

VEDA SECTION

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Variant readings in the Ṛgveda?

This presentation deals with some features of medieval oral and written Ṛgveda transmission. There are the obvious regional differences in recitation that have influenced the MSS (Kashmir, ‘middle Indian’ belt, Kerala, etc.). Further, some actual but commonly neglected textual variants are investigated and the question of a hypothetical medieval archetype of the extant MSS is raised. Even now, our MSS still have to be counterchecked against recorded recitation from various regions of the subcontinent.