RV 5.30

ṛṣi: babhru ātreya; devatā: indra and ṛṇañcaya (rājā); chanda: triṣṭup

क्व स्य वीरः को अपश्यद् इन्द्रं सुखरथम् ईयमानं हरिभ्याम् । यो राया वजी सुतसोमम् इच्छन् तद् ओको गन्ता पुरुहृत ऊती ॥ ५-०३०-०१ अवाचचक्षम् पदम् अस्य सस्वर् उग्रं निधातुर् अन्व् आयम् इच्छन् । अपृच्छम् अन्याँ उत ते म आहुर् इन्द्रं नरो बुबुधाना अंशेम ॥ ५-०३०-०२ प्र नु वयं सुते या ते कृतानीन्द्र बर्वाम यानि नो जुर्जाषः । वेदद् अविद्वाञ् छृणवेच् च विद्वान् वहंते ऽयम् मघवा सर्वसेनः ॥ ५-०३०-०३ स्थिरम् मनश् चकृषे जात इन्द्र वेषीद् एको युधये भूयसश् चित् । अञ्मानं चिच् छवसा दिद्युतो वि विदो गवाम् ऊर्वम् उस्त्रियाणाम् ॥ ५-०३०-०४ परो यत् त्वम् परम आजनिष्ठाः परावति श्रुत्यं नाम बिभ्रंत् । अतंश् चिद् इन्द्रांद् अभयन्त देवा विश्वां अपो अजयद् दासपंत्रीः ॥ ५-०३०-०५ तुभ्येद् एते मरुतः सुरोवा अर्चन्त्य् अर्कं सुन्वन्त्य् अन्धः । अहिम् ओहानम् अप आशयानम् प्र मायाभिर् मायिनं सक्षद् इन्द्रः ॥ ५-०३०-०६ वि षू मृघो जनुषा दानम् इन्वन्न् अहन् गवा मघवन् संचकानः । अत्रा दासस्य नमुचेः शिरो यद् अवर्तयो मनवे गातुम् इच्छन् ॥ ५-०३०-०७ युजं हि माम् अकृथा आद् इद् इन्द्र शिरो दासस्य नमुचेर् मथायन् । अञ्मानं चित् स्वर्यं वर्तमानम् प्र चिक्रयेव रोदसी मरुद्भवः ॥ ५-०३०-०८ स्त्रियो हि दास आयुंघानि चक्रे किम् मां करन्न् अवला अस्य सेनाः । अन्तर् ह्य अख्यंद् उमे अस्य धेने अथोप प्रेंद् युधये दस्युम् इन्द्रः ॥ ५-०३०-०९ सम् अत्र गावों ऽभितों ऽनवन्तेहेहं वत्सेर् वियुता यद् आसंन् । सं ता इन्द्रो असृजद् अस्य शाकेर् यद् ईं सोमांसः सुषुता अमन्दन् ॥ ५-०३०-१० यद् ई सोमा बभ्रुधूता अमन्दन्न अरोरवीद् वृषभः सादनेषु ।

Analysis of RV 5.30

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kúva syá vīráḥ kó apaśyad índraṃ sukháratham īyamānaṃ háribhyām yó rāyā vajrī sutásomam ichán tád óko gántā puruhūtá ūtī 5.030.01

1. Where is that hero-strength? Who has seen God-in-Mind moving with his bright-pair in his happy chariot? For he desires the soul that has pressed out the wine of delight and to him the lord of lightnings, to whom rises the manifold call, comes with increase to his dwelling-place.

Interpretation:

sutasomam ichan, 'desiring the soul of man who pressed out/ distilled the Soma of his delight for the higher knowledge to come and to enjoy its growth by it. "Who saw that power, where is it?" – asks the Rishi. Indra comes to the house of the one who pressed out Soma, not only to the soul but to its house: the body, and with its lightening illumines the hidden truth of our being.

ávācacakṣam padám asya sasvár ugrám nidhātúr ánu āyam ichán áprcham anyām utá té ma āhur índram náro bubudhānā asema 5.030.02

2. I saw far-off his world which keeps the solar light, even the intensity of his seat who is the Establisher of things; then I desired and went forth to seek: I asked of others and they said to me: "When we souls of men awake, then may we possess God-in-Mind."

<u>Interpretation:</u>
"I saw the seat of this Upholder together with the luminous world, full of power, and seeking his realisation, I moved ahead and asked the others [who were there] and they have told me: "Only when we, the souls of men, awake, then shall we realise Lord Indra."

prá nú vayám suté yá te krtáni índra brávama yáni no jújosah védad ávidvañ chrnávac ca vidván váhate 'yám magháva sárvasenah 5.030.03

3. Nay, let us declare now in this pressing-out of the Wine, all the things that thou hast done, even all that thou cleavest to in us; let him that knoweth not, come by the knowledge and let him that knows hear it in his soul. Lo, the lord of the plenitudes who comes driving with all his armies!

Interpretation:

"Forward (pra openly and fulfilling) may we proclaim your deeds, O Indra, in the time of the pressing Soma for you, and of our deeds which you should like! Let the ignorant learn, let the knower realise: "this is the Lord of plenitudes, who moves with all his Army!"

Vocabulary:

sarvasena, mfn. leading all the host RV.

स्थिरम् मनश् चकुषे जात इन्द्र वेषीद् एको युधये भूयसश् चित् । अञ्मानं चिच् छवसा दिद्युतो वि विदो गवाम् ऊर्वम् उस्त्रियाणाम् ॥ ५-०३०-०४ sthirám mánaś cakrse jātá indra vésid éko yudháye bhúyasaś cit ásmānam cic chávasā didyuto ví vidó gávām ūruvám usríyāṇām 5.030.04

4. In thy birth, O Indra, thou makest firm the mind and goest forth to war one against many; and thou hast opened the very Rock to light by thy flashing strength and thou hast found the wideness of the radiances, the shining herds.

Interpretation:

"When born, you make the Mind steady, O Indra, moving alone into the battle with the many! Illumining widely the foundation with your flaming power, you found the wide place of the shining lustre."

Vocabulary:

didyut, mfn. shining, glittering RV. vii , 6 , 7; f. an arrow, missile, thunderbolt of Indra RV.; flame ib. vi , 66 , 10; N. of an Apsaras AV. ii , 2 , 4 dyut, 1. A. to shine, be bright or brilliant RV. vi-dyut 1 A -dyotate (Ved. also P.) to flash forth, lighten, shine forth (as the rising sun) RV. &c. &c. (vi-dyotate 'it lightens', 'when it lightens'); to hurl away by a stroke of lightning RV.; to illuminate MBh.; ašman, m., a stone, rock RV.; &c. a precious stone RV. v, 47, 3 ŠBr.; any instrument made of stone (as a hammer &c.) RV. &c.; thunderbolt RV. &c.; a cloud Naigh.; the firmament RV. V, 30, 8

paró yát tvám paramá ājániṣṭhāḥ parāváti śrútiyaṃ nāma bíbhrat átaś cid índrād abhayanta devā víśvā apó ajayad dāsápatnīḥ 5.030.05

5. When beyond in the highest supreme thou tookst thy birth bearing thy Name of inspiration, from that moment the gods had awe of the Puissant One; he conquered all these waters that had the Divider for their lord.

Interpretation:

"The transcendental, when you are born there in the Transcendental Space, bearing the Secret Name (to be known) in the Transcendental!

It is from there (or because of that) indeed that the gods are afraid of Indra, for He has conquered all the waters in the lower hemisphere which had demons for their masters."

Vocabulary:

 $d\bar{a}$ sapatnī, f. pl. having the demons as masters, being in the power of demons, (\bar{a} pas RV. i, 32, 11 &c.; puras RV. ii, 12, 16).

तुभ्येद् एते मरुतः सुशेवा अर्चन्त्य् अर्कं सुन्वन्त्य् अन्धः ।

अहिम् ओहानम् अप आशयानम् प्र मायाभिर् मायिनं सक्षद् इन्द्रः ॥ ५-०३०-०६

túbhiyéd eté marútah susévā árcanti arkám sunuvánti ándhah áhim ohānám apá āsáyānam prá māyābhir māyínam sakṣad índrah 5.030.06

6. For thee these Thought-Powers chant their hymn of illumination and they press out the food of delight. God-in-Mind prevailed against the Serpent that lies coiling against the waters; by his own creations of knowledge he overcame the waver of illusions.

Interpretation:

"Indra thus conquered Python coiling in the waters (which sustain the lower hemisphere) with his measuring and all creating powers he overpowered the Master of measuring Force here!"

The master of Maya, māyāvin, here is the Python, ahi, who narrows down our perception in the lower hemisphere. It is his Māyā, creative power, which introduces Avidyā, partial knowledge, creating in the timeless the time and space phenomena. This master of partial knowledge has to be conquered by the Master of the Infinite Knowledge Indra, releasing the water to their infinite flow. The Infinite Power overpowers the power of division and the Maruts, the Thouhgt-gods chant the hymn of Illumination here, preparing and helping the soul of men to press the Soma wine for their Lord Indra.

Vocabulary:

andhas, Soma juice RV. VS.; juice ŠBr.; grassy ground RV. vii , 96 , 2 sakṣat, from sah. ohāna, from ūh, 1.P.A., to push, move, remove, hurt, etc.

ví ṣū mṛdho januṣā dānam ínvann áhan gávā maghavan saṃcakānáḥ átrā dāsásya námuceh śíro yád ávartayo mánave gātum ichán 5.030.07

7. At thy birth thou dist scatter utterly the hurters and the divider, - in thy high desire thou slewest him with light, O lord of the plenitudes, when thou sentest rolling the head of Namuchi the destroyer, desiring a path for man's journey.

Interpretation:

"Widely (all over) indeed and totally you overthrew the Enemies with your Birth! O Lord of Plenitudes, Happy you are, who struck the Divider with the Light, when the head of Namuci the Destroyer you made roll here, seeking the Path for men to continue their journey!"

Indra in search of the Path for Man, removed the enemies, who oppose the evolution of Man towards his divine goal, desiring to keep him imprisoned here in his narrower states

of consciousness, being subject to their power and enjoyment. He struck the Divider with his Light, he cut the head of Namuci, who kept men caught up in their smallness and incapacity; and by rolling his head he has made a path for men to follow. For what was the obstacle now becomes a means for progress. The path for men is to be created and followed into the direction where it was obstructed, as it were. The indication of the potential growth is in its denial.

Vocabulary:

mṛdh, f. *fight, battle* RV. i , 174 , 4 (Sāy.); *a contemner, adversary, foe* RV. VS. Br. dāna, n. *cutting off. splitting , dividing* L.; *meadow* RV. *imparting, communicating, liberality part, share, possession distributor, dispenser* RV. vii , 27 , 4. saṃkan, (only p. -cakāna) *to be pleased or satisfied* RV. v , 30 , 17. kan, (kā in Veda) 1. P. RV.) , *to be satisfied or pleased* RV. iv , 24 , 9; *to agree to, accept with satisfaction* RV. ii , 28 , 5; to shine A. (Subj. 3. pl. cākananta and caka4nanta RV. i , 169 , 4) , *to be satisfied with, like, enjoy* (with loc. gen. , or instr.) RV.; *to please, be liked or wished for* (with gen. of the person) RV. i , 169 , 4; *to strive after, seek, desire, wish* (with acc. or dat.) RV.

yújam hí mấm ákrthā ấd íd indra síro dāsásya námucer mathāyán ásmānam cit svaríyam vártamānam prá cakríyeva ródasī marúdbhyaḥ 5.030.08

8. Then indeed thou madest me the comrade of thy battle, when thou didst crush the head of Namuchi the destroyer – and thou setst in action the thunderstone that comes to us from thy luminous world and madest heaven and earth like two wheels¹ for the Thought-gods.

Interpretation:

"You made me yoked indeed by that your doing, O Indra, by smashing the head of Namuci the Destroyer! And you forwarded the stone rotating in the luminous realms of Svar to move ahead, (making) the luminous firmaments (Heaven and Earth) as if the two wheels for the Maruts to travel."

What is noteworthy here is that the Thunderbolt, the Stone of Svar of Indra having rotated there, when it is directed forward, it makes the luminous firmaments of our being: Heaven and Earth a means for Maruts to travel. It seems that the Stone of Svar, the Vajra, is directly connected with the two rodasī here, our mental and physical existence; when it moves ahead our mental and physical being becomes a vehicle for the Thought-gods to travel.

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¹ Or, wheel paths

yuj, mfn., *joined, yoked, harnessed, drawn by* RV. &c. &c. (cf. ašva-, hari-, hayottamayuj) m. *a yoke-fellow, companion, comrade, associate* RV. AV. Br.; *a pair, couple, the number `two'* Pañcar.; du. the two Ašvins L.; (in astron.) the zodiacal sign Gemini. cakriya, mfn. *belonging to a wheel or carriage* RV. k , 89 , 4; *going on a carriage, being on a journey* AitBr. i , 14 , 4 (gen. pl. -yāṇām; fr. cakrin and yā Sāy.)

stríyo hí dāsá āyudhāni cakré kím mā karann abalā asya sénāḥ antár hí ákhyad ubhé asya dhéne áthópa praíd yudháye dásyum índraḥ 5.030.09

9. The Destroyer made of women the weapons of his warfare and what shall his strengthless armies do to me? Between both the two streams of this being Godin-Mind was manifested; then he moved forth to battle with the Destroyer

Interpretation:

But the Dasa, the Destroyer, made the strīs, the female energy of men, which is a power of his nature, the weapons against his advance, preventing him from his evolutionary journey.

'What can they do now to me these armies of the forces of nature, whose force was overtaken by the Lord, when He has already made these Heaven and the Earth the means for the Maruts to move forward?

For he stood in-between these two steams of our being, [neither was he the male nor female energy], and thus as one uniting principle He could overcome the Divider.

Vocabulary:

strī, f. (perhaps for sūtrī, or sotrī, "bearer of children", fr. 2. sū; accord. to some connected with Lat. sator;) a woman, female, wife RV. &c. &c.

sám átra gấvo abhíto 'navanta ihéha vatsaír víyutā yád ấsan sám tấ índro asrjad asya śākaír yád īm sómāsah súsutā ámandan 5.030.10

10. Here the luminous mothers moved and came together, for they were roaming hither and thither divorced from their offspring; God-in-Mind by his acts of puissance made them firmly to cohere when perfect outpourings of the wine of delight had filled him with their ecstasy.

Interpretation:

The division of the luminous mothers with their offspring can be interpreted also as those belonging to the two streams: one is of the Nature other of in the Soul. There is the higher Nature of Light, the source of all the souls as its offsprings. There is a gap between Consciousness and Being, which here becomes Becoming, and has to be bridged by the One who is both.

About this One who is the soul and the world Sri Aurobindo speaks in a mysterious way in Savitri:

Self's vast spiritual silence occupies Space; ²
Only the Inconceivable is left,
Only the Nameless without space and time:
Abolished is the burdening need of life:
Thought falls from us, we cease from joy and grief;
The ego is dead; we are freed from being and care,
We have done with birth and death and work and fate.

O soul, it is too early to rejoice! Thou hast reached the boundless silence of the Self, Thou hast leaped into a glad divine abyss; But where hast thou thrown Self's mission and Self's power? On what dead bank on the Eternal's road?

One was within thee who was self and world,

What hast thou done for his purpose in the stars? Escape brings not the victory and the crown! Something thou cam'st to do from the Unknown, But nothing is finished and the world goes on Because only half God's cosmic work is done.

Only the everlasting No has neared

And stared into thy eyes and killed thy heart:

But where is the Lover's everlasting Yes,

And immortality in the secret heart,
The voice that chants to the creator Fire,
The symbolled OM, the great assenting Word,
The bridge between the rapture and the calm,
The passion and the beauty of the Bride,
The chamber where the glorious enemies kiss,
The smile that saves, the golden peak of things?
This too is Truth at the mystic fount of Life.
A black veil has been lifted; we have seen

The mighty shadow of the omniscient Lord;
But who has lifted up the veil of light

And who has seen the body of the King?4

² Volume: 28-29 [SABCL] (Savitri -- A Legend and a Symbol), Page: 310

³ This everlasting Yes, means that there is no denial of any movement of the soul for it is one with nature. Everything here and there becomes one Yes and there is no more No.

⁴ The black vail has been lifted, meaning that there was an ascent undertaken to reach the Supreme. But the second part of His descent was not done yet, which is mentioned here as lifting up the veil of light to see the body of the King. Who has come with His

And Sri Aurobindo continues showing the mystery of birth of God in his Manifestation:

The mystery of God's birth and acts remains Leaving unbroken the last chapter's seal, Unsolved the riddle of the unfinished Play; The cosmic Player laughs within his mask, And still the last inviolate secret hides Behind the human glory of a Form, Behind the gold eidolon of a Name.

yád īm sómā babhrúdhūtā ámandann ároravīd vrsabháh sádaneşu puramdaráh papivám índro asya púnar gávām adadād usríyānām 5.030.11

11. When the wine-pourings set streaming by the Tawny One had made him drunken with their ecstasy, the Bull roared aloud in his dwelling-places; God-in-Mind, the render-open of our cities, drank of this and gave back the shining cows, the radiant herds.

Interpretation:

"When stirred were the streams of Soma by the Ruddy, intoxicating (Indra), then the Bull has roared in settling down (of all things to their proper places)! Indra has drunk of this, and breaking through the cities again he gave [to us our] shining herds of dawning light!"

Vocabulary:

babhrudhūta, mfn. pressed out by Babhru (as Soma) RV.

babhru, mfn. (according to Un2. i , 23 fr. bhr) *deep-brown, reddish-brown, tawny* RV. &c. &c.; *a man with deep-brown hair* Mn. iv , 30 (others `a reddish-brown animal' or `the Soma creeper')

dhūta mfn. *shaken, stirred, agitated* RV. &c. &c. (said of the Soma= `rinsed' SV. dhauta) *shaken off, removed, destroyed*; n. *morality* Buddh.

bhadrám idám rusámā agne akran gávām catvári dádatah sahásrā rnamcayásya práyatā magháni práty agrabhīsma nítamasya nīnám 5.030.12

pure Consciousness here to create for him a Body. Only the body was denied to find Him, but who has brought Him to his Body?

12. O God-Will, a happy work was this that thy ruddy powers did who gave unto us the four thousands of the shining kine; and we took from the hands of the strongest of Active Souls, from the Discerner of the Movement, the fullnesses that he extended unto us.

Interpretation:

"Blissfull is this that the ruddy powers have done, O Agni, they gave [us back] four thousand radiant rays!

And from the most Hero-Soul among all souls, from the perceiver of the needful movement here, we have received the gifts extended forward!"

ṛṇamcaya, Sri Aurobindo translates as the Discerner of the Movement, ṛṇa- movement from the root ṛ, to move, to go and caya-, discerning, from the root ci, to perceive, to attend, to gather. In the later language ṛṇaṃcaya- would mean the one who collects the debts; ṛṇa- is a debt, that what is wanted, missing, etc.; and caya- is the collector. So the ṛṇaṃcaya- can be translated as the one who perceives the right movement, or the movement which is to be done in order to put everything in its right place.

When the higher lighting of Indra is flashing down, showing all things as they are, revealing the misplacement of all things, it actually ignites the right discernment by which the proper movement and purpose of all things can be seen.

Vocabulary:

rušama, m. N. of a man RV.; pl. *his descendants* ib.; (ā) f. N. of a woman (said to have contended with Indra as to which of the two would run fastest round the earth, and to have won by the artifice of only going round Kuru-kshetra) PañcavBr.

ruš, to hurt, injure, annoy;

rṇaṃcaya, m. N. of a king RV. v , 30 , 12; of an Āṅgirasa (author of the end of RV. ix , 108) RAnukr.

rṇa, mfn. going, flying, fugitive (as a thief) RV. vi , 12 , 5; having gone against or transgressed, guilty [cf. Lat. {reus}]; n. anything wanted or missed anything due, obligation, duty, debt (a Brāhmaṇa owes three debts or obligations: 1 . Brahmacarya or 'study of the Vedas', to the Rishis ; 2. sacrifice and worship to the gods ; 3. procreation of a son to the Manes TS. vi , 3 , 10 , 5, Mn. vi , 35 , &c. ; in later times also 4. benevolence to mankind and 5. hospitality to guests are added MBh. &c.) RV. AV.&c. Mn. MBh. &c.; a debt of money, money owed MBh. Mn.; a negative quantity, minus (in math.)

supéśasam mấva srjanti ástam gávām sahásrai ruśámāso agne tīvrấ índram amamanduḥ sutáso aktór víuṣṭau páritakmiyāyāḥ 5.030.13

13. O God-Will, thy ruddy powers gave me perfect form and released me to my Home with the thousands of thy cattle; for the intense juices of the wine had intoxicated the God-Mind in the dawning of the Night that circumscribes.

Interpretation:

"They have created me a home, supremely beautiful, O Agni, your shining forces with thousands of your lustres!

And violent delights of pressed out Soma made Indra happy in the dawning of the dangerous and trespassing (or transgressing, moving through) Night!"

The Night is being illumined by the Dawn. In this time the vigorous delights pressed out by man for Indra make him happy, and the luminous powers of Agni create for him a Home here, bestowing upon him [four] thousands lustres [as the fullness of Divine Manifestation]!

Vocabulary:

paritakmya mfn. wandering, unsteady, uncertain, dangerous RV.; f. travelling, peregrination ib.; night (as the wandering cf. x, 127) ib.

supešas, mfn. well adorned, beautiful, handsome RV. VS. TBr. &c.

aúchat sấ rấtrī páritakmiyā yấm rṇaṃcayé rấjani ruśámānām átyo ná vājí raghúr ajyámāno babhrúś catvári asanat sahásrā 5.030.14

14. Out broke into dawn the Night that circumscribes, because of the Discerner of the Movement, the King of his ruddy powers. Like a horse driven swiftly in its gallop, the Ruddy One conquered his fourfold thousands.

Interpretation:

"Shining is this Night, encompassing all, for the King of the ruddy Powers, discerning all the Movements in the Night is ruling here! Like a swift courser the Lord of Power, the Ruddy One, moved forward conquering the four thousands."

Vocabulary:

atya, m. *a courser, steed* RV. aj, 1. P. , *to drive, propel, throw, cast.*

cátuḥsahasram gáviyasya paśváḥ práty agrabhīṣma ruśámeṣu agne gharmáś cit taptáḥ pravŕje yá ấsīd ayasmáyas tám u ấdāma víprāḥ 5.030.15

15. Four times a thousand of the luminous cattle we have taken from thy ruddy powers, O God-Will; and this heated clarity that was for the intensifying of our strength, - of the thunderstone is its heat, - that too let us take, O mind illumined.

Interpretation:

"Four thousand of the luminous herds, O Agni, of the consciousness that sees, we have accepted in the ruddy powers!

May we trembling in ecstasy receive the concentrated clarity to increase the power made out of steel!"

Vocabulary:

pravrj, P. A. -vṛṇakti, -vṛṅkte, (Ved. inf. -vṛje) , *to strew* (the sacrificial grass) RV. Br.; *to place in or on the fire, heat* ib.; *to perform the Pravargya ceremony* Br. KātyŠr. ayasmaya, mfn. Ved. *made of iron or of metal* RV. v , 30 , 15 , &c. BhP.; m. N. of a son of Manu Svārocisha Hariv.; (ī) f. N. of one of the three residences of the Asuras AitBr.