

**The Position of the Kāthaka Saṃhitā among the Black Yajur Veda Saṃhitās in the
Section about the Brick-piling of the Fourth Layer of the Agnicayana.**

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Among the versions of the Black Yajur Veda Saṃhitās, it is accepted that the Kāthaka Saṃhitā (KS) is more closely related to the Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā (MS) than to the Taittirīya Saṃhitā (TS).¹ However, while researching the Agnicayana, it was determined that the KS is located in the middle of the Saṃhitās and is rather closer to the TS than to the MS. This characteristic of the KS is especially prominent in the section about the brick-piling of the fourth layer of the Agnicayana. The situation of the KS appears quite obvious in the correlation, which is illustrated as follows:

(1)			(2)	
MS	KS 20.12		KS 20.13, 21.1	TS
1	1	← 1·1 akṣṇayāstomīyā (vidhi ①~④) →	1	1
		1·1 akṣṇayāstomīyā (vidhi ⑤~⑯) →	2	2
2	2	← 1·2 spr̥t (vidhi ①~④) →	3	3
		1·2 spr̥t (vidhi ⑤~⑫) →	4	4
3	3	← 1·2 spr̥t(← vidhi ⑬) →	5	5
4	4	← 1·3 sr̥ṣṭi(vidhi ①) →		6

KS (1)-1 corresponds to MS (1)-1, and KS (2)-1 to TS (2)-1. There are vidhi ①~④ in both (1)-1 and (2)-1. That is, KS has similar phrases in the two places. KS (2)-2 corresponds to TS (2)-2, and vidhi ⑤~⑯ are found.

KS (1)-2 corresponds to MS (1)-2, and KS (2)-3 to TS (2)-3. There are vidhi ①~④ in both (1)-2 and (2)-3. That is, KS has similar phrases in both places. KS (2)-4 corresponds to TS (2)-4, and vidhi ⑤~⑫ are found. KS (1)-3 corresponds to MS (1)-3, and vidhi ⑬ is found. KS (2)-5 corresponds to TS (2)-5.

¹ The school tradition diverged, we see, and there are two branches, namely the *Taittirīya* and, on the other hand, the *Kāthaka-Maitrāyaṇī* with *Kapīṣṭhala*, which in themselves clearly are very closely related... (Keith, A. B. [1967] *The Veda of the Black Yajus School entitled Taittirīya Saṃhitā*, part 1, p. lxxxix).

KS (1)-4 corresponds to MS (1)-4. TS (2)-6 has no correspondence in the KS.

Furthermore, the position of the KS is clearly brought out by a comparison with the other texts of wording and of the naming of the bricks.

From this point, we might go on to a further examination of the relationship between the Black Yajur Veda Saṃhitās.