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Verses from a hymn in praise of Mani

'pwryšn 'yg prystg rwšn

- 1 'ynk, ''yd rwcyn'g 'y dyl'n, bzmg 'y rwšn, ky t'ryg'n xwd rwcynyd.
- 2 'ynk, ''yd mwr'dxyz 'yg w'bryg'n, ky ysk ... bys'zynyd.
- 3 'ynk, ''yd n'w'z nyw 'wd prwx, ky n'w'n xwd wyd'ryd 'c dry'b.

[five verses missing]

- 4 'ynk, ''yd r'ymst š'h 'y rwšn'n, ky d'sh'n nyw'n hmbxšyd.
- 5 'ynk, ''yd ř'syn'g 'y dwšmnwn, kyš'n gwg'nyd 'wd wšwbyd.
- 6 tw 'rz'n hy, pd'n, m'ny xwd'wn, 'st'yšn 'wd 'pryn, *'ž b''n 'wd mhr'spnd'n ...

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[Parthian]

- 1 'frym'w tw pydr, **bg** r'stgr, gy'n'n pdbws, **dydn** 'wt frmnywg.
— 'fryd 'fryd 'yy, tw yzd hwfrm'n — **hmwd'm** pd tw, w'c-'fryd dydn.

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M 224 I: *Mir. Man. ii* 322. Verses *l/r-n*, and *r-t* of an abecedarian hymn in praise of Mani. The formula *ēnak āyēd* “Behold, he comes” introduces each verse but the last.

2 murdāhēz īg wābarigān: In *BBB*, line 189 the expression *murdāhēz wābarigān* is used of the god Jesus.

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M 6232 V (T II D 178): H.H. Schaeder, *Studien zum antiken Synkretismus*, 291 (as text **b**). The opening verses (*alif* to *p*) of an abecedarian hymn to Mani, each of whose half-lines begins with a letter of the alphabet. There is an antiphonal, non-alphabetic, verse between *d* and *h*.

- 2 z'wr 'škybg, jywhryn jyryft, *hštwmyg nwxz'd, t'wg frm'ng, yzd bg
 mry m'ny, xwd'ym'n fryhgwn, ky 'xšd wsn'd lwgyg brhm 'st'd, 'wd
 'w mrdwhm'n nyš'n qyrt pyd'g.
- 3 sxwn jywng, 'spwr cxš'byd, pdmwc'd 'w 'm'ḥ ...

2 *hštwmyg nōxzād : The ms. has only [.](s)twmyg. Schaeder, making the restoration (so also, independently, Lentz in *W.L.* i 54), suggests (op. cit., p. 293 n. to 7) that as the "eighth First-born" Mani is hailed as the last of the great cosmogonic deities, the preceding seven being presumably the Friend of the Lights, the Great Builder, and the Living Spirit (second creation) and the Third Messenger, Maiden of Light, Jesus and the Nous (third creation).

kird paydāg : the spelling *qyrt* is exceptional.

XIII

HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH HIERARCHY AND CHURCH DIGNITARIES

cm

Hymn for the hierarchy and the community

- 1 wcydggyercg'n 'wd m'nyst'n'n, pd wysp šhr 'wd p'ygws kw rw'nd,
phryz'nd ...
- 2 fr'y 'wd wyš 'br tw, hmwcg *nywn'm, ky nšst hy 'br g'h 'y pdyšt'n ... tw
hy sr 'wd srhng, g'hd'r 'y nyw, ... 'y frystg'n, pyd 'y fryhrwd, 'wm'n
*m'd 'y dwš'rmngr. r'yngrm'n 'y pd fryy, 'wm'n z'm'g 'w h'n
š'dyy 'wd zyhr 'y frwx'n. tw hy xwd'y 'wd šhry'r frwx, dy'g 'y wysp'n
qyrbgyh'n 'w frzynd'n kyt 'wyš pywsynd. nwnty 'bzw'd frh 'br
frh, drystyy 'wd pyrwzzy, š'dyy 'wd qyrbgyy, 'bzw'n 'wd whybg'ryh,
b'm 'wd 'gr'yy 'c 'wy ny'g 'ym''n ''z'dyy 'w j'yd'n.
- 3 hft'd'n 'wd dwn'n 'spsg'n 'y r'styy, ncyh'g'n 'y r'h 'y xw'styy.
'wš'n 'bzw'd frh 'wd š'dyy, 'wš'n wyfr'yh'd n'm pd 'st'yšn pd wysp
crg 'wd p'ygws.
- 4 tylst 'wd šst m'ns'r'r'n wzyšt'n, prwr'g'n 'w frzynd'n 'y yzd'n,
zhg'n 'y m'ny xwd'wn. š'yh'nd 'wd frmyn'nd pd nwgnwg 'bzw'n 'yg
qyrbgyy 'wd š'dyy.

XIII

There are a number of hymns which call down blessings upon the members of the Man. church, rank by rank. Other hymns are designed for a particular dignitary on a particular occasion, e.g. a bishop at his installation. In general the hymns are fairly conventional in content and phraseology. The Great Nous (*Wahman*) is much invoked in them, as the god whose particular care is religious revelation and the Man. church. On the members of the Man. community see intro., p. 11.

cm

M 36 : *Mir. Man. ii* 323-26. The opening of this hymn is missing, containing presumably blessings upon the apostles and the Leader of the church (cf. **en** 1, below).

2 gāh i padīstān : "throne of the prophets". On *padišt* in the sense of "station" in the process of divine revelation, i.e. "prophet", see H. S. Nyberg, *Henning Mem. Vol.*, 344.

- 5 xwhw'ñ'ñ zyr'ñ, srwbr'ñ'wd 'bhwm'g'ñ 'y r'z'ñ 'y whyy, n'ypzd'ñ
 'y.whmn *nrym'ñ pd nyš'ñ 'y xwndg nxwsł'yn.
- 6 ... dbyr'ñ nyw'ñ, b'ñ z'dg'ñ, myrd'ñ thm'ñ, frystg'ñ 'y w'xš.
 dwxš'ñ p'k'ñ, ky kwnynd 'wd hnz'mynd k'myšn 'y xwyš bwxt'r. ...
 'bywzyndyḥ, 'wd 'st'ñ'nd n'm 'y ...
- 7 wysp'ñ wcydg'ñ p'k'ñ, wrg'ñ 'spyxt'ñ, *kbwtr'ñ 'spydpr'ñ, cy'g'ñ
 mwy'g'ñ 'wd swgw'r'ñ 'br gryw bwrzysł, ky pws 'ry'm'ñ yyšw',
 'wd pd w'xš zyndg *frsr'ynd.
- 8 'fryd byḥ, kw frzwfs'nd pd 'spwrg'ryy xw'ryn, dwxš'ñ ywjdh'ñ,
 zstg'ñ 'y d'm'd rwšn. p'yh'nd pd dšn 'y drwdyy, 'wd rw'nd 'w
 shr 'y zyndg'ñ.
- 9 nywš'g'ñ hwrw'ñ'ñ 'y sxwn zyndg, prcyn'ñ 'y dyn ywjdh'. 'bzw'nd
 pd wysp xwnkyy 'wd 'fry, 'wd bw'nd 'spwr pd frm'ñ 'y bwzygr.
- 10 m'nyst'ñ'ñ 'wd 'wryšn'ñ 'y yzd'ñ, bync'r'ñ 'wd kwrbg'ñ, ky whmn
 rwšn q'm 'y yzdygyrdyy pdyš wc'ryd. b'ñ 'bz'r'ñ, frystg'ñ thm'ñ,
 jmyg'ñ kyrdg'r'ñ, *frh'ñ, w'xš'ñ, dšn frzynd'ñ, 'yš 'ndr 'wyrd hynd,
 pd drwd *'y'nd. drwd 'wd 'fry 'br 'yn bwyst'ñ 'frydg 'yg 'sprhm'ñ
 xwmbwyn' ...
- 11 'fryd byḥ yzd rwšn zwr 'wd whyḥ, kw xwd 'bz'y'nd nwg nwg drwd
 'wd r'myšn 'w hm'g dyn ywjdh', 'wd 'm'ḥ hrwysp'ñ pd frwxyy
 'wd drystyḥ.

5 pad nišān i xwandag naxostēn : “in the manner of the First Call”. The preachers, that is, summon men to awake from the sleep of unawareness, just as the First Call summoned the First Man (see intro., p. 5).

8 dāmād rōšn : this term for Jesus derives from such NT passages as *Matthew* IX 15, XXV 1-13, *John* III 29 (H.).

dašn i drōdi : i.e. Jesus, see *W.-L. i* 39 f.

10 *frh'ñ : ms. *frk'ñ*, evidently by scribal error. *farrahān*, *waxšān*, “Glories, Spirits”, are regularly invoked together, see **cu** 21, note.

i-š andar awird hēnd : the š appears to refer back to all the earthly dwelling-places of the Manichaeans (*mānistān* etc.). Transl. “who have entered into them”.

ēn bōyistān āfridag : i.e. the Man. community. Cf. **en** 5.

11 yazd rōšn zōr ud wihī : “God, Light, Power and Wisdom”, the tetrad regularly invoked by the Manichaeans.

cn

Hymn for the church hierarchy

'gr'yh 'y hmwc'g'n

- 1 ... qyt xwnqyy 'wd w'y ws'n 'cyš pdyrynd. 'pryn 'br 'yn xw'n 'yg
 'wzyxt'n, mwy'g'n, cyy'g'n 'wd swgw'r'n, 'br 'yn 'y mwrzydg.
- 2 drwd 'br prystg'n nyw'n, r'myšngr'n 'y dyn 'wyšt'ptg.
- 3 'st'yh'd dyn s'r'r, pd 'pryn 'y pydr, pwsr 'wd w'xš ywjdh.
- 4 'wd nmbrym pd 'pryn 'w hmwc'g'n wzrg'n, 'stwn'n 'wd pwštb'n'n
 'y whmn nrym'n, šhry'r 'y dyn ywjdh.
- 5 'wd 'stwd bw'nd hpt'd'n 'wd dwn'n 'spsg'n, prwr'g'n 'y bwyst'n
 hw'b'd.
- 6 hyb byh drwd 'wd r'myšn, zyhr 'wd š'dyh ... 'br wysp'n m'ns'r'r'n,
 gnzwr'n 'y m'dr 'st'ydg.
- 7 'wd "y'd nwg zwr 'c whmn zyndkr 'br xrxw'n'n 'y r'z'n nhwp't'n.
- 8 r'm 'wd š'dyh 'br dbyr'n nyw'n, nbys'g'n 'y sxwn zyndg 'yg yzd'n.
- 9 'pryn 'br 'rd'w'n nyw'n, drxt'n hwzrgwn'n, ky dynd b'r ... 'y
 j'yd'n.
- 10 *'st'yšn 'br xw'ryn 'wzxt'n, pnd-p'y'n 'y d'm'd wryhr'wnd.
- 11 ... r'myšn, zyhr 'wd drwd ... 'br nyws'g'n *hwrw'n'n, hmb'r'g'n 'y
 *dyn 'wyšt'ptg.

[the next seven lines badly preserved]

- 12 ... pdyr'm prh, pyrwzyh. 'wd hrwqyn pd drystyh 'y tn 'wd bwxtgyh
 'y gy'n j'yd'n zyw'm. dbyr.

cn

M 11: *W.-L. ii* 556-57 with 592-96. A text very similar to the preceding one. Some emended readings have been supplied by Dr. Sundermann.

1 abar ēn i murzidag: “upon this which (is) persecuted”. The *ēn* presumably refers to the Man. community, symbolised by those, the “pardoned”, who gather for communion, the *xwān*.

2 dēn awištaftag: the “oppressed faith” or “troubled faith”. To Mani all religions were basically one faith.

6 mādar istāyidag: the identity of the goddess is not certain. Lentz (*pp. 595-96*) was inclined to identify her with the Maiden of Light (also sometimes invoked as the “Mother”).

co**A hymn in honour of the Leader of the church**

- 1 "y'd nwg 'pryn 'c by zrw'n, 'wd nwg š'dyh 'c rwšn'n wzrg'n wnyr'd 'br hm'g dyn ywjdh, 'br s'r'r 'y prwx 'wš hm'g wcydggy.
- 2 "y'd nwg 'pryn 'c by 'y b'n 'brdwm, nwg wšyd'x 'c zwr 'y qyrdg'r wnyr'd 'br tw, s'r'r 'y 'stwd-n'm. myšyt 'pwr'd m'ny xwd'wn.
- 3 prh "y'd 'c by zrw'n š'h, r'myšn 'wd nwg drwd 'c zyn'rysby wnyr'd 'br tw, xwd'y 'stwdn'm, xwrspyg br'z'g šhry'r 'y wcydg'n.

cp**A hymn in honour of a Teacher of the church**

- 1 ... "y'nd 'c sn'n "y'g'n, zywng'g'n 'ym'n gy'n. 'pwryd br'dryyh, prystg'n 'wd w'xš'n, 'w 'yn hmwc'g 'y 'stwd-n'm, 'y whmn 'w 'm'h z'pt.
- 2 nwg 'pryn 'c by zrw'n, drwd 'c b'n 'wd prystg'n, "y'd pd nyw mwrw' pyš hmwc'g 'stwdn'm, 'y 'md pd drwd, rwšnygr 'y dyl'n. nmbrym 'wt 'pwrym, xw'hym 'st'r hyštn 'c xwd'y nywn'm.
- 3 ysn 'wd 'pryn, pdxšr 'w yzd rwšn zwr 'wd wyhyh, cym'n dyd hy tw, xwd'y, pd drystyy 'wd nwg pr'dnng. š'd b'š, xwd'y, zyndkr *'ym'n gy'n*...

co

M 31 I R : *Mir. Man. ii* 327. The last verses of a hymn in honour of the head of the Man. church. The page has the heading *s'r'r'n r'y*, i.e. hymns “for the Leaders”, showing that it was preceded by other similar texts. The hymn which follows (text **cp**) is in honour of a Teacher.

cp

M 31 I V : *Mir. Man. ii* 328-29. Verses in honour of a Teacher.

- 1 **senān āyāgān** : i.e. Jesus, the Maiden of Light and the Nous.
- 3 **yasn ud āfrin** : *yasn* is an archaic form taken from traditional Zoroastrian usage, against the regular MP *jašn*.

cq

Hymns for the enthronement of Bishops

m̄hr'n 'y 'spsg'n

- 1 ... myšgt r'myn'nd prystg'n pd nwg r'm 'wd š'dyy. 'wr pyš hmwc'g 'y 'stwdn'm.
- 2 pd whmn 'wzxt nw'g. 'md nwg prh, nwg dydym 'wd pymwg 'y br'z"g 'c whmn 'wd by hmwc'g 'w pyš tw, xwd'y. pdyrwš pd pryh. š'd b's 'wd wyštir. 'wr' pd š'dyh 'w pyš xwd'y nyw.
- 3 pyš hmwc'g nwg 'spsg 'dynynd. pd by hw'bz"r. 'md nwg mwrw', 'bzwn, 'wd *jdg 'y hwm'ywn 'c b'n, yzd'n 'wd prystg'n ...

[one or two lines missing]

- 4 ... qyrdg'r, nwg 'spsg, 'y nyw przynd 'y whmn. š'd b's, w'r 'wd wyštir pd nyw mwrw', kw bw"d s'r'r pd nwg nwg pr'dng. 'pwr, dy d'syn, 'wd cyhr 'm wrd, kw wnyr'nd pd prwxy, zyw'nd j'yd'n.
- 5 pd nwg r'm 'wd wšyd'x. 'md pd nyw mwrw'h pyš hmwc'g 'y r'styy nwg mwrw' 'y š'dyyh, nwg 'spsg 'y 'stwd-n'm. prmyn b's, xwd'y, 'b'g dyn przynd'n. 'wt bw'nd p'sb'n prystg'n 'wd w'xš'n. *zyw'h pd r'myšn.

cq

M 31 II R and V : *Mir. Man. ii* 329-30. Verses for use at the installation of bishops, with an instruction (at the beginning of para. 3) on the ceremonial, and three indications for the hymn-tunes to be used, e.g. *pad wahman awezaxt niwāg* “To the tune ‘Wahman has pardoned’”. In the other two instances the word *niwāg* is omitted.

1 awar pēš hammōzāg: these words are addressed to the Bishop, who is to come before the Teacher for installation.

2 ō pēš tō, xwadāy ... ō pēš xwadāy nēw: the first *xwadāy* is addressed to the Bishop, the second refers to the Teacher.

4 čihr amward, ku winnērānd ...: probably “gather (your) kinsmen [i.e. his community], that they may prosper ...”.

cqa**Hymn for the installation of a Teacher**

- 1 ... pyšwb'y 'y dyn m'z dys. tw nwg hmwc'g 'y xwr's'n, 'wd r'yn'g
 'y whydyn'n, cy z'd hy pd prwj 'xtr 'ndr twhm 'yg šhry'r'n. wcyd
 hynd sn'n **y'g'n, yyšw' knyg 'wd whmn ...

[several verses missing]

- 2 ... šhry'r'n pyšyhwt nyz'y'nd, prm'nwt pdyr'nd, "pr'hwt nywš'nd.
 hrwysp'n 'šnwg pd nm'c pd nyz'y pyš 'tw "wr'nd.
 3 prystg'nwt pyrwzyn'nd 'br wysp'n hmb'w'n. w'xš'nwt ... pryh'nwt
 ...

cr**Hymns for the church hierarchy**

- 1 ... 'wd 'pwrym 'w 'yn xw'n ywjdhr, pyrwzyh 'y hwrw'n'n, 'wd
 w'y 'yg 'n'rз'n'n.
 2 'wd 'st'ym 'w tw, s'r'r 'y hwjdg, r'yn'gm'n 'y pd pryy, 'wm'n sr
 'wd srhnng 'y nyw, pyd 'y pryrwd, 'wm'n m'd 'y dws'rmmygr.

[a number of lines missing]

- 3 ... hrwysp'n wcydg'n, kyrdg'r'n 'wd sr'm'dg'n, prwx'n przynd'n

cqa

M 543 : *HR. ii* 79, *Mst.* 28, and see *Cat.* —

- 1 **dēn māzdēs** : “the Mazdā-worshipping religion”, a name for Zoroastrianism, adopted presumably for Manichaeism as (hypothetically) the true form of the more ancient faith.
wahidēnān : “those of the Good [lit. ‘Better’] Religion”, a term used by the Zoroastrians of themselves.

prwj : presumably by scribal error for *pyrwz*.

cr

M 729 : *Mir. Man. ii* 330-33. A double sheet, the text in places badly preserved, containing hymns invoking blessings for the community and its leaders. As in **cq**, there are indications of tunes. *Pad xwēš niwāg* presumably means that the hymn in question had its own tune, composed especially for it.

- 2 **rāyēnāgmān i pad friyī** ... : cf. the very similar passage in **cm** 2, above.

‘y w’xš ywjdh^r. zywyd ‘wd wnyryd pd dwg’ng prwx^y_h, hwsrwg pd tn ‘wd bwxtg pd rw’n. d’ ‘w j’yd’n, ‘myn ‘myn, ‘whby_h.

[a number of lines missing]

4 ... ‘wd xwd’y ‘y n’z’g’n, kyš dw’zd_h dydym ‘y rwšn ‘br s’rw’r ‘y b’myw wyr’st. ‘wš ‘c hm’g h’n šhry’ryy rwšn, ‘wyst’m ‘prydg, nwg pr_h ‘wd nwg prwx_y, nwg kyrbg_y ‘wd nwg š’dy_h ...

[a number of lines missing]

5 ... ‘c prystgrwšn ‘wd ‘c yyšw, qnyg ‘wd whmn : dwš’rmy, bwxtgy_h ‘wd yzdygyrd_h, r’ymstyy, r’y ‘wd wyhyy ‘c pydr, pwsr ‘wd ‘c w’xš ywjdh^r. r’myšn, drwd ‘wd p’sb’nyy ‘z prystg’n rwšn’n hyb ‘y^d ‘wd hyb wnyryd ‘br ...

[a number of lines missing]

6 ... q’myšn pd ‘ywyn ‘yg pdyš’tn ‘bdwm pdyr’y d’šyn ‘y qyrdg’r’n.
‘w j’yd’n zm’n ‘wh_h by_h.

7 xwyš nw’g. ”y’d ‘c by zrw’n š’h nwg drwd. r’m ‘wd nwg š’dy_h wnyr’d ‘br tw, xwd’y, hmwc’g prwx.

[a number of lines missing]

8 ... ‘wd wnyr pd š’dyy, w’r ‘wd wštyr j’yd’n.

9 xwyš nw’g — nwg pr_h, nwg prwx_y, nwg š’dy_h, nwg qyrbg_y ”y’d ‘c by zrw’n, wnyr’d ‘br tw, wyspw_h n’zweg, šhry’r’n przynd. phyqyrbwd hwcyhr’, xwš, zwyn, ”y’q pwr pry_h ...

[a number of lines missing]

10 ... ps ‘bdwm pdyr’y xwy, pwsg, dydym ‘c pydr ‘whrmyzd by ‘ndr whyšt rwšn’. j’yd’n ‘nwh w’r’y ‘wd wštyr’y, prmyn’y pd š’dy_h.

11 ‘yn pd tytylnw’ — myšg pr_h ”y’d ‘c b’n, hmyw prwx_y, xwnkyy ‘wd nwg drwd wnyr’d ‘br ...

[a number of lines missing]

4 xwadāy i nāzāgān : i.e. the Father of Greatness.

9 pahikirb-u-d huzihrā : “fair (is) your (-d) form”.

- 12 *xwyš nw'g* — *”y'd nwg drwd, nwg 'pryn 'c *zrw'n, š'h 'y rwšn'n.*
nwg zwr 'wd nwg pry'dyšn 'c zwr 'y zwrmnd, nwg 'pryn 'wd nwg
'st'yšn 'c whmn šhry'r, wnyr'd 'br dyn ...

cs**From a hymn for the community**

- 1 ... *'wd w'z 'y whmn'n rwšn'n hr'm'd 'byzgyh 'w m'nyst'n'n 'y*
'nwšgyh. 'wm'n pryst'nd pryyh, ḫrs 'wd wrwyšn, 'w 'mḥ 'rd'w'n
p'k'n 'wd nywš'g'n hwrw'n'n. 'w pr'zyšt 'wd j'yd'n 'wh byh.

ct**From two hymns in praise of the apostles**

'pryn 'y prystg'n

- 1 *prystg'n rwšn'n, jmyg'n kyrdg'r'n, b''n thm'n, 'wd mhrysnd'n*
'st'yd'n, hy'r'n zwrmnd'n, phryzyn'g'n nyw'n, 'wd nhwmb'g'n 'y rm
'wd wcydgyh 'yg yzd'n. 'stwd 'wd 'pryd hyb bwynd pyš yyšw' ...

[*a number of lines missing*]

- 2 ... *'yn dyn ywjahr 'yst'nd, 'wš nhwmb'nd, p'y'nd 'wd phryzyn'nd.*
'wd pd 'spr 'y rwšn, 'wd mgyn 'y hwstyg'n, 'wd pd nyzg nyw 'y rzmywz,
pdyyz'nd, w'n'nd, 'n'm'nd 'wd dwr kwn'nd 'w wysp'n dwšmynwn

12 zurwān ... rošnān ... zōr ... wahman: the tetrad God, Light, Power and Wisdom is hereby invoked, cf. above, **em** 11, **cp** 3.

cs

S 7 R i: Salemann, *Manichaica iii* 4-5. Verses from the end of a hymn invoking blessings on the community.

1 wāz i wahmanān rošnān ...: apparently “and the word of the Light *Wahmans* shall raise up ... in purity to the dwelling-places of immortality. And they (the Light *Wahmans*?) shall send love, fear (i.e. the fear of sin) and faith ...”.

ct

S 7 R ii, V i and ii: op. cit. for **cs**, pp. 4-6. Two hymns in praise of the apostles (cf. text **cu** 20-31, below). Some minor corrections to Salemann's readings can be made from the photographs which accompany the text.