

## ATHAKĀRI-LAKṢĀNA (12)

A list of of verses or half verses of the *Rgveda Samhitā* containing the word “atha”. The purpose of this text is to remove the confusion between the words “atha” and “adha”.

atha gānaprārambhah

agnimīle athā te antamānām yukṣvā hi keśināyam te stoma uduttamām varuṇāthā na  
ubhayeśāmaśvinā madhumattamām vyaśnuhi tarpayā mūrdhā divo'thāte aṅgirastamām pra su  
viśvānarakṣaso vidmā hi tvā purūvasumasi satya ḥnayāvā yukṣvā hi vājinīvatyagnīśomā haviṣo  
vadhairduśśāṁsāṁ gojitā bāhū tvāmugramavase ya īdrāgnī citratamo'śravaṁ hyupa te  
stomānathā yuvām yuvām dadhīco dvāvīṁśatih 1

**agnimīle** (1.1.1) *Aṣṭaka 1*

1.004.03a **athā te antamānām** vidyāma sumatīnām | (atha | te | antamānām | vidyāma | su-matīnām |)

1.010.03a **yukṣvā hi keśinā** harī vr̄ṣaṇā kakṣyaprā |

1.010.03c **athā** na indra somapā girām upaśrutim cara ||

1.016.07a **ayaṁ te stomo** agriyo hr̄dispr̄g astu śāṁtamaḥ |

1.016.07c **athā** somam sutam piba ||

1.024.15a **ud uttamaṁ varuṇa** pāśam asmad avādhamaṁ vi madhyamaṁ śrathāya |

1.024.15c **athā** vayam āditya vrate tavānāgasō aditaye syāma ||

1.026.09a **athā na ubhayeśām** amṛta martyānām |

1.047.03a **aśvīnā madhumattamām** pātam somam ṛtāvṛdhā |

1.047.03c **athā** dyā dasrā vasu bibhratā rathe dāśvāṁsam upa gacchatam ||

1.054.09c **vy aśnuhi tarpayā** kāmam eśām **athā** mano vasudeyāya kr̄ṣva ||

1.059.02a **mūrdhā** divo nābhīr agniḥ pṛthivyā **athā** bhavad aratī rodasyoh |

1.075.02a **athā te aṅgirastamāgne** vedhastama priyam |

1.076.03a **pra su viśvān rakṣaso** dhakṣy agne bhavā yajñānām abhiśasti pāvā |

1.076.03c **athā** vaha somapatim haribhyām ātithyam asmai cakrīmā sudāvne ||

1.081.08c **vidmā hi tvā purūvasum** upa kāmān sasrjmahe 'thā no 'vitā bhava ||

1.087.04c **asi** satya ḥnayāvānedyo 'syā dhiyah prāvitāthā vr̄ṣā gaṇah ||

1.092.15a **yukṣvā hi vājinīvaty** aśvām adyāruṇām uṣaḥ |

1.092.15c **athā** no viśvā saubhagāny ā vaha ||

1.093.07a **agnīśomā haviṣāḥ** prasthitasya vītam haryataṁ vr̄ṣaṇā juṣethām |

1.093.07c suśarmāṇā svavasā hi bhūtam **athā** dhattam yajamānāya śām yoh ||

1.094.09a **vadhair duḥśāṁsāṁ** apa dūḍhyo jahi dūre vā ye anti vā ke cid atrīṇaḥ |

1.094.09c **athā** yajñāya gr̄ṇate sugarām kr̄dhy agne sakhye mā riśāmā vayam tava ||

1.102.06a **gojītā bāhū** amitakratuḥ simaḥ karman-karmaṇ chataṁtūliḥ khajamīkaraḥ |

1.102.06c akalpa indraḥ pratimānam ojasāthā janā vi hvayante siśāsavah ||

1.102.10c **tvām ugram avase** samī śīśīmasy **athā** na indra havaneṣu codaya ||

1.108.01a **ya īdrāgnī citratamo** ratho vām abhi viśvāni bhuvanāni caṣṭe |

1.108.01c tenā yātarām sarathām tashthivāṁśāthā somasya pibataṁ sutasya ||

\*1.108.06c tām satyām śraddhām abhy ā hi yātām **athā** somasya pibataṁ sutasya ||

\*1.108.07c atāḥ pari vr̄ṣaṇāv ā hi yātām **athā** somasya pibataṁ sutasya || (1.108.7-12c)

1.109.02a **aśravaṁ hi** bhūridāvattarā vām vijāmātūr uta vā ghā syālāt |

1.109.02c **athā** somasya prayatī yuvabhyām īdrāgnī stomaṁ janayāmi navyam ||

1.114.09a **upa te stomaṁ** paśupā ivākarām rāsvā pitar marutām sumnam asme |

1.114.09c bhadrā hi te sumatīr mṛlayattamāthā vayam ava ite vr̄ṇīmahe ||

1.117.19c **athā yuvām** id ahvayat purāmdhir āgacchataṁ sīm vr̄ṣaṇāv avobhiḥ ||

1.119.09c **yuvām dadhīco** mana ā vīvāsathe 'thā śiraḥ prati vām aśvyaṁ vadat ||

**dvāvīṁśatih**

22 x **atha** without counting 7 repetitions of the pāda “**athā** somasya pibataṁ sutasya ||” in 1.108.6-12c. The words in the repeated pāda are dropped in the original Padapāṭha and are called galita padas.

pra vaḥ prasujyeṣṭhamadarśī gāturadyā devān pañcapādāṁ pitaram pra{jām} tvaṣṭāthā  
mandasvārvāñcamadyoduṣya devo vaiśvānara pṛthupājasa ṛtasya vā keśinā daśa 2

**pra vaḥ** (1.122.1) *Aṣṭaka 2*

- 1.136.01a **pra su jyeṣṭhaṁ** nicirābhyaṁ bṛhan namo havyam matim bharatā mṛlayadbhyām svādiṣṭham  
mṛlayadbhyām |  
1.136.01d tā samrājā ghṛtāsuṭī yajñe-yajña upastutā |  
1.136.01f **atha**inoḥ kṣatrāṇ na kutaś canādhṛṣe devatvāṁ nū cid ādhṛṣe ||  
1.136.02a **adarśī gātū** urave varīyasi panthā ṛtasya sam ayarīsta raśmibhiś cakṣur bhagasya raśmibhiḥ |  
1.136.02d dyuksam mitrasya sādanam aryamō varuṇasya ca |  
1.136.02f **atha** dadhāte bṛhad ukthyaṁ vaya upastutyaṁ bṛhad vayaḥ |  
1.163.13c **adyā devāḥ** juṣṭatamo hi gamyā **atha** sāste dāsuṣe vāryāni ||  
1.164.12a **pañcapādām pitarāṁ** dvādaśākṛtiṁ diva āhuḥ pare ardhe purīṣṇam |  
1.164.12c **athe**me anya upare vicakṣaṇāṁ saptacakraṁ ṣalāra āhur arpitam ||  
2.003.09c **prajām tvaṣṭā** vi syatu nābhīm asme **atha** devānām apy etu pāthah |  
2.036.03c **atha** mandasva jujuṣāṇo andhasas tvaṣṭar devebhir janibhiḥ sumadgaṇah |  
2.037.05a **arvāñcam adya** yayyaṁ nṛvāhaṇāṁ rathāṁ yuñjāthāṁ iha vāṁ vimocanam |  
2.037.05c prīktāṁ havīṁsi madhunā hi kaṁ gatam **atha** somam pibataṁ vājinīvasū ||  
2.038.01a **ud u ṣya devaḥ** savitā savāya śaśvattamaṁ tadapā vahnir asthāt |  
2.038.01c nūnaṁ devebhyo vi hi dhāti ratnam **atha**bhajad vīthotraṁ svastau ||  
3.003.01a **vaiśvānarāya pṛthupājase** vipo ratnā vidhanta dharuṇeṣu gātave |  
3.003.01c agnir hi devāṁ amṛto duvasyaty **atha** dharmāṇi sanaṭā na dūduṣat ||  
3.006.06a **ṛtasya vā keśinā** yogyābhir ghṛtaṣnuvā rohitā dhuri dhiṣva |  
3.006.06c **atha** vaha devān deva viśvān svadhvarā kṛṇuhi jātavedaḥ |  
**daśa:** 10 x *atha*

praye ('ti) ṣṭamā sa yantā viprastābhīr devānāṁ yastvaddhotāgne ṣṭīye'yam te yoniragacchadu  
vipratamastvām sadyo apiba indra oṣadhīrjahi śatrūnedāṁ barhirupapretakuśikā avadyamiva  
manyamānāthābravītkayā tacchrṇve ka imāṁ daśabhimamāthaitavājāḥ kimmayāḥ svidekāṁ vi  
cakra purukutsānī hi vāṁ viṁśatiḥ 3

**pra ye** (3.7.1) *Aṣṭaka 3*

- 3.009.03a **ati ṣṭamā** vavakṣīthāthaiva sumanā asī |  
3.013.03a **sa yantā vipra** eṣāṁ sa yajñānām **atha** hi ṣaḥ |  
3.017.03c **tābhīr devānām** avo yakṣi vidvān **atha** bhava yajamānāya śāṁ yoh |  
3.017.05a **yas tvad dhotā** pūrvo agne yajīyān dvitā ca sattā svadhyā ca śambhuḥ |  
3.017.05c tasyānu dharma pra yajā cikitvo 'thā no dhā adhvaram devavītau ||  
3.028.05a **agne ṣṭīye** savane hi kāniṣaḥ purolāśāṁ sahaṣaḥ sūnav āhutam |  
3.028.05c **atha** deveṣ adhvaram vīpanyayā dhā ratnavantam amṛteṣu jāgrīvīm |  
3.029.10a **ayam te yonir** ṣtvīyo yato jāto arocathāḥ |  
3.029.10c tāṁ jānann agna ā sīdāthā no vardhayā girah |  
3.031.07a **agacchad u vipratamāḥ** sakhiyānn asūdayat sukṛte garbham adriḥ |  
3.031.07c sasāna maryo yuvabhir makhasyān **atha**bhavad aṅgirāḥ sadyo arcan ||  
3.032.10a **tvaṁ sadyo apibo** jāta indra madāya somam parame vyoman |  
3.032.10c yad dha dyāvāpṛthivī ḥīvīṣīr **atha**bhavaḥ pūrvyaḥ kārudhāyāḥ ||  
3.034.10a **indra oṣadhīr** asanod ahāni vanaspatiṁr asanod antarikṣam |  
3.034.10c bibheda valarā nunude vivāco 'thābhavad damitābhikratūnām ||  
3.047.02c **jahi śatrūṁr** apa mṛdho nudasvāthābhayaṁ kṛṇuhi viśvato nah ||  
3.053.03c **edam barhīr** yajamānasya sīdāthā ca bhūd uktham indrāya śastam |  
3.053.11a **upa preta kuśikāś** cetayadhvam aśvām rāye pra muñcata sudāsaḥ |  
3.053.11c rājā vṛtrāṁ jaṅghānat prāg apāg udag **atha** yajāte vara ā pṛthivīyāḥ ||  
4.018.05a **avadyam iva manyamānā** guhākar indram mātā vīryeṇā nyṛṣṭam |  
4.018.05c **atho**d asthāt svayam atkāṁ vasāna ā rodasī aprīṇāj jāyamānah ||

4.018.11c **athābravīd** vṛtram indro haniṣyan sakhe viṣṇo vitaram vi kramasva ||  
 4.020.09a **kayā tac chṛṇye** śacyā śaciṣṭho yayā kṛṇoti muhu kā cid ṛṣvah |  
 4.020.09c puru dāsuṣe vicayiṣṭho arīho 'thā dadhāti dravīṇāṁ jaritre ||  
 4.024.10a **ka imāṁ daśabhir māmendram** kṛīṇāti dhenubhīḥ |  
 4.024.10c yadā vrtrāni jaṅghanad **athai**nam me punar dadat ||  
 4.035.03c **athaīta vājā** amṛtasya panthāṁ gaṇam devānāṁ ṛbhavaḥ suhastāḥ ||  
 4.035.04a **kimmayah svic** camasa esa āsa yarī kāvyaena caturo vicakra |  
 4.035.04c **athā** sunudhvaiṇi savanam madāya pāta ṛbhavo madhunāḥ somyasya ||  
 4.036.04a **ekāṁ vi cakra** camasāṁ caturvayaṇi niś carmaṇo gām ariṇīta dhītibhīḥ |  
 4.036.04c **athā** deveṣv amṛtavam ānaśa śruṣṭī vājā ṛbhavas tad va ukthyam ||  
 4.042.09a **purukutsāñ hi vām** adāśad dhavyebhir indrāvaraṇā namobhīḥ |  
 4.042.09c **athā** rājānam trasadasayum asyā vṛtrahaṇam dadathur ardhadēvam ||  
**vinīśatih:** 20 x atha

tvāmagne striyo hi dāse nahi te pūrtamakṣipadindra piba tubhyamupabrahmāṇi naḥ pari tṛndhi paṇīnāṁ mākīrneśat ṣaṭ 4

#### **tvāmagne (5.9.1) Aṣṭaka 4**

5.030.09a **striyo hi dāsa** āyudhāni cakre kim mā karann abalā asya senāḥ |  
 5.030.09c antar hy akhyad ubhe asya dhene **atho**pa praid yudhaye dasyum indrah ||  
 6.016.18a **nahi te pūrtam akṣipad** bhuvan nemānāṁ vaso |  
 6.016.18c **athā** duvo vanavase ||  
 6.040.01a **indra piba tubhyāṁ** suto madāyāva sya harī vi mucā sakħāyā |  
 6.040.01c uta pra gāya gaṇa ā niṣadyāthā yajñāya ḡṇate vayo dhāḥ ||  
 6.040.04c **upa brahmāṇi** śṛṇava imā no 'thā te yajñas tanve vayo dhāt ||  
 6.053.05a **pari tṛndhi** paṇīnāṁ ārayā hṛdayā kave |  
 6.053.05c **at̄hem** asmabhyāṁ randhaya || (6.53.5-7)  
 6.054.07a **mākir neśān** mākīm riṣan mākīm saṁ śāri kevaṭe |  
 6.054.07c **athāriṣṭābhīr** ā gahi ||  
**ṣaṭ:** 6 x atha without counting 2 repetitions in 6.53.6-7

stuṣe narā kratum hyasya yadedadevīrime somāśo yaddrūhyavyānavi catvāri 5

#### **stuṣe narā (6.62.1) Aṣṭaka 5**

7.011.04c **kratuṁ hy asya** vasavo juṣantāthā devā dadhire havyavāham ||  
 7.098.05c **yaded adevīr** asahiṣṭa māyā athābhavat kevalaḥ somo asya ||  
 8.009.14c **ime somāśo** adhi turvaše yadāv ime kaṇveṣu vām **atha** ||  
 8.010.05c **yad druhavy anavi** turvaše yadau huve vām **atha** mā gatam ||  
**catvāri:** 4 x atha

ya indra nahi vām nūnamatha viśveśāmirajyantamagnim na mā  
mathitamapādhamadabhiśastīmarudbhīndra sakhyamathaitādṛk sanā ca somāṣṭau 6

#### **ya indra (8.12.1) Aṣṭaka 6**

8.040.02a **nahi vām** vavrayāmahe 'theṇdram id yajāmahe śaviṣṭhaṁ nr̄ṇāṁ naram |  
 8.046.15c **nūnam atha** ||  
 8.046.16a **viśveśām irajyantam** vasūnāṁ sāsahvāṁsam cid asya varpasāḥ |  
 8.046.16c kṛpayato nūnam aty **atha** ||  
 8.048.06a **agniṁ na mā mathitaṁ** saṁ didīpaḥ pra cakṣaya kṛṇuhi vasyaso naḥ |  
 8.048.06c **athā** hi te mada ā soma manye revāṁ iva pra carā puṣṭim accha ||  
 8.089.02a **apādhamad abhiśastīr** aśastīhāthendro dyumny ābhavat |  
 8.096.07c **marudbhīndra sakhyām** te astv **at̄hemā** viśvāḥ pṛtanā jayāsi ||  
 8.102.19c **athaitādṛg** bharāmi te ||

9.004.01a *sanā ca soma* jeśi ca pavamāna mahi śravaḥ |

9.004.01c *athā* no vasyasas kṛdhi || (9.4.1-10)

*aṣṭau*: 8 x *atha* without counting 9 repetitions in 9.4.2-10

prano'cchā hi somastavemāḥ prajāḥ parihiṣmā puruhūta āhi dyāvāprthiviyati drava sārameyau  
barhiṣadah pitaro'gniṣvattāḥ pitaro mainamagne śṛtam yadā gacchāti yadā vajram vṛkṣevṛkṣe  
dvādaśa 7

*pra ṇah* (9.44.1) *Aṣṭaka* 7

9.081.02a *acchā hi somah* kalaśāṁ asiyyadad atyo na volhā raghuvaranir vṛṣā |

9.081.02c *athā* devānāṁ ubhayasya janmano vidvāṁ aśnoty amuta itaś ca yat ||

9.086.28a *tavemāḥ prajā* divyasya retasas tvam viśvasya bhuvanasya rājasi |

9.086.28c *athedam* viśvam pavamāna te vaśe tvam indo prathamo dhāmadhā asi ||

9.087.06a *pari hi ṣmā puruhūto* janānāṁ viśvāsarak bhojanā pūyamānah |

9.087.06c *athā* bhara śyenabhrta prayāṁsi rayim tuñjāno abhi vājam arṣa ||

10.001.07a ā hi *dyāvāprthivi* agna ubhe sadā putro na mātarā tatantha |

10.001.07c pra yāḥ acchośato yaviṣṭhāthā vaha sahasyeha devān ||

10.014.10a *ati drava sārameyau* śvānau caturakṣau śabalau sādhunā pathā |

10.014.10c *athā* pitṛn suvidatrāṁ upēhi yamena ye sadhamādam madanti ||

10.015.04a *barhiṣadah pitara* ūty arvāg imā vo havyā cakrmā juṣadhvam |

10.015.04c ta ā gatāvasā śāntamenāthā nah śām yor arapo dadhāta ||

10.015.11a *agniṣvattāḥ pitara* eha gacchata sadaḥ-sadaḥ sadata supraṇītayah |

10.015.11c attā havīṁsi prayatāni barhiṣy *athā* rayim sarvavīraṁ dadhātana ||

10.016.01a *mainam agne* vi daho mābhi śoco māsya tvacam cikṣipo mā śarīram |

10.016.01c yadā śṛtam kṛṇavo jātavedo 'them enam pra hiṇutāt pitrbhyah ||

10.016.02a *śṛtam* yadā karasi jātavedo 'them enam pari dattāt pitrbhyah |

10.016.02c *yadā gacchāty* asunītim etām *athā* devānāṁ vaśanīr bhavāti ||

10.023.03a *yadā vajram* hiraṇyam id *athā* rathāṁ harī yam asya vahato vi sūribhiḥ |

10.027.22a *vṛkṣevṛkṣe* niyatā mīmayad gaus tato vayaḥ pra patān pūruṣādah |

10.027.22c *athedam* viśvam bhuvanam bhayāta īndrāya sunvad ḫṣaye ca śikṣat ||

*dvādaśa*: 12 x *atha*

pra hotā kūrmasta āyuraharharjāyata ā bāhvordve te cakre sumaṅgalīriyam daivī pūrti (rā ca  
gacchād) eha gaman vajreṇa hi yāvayā vṛkyamarvāgdevā athā hi vām (uttarāham) ahamasmi  
sahamānā br̄haspatinrayatviti pañcadaśa | athakāriṇah |

*pra hotā* (10.46.1) *Aṣṭaka* 8

10.051.07a *kurmas ta āyur* ajaram yad agne yathā yukto jātavedo na risyāḥ |

10.051.07c *athā* vahāsi sumanasyamāno bhāgaṁ deverbhyo haviṣah sujāta ||

10.052.03c *aharhar jāyate* māsi-māsya *athā* devā dadhire havyavāham ||

10.052.05c ā bāhvor vajram indrasya dheyām *athemā* viśvāḥ pṛtanā jayāti ||

10.085.16a *dve te cakre* sūrye brahmāṇa ḫtuthā viduh |

10.085.16c *athai*kaṁ cakraṁ yad guhā tad addhātaya id viduh ||

10.085.33a *sumaṅgalīr iyanī* vadhrū imāṁ sameta paśyata |

10.085.33c saubhāgyam asyai dattvāyāthāstam vi paretana ||

10.107.03a *daivī pūrtir* dakṣinā devayajyā na kavāribhyo nahi te pṛṇanti |

10.107.03c *athā* narah prayatadakṣināśo 'vadyabhiyā bahavaḥ pṛṇanti ||

\*10.108.03c ā ca gacchān mitram enā dadhāmāthā gavāṁ gopatir no bhavāti ||

10.108.08a *eha gamann* ḫṣayaḥ somaśitā ayāsyo aṅgiraso navagvāḥ |

10.108.08c ta etam ūrvāṁ vi bhajanta gonām *athaitad* vacaḥ pañayo vamann it ||

10.111.06a *vajreṇa hi* vṛtrahā vṛtram astar adevasya śūśvānasya māyāḥ |

10.111.06c vi dhṛṣṇo atra dhṛṣṭatā jaghanthāthābhavo maghavan bāhvojāḥ ||

10.127.06a *yāvayā vṛkyamī* vṛkāṁ yavaya stenam ūrmye |

10.127.06c *athā* naḥ sutarā bhava ||

10.129.06c **arvāg devā** asya visarjanenāthā ko veda yata ābabhūva ||  
 10.143.03c **athā hi vāriṇ** divo narā puna stomo na viśase ||  
 \*10.145.03a uttarāham uttara uttared uttarābhyaḥ |  
 \*10.145.03c **athā** sapatnī yā mamādharā sādhārābhyaḥ ||  
 10.145.05a aham asmi sahamānātha tvam asi sāsahih |  
 10.182.01a **bṛhaspatir nayatu** durgahā tiraḥ punar neśad aghaśāṁsāya manma |  
 10.182.01c kṣipad aśastim apa durmatim hann **athā** karad yajamānāya śām yoḥ || (10.182.1-3)  
**pañcadaśa** | **athakāriṇah** |: 15 x *atha* without counting 2 repetitions in 10.182.2-3

*Total number of “atha” in the Padapāṭha (without galita padas): 97*

*Total number of “atha” in the R̥gveda Saṁhitā: 97 + 20 = 117*

Aṣṭaka	Number of “atha” in Saṁhitā	Number of “atha” in Padapāṭha
1	29	22
2	10	10
3	20	20
4	8	6
5	4	4
6	17	8
7	12	12
8	17	15
Total	117	97

*Other verses of the R̥gveda Saṁhitā may contain the word “adha”. For example:*

1.015.10c **adha** smā no dadir bhava ||  
 1.038.10a **adha** svanān marutāṁ viśvam ā sadma pārthivam |  
 10.113.08a viśve devāso **adha** vṛṣṇyāni te 'vardhayan somavatyā vacasyayā |  
 10.133.05c ava tasya balaṁ tira mahīva dyaur **adha** tmanā nabhantāṁ anyakesāṁ jyākā adhi dhanvasu ||

*Total number of “adha” in the R̥gveda Saṁhitā: 193*

śrīrāmaya namah ||  
 ityathakārilakṣaṇam samāptam

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