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## HITTITE **TALLIYĒ(ŠŠ)- ‘BE(COME) CALM, QUIESCENT’**

Prominent among Professor Ivanov’s astonishingly diverse range of interests is the study of Hittite in both its synchronic and diachronic aspects. It is a pleasure to offer him as a modest token of esteem the following lexical analysis.

Hittite attests a fientive verb *talliyēšš-* whose approximate meaning ‘be(come) calm, pacified, soothed’ is clear from its occurrence in VBoT 24 iii 37—39 (Ritual of Ann yawanni, pre-NH/NS): *anda=kan ehu* <sup>4</sup>LAMMA <sup>KUŠ</sup>*kuršaš nu=nnaš=šan anda miyēš nu=nnaš=šan anda talliyēš karpinn=a kartimmiyattan šāuwar arha tarna* ‘Come in, Tutelary Deity of the Hunting Bag, become mild toward us, become calm toward us. Let go of anger, wrath and resentment.’ Noteworthy in this example, in addition to the obvious parallelism with *miyēšš-* ‘become mild, gentle’, is the co-occurrence with the local particle *-šan*, for which see [Hoffner, Melchert 2008: 376—377].

We also find the verb *talliyēšš-* in one other passage, KUB 31.127+ iv 8-10 (Prayer to the Sun-god, pre-NH/NS): *nu=mu DINGIR=YA dallišš[a]nti UN-ši UD.KAM.HI.A idala⟨w⟩eš GE<sub>6</sub>-uš HUL-eš maninkuwan lē tarnatti* ‘Do not, my god, let evil days and evil nights near me, a t. man.’. Since Lebrun [1980: 106], the participle *dalliššanti* has been interpreted as ‘bewildered, distraught’: see also Tischler [1991: 58] and Singer [2002: 39]<sup>1</sup>. No justification has ever been given for this interpretation, or any explanation as to how such a sense can be derived from the meaning ‘become calm, soothed’ required by the other occurrence. No such development is in fact necessary. A meaning ‘quiescent’ fits the context of the prayer quite well. Having been chastened and humbled by grievous illness, the speaker is expressing his resigned acceptance of this previous punishment and asking that he be spared any more<sup>2</sup>. We may thus assume a unitary sense ‘be(come) calm, quiescent’ for *talliyēšš-*.

As established by Watkins [1973: 73—83], Hittite fientive verbs in *-ešš-* are based on stative-fientive stems in *-ē-*: cf. *tannatte-* ‘be(come) deserted’ beside *tannattešš-* ‘become deserted’ among other such pairs. I suggest that we likewise have evidence for a hitherto unrecognized *talliyē-* ‘be(come) calm, pacified’ alongside *talliyēšš-*. One occurrence is found in KUB 17.10 ii 12—14 (Telipinu Myth, OH/MS): *kāša galaktar kitta* [*ištanza=šiš/*

<sup>1</sup> Despite the claim of [Lebrun 1980: 109], erroneously repeated by [Tischler, Laroche 1964: 27] did *not* suggest the meaning ‘égaré’. Laroche explicitly left open the sense of the verb *talliyēšš-* and its possible relationship to the transitive verb *talliyē/a-* (on which see below). So far as I can determine, Lebrun is the originator of the alleged sense ‘égaré’.

<sup>2</sup> One citation offered by the *Oxford English Dictionary* s. v. ‘quiescent’ is ‘quiescent resignation’.

ZI=ŠU] *galankanza ēštu kāša parh[uenāš kitta] karaz=šan talliyēd[du]* ‘Here lies balm/soothing. [Let his soul] be soothed. [Here lies] *p.* Let (his) insides be(come) calm/pacified.’ My restorations follow those of the CHD (P 150), which are based on parallel passages involving *galaktar* and *parhuenaš*, but the translation of the last clause as ‘let it implore(?) his *karaz*’ is quite impossible. First of all, *karaz* is animate nominative singular and cannot be the direct object of the transitive verb *talliyē/a*<sup>3</sup>. Hoffner [1998: 16] translates ‘Here lies *galaktar*. May [your soul, O Telipinu], be made tranquil. Here [lies] *parhuenaš*-fruit. May (its) essence(?) implore him, [namely, Telipinu].’ His implied reading of the spelling *ka-ra-az-ša-an* as /karats=an/, animate nominative singular subject plus enclitic animate accusative pronoun -*an* ‘him’, is orthographically possible and supplies the needed direct object for the transitive verb. However, *karat-* in passages such as this describing the soothing of a deity who has withdrawn in anger *always* refers to the deity. The pair *ištanzan-* ‘soul’ and *karat-* ‘innards’ sometimes forms a virtual hendiadys ‘innermost being’ (see [Puhvel 1997: 75—76]). The habitual pairing of ‘soul’ and ‘innards’ in this context requires a likewise parallel construction in the Telipinu example: just as the soul is to be soothed by the *galaktar*, so are the innards to be calmed by the *parhuenaš* (whatever the precise nature of these substances). The stem *talliyē-* naturally co-occurs with -*šan* just like *talliyēšš-*<sup>4</sup>.

This interpretation is confirmed by the passage KUB 33.62 ii 14–15 (Ritual for the Storm-god of Kuliwišna, pre-NH/MS): *parhuenaš=šan kitta nu=ššan parā tallianz[a] ēš kalaktar=šan kitta nu=ššan parā k[alankanza ēš]* ‘*p.* is laid down. Be(come) fully pacified therein/thereby! Balm/soothing is laid down. [Be] fully s[oothed] therein/thereby!’. Glockner [1997: 36—37] and the CHD (P 150) still regard *tallianza* as the participle of the transitive verb *talliyā-*, rendering it respectively as ‘Sei gewogen gemacht!’ and ‘so be called forth’. This interpretation is precluded by the fact that the transitive verb *talliyē/a*- that typically takes deities or the spirits of the dead as its direct object *never* co-occurs with the particle -*šan*<sup>5</sup>. Furthermore, the parallelism of *parhuenaš...parā tallianza* and *kalaktar...parā k[alankanza]* calls for a likewise parallel sense of *parā* as ‘completely, fully’. On this usage see the CHD (P 126).

For *talliyant-* as the expected participle of a stative-fientive stem *talliyē-* compare *nakkiyant-* to *nakkiyē-* ‘be heavy, weigh upon’ ([n]a-ak-ki-ya-an-te-eš in KBo 12.101: 3 as cited by the CHD L-N 369). The stative-fientive stem *talliyē(šš)-* is in fact entirely parallel to *nakkiyē(šš)-* ‘to weigh upon’ <*nakki-* ‘heavy’>. Reading of the stem as *nakkiyē(šš)-* (not *nakkē(šš)-*) is assured not only by the participle just cited, but also by the incomplete example *na-ak-ki-ya-a[n-zि/te-eš]* in KUB 33.97 i 9, for which see the

<sup>3</sup> I will soon discuss elsewhere the Hittite transitive verb *talliyē/a*-, usually translated as ‘implore, invoke’, but properly ‘to draw, allure’. See note 9.

<sup>4</sup> Probably also here belongs [ ]*kāša parh[uenāš.../...tal-]i-ya-a[d-du]* in KUB 33.69: 3—4.

<sup>5</sup> The transitive verb co-occurs with -*kan* only in the combination *arja talliya-* ‘to draw/lure away’.

CHD (L-N 368)<sup>6</sup> and by the alternate form *nakkiyašzi* beside *nakkiēšzi* (CHD L-N 371). Oettinger [1979: 251] indeed already derives *talliyēšš-* from a putative *i*-stem adjective *talli-* with an approximate meaning ‘welcome, pleasant’, based on the hapax *ta-al-li-eš* in a passage in the royal funeral rites (likewise: [Tischler 1991: 58]).

However, as now shown by [Kassian et al. 2002: 516—518, 544—545], it is unlikely that such an *i*-stem adjective exists. Based on their restorations from the new fragment KBo 39.290 Ro 9-12 we may now read KUB 30.19+20+39.7 iv 17-21 as: *nu<sup>NINDA</sup>harašpauwa[nduš<sup>(NINDA)talluš</sup>] iyanzi nu=uš PANI ALAM zikkan[z(i)] § ANA GUNNI kue harpali harpanda nu=šš[a(n<sup>NINDA</sup>harašpauwa)nduš] apēdaš šer zikkanzi nu kišš[an t/daranzi] kī=wa=tta talleš ašan[du]* ‘They make *h*.-breads (into) *t*.-breads and place them before the image. They place [(the *h*.-loaves)] on the piles that are piled up on the hearth, and [they speak] thus: «May these *talla-* be for you».’ Kassian et al. try to rescue the derivation of our verb from the actually attested <sup>(NINDA)</sup>*talla-* by reading NINDA *ta-al-lu-uš* ‘soft breads’, taking *talla-* as an adjective ‘soft’ and reading the derived verb as *tallešš-*. They explicitly dismiss the evidence of *tal-li-i-e-eš* in VBoT 24 iii 39 for a stem *talliyēšš-*, attributing it to the influence of the preceding *mi-i-e-eš*. However, the evidence of *tal-li-i-e-ed-[du]* in KUB 17.10 ii 14 and of the participle *talli-an-z[a]* in KUB 33.62 ii 14 shows that the stem *talliyēšš-* is genuine, and it cannot be derived from an *a*-stem adjective *talla-*.

The existence of such an adjective meaning ‘soft’ is in any case highly dubious. First of all, the reading NINDA *ta-al-lu-uš*, with a logogram for a plural ‘breads’ without plural marker or phonetic complement followed by an inflected adjective, is extremely unlikely. We have rather <sup>NINDA</sup>*ta-al-lu-uš* with a determinative, just like the preceding <sup>NINDA</sup>*har-aš-pa-u-wa-an-du-uš*. Furthermore, against Kassian et al., the two kinds of bread are not separate offerings, but the same: the text says that they make the *h*-breads into *talla*-breads and place them on the hearth in front of the image of the deceased<sup>7</sup>. This strongly suggests that *talleš* in the last clause is part of the subject: ‘Let these *talla*-breads be for you/be yours.’ In any case, even if *talleš* is predicative, all evidence argues that it is a noun: ‘Let these be *talla*-(breads) for you.’

The precise meaning of <sup>(NINDA)</sup>*talla-* cannot be determined, but it is likely that there is a relationship to the other animate noun *talla/i-* attested at IBoT 3.1:78, 79, 81 (*tal-lu-uš* KUŠ SA<sub>5</sub>, *tal-li-uš*, *tal-lu-uš*). Against [Tischler 1991: 56] and [Kassian et al. 2002: 545], there is no basis for supposing that this noun has anything to do with the neuter noun <sup>DUG/GIŠ</sup>*tallai-* referring to a vessel (correctly separated by Röble 2002: 168<sup>580</sup>). That a kind of bread and another object share the same appellation is not unprecedented: cf.

<sup>6</sup> The CHD restores a present third plural, but the context would also permit a predicative participle. In either case, the form *nakkiya-* shows that the stative stem is *nakkiyē-*, against the CHD’s own ‘nakke-’. The presence of the fientive *nakkiyēšš-* argues decisively against assuming a stem *nakkiye/a-* with a \*ye/o-suffix.

<sup>7</sup> The preceding line 16 assures us that ‘before the image’ and ‘on the hearth’ refer to the same place: *n=at=šan hašši AN[(A PANI ALAM tianzi)]* ‘and they place it on the hearth in front of the image’.

<sup>NINDA</sup>*harši-* ‘leavened bread’ and <sup>DUG</sup>*harši-* (container), for which [Puhvel 1991: 197] aptly compares the range of meanings of French ‘boule’.

The form and meaning of *talliyē(šš)-* ‘be(come) calm, quiescent’ require assumption of an unattested adjective *\*talli-* ‘still, calm’ < *\*té/ólHi-*, entirely parallel to *šalliešš-* ‘become large’ < *šalli-* ‘large, grown’ < *\*sé/ólh₂i-* (for the latter see [Rieken 2005: 55—58])<sup>8</sup>. The PIE root *\*telH-* is that seen in Lithuanian *tilti* ‘fall silent’ and *tylēti* ‘be silent’, Old Irish *con-tuili* ‘sleeps’, Russian *уголйти* and Serbo-Croatian (*u)toliti* ‘satisfy (hunger), quench (thirst), alleviate (pain etc.)’, and Slovenian *toliti* ‘console, comfort’<sup>9</sup>.

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<sup>8</sup> A connection with <sup>(NINDA)</sup>*talla-* would be possible only with the assumption of a parallel action/result noun *\*tólHo-* ‘calming’ that was secondarily reinterpreted as ‘means of calming’, thus ‘object of propitiation’ or the like. In the absence of much stronger evidence for the synchronic meaning of the noun(s) *talla-* I prefer to leave aside this speculation.

<sup>9</sup> I thus accept the root etymology of Eichner apud Oettinger [1979: 346] for the denominative stative-fientive verb *talliyē(šš)-* (cf.: [Ibid.: 251]), but not for the transitive verb *tallije/a-*, which in my view means ‘draw, allure’ (with [Laroche 1964: 27; Hoffner 1987: 277, 285]), not ‘gewogen/mild machen, beruhigen’.

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