RV 5.54 r<br/>și: šyāvāšva ātreya; devatā: marudgaņa; chanda: jagatī, 14 tristup

प्र शर्घाय मारुताय स्वभानव इमां वार्चम् अनजा पर्वतच्युते । घर्मस्तुभें दिव आ पृष्ठयज्वने द्युम्नश्रवसे महिं नृम्णम् अर्चत ॥ ५-०५४-०१ प्र वो मरुतस् तविषा उंदन्यवो वयोवृधो अश्वयुजः परिज्रयः । सं विद्युता दर्धति वार्श्वति त्रितः स्वरन्त्यू आपों ऽवना परिज्रयः ॥ ५-०५४-०२ विद्युन्महसो नरो अर्ञमदिद्यवो वातत्विषो मरुतः पर्वतच्युतः । अब्दया चिन् मुहुर् आ ह्रांदुनीवृतं स्तनयदमा रभसा उदोजसः ॥ ५-०५४-०३ व्यू अक्तून् रुद्रा व्यू अहांनि शिक्वसो व्यू अन्तरिक्षं वि रजांसि धूतयः । वि यद् अज्रा अर्जथ नाव ई यथा वि दुर्गाणि मरुतो नाह रिष्यथ ॥ ५-०५४-०४ तद् वीर्यं वो मरुतो महित्वनं दीर्घं तंतान सूर्यों न योजनम् । एता न यामे अगृंभीत शोचिषो ऽनश्वदां यन् न्य् अयांतना गिरिम् ॥ ५-०५४-०५ अभ्राजि शर्धों मरुतो यद् अर्णसम् मोषथा वृक्षं कंपनेवं वेधसः । अर्ध स्मा नो अरमतिं सजोषसञ् चक्षुंर् इव यन्तम् अनुं नेषथा सुगम् ॥ ५-०५४-०६ न स जीयते मरुतो न हन्यते न स्रेधति न व्यथते न रिष्यति । नास्य राय उपं दस्यन्ति नोतय ऋषिं वा यं राजांनं वा सुषूंदथ ॥ ५-०५४-०७ नियुत्वन्तो ग्रामजितो यथा नरों ऽर्यमणो न मरुतः कबन्धिनः । पिन्वन्त्य् उत्सं यद् इनासो अस्वंरन् व्य् उन्दन्ति पृथिवीम् मध्वो अन्धंसा ॥ ५-०५४-०८ प्रवत्वतीयम् पृथिवी मरुद्भयः प्रवत्वती द्यौर् भवति प्रयद्भयः । प्रवत्वंतीः पथ्या अन्तरिक्ष्याः प्रवत्वंन्तः पर्वता जीरदांनवः ॥ ५-०५४-०९ यन् मरुतः सभरसः स्वर्णरः सूर्यं उदिते मदथा दिवो नरः । न वो ऽश्वाः श्रथयन्ताह सिस्रतः सद्यो अस्याध्वनः पारम् अश्नुथ ॥ ५-०५४-१० अँसेषु व ऋष्टयःं पत्सु खादयो वक्षंस्सु रुक्मा मरुतो रथे शुभःं ।

अग्निभ्रांजसो विद्युतो गर्भस्त्योः शिप्राः शीर्षसु वितंता हिरण्ययीः ॥ ५-०५४-११ तं नाकम् अर्थो अगृभीतशोचिषं रुशत् पिप्पलम् मरुतो वि धूनुथ । सम् अच्यन्त वृजनातित्विषन्त यत् स्वरन्ति घोषं वितंतम् ऋतायवः ॥ ५-०५४-१२ युष्टमादत्तस्य मरुतो विचेतसो रायः स्याम रथ्यो वयस्वतः । न यो युच्छति तिष्यो यथा दिवो ऽस्मे रारन्त मरुतः सहस्रिणम् ॥ ५-०५४-१३ यूयं रयिम् मरुत स्पार्हवीरं यूयम् ऋषिम् अवथ सामविप्रम् । यूयम् अर्वन्तम् भरताय वाजं यूयं धत्थ राजानं श्रुष्टिमन्तम् ॥ ५-०५४-१४ द्वं सु मे मरुतो हर्यता वचो यस्य तरेम तरसा शतं हिमाः ॥ ५-०५४-१५

# Analysis of RV 5.54

prá śárdhāya márutāya svábhānava imām vācam anajā parvatacyúte gharmastúbhe divá āprsthayájvane dyumnáśravase máhi nrmnám arcata 5.054.01

Raise thou up this voice of the word to the self-lustrous army of the Thoughtpowers, they who move the fixed hills; they who support the burning light and sacrifice on the back of heaven and have the luminous inspiration, to them sing out by the word a great mightiness of the soul. (1)

#### Interpretation:

"To the self-luminous Army of Maruts, which can move the mountains, you shine/sing/clarify this Word; to the gods who are affirmed in the heating of concentrated consciousness, who sacrifice on the top of the world, who are of luminous heavenly inspiration, sing flaming the hymn of the greatness of the Soul-Power to them!"

Vocabulary:

añj, cl. 7. P. A, to apply an ointment or pigment, smear with, anoint to decorate, prepare; to honour, celebrate; to cause; to appear, make clear RV. i , 92 ; 1 to speak, to shine. parvatacyut, mfn. shaking mountains (Maruts) RV.

pṛṣṭhayajvan, m. *one who sacrifices on high places* RV. gharmastubh, mfn. *shouting in the heat* (the Maruts) RV. v , 54 , 1. dyumnašravas, mfn. *producing a strong or clear sound* , v , 54 , 1.

prá vo marutas tavisā udanyávo vayovŕdho asvayújah párijrayah sám vidyútā dádhati vāsati tritáh sváranti āpo avánā párijrayah 5.054.02

These are the powers of the Life that are mighty and desire the waters of heaven and they increase our wide being; yoking their swiftnesses they speed everywhere; they join themselves to the lightning, the Third Soul cries aloud to them, the waters raise their voice and rush over all the earth. (2)

### Interpretation:

"Forward are heading the powerful Maruts, seeking heavenly waters, increasing the vastness of our being, yoking the life powers they move all over! Them Trita summons who thus put on the Lightning, and the Waters roar running all over the Earth."

Sri Aurobindo writes about Trita:

But afterwards thy fiery rays with their smoky passion meet together entirely; oh then, the third Soul\* forges him in our heavens like a smith in his smithy; 'tis as if in the smith himself that he whets him into a weapon of sharpness.\*

[Trita Aptya, the Third or Triple, apparently the Purusha of the mental plane. In the tradition he is a Rishi and has two companions significantly named Eka, one or single, and Dwita, second or double, who must be the Purushas of the material and the vital or dynamic consciousness. In the Veda he seems rather to be a god.]

[The original is very compressed in style and suggestion beyond even the common Vedic pregnancy of structure and phrase, "When, oh, him Trita forges in heaven like a smith, sharpens as in the smith". In English we have to expand in order to bring out the meaning.]"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Volume: 15 [CWSA] (The Secret of the Veda), Page: 425

"Dwita, the god or Rishi of the second plane of the human ascent. It is that of the Life-force, the plane of fulfilled force, desire, free range of the vital powers which are no longer limited by the strict limitations of this mould of Matter. We become conscious of and conscious in new realms, immense ranges of life, the "far-extending existence" of the next verse, which are screened off from our ordinary physical consciousness. Trita is the god or Rishi of the third plane, full of luminous mental kingdoms unknown to the physical mind."<sup>2</sup>

# Vocabulary:

udayanyu, mfn. liking or seeking water RV. v , 57 , 1; pouring out water, irrigating RV. v , 54 , 2 parijri, mfn. *running round , spreading everywhere* RV. ašvayuj, mfn. *harnessing horses* RV. v , 54 , 2; *having horses put to* (as a carriage) R. v , 27 , 14 vayovrdh, mfn. *increasing strength or energy , invigorating* RV. avani, f. *course, bed of a river* RV.; *stream, river* RV. , *the earth* Naigh. R. Pañcat. &c.; *the soil , ground* Megh.; *any place on the ground* Sūryas.

vidyúnmahaso náro áśmadidyavo vātatviso marútah parvatacyútah abdayā cin múhur ā hrādunīvŕtah stanáyadamā rabhasā údojasah 5.054.03

These gods have the flashing powers of the lightning, they are the outflaming of the thunderstone, the fire and lights of the storm-wind of Life, Powers of battle that move the hills; they follow their clamorous path again and again with giving of the waters, shouting in their strength, uplifting their energy with a passionate delight in their force. (3)

## Interpretation:

Since the Mental Purusha, Trita is calling upon them, and they are the powers of the self which is involved in manifestation, narah; so, being charged with the power of the Trita, they exercise the greatness of his lightnings, vidyunmahasah, and the flashings of his thunders, ašmadidyavah, in the fields of the Universal Life, vāta-tviṣaḥ, hitting upon the mountains of the physical world, shaking them up, parvatacyutaḥ. "Sounding and resounding, fulfilling their realization, in the upward movement of their power, they are pouring down the heavenly waters again and again when follow their tumultuous path."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Volume: 15 [CWSA] (The Secret of the Veda), Page: 447

#### Vocabulary:

vidyunmahas, mfn. '*rejoicing lightning' or 'brilliant with lightning*' RV. v , 54 , 3. ašmadidyu, mfn. *whose missile weapons are stones or thunderbolts* RV. v , 54 , 3. vātatvis, mfn. *impetuous as wind* (said of the Maruts) RV.

abdayā, (instr. of ab-dā) ind. *out of desire of giving water* RV. v , 54 , 3.

hrādunī, f. `" rattling "', hail RV. VS. Br. ChUp.

hrād, (cf. hlād) cl. 1. A. (Dhātup. ii , 25) hrādate, to sound, roar, make a noise (mostly with a preposition cf. nir-, and sam); to refresh , delight (= or w.r. for hlādayati) MārkP.

stanayad-ama, mfn. having a roaring onset (said of the Maruts) RV.;

ama, m. *impetuosity, violence, strength, power* RV. VS. AV.; *depriving of sensation, fright, terror* RV.

stan, (cf. 2. tan) cl. 1. P. (Dhātup. xiii , 18) *to resound , reverberate , roar , thunder* RV. &c. &c.

व्यू अक्तून् रुद्रा व्यू अहानि शिक्वसो व्यू अन्तरिक्षं वि रजांसि धूतयः । – – – – – – – – – वि यद् अज्रा अजथ नाव ई यथा वि दुर्गाणि मरुतो नाह रिष्यथ ॥ ५-०५४-०४

ví aktūn rudrā ví áhāni śikvaso ví antárikṣaṃ ví rájāṃsi dhūtayaḥ ví yád ájrām ájatha nāva īṃ yathā ví durgāni maruto nāha risyatha 5.054.04

O violent ones, rushing you pervade in your strength the nights and the days and the mid-world and its kingdoms; when you drive like ships over open ranges or when you possess with your motion the difficult paths, O even then, you Life-powers, you come not to hurt. (4)

#### Interpretation:

"O Rudras, you are the shakers of all the regions, able to go through the nights and the days, through the space uniting Heaven and Earth and its regions! And when you drive to the open fields [beyond] like the ship [over the ocean] and over the places that are impossible to reach, even then you don't hurt."

<u>Vocabulary:</u> šikvas, mfn. *mighty , powerful , able* RV. dhūti, m. *shaker , agitator* (Maruts) RV.; *shaking , moving to and fro , fanning* Vop. ajra, m. *a field , a plain* RV. [Lat. ager] aj, cl. 1. P. , *to drive , propel , throw , cast.* 

tád vīríyam vo maruto mahitvanám dīrghám tatāna sūriyo ná yójanam

# étā ná yāme ágr,bhīta-śociṣo ánaśvadām yán ní áyātanā girím 5.054.05

That force of yours, O ye Life-gods, has extended its far-reaching vastness as the Sun of Truth extends wide its working; ye are even as his white steeds whose pure light in their journeying none can seize and restrain, when you make to break apart the hill of being because it gives not up to you life's prisoned swiftnesses. (5)

#### Interpretation:

"That Power of yours, viryam vah, O Maruts, is of greatness and vastness; it extends far as the yoking of the Sun [with its rays]. You are like the pure shining steeds in the unstoppable movement of yours, when you come to the Hill containing the imprisoned life's energies, which it is not willing to give to the seeker, and make it open up!"

Vocabulary:

an-ašva-dā, mfn. *one who does not give horses* RV. v, 54, 5. ni-yā, to pass over (with a carriage) RV. v, 35, 5

अभ्राजि शर्धों मरुतो यद् अर्णसम् मोर्षथा वृक्षं कपनेव वेधसः । अध स्मा नो अरमतिं सजोषसञ् चक्षुर् इव यन्तम् अनु नेषथा सुगम् ॥ ५-०५४-०६

ábhrāji śárdho maruto yád arņasám mósathā vrksám kapanéva vedhasah ádha smā no arámatim sajosasas cáksur 'va yántam ánu nesathā sugám 5.054.06

O Life-gods, O ordainers of things, your army blazes with light when you wrest out the flood like a woodcutter cleaving a tree. Now therefore shall you, with all your hearts on one object, lead our effort and struggle by an easy way even as his eye guides the way farer. (6)

#### Interpretation:

"O Maruts, blazing is your power, O Ordainers, when you are in the battle for the waters, cutting the tree like the woodcutter! Lead us by the perfect way, happily agreeing together upon the mind of the Ray of the Sun, as if the Eye of the Sun itself [is followed whose Rays are reaching far]."

#### Vocabulary:

arṇas, n. *a wave*, *flood*, *stream* RV.; *the foaming sea ocean of air* RV. *river* Naigh. kapanā, f. (kamp Nir. vi , 4), *a worm*, *caterpillar* RV. v, 54, 6 muş, 9., 1. P. (Dhātup. xxxi , 58) also 6. P.; *to steal*, *rob*, *plunder*, *carry off* (also with two acc.= take away from , deprive of) RV. &c. &c.; *to ravish, captivate*, *enrapture* (the eyes or the heart) MBh. Kāv. &c.; *to break*, *destroy*; aramati, f. '*readiness to serve, obedience , devotion* (generally personified as) a goddess protecting the worshippers of the gods and pious works in general RV. sajoṣas, mfn. *associated together , united , being or acting in harmony with* (instr.) RV. AV. VS. TBr.; ind. *together* RV.

न स जीयते मरुतो न हन्यते न स्नेधति न व्यथते न रिष्यति । नास्य राय उप दस्यन्ति नोतय ऋषिं वा यं राजानं वा सुषूद्थ ॥ ५-०५४-०७

ná sá jīyate maruto ná hanyate ná sredhati ná vyathate ná risyati násya ráya úpa dasyanti nótáya ŕsim vā yám rájānam vā súsūdatha 5.054.07

O Life-gods, he is not conquered, he is not slain, he stumbles not, nor is hurt nor suffers anguish, his felicities and his increasings are not harried nor made havoc of whom you speed on his way a seer or a king. (7)

#### Interpretation:

"He is not conquered, O Maruts, he is not killed, neither he fails, nor trembles nor feels pain, for his realization cannot be exhausted, nor his growths, whom you thus guide, be he a Rishi or a King!"

#### Vocabulary:

sridh, 1.P. *to fail, err, blunder* RV. das 1. 4. ( p. dasamāna ; impf. pl. adasyan) *to suffer want , become exhausted* RV. iv, 134, 5 (Nir. i. 9) TS. i , 6 , 11 , 3 sūd, (prob. connected with svad) 1. A. (Dhātup. ii , 24) sūdate (occurring only in the reduplicated forms suṣūdima RV. ; suṣūdati AV.; , *to put or keep in order , guide aright* RV. AV.; *to manage, arrange , prepare , effect , contrive* RV.; *to settle i.e. put an end to , kill , slay* (also inanimate objects) MBh. R. &c.

niyútvanto grāmajíto yáthā náro aryamáņo ná marútah kabandhínah pínvanti útsam yád ināso ásvaran ví undanti prthivím mádhvo ándhasā 5.054.08

These Life-gods, they yoke the horses of the Life-power, they are like men that conquer groups and companies, they are as if Lords of Strength and aspiration; when these kings have upraised their voice, they feed (drink) the fountain of the waters and flood earth with the strong essence of the sweetness. (8)

#### Interpretation:

"They are capable to yoke the forces of life in clusters and groups as if the conquerors, the hero-souls, as if the Lord of Power, Aryaman, as if the Lord Varuna with his floods of heavenly waters, they are the Kings, who thus increase the fountain and when they cry the Word they flood the Earth with the honey!"

Vocabulary:

niyut, *team of horses* (esp. of Vāyu's horses) ib. VS. TS.; pl. *series of words, verses , a poem* RV.;

-vat mfn. *drawn by a team of horses* (as a carriage , Vāyu , Indra , the Maruts) RV.; *forming a series, flowing continuously or abundantly* (as Soma) ib.

grāmajit, mfn. *conquering troops* RV. v , 54 , 8; AV. vi , 97 , 3.

kabandhin, mfn. 'bearing huge vessels of water or clouds' (`endowed with water' Sāy.); N. of the Maruts RV. v , 54 , 8 ; (i) m. N. of a Kātyāyana PrašnUp.

ina, mfn. (fr. i Un. iii , 2 ; or fr. in = inv) , *able, strong , energetic , determined , bold powerful , mighty wild glorious* RV.; m. *a lord , master a king* BhP.; N. of an Āditya, *the sun;* 

ud, or und 7. P. unatti (RV. v, 85, 4); 6. P. undati} ( Dha1tup. xxix, 20) *to flow or issue out, spring* (as water) *to wet , bathe* RV. AV. ŠBr. etc.

pravátvatīyám prthivī marúdbhiyah pravátvatī dyaúr bhavati prayádbhiyah pravátvatīh pathíyā antáriksiyāh pravátvantah párvatā jīrádānavah 5.054.09

This wide earth becomes prone to the advancing movement of the Life-gods, prone the heavens and prone the paths of the mid-air and prone the mountains. (9)

<u>Vocabulary:</u> pravatvat mfn. abounding in heights , hilly RV.; sloping downwards , affording a swift motion ib.

यन् मरुतः सभरसः स्वर्णरः सूर्य उदिते मदंथा दिवो नरः । – – – न वो ऽश्वाः श्रथयन्ताह सिस्नतः सद्यो अस्याध्वनः पारम् अश्चथ ॥ ५-०५४-१०

yán marutah sabharasah suvarnarah

sūrya údite mádathā divo narah ná vo áśvāh śrathayantāha sísratah sadyó asyá ádhvanah pārám aśnutha 5.054.10

When, O Life-powers, O souls of heaven, with your rich bringings you rejoice in the rising of its Sun of illumination, souls of the world of Light, ah, your horses fall not in their galloping, at once you attain the end of this path. (10)

Vocabulary:

sabharas, mfn. (perhaps) *harmonizing with* (instr.; others 'furnished with oblations or gifts') RV.

अँसेषु व ऋष्टयः पत्सु खादयो वक्षस्सु रुक्मा मरुतो रथे शुभः । अग्निभ्राजसो विद्युतो गमस्त्योः शिप्राः शीर्षसु वितता हिरण्ययीः ॥ ५-०५४-११

ámsesu va rstávah patsú khādáyo váksassu rukmāmaruto ráthe súbhah agníbhrājaso vidyúto gábhastiyoh síprāh sīrsásu vítatā hiraņyáyīh 5.054.11

Lances are on your shoulders, on your feet are sharp anklets, on your bosoms golden adornments, O Life-powers happy<sup>3</sup> in your cars; lightnings that are flamings of the flame of Will are in your luminous arms, on your heads are wide-extended turbans of golden light. (11)

<u>Vocabulary:</u> m gabhasti, m. fork (?), *arm , hand* RV. ŠBr. iv , 1 , 1 , 9 (Naigh. i , 5); *a ray of light , sunbeam* MBh. R. šipra, cheek (?), face (?);

tám nākam aryó ágrbhītašociṣam rúšat píppalam maruto ví dhūnutha sám acyanta vrjánātitviṣanta yát sváranti ghóṣam vítatam rtāyávah 5.054.12

Strivers and fighters, O Life-powers, ye rush over that high heaven whose pure light cannot be seized where is the shining Tree; where their purifying 9

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Or, shining

strengths have come together and have become a blaze of light, desiring the Truth they raise a voice of far-extended proclamations. (12)

## Vocabulary:

nāka m." *where there is no pain* "' [?]; cf. Pāņ. 6-3, 75 and below mfn.) *vault of heaven* (with or scil. divas), *firmament*, *sky* (generally conceived as threefold cf. tridiva, tri-nāka, and AV. xix, 27, 4; in VS. xvii, 67 there is a fivefold scale, viz. pṛthivī, antari-kṣa, div, divo-nāka, and svar-jyotis) RV. &c. &c.

pippala, m. *the sacred fig-tree*, Ficus Religiosa (commonly called Peepal) MBh. Var. &c.; a kind of bird L.; n. a berry (esp. of the Peepal tree) RV. &c. &c.

tviș, (cl. 1. tveșati, -te Dha1tup. ; atitvișanta;) A. *to be violently agitated or moved or excited or troubled* RV.; P. A. *to excite , instigate* RV. i , x ; *to shine , glitter* , viii , 96 , 15 Nir. BhP. x , 46 , 45

युष्मादंत्तस्य मरुतो विचेतसो रायः स्यांम रथ्यो वर्यस्वतः । – न यो युच्छति तिष्यो यथा दिवो ऽस्मे रारन्त मरुतः सहस्रिणम् ॥ ५-०५४-१३

yuṣmādattasya maruto vicetaso rāyáḥ siyāma rathíyo váyasvataḥ ná yó yúchati tiṣíyo yáthā divó asmé rāranta marutaḥ sahasríṇam 5.054.13

O ye Life-powers that attain to absolute knowledge, may we be wide in our being, charioteers of the felicity you give which never departs from us even as the star Tishya from heaven; let the Life-powers in us delight in a thousandfold riches. (13)

Vocabulary:

yuşmādatta, mfn. *given by you* RV. vayasvat, mfn. *possessed of power or vigour , mighty , vigorous* ib. tişya, m. N. *of a heavenly archer* (like Kṛṣāṇu) and of the 6th Nakshatra of the old or 8th of the new order RV. v , 54 , 13

यूयं रयिम् मरुत स्पार्हवीरं यूयम् ऋषिम् अवथ सामविप्रम् । – – – – – – – – – यूयम् अर्वन्तम् भरताय वाजं यूयं घत्थ राजानं श्रुष्टिमन्तम् ॥ ५-०५४-१४

yūyám rayím maruta spārhávīram yūyám ŕsim avatha sāmavipram yūyám árvantam bharatāya vājam yūyám dhattha rājānam śrustimántam 5.054.14

O Life-gods, you foster a felicity full of desirable energies, you foster the finder of knowledge who has illumined possession of equality, you for the bringer of the riches establish here his war steed of the plenitude, you his King of the inspired knowledge. (14)

<u>Vocabulary:</u> spārhavīra, mfn. *consisting in excellent heroes or having excellent chiefs or guides* ib. [1269,3] sāmavipra, mfn. *skilled in Sāma chants* RV. šrustimat, mfn. *obedient , willing* RV.

तद् वो यामि द्रविणं सद्यौतयो येना स्वर् ण ततनाम न् ँ अभि । इदं सु मे मरुतो हर्यता वचो यस्य तरेम तरसा शतं हिमाः ॥ ५-०५४-१५

tád vo yāmi dráviņam sadyaūtayo yénā súvar ņá tatánāma nŕīmr abhí idám sú me maruto haryatā váco yásya tárema tárasā śatám hímāh 5.054.15

O you who at once increase our being, I seek from you that substance by which we shall build as if the world of light in the godheads. Life-powers, take joy in this my self-expression so that by its speed for our journey we may pass through safe to the goal of our hundred winters. (15)

<u>Vocabulary:</u> haryat, mfn. *eager*, *willing*, *glad* RV. sadyas-ūti, *helping immediately* (?) taras, n. *rapid progress, velocity*, *strength*, *energy*, *efficacy* RV. MBh.; (fig.) v, 54, 15; AV. x, 10, 24