bhaksana 'partaking of the soma belonging to the gods' which is not prescribed by the JSS but is stated in the JB (1,89: 39,16-21). As Bhavatrāta's explanation seems to have escaped Bodewitz (1977: 150f.) in his study of this part of the JB and it would throw light on the form of this unknown rite. I translate the whole of his statement (Shastri: 39, 26-40, 3): "There is (a rite) prescribed in the sacred tradition (i.e. the JB), «the partaking of the soma belonging to the $gods \gg by$ name. This is the time for that (rite). And its form is as follows. Among the priests or other Brahmans seated near, he should say to the one whom he thinks to be particularly pure, 'Hold out (your) hand (āhara hastam)' (JB 1,89: 39,18: aharahas tam "Tag für Tag ... so" Caland 1919: 18). Then he takes hold of his right hand and says (to him), 'O so-and-so, invite (us) !' After having received the invitation from him, he should mutter this formula: 'The soma drink of the gods here, at this sacrifice, on the strewn grass, on the altar, of that we partake now.' (JB 1, 89: 39, 19-20)" According to Bodewitz's excellent interpretation of the meaning of this rite, the purpose of this rite is to ensure the entire profit of the sacrifice for all people present at the *bahispavamāna*. By means of the recitation of the formula after the invitation by proxy to the soma drink, all the participants in the *bahispavamāna* symbolically partake of the soma and consequently participate in the full benefit of the sacrifice. even if they should be absent from the rest of the sacrifice.

This rite suggests the presence of other priests and Brahmans at the *bahispavamāna* ritual besides the persons specified by the Sūtras. Their participation is recommended by TS 6, 4, 9, 2, thus: "Therefore one who knows this should participate in the *bahispavamāna*; verily the *bahispavamāna* is a purifier."⁴)

After this rite is over, the adhvaryu hands over the *stotra* grass, which must be the grass he carried during the procession.

JŚS 1, 11: 12, 15-13, 5. After having received the *stotra* grass (from the adhvaryu), ¹ he (i. e. the udgātŗ) mutters the formula of the *pavamāna* lauds: "Bhūr, Bhuvas, Svar! Honey I shall

make, honey I shall produce, honey there will be. Welfare, Welfare, nutriment, vigour (I shall make).²—O Soma, sing. Sing, O Soma, for my fiery energy, for my lustre in sacred knowledge, for my food, for my wealth, for my prosperity, for my procreation, for the wealth of (my) progeny, for the prosperity of (my) progeny, for the procreation of (my) progeny, for the kingly power of the king Soma, for my leadership of the village.³—The quarters, the *pradiś*, the *ādiś*, the *vidiś* and the *uddiś* quarters, the quarters !⁴" At the repeating lauds (i. e. the lauds other than the *pavamāna* lauds), (he mutters the formula:) "Voice comes back, Bhūr, Bhuvas, Svar, Om !"

¹ Cf. LŚS 1, 12, 1; DŚS 3, 4, 16. ² JB 1, 88: 39, 6. Cf. LŚS 1, 12, 3 =DŚS 3, 4, 18. ³ JB 1, 84: 37, 15-18. ⁴ JB 1, 89: 39, 13-14.

The adhvaryu's act of handing over the grass with a formula is technically called *stotra-upākaraņa* 'the fetching of the laud' (see CH § 134e). Here it is not mentioned to whom he hands over the grass. The LŚS-DŚS and all the Yajurvedic Sūtras but the BaudhŚS say that he hands it to the prastotr, while the latter gives the alternative of the udgātr or the prastotr. Anyway the prastotr just mediates the grass (LŚS 1, 12, 1; DŚS 3, 4, 16) probably because of his position between the adhvaryu and the udgātr.

JŚS 1, 11:13, 5-16. He touches the $up\bar{a}gatrs$, (uttering) "Ye are the quarters. Do not injure my hearing."¹

1 JUB 1, 6, 3, 6=1, 22, 6. Cf. LŚS 1, 11, 24-29; DŚS 3, 4, 1-11.

This sentence is from the JUB with a slight change. The *upa* $g\bar{a}t_{T}s$ 'sub-chanters, choristers' are those who sing the accompaniment to the chant of the three chanter priests. On the ground of another statement made by the same authority: "one should appoint four *upagātrs*" (JUB 1, 6, 3, 6=1, 22, 6), Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 40, 20-26) teaches that the brahman, the maitrāvaruņa, either the brāhmaņācchamsin or the acchāvāka, and the sacrificer are the *upagātrs*. Though opinions differ as to the number of the *upagātrs*,⁵) the adhvaryu and the hotr are never included in the number, because they should not be subordinate to the chanter priests.⁶)

JŚS 1,11: 13,6-8. Then (the adhvaryu) orders (the chant). The prastotr says to the brahman, "O Brahman, we shall chant, O Praśāstr."¹ After the permission has been pronounced (by the brahman and the praśāstr), they set (the chant starting).

¹ Cf. LŚS 1, 12, 1; DŚS 3, 4, 16.

Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 40, 27-41, 12) divides the text in this way. Gaastra (1906) divides it otherwise. She connects "(the adhvaryu) orders (*sampresyati*)" with the utterance "O Brahman, we shall chant, O Praśāstr", and treats the words "the prastotr says to the brahman" as an independent sentence (thus also Dandekar 1982: 467). But her reading is not tenable, because the verb *sampresyati* '(the adhvaryu) orders (another priest to do some ritual act)' does not fit the formula "O Brahman ..." and we do not find anywhere this formula assigned to the adhvaryu. Bhavatrāta supplies as the order given by the adhvaryu the utterance "Om, do ye chant!" (BaudhŚS 7, 8: 213, 4) which is the addition to the $up\bar{a}karana$ formula (TS 3,3,2a) muttered by the adhvaryu when he hands over the grass.

The brahman and the prasastr (i.e. the maitravaruna) who have been called by the prastotr thus give their permission (*prasava* 'incitement') to the chanter priests (see CH § 134f). After having received their permission, the chanter priests start the chant. The last sentence seemingly means so. But the difficulty of this sentence lies in the meaning of the verb *upadadhati* 'place upon, place near to, place in addition, etc.'7) Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 41, 12-28) interprets this word as a synonym of the well-known word *upagāyanti* 'sing the accompaniment to' and understands that the present sentence teaches the time when the accompaniment is to be started. His commentary on this sentence is of especial importance in that here

he gives valuable information on the accompaniment $(upag\bar{a}na)$ of the Jaiminīyas and explains it by referring to the related passages of the JB and the JUB, which being unintelligible in themselves could be understood with the help of his explanation.

First he teaches the form of the accompaniment in this way: "In the sixth and seventh sections of the first Gayatra-Upanisad (i.e. JUB 1, 6-7=1, 20-24), the form of the accompaniment at the same rite is fixed. There in the seventh (section) (firstly) it is said: 'Now with reference to that, some sing it as om' (JUB 1, 7, 2, 3 =1,24,3), and this (form) is denied: 'One should not sing it so' (1. c.); then (secondly) it is said: 'And some sing o' (1. c.), and this (form) is denied, too: 'One should not sing so, either' (1. c.); then (finally) the form of the accompaniment is fixed with (the statement) 'One should sing o (sic)' (1. c.)" (Shastri: 41, 16-19). In his last quotation from the JUB, Bhavatrāta reads o instead of om read by Oertel and Sharma in their editions of the JUB. From the fact that all the mss. used by them and its new mss. which I found in Kerala in 1985 record o without exception, o must be the original reading. The editors changed it into the likely syllable om, only because it should be different from the denied forms om and o. According to Bhavatrāta, both the denied second one and the approved third one are o, but the ways of singing them are different. The JUB (1.c.) states that the former o is "sung low" (nigitam in all mss. for na gitam in both ed.). In conclusion he says, "Therefore it is determined that this sound o is what is technically called the accompaniment with fourteen morae, and that it first reaches the four tones from the krusta in order and is raised again to the prathama tone" (Shastri: 41, 22-23).8)

Next Bhavatrāta explains the way of accompanying the chant with the sound o. Here reference is made to JB 1, 112: 48, 28-30, JUB 1, 6, 2, 9ff.=1, 21, 9ff., and the seventh chapter of the unpublished Paryadhyāya section of the JŚS (corresponding to Shastri: 215, 25ff.). Since Parpola (1981: 219f.) studied those passages in detail, a brief statement will suffice now. The point is that the *upagātrs*

start the accompaniment after the prelude of the $s\bar{a}man$ is over, and the udgātr must not start his part before the accompaniment; he should sing his part making it covered with the "tone" (*svara*) (which according to Bhavatrāta denotes the sound o) so as not to enter the internal jungle of the $s\bar{a}man.^{9}$)

Reverting to the word upadadhati in the Sūtra, I suggest the possibility that it might denote some introductory action of the laud (cf. the stotra-upākaraņa of the adhvaryu) corresponding to the set of acts prescribed by the LSS and the DSS as follows: after his utterance "O Brahman, we shall chant, O Praśāstr", the prastotr hands over the bunch of grass to the udgātr; the udgātr strokes his right shank with the grass and "yokes" the laud (yunjyāt stomam) with a formula (PB 1.3.5); after he mutters another formula (PB 1, 3, 6), the chanter priests look at the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit, the water jar, and the sun (LŚS 1, 12, 1-6; DŚS 3, 4, 16-21). Correspondingly Bhavatrāta orders an action called "voking" (vukti) in his verse at the end of his commentary on JŚS 1, 11, thus: "The «yoking», so called in the sacred tradition, which consists of four acts or one act, the udgātr should perform here at the pavamāna land after the permission (of the brahman)" (Shastri: 44,7-8). It is probable that this statement is based on JUB 3, 1, 5, 4-5=3, 5, 4-5. This JUB passage states a kind of mental concentration immediately before the *bahis*pavamāna laud. It says, "Thereupon he saw the laud spread out in the atmosphere, greatly shining. He also saw its \ll voking \gg (*yukti*). After having sat down for the outdoor pavamāna laud, he should do thus
breathing out> (and do) thus
breathing in> with the voice; he should wish to see with the eyes, he should wish to hear with the ears; (thus) this mind becomes yoked (to the laud) of itself."10)

As we saw above, the LŚS and the DŚS prescribe the chanter priests to look at the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit before the laud. Though the JŚS is silent about it, the same act or a similar act is told by Brāhmaņas including the JB and even by some Yajurvedic Sūtras.¹¹) The Brāhmaņas are in agreement on the meaning of this act. According to JB 1, 87; PB 6, 7, 24; ŚB 4, 2, 5, 5; 9, the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit is symbolically

identified with the sun and it is thought that the sacrificer is carried to the heavenly world from this hole (described as "the path to heaven" \dot{SB} 4, 2, 5, 5). In addition to this act, the White Yajurvedins perform another act which has the same symbolical meaning, i.e., the act of throwing into the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit one of the two blades of grass which represent the sacrificer (\dot{SB} 1. c.; K \dot{SS} 9, 6, 34; cf. JB 1, 86: 38, 11–16; PB 6, 7, 17; L \dot{SS} 2, 1, 6; D \dot{SS} 4, 1, 7). The identity of the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit and the sun is also stated in an enigmatic sentence of the JUB: "Where this $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit was dug, precisely there is the opening of the sky" (1, 1, 5, 5=1, 5, 5).¹²) This symbolic meaning of the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit tells the reason why the chanting place of the bahispavamāna laud is situated near the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit. The reason is "inorder to chant the bahispavamāna laud at the entrance to the heavenly world".

Now the chanter priests chant the bahispavamāna laud.

JŚS 1, 11: 13, 8-10. They chant the outdoor pavamāna laud with the sound hum made once, thitherwards (i.e. without repetition).¹ The (first verse called) retasyā does not include the himkāra (i.e. hum bhā).² The other (verses sung with the) gāyatrasāman include the himkāra (i.e. hum bhā).³

¹ JB 1, 87: 38, 27; 1, 89: 39, 23; 1, 231: 95, 9f.; 1, 278: 116, 5. Cf. PB 6, 8, 9; 15; ŞadvB 2, 2, 1; LŚS 1, 12, 7=DŚS 3, 4, 22. ² JB 1, 100-101: 44, 6-13; 1, 259: 108, 7-8; 1, 315: 132, 11-12. Cf. PB 7, 1, 4-5; ŞadvB 2, 1, 4-5; 2, 2, 6-7; LŚS 1, 12, 8=DŚS 3, 4, 23a. ³ Cf. LŚS 1, 12, 9=DŚS 3, 4, 23b; LŚS 7, 11, 3-5.

Here the JŚS does not give any information about the actual form of the laud. There are several variations of the *bahispavamāna* laud according to the types of the Agnistoma,¹³) and if we take the other Soma sacrifices into account, its variations amount to a huge number. So the Sūtra states only the features common to them. Of the twelve lauds of the Agnistoma, the three *pavamāna* lauds require that the verses are sung through without repetition,

while the other lauds (called "the repeating lauds" JSS 1, 11: 13, 5 etc.) require their repetitions. The lauds whose verses are not repeated are traditionally described as "directed thitherwards (parāc)", because the verses do not return after they have gone. In the other lauds the verses are repeated according to certain patterns (vistutis) and form three rounds (paryāyas); every verse must be sung at least once in each round. Since each round is preceded by the sound hum, this sound is pronounced three times in the lauds. In the mādhyamdina-pavamāna and ārbhava-pavamāna lauds, which do not consist of such rounds but contain several sāmans. the sound hum is chanted each time a new sāman is started (cf. JŚS 1, 16: 20, 5; 1, 18: 23, 1). In the bahispavamāna laud, however, this sound is chanted only once at its commencement. As the last sentence says, the bahispavamāna laud is chanted with the gāyatra-sāman. The himkāra stated in the second and third sentences is not the sound hum mentioned above but the syllables hum $bh\bar{a}$ as a part of the $g\bar{a}yatra$ sāman. In the first verse of the bahispavamāna laud, called retasvā '(the verse) connected with the seed', hum $bh\bar{a}$ is not pronounced (but thought in the mind JB 1, 101: 44, 12f.; PB 7, 1, 5), while it is pronounced in the other eight verses.

This much is stated here about the sāman of the bahispavamāna. Bhavatrāta gives more information in his commentary on the Prākrta section of the Kalpa of the JŚS. He says, "It is known that the gāyatra is the sāman of the outdoor pavamāna laud from the statement 'The (first verse called) retasyā ... The other (verses sung with the) gāyatra-sāman ...' (JŚS 1, 11: 13, 9-10). Therefore, since the gāyatra applied to lauds is not (recorded) in the traditional collection (i. e. the Jaiminīya Gāna),¹⁴) it is more appropriate to take the bodiless gāyatra which is stated in detail in the Upaniṣad (i. e. the JUB)." (Shastri: 145, 26-30). It is noteworthy that he specifies the bodiless gāyatra as the sāman of the bahispavamāna¹⁵) and refers to the JUB as the primary source of the bodiless gāyatra.¹⁶) Let me explain the first verse of the bahispavamāna laud (of the basic type of Agniṣtoma) as an illustration of the bodiless gāyatra. The origi-

nal text is $up\bar{a}smai g\bar{a}yat\bar{a} narah/pavam\bar{a}n\bar{a}yendave/abhi devam (SV, RV devām) iyakṣate// "Join in singing to him, O people, to the purified (god), to the sap of soma, to him who seeks to attain the <math>god(s)$ " (JS 3, 1, 3; SV 2, 1; RV 9, 11, 1). When the bodiless $g\bar{a}yatra$ is sung on a verse, the middle and last lines of the verse is completely replaced by repeated monosyllables, thus: $o v\bar{a} o v\bar{a} o v\bar{a}$ hum bhā o vā. As it is prescribed by the Sūtra sentence above, hum bhā is omitted in the first verse. So the chanted form, which is technically called stotriyā '(verse) for the laud', is $up\bar{a}smai g\bar{a}yat\bar{a}$ narom/o vā o vā o vā o vā//.

It is clear that the part which preserves the original syllables is sung by the prastotr, but the problem is who sing(s) the remaining part. Theoretically each stotriyā consists of five sections: the prastāva (prelude) sung by the prastotr, the udgitha (main part) by the udgatr, the pratihara (response) by the pratihartr, the upadrava (accessory) again by the udgātr, and the nidhana (finale) by the three together. Staal earlier divided the bodiless $g\bar{a}yatra$ into these five sections (1968: 416-20, 425). For instance, he divided the second stotriyā in this way: (prastāva) abhi te madhunā payom/ (udgītha) o $v\bar{a}$ o $v\bar{a}$ o ... va/(pratihāra) hum $bh\bar{a}/(\text{upadrava})$ o/(nidhana) $v\bar{a}//$. Later he (1983: 603) revised this and calls the part after the *prastāva* the *udgītha* as a whole. He says that this part is chanted by the udgatr. All his explanations are concerned with the performances of Nambudiri Samavedins, present Jaiminīyas in Kerala. Bhavatrāta, an ancestor of the Jaiminīyas in Kerala in the later first millennium A. D., 17) supports Staal's second explanation in his definition of the bodiless gāyatra (see n. 15). The JUB, however, mentions the himkāra and the nidhana also as the parts of the bodiless 13.6: $himk\bar{a}ra = hum \ bh\bar{a} \ etc.; 3, 3, 3, 7=3, 13, 7: nidhana = o \ v\bar{a}$). But at the same time it says that all the parts but the *prastāva* are sung by the udagātr (3, 3, 2, 3=3, 12, 3): the udgātr sings the himkāra; 3, 3, 4, 9=3, 14, 9 etc.: the udgātr sings the *nidhana*) (see Howard 1984). So it can be said that the udgatr chants the whole remaining

part after the *prastāva* and his part is subdivided into these three sections: $o \ v\bar{a} \ o \ v\bar{a} \ o \ v\bar{a} \ (called \ himk\bar{a}ra)/o \ v\bar{a} \ (called \ nidhana)//.$

But if the prastotr sings the *prastāva* and the udgātr sings everything after it, it follows that the pratihartr is excluded from the chant. JB 1,115: 49,28-29 treats this problem: "If the pratihartr does not chant the *pratihāra* of the *gāyatra*, he is cut off from the chant. He should make the sound *hum* mentally in response to (the chant) when its prelude is being chanted; he should breathe in and utter *vāk*." This set of acts, which Bhavatrāta terms "the *pratihāra* of the *gāyatra*" (Shastri: 42, 11), is still performed in the Nambudiri ritual.¹⁸)

In his commentary on the sentences under discussion, Bhavatrāta tells us an important fact of the bahispavamāna of the Jaiminīyas. He says that the absence of $hum \ bh\bar{a}$ is the sole difference of the first verse from the other verses of the bahispavamāna laud and so the *dhurs* are not sung (Shastri: 42, 10). The *dhurs* are certain musical modifications at the singing of the gayatra-saman and take place only at the bahispavamāna laud and at the next \bar{a}_{jya} lauds (cf. LŚS 7, 12, 1-2). The *dhurs* of the Kauthuma-Rānāyanīyas are described in the SadvB and the LSS and their notations are also handed down (see Howard 1983: 322f.). As to the Jaiminīva dhurs, however, we gain only fragmentary information from the JB. From the fact that the JUB and the JŚS are silent about them, it seems that the *dhurs* fell into disuse at the early stage of the Jaminiya history.¹⁹) Already the JB records opinions against the *dhurs* (1,103; 318) and allows an alternative, the mysterious form (paroksa $r\bar{u}pa$) of the gāyatra-sāman (1, 103: 45, 16). So far as we know from its explanations (esp. 1, 104), the latter is a way of singing in which only the $g\bar{a}yatra$ is sung (i.e. the melody is not modified) and contact with the underlying verse is partly avoided but the finale of each *dhur* is chanted. It appears that this form of the $g\bar{a}yatra$ is very near to the later bodiless $g\bar{a}yatra$ which the JUB propounds.²⁰) JŚS 1, 11: 13, 10-15. After (the outdoor pavamāna laud) has been chanted, he (i. e. the udgātŗ) makes the sacrificer mutter (the formula:) "Thou art a falcon, $g\bar{a}yatr\bar{i}$ is thy metre. I take hold of thee from behind, carry me across safely. May the chanted (laud) of the chanted (laud) come to me ! Joined with Indra, may we win ! May we acquire progeny and nutriment ! I obtain, fully obtain, fully obtain with the sāman !"¹ After the midday pavamāna laud, "Thou art a bull, triṣṭubh is thy metre ..."² After the ārbhava (pavamāna laud), "Thou art Svara, thou art Gaya, jagatī is thy metre ..."² After the repeating lauds, "Thou art the chanted (laud) of the chanted (laud) filled with vigour and milk ..."³

Cf. LŚS 1, 12, 13=DŚS 3, 4, 27.
 Cf. LŚS 2, 1, 5=DŚS 4, 1, 6.
 Cf. LŚS 2, 6, 12=DŚS 5, 2, 19.

The Yajurvedic Sūtras prescribe the forepart of the first formula "Thou art a falcon ... carry me across safely" to be muttered during the laud (BhārŚS 13, 17, 10) at the fifth stotrivā (ĀpŚS 12. 17. 15; HirŚS 10, 4: 1075-76) after its prelude is over (BaudhŚS 7, 8: 213.5-7; VaikhŚS 15.20: 201.12-14) or even before the laud (MŚS 2, 3, 6, 8). They call it the anvāroha ('ascending after') formula in the meaning that the sacrificer ascends by holding on to the laud (cf. TS 3,2,1). The LSS and the DSS order that the sacrificer should mutter this formula over the bunch of grass which represents himself and which will be thrown into the cātvāla pit that again represents the entrance to the heavenly world (LSS 2, 1, 6; DSS 4, 1,7). Correspondingly Bhavatrāta teaches that after this the udgātr throws the two blades of grass which are the stotra grass, one blade within and the other outside the mahāvedi (Shastri: 42, 18-19). The JB states the meaning of this act, thus: if he throws the grass only within the mahāvedi, the sacrificer belongs to the heavenly world but is cut off from this world; if he throws it only outside the mahāvedi, he is settled on this world but is cut off from the heavenly world; by throwing it both within and outside the mahāvedi, he

causes the sacrificer to belong to the heavenly world and not to be cut off from this world (1, 86: 38, 11-16). Here the *mahāvedi* is identified with the heavenly world and the outside ground with this world. It appears that, with the *bahispavamāna* laud as a turning point, the *mahāvedi* has become the celestial territory for the sacrifice.²¹) That the *mahāvedi* represents the heavenly world will be also attested by the final sentences of JŚS. 1, 11 below.

JŚS 1,11: 13,15-16. At the *pavamāna* lauds (the prastotr) after chanting again¹ (i.e. after the *prastāva*) announces the middle (verse) to the adhvaryu. At the repeating lauds (he announces) the last verse to the hotr.

¹ athastuvānah or adhahstuvānah "chanting downwards". Bhavatrāta: atha (or adhah) stuta ity atha(or adhah)stuvānah prastotā bhavati (Shastri: 42, 19-20). Or simply atha stuvānah "Then, while chanting".

The Sūtra returns to the prescripton of an act during the chant. At the *pavamāna* lauds the prastotr after having chanted the prelude of the fifth verse warns the adhvaryu that the middle verse is being chanted, by saying "This is the middle !" At the other lauds he warns the hotr that the last verse is being chanted, by saying "This is the last verse is being chanted, by saying "This is the last !" (Shastri : 42, 19-43, 13; cf. Staal 1968 : 417 f.; 1983 : 604).

JŚS 1,11: 13,16-14.5. Then he (i.e. the udgātr) pours out (the water from) this water jar into the $c\bar{a}tv\bar{a}la$ pit (with the formula:) "I send you to the ocean, O imperishable (waters). Go into your own womb. May our sons be unscathed ! May our possession not be shed away !"1 Only when someone else stands up, he (i.e. each participant) should take hold of him who is standing up and stand up after him.² After having stood up, he (i.e. the udgātr) makes the sacrificer bestride the northern boundary of the (mahā-)vedi, with his right foot within the (mahā-)vedi, muttering "Don't cut (me) off from the heavenly

world !", with his left foot outside the $(mah\overline{a})vedi$, muttering "Nor from this world !"³

¹ Cf. LŚS 2, 1, 7; DŚS 4, 1, 8. The same formula JŚS 1, 20: 26, 4; JGS 1, 4: 5, 13-15. ² = JB 1, 89: 39, 29-30. ³ See the photograph at Staal 1983: 607.

After the bahispavamāna laud is over, the priests and the sacrificer perform these acts. Between the standing up and the bestriding of the boundary of the mahāvedi, the JB prescribes two more acts. It says, "After having chanted the laud, they walk upwards (i.e. northwards). Thereby they make the sacrificer go to the heavenly world. They lift up their arms. Thereby they joinly place the sacrificer in the heavenly world." (1, 89: 39, 27-28). These symbolical acts of raising the sacrificer to the heavenly world are also referred to by Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 43, 20-29) and must be a ritual fact corresponding to the following sentence of the JUB: "Thus, when the outdoor pavamāna laud is being chanted, he should lift up (the sacrificer) in his mind" (1, 1, 5, 6=1, 5, 6) (see Fujii, in press).

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Having examined all the acts of the bahispavamāna ritual, we are in a good position to determine the meaning of this opening ritual of the Soma sacrifices. The bahispavamāna is often called a purifier (pavitra) (e.g. TS 6, 4, 9, 2; see n. 4). It does not mean that the bahispavamāna is just a consecratory act like the samskāras performed on many occasions in the sacrifices. Here the word pavitra corresponds to the purification of the soma. Just as the juice pressed out of the soma stalks is purified when it is passed through the filter (pavitra), so the priests and the sacrificer are purified when they go through this ritual. They must be pure when they proceed to the offering and partaking of the purified soma. The central part of the Soma sacrifices is imaged as being held in the heavenly world. JB 1, 84: 37, 13ff. says that when the udgātr chants

the laud for Soma, he enters the territory of the gods and the lord of that territory is Soma. And SB 4, 2, 5, 10 describes the *bahispavamāna* as a ship bound heavenwards and the priests as its spars and oars leading it to the heavenly world. In the symbolism of the Soma sacrifices, the heavenly world is represented by the *mahāvedi* and the boundary of the latter is regarded as that between the heavenly world and this world. It seems that this symbolic function of the *mahāvedi* comes into operation when the *bahispavamāna* laud has been chanted, for the act of creeping northwards (which also means "upwards") to the *cātvāla* pit shows that untill the laud the heavenly world is still above the sky and its entrance is the sun with which the *cātvāla* pit is symbolically identified.

Thus we have reached the conclusion that the bahispavamāna ritual is the procession to the heavenly world where the sacrifice of the divine soma will be held and where the priests and the sacrificer will partake of the soma together with the gods. This procession, however, is not a one-way journey to the heavenly world. The sacrificer comes back to this world after the sacrifice. For the purpose of ensuring his return, he has the guarantees that he will not be cut off from this world. The blade of grass thrown outside the mahāvedi is one guarantee. It is said that as long as she is outside the mahāvedi, he is not cut off from this world, because she is the other half of the self (ardhātmā) of the sacrificer.

Notes

- santanvanti PB 6, 7, 12, santanuyāt LŚS 1, 11, 2; DŚS 3, 3, 11. Cf. anvārabhate, samanvārabhante, samanvārabdhāh etc. BaudhŚS 7, 7: 212, 9; 11; BhārŚS 13, 16, 16; ĀpŚS 12, 16, 17; 12, 17, 1; 14, 9, 6; HirŚS 8, 4: 844, 26; 845, 6; 10, 8: 1110, 15; VaikhŚS 15, 19: 201, 5; MŚS 2, 3, 6, 2; KŚS 9, 6, 27; 29; 11, 1, 18; ĀśvŚS 5, 2, 6; VaitS 16, 17.
- 2) prakvānāh PB 6, 7, 10, prahvāh BhārŚS 13, 16, 15; ApŚS 12, 16, 17; HirŚS 8, 4: 846, 15; VaikhŚS 15, 19: 201, 5; KŚS 9, 6, 33; (sg. BaudhŚS

7, 8: 212, 16), prahāņāķ MŚS 2, 3, 6, 1.

- 3) This is pointed out by Dhanvin on DSS 3, 3, 17. The appointment of the officiating priests by the sacrificer on the first day (JSS 1, 2: 3, 5-10; cf. CH § 6) has nothing to do with the *pravrta* oblations.
- Cf. also KS 27, 4: 143, 13; ĀpŚS 12, 17, 10; HirŚS 8, 4: 850, 9f.; VaikhŚS 15, 20: 201, 14 f.
- 5) LŚS 1, 11, 24: at least three, 25: at least four; DŚS 3, 4, 1: at least four, 3: four, 4: six, 5: no restriction; BhārŚS 13, 17, 6-7: four priests and the sacrificer; ApŚS 12, 17, 11: at least four.
- 6) For the adhvaryu, TS 6, 3, 1, 5; BhārŚS 13, 17, 8; ĀpŚS 12, 17, 12; VaikhŚS 15, 20: 201, 15; MŚS 2, 3, 6, 7. For the hotr, KB 12, 6, 1-10 (S. Sarma's ed.); cf. AB 2, 22, 1-3; ĀśvŚS 5, 2, 9-10. Here the hotr utters the same formula that is used at the above-mentioned *devasomabhakṣaṇa* so as not to be excluded from the *soma* drinking (AB 2, 22, 4-9; ĀśvŚS 5, 2, 8; cf. KB 12, 6, 10-7, 5). See Bodewitz 1977, 150f.
- 7) From his paraphrases upagāyanti (41, 14), upagātārah kuryuh (41, 23-24) etc., it is known that Bhavatrāta reads upadadhati (3. pl.) instead of upadadhāti (3. sg.) read by Gaastra and Shastri. Cf. Gaastra's tr. "Nadat door dezen de aansporing is gegeven, valt hij onmiddellijk daarna in" (1906: 17).
- 8) tasmād ayam okārah krusţādisvaracatusţayam krameņa prāpya punah prathamam ārūdhaś caturdaśamātra upagānasamjňo niścīyate (after Parpola n.d.). The Kauthuma-Rānāyaniyas accompany the chant with the syllable ho (LŚS 1, 11, 26; DŚS 3, 4, 6 adds "the sacrificer with om"). See Parpola 1969: 156-162.
- 9) Cf. DŚS 3, 4, 7 "covering the spaces between the divisions of the sāman" (tr. Parpola). In the Nambudiri ritual "Some of the other priests should also chant ō together with the udgātā" (Staal 1983: 603).
- For the reading of this passage, I consulted Parpola 1981: 218 f. Cf. also the passage in the Paryadhyāya of the JŚS quoted by him (219, n.5).
- 11) PB 6, 7, 24 orders the same act; according to JB 1, 87: 38, 24-25 and SB 4, 2, 5, 5 it is the sacrificer who looks at the *cātvāla* pit; BhārŚS 13, 17, 5, ĀpŚS 12, 17, 5, HirŚS 8, 4: 847, 23 f. and VaikhŚS 15, 19: 201, 8 say that the chanter priests look at it during their chant.
- 12) This identification is one of the basic ideas on which the JUB constructed the theories of the ascension to the heavenly world. See Fujii, in press.
- 13) Bhavatrāta (Shastri: 80, 18-81, 20) explains the arragement of the sāmans

and the verses used at the twenty-five variations of the archetypal sacrifices (*prakrtis* i.e. the Jyotiştomas). According to it, there are five types of Agniştoma. The verses at the *bahispavamānas* of these types of Agniştoma are taught in the Prākrta section of the unpublished Kalpa portion of the JŚS (corresponding to Shastri: 141-145).

- 14) But according to Parpola 1983: 708, Burnell's Gāna mss. record the ritual form (the prayoga form) of the gāyatra-sāman. Cf. also Howard 1984: n. 5.
- 15) For the bodiless gāyatra, see Howard 1983: 315-325. Bhavatrāta defines it as "the gāyatra(-sāman) which is out of contact with the syllables of the verse(s) (on which it is sung) in its main part (udgītha)" (Shastri: 21, 24; Parpola 1983:703 on JŚS 1, 4, 8).
- 16) For the bodiless gāyatra in the JUB, see Howard 1984 and Fujii 1984.
- For Bhavatrāta and the history of the Jaiminiyas, see Parpola 1967: 186f. and 1984: 18-21.
- 18) "The pratihartā sings hm together with the udgātā, breathes in, and chants vāk while he holds his breath (and therefore almost inaudibly)" (Staal 1983: 603).
- 19) Howard (in press) presents hypothetical reconstructions of the Jaminiya dhurs from those of the other two schools. Here I collect the basic data on the dhurs in the JB.
- The passages where the *dhurs* are referred to: JB 1, 97-104; 107; 253; 259-273; 315-318; 321. Cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 1-2, 3, 15; LŚS 7, 12, 1-7, 13, 13.
- The names of the dhurs: (1) retasyā (2) gāyatrī (3) tristubh (4) jagatī
 (5) anustubh (6) pankti JB 1, 99; 253; 261.
- 3. The udgātr sings the dhurs (dhūrbhir udgāyati etc.)-JB 1, 99; 261.
- 4. The form of each dhur
- The Retasyā Dhur JB 1, 100–101; 259; 315–316. Cf. ṢaḍvB 2, 1, 1–6;
 2, 2, 4–8; 14; 20; LŚS 7, 12, 3; 13, 7.
 - a. parokşam eva prathame (pāde?) gāyati. na rcam upasprśet. Cf.
 JB 1, 259; ŞadvB 2, 1, 1: not rc asāmnī nor sāmānrcam.
 - b. tryudāsām gāyati. Cf. trir udgrhnāti SadvB 2, 1, 2; LŚS 7, 12, 3.
 - c. na himkuryāt. = ṢadvB 2, 1, 4-5; 2, 2, 6-7.
 - d. "bhūh" iti nidhanam karoti. Cf. "sat" SadvB 2, 2, 14; LŚS. 7. 13. 7.
- (2) The Gāyatri Dhur JB 1, 102; 260; 317. Cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 7-10; 2, 2, 9; 15; 21; LŚS 7, 12, 4; 13, 7.
 - a. tasyai dve aksare vyatisajati. "o3rvāņo aśiśrā de3yurva devāya dā"

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iti vyatişajati. = ŞadvB 2, 1, 8; 2, 2, 9; LSS 7, 12, 4.

b. "sat" iti nidhanam karoti. Cf. "sam" ŞadvB 2, 2, 15; LŚS 7, 13, 7.

- (3) The Tristubh Dhur JB 1, 102; 260; 317. Cf. SadvB 2, 1, 11-15;
 2, 2, 10; 16; 22; LŚS 7, 12, 5-8; 7, 13, 7.
 - a. tasyai dve akşare dyotayati. "şodhā" ity ete dyotayati. =LŚS 7, 12, 8 (Dhānañjayya's opinion).
 - b. "jyotih" iti nidhanam karoti. Cf. "svar" SadvB 2, 2, 16; LSS 7, 13, 7.
- (4) The Jagati Dhur JB 1, 102; 260; 317. Cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 16-21; 2, 2, 11; 17; 23; LŚS 7, 12, 9-12; 7, 13, 7.
 - a. tasyai catvāry akşarāņi dyotayati. "somāś śukrāḥ" iti śukravatī pade dyotayati. =LŚS 7, 12, 12 (Dhānañjayya's opinion).
 - b. "iļā" iti nidhanam karoti. = "idā" ŞadvB 2, 2, 17; LŚS 7, 13, 7.
- (5) The Anuşţubh Dhur JB 1, 102; 260; 317. Cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 22-26; 2, 2, 12; 18; 24; LŚS 7, 12, 13-7, 13, 3; 7.
 - a. tām arvācīm abhinudan gāyati. Cf. tām ninardann iva gāyati ŞadvB 2, 1, 22; LŚS 7, 12, 13.
 - b. tasyai niruktam cāniruktam ca pade gāyati. "o3 vājam vājy akrāmā3" iti niruktam padam gāyati. "nuṣaḥ" iti nirāha. =LŚS 7, 13, 3 (Dhānañjayya's and Śāṇḍilya's opinion).
 - c. "vāk" iti nidhanam karoti. = ŞadvB 2, 2, 18; LŚS 7, 13, 7.
- (6) The Pankti Dhur JB 1, 102; 261; 317. Cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 27-30; 2, 2, 13; 25; LŚS 7, 13, 4-6.
 - a. tasyai şad akşarāņi dyotayati. "pavasvā sūryā" iti sūryavatī pade dyotayati. Cf. tasyā dve dve akşare udāsam gāyaty ā şadbhyo 'kşarebhyah ŞadvB 2, 1, 28.
- 20) JB 1, 259: 108, 3-6 forbids the complete avoidance of contact with the underlying verse in the first *stotriyā* (cf. ŞadvB 2, 1, 1). See Howard 1984: n. 16.
- 21) JB 1, 84: 37, 22-25 says that when the *dhişnya* fires are distributed, the divine nooses are spread out (along the boundary of the *mahāvedi*). The *dhişnya* hearths are kindled just after the *bahişpavamāna* (see CH § 139).

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