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HITTITE AND LUVIAN *UPPA-* AND HITTITE *UIYA-*

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I. Hittite *uppi/a-* ‘send; bring’

1. Since Hrozný (1917: 122, n. 2), Hitt. *uppi/a-* has been almost universally assumed to contain the prefix *u-* ‘her-’ marking motion towards the speaker: see Götze 1933: 22, n. 3 and 1938: 124; Friedrich 1952: 234 ‘(her)schicken’ (sic!); Oettinger 1979: 489 ‘her-schicken’ (sic!); Melchert 1994: 104 and 149; Yakubovich 2005: 245 (implicit in the gloss ‘to bring’); Kloekhorst 2008: 921-2 ‘send (here)’ (sic!). However, there are *no* attested spellings †*u/ú-up-pi/a-*. Kloekhorst (2008: 36) assumes that the unattested OS spelling would be **ú-up-pi/a-* (citing the restriction of the plene spelling *ú-uš-ši-ya-* ‘to throw’ to OS).¹ This is possible, but ad hoc and unlikely, given the very restricted attestation of ‘throw’ (a total of 3x OS *ú-uš-ši-°* vs. 12x post-OS *uš-ši-°*) versus the very well attested *up-pi/a-°* (at least 100x, 22x in MS). The complete absence of any spellings †*u/ú-up-pi/a-* can hardly be due to chance.

2. Much more important is that the objection of Pedersen (1938: 116-7) has been wrongly ignored: the actual usage of *uppi/a-* shows *no* fixed directionality whatsoever (towards or away from the speaker)! The parentheses in the glosses of Friedrich and Kloekhorst tacitly admit this fact, and a review of the attestations fully confirms Pedersen’s assertion:

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1 I use the standard sigla OH, MH, and NH to refer to the date of a composition as Old, Middle, or New Hittite and OS, MS, and NS to refer to the date of a manuscript as Old, Middle, or New Script.

(1) *HKM* 18:18-20 (MH/MS)

*nu=mu kā katti=mi ÉRIN.MEŠ KUR.UGU ÉRIN.MEŠ KUR^{URU} Išhūpitta
kuiški n=an=ta uppaḥḥi*

“There are some troops of the Upper Land and Ishupitta here with me. I will send them to you.”

(2) *KBo* 5.4 Vo 22 (NH; Treaty with Targasnalli)

*nu=mu ḥatrāši ÉRIN.MEŠ=wa=mu ANŠE.KUR.RA.MEŠ uppi nu=tta
ÉRIN.ME.EŠ ANŠE.KUR.RA.ME.EŠ uppaḥḥi*

“And you write me: ‘Send me troops and horses!’ I will send you infantry and horses.”

(3) *KBo* 3.6+ iii 77 (NH; Apology of Hattušili)

n=an ēppūn n=an=kan A.AB.BA tapuša uppaḥḥun

“I seized him and sent him alongside the sea.”

In (1) and (3) the direction clearly is away from the speaker, while in (2) the verb is used for motion both towards and away from the speaker. See also *HKM* 25:22-23 and *HKM* 30:8-10 for further examples of *uppi/a-* clearly indicating motion away from the speaker.

Naturally, since there is no *inherent* directionality in the verb, there are also instances where the context shows that the motion is towards the speaker (or more accurately towards the “deictic center”):

(4) *KBo* 15.37 ii 49-59 (MH/NS; (*h*)*išuw*a-Festival)

(“When it dawns on the eighth day, the large loaf of cheese and the leavened bread of three *parīsu*-measures of flour which (are) broken for the gods of the fathers and which are placed back on the sacrificial tables,”) *n=aš arḥa paršulānzi namma ANA PANI DINGIR.MEŠ ḥūmandaš kuwapiya 1 paršullin GA.KIN.AG 1 paršullin NINDA=ya uppiyanzi n=uš PANI DINGIR.MEŠ zikkanzi*

“They crumble them and then bring one morsel of cheese and one morsel of bread before each of all the gods (lit. before all the gods in each place) and place them before the gods.”

Contra Carruba (1966: 20²⁰), Oettinger (1979: 489) and Nakamura (2002: 159), there is no basis for a separate verb ‘lift, raise’, but ‘send’ (Güterbock and Hoffner 1995: 193) is also unlikely. The cheese and loaves of bread that had been broken and presented to the gods of the fathers previously, but then put back on the sacrificial tables, are now crumbled, and a morsel of each is brought before the gods, whose images are surely the center of the action.

At least two instances of *uppi/a-* do not mean merely ‘send’ or ‘carry’, but rather ‘fetch’ (that is, to go somewhere and bring something from there to the starting point):

(5) *KBo* 17.65+ *Ro* 38-39 (MH/MS; Birth Ritual)

(“But how the festival of birth (is)—how they perform the festival when she gives birth,”) [(n)=aš^{GIŠ}kurtaš iy]anza n=aš^{URU}Kizzuwatna nu=mu=kan
EZEN KAxU-it [ŪL karta n]=an apēz uppaḥḥi

“[It is m]ade [(as) a *kurta*-tablet], and it is in Kizzuwatna. I [do not know] the festival orally [by heart]. I will fetch it from there.”

The restorations are based on the parallel passage *ibid.* *Vo* 45-46, which has rather *udanzi* ‘they will bring’. See Beckman 1983: 136-7 and 161-4 with differing details, but it is clear that the speaker is in Hattusha and needs to retrieve the tablet in question from Kizzuwatna.

(6) *KUB* 12.58 ii 36-42 (MH/NS; Ritual of Tunnawi)

(“The ritual client goes to bathe,”) n=ašta^{MUNUSŠU.GI 9 GIŠGA.ZUM ŠĀ}
GIŠTÚG anda upp[āi]^{GIŠ}šēn¹an IM-aš anda uppāi

“The “old woman” fetches in nine combs of boxwood. She fetches in a figurine of clay.”

Goetze (1938: 14-15) renders ‘brings in’, but the practitioner has been in the ritual space in the entire preceding context, so she must first go out in order to fetch the objects in.

We must therefore conclude with Pedersen that Hittite *uppi/a-* means ‘send, bring/take (somewhere)’ *without* specification of direction to or away from the speaker, occasionally also ‘fetch’ (go somewhere and bring back something). The lack of evidence for directionality combined with the total absence of spellings †*u/ú-up-pi/a-* means that we must abandon all attempts to force a meaning ‘her-, hither’ that *does not exist* and likewise the unfounded *presumption* that the verb contains the directional prefix *ú-*.

The question of the verb’s correct etymology is as always an entirely secondary matter. Given the total lack of evidence for the presence of the prefix ‘her-’ but a strong goal orientation (all 80+ examples of ‘send’ in sufficient context have an explicit or implied goal), perhaps the verb represents a deadverbial stem from the adverb **úpo* as in Skt. *úpa* ‘up to’ (anticipated by Oettinger 1979: 489-90, but with false semantics for a non-existent homonym ‘raise, lift’). For Skt. *úpa* as expressing ‘(hin)zu’ with mostly horizontal orientation (no trace of ‘from below’!) see Casaretto apud Hettrich, Casaretto and Schneider 2004: 36-42. For the derivational process see Melchert 2009 and compare the rare transitive use of English ‘near’ to mean ‘bring near (to)’ (Ruskin and Wilde). For the unexpected stem *uppi-* (which clearly is older than *uppa-*) from **úpo* compare the opposite discrepancy in Hitt. *šanna-* ‘conceal’ as if from **sṇ(h₁)o* vs. Latin *sine* and OIr. *sain-* < **sṇ(h₁)i*.

II. Cuneiform Luvian (*u-*)*up-pa-* ‘carry’ and Hieroglyphic Luvian (CAPERE) *u-pa-* ‘carry (off)’

Pace Kloekhorst (2008: 922) the basic sense ‘carry’ of the CLuvian verb is not in doubt, but his rejection of the equation with Hittite *uppi/a-* is surely correct:

(7) *KBo* 13.260 iii 13-15 (Birth Ritual)

ā=tta ādduwan=za pariyan adduwaliyan wattaniyan uppanandu

“Let them carry the evil over to an evil land.”

For this interpretation see Yakubovich (2010: 237). The stem *uppanna-* shows the Luvian cognate of the Hittite “iterative-durative” suffix *-anni/a-*. One could suppose here a meaning ‘carry away’ for the verb, but such directionality cannot be proven, since *pariyan* ‘over to’ already conveys this nuance.

(8) *KBo* 13.260 iii 16-20 (Birth Ritual)

*zīla=pa=tta za-x-x-ti DUMU.LÚ.ÙLU^{LU}-ni ŠUM-ŠU ḫalzāi ḫuidumar=ša
ūppannandu wayaḫi=ša ḫaddulaḫi=ša annarumāḫi=ša*

“Henceforth let them bring to this(?) human—one calls out his name—life, w., health (and) vigor.”

Here the directionality clearly is towards the deictic center, the place where the ritual is taking place, but once again this is furnished by the context, and cannot be shown to be inherent in the verb.

(9) *KUB* 35.88 iii 11-12 (Birth Ritual)

upatta=pa=wa=du šarriyanin 2-šu 9-u[(n)za] anta=wa=aš=ta walluna<š>šan wāni uppanta

“She furnished to her twice nine s., and they carried them in to the midwife (lit. woman of lifting).”

Likewise in this example there is no clear evidence for any inherent directionality in the verb, which simply means ‘carry’. See also *KUB* 35.107 iii 21 (*anda uppanta*) and *KUB* 25.39 iv 16 (*ūppadda*) with limited context. As will become clear presently, it is important that in the two instances of plene spelling the spelling is specifically *u-up-pa*^o with <u>, not <ú>.

For arguments that the HLuvian cognate of CLuvian *ūppa-* ‘carry’ is (“CAPERE”) *u-pa-* and not (PES) *u-pa-* ‘dedicate, furnish’ see Melchert 2004 contra Yakubovich 2005, but it is doubtful that the verb (“CAPERE”) *u-pa-* inherently implies speaker-oriented directionality:

(10) KARKAMIŠ A 11b+c §13

“I devastated those countries,” **a-wa/i-ta* (SCALPRUM.CAPERE₂)
u-pa-ni-zi a-tá (“CAPERE₂”) *u-pa-ha*

“I brought in/collected trophies/spoils” (“and I came up from those countries
in glory.”)

(11) KARKAMIŠ A2+3 §7

**a-wa/i-ta* **a-mi-ya-za* LITUUS+AVIS(-)*ta-ni-ya-za* REGIO-*ni-i a-tá*
(DEUS)BONUS-*na* (DEUS)VITIS(-)*ti-PRAE-ya-ha ARHA* (CAPERE₂)
u-pa-ta

“He (Tarhunza of Carchemish) in my *days* brought away the grain-god and
the wine-god into the country.”

(12) İSKENDERUN §§3-4

a-wa/i za-naⁱ (“*255”) *ka-ru-na-na* (“CAPERE”) *u-pa-haⁱ* *wa/i-tu-u-taⁱ*
4xMILLE 4xCENTUM *a-ta* (“CAPERE”) *u-pa-ha zi-i-na* (“*256”) *zi-pa-ta-na-ti*

“I carried off/brought (the contents of) this granary and I collected for it
4,400 with this *z*-measure.”

In all three examples cited (and the similar ones at KARKAMIŠ A 1a,
§§7 and 10) the action involves removal of things from one place and
their transportation to another. Since the new location is either explicitly
or implicitly associated with the speaker (‘into the country’ in (11) clearly
refers to Carchemish), ‘bring’ is the natural rendering, but the directionality
is contextual, not inherent in the verb. As attested, HLuvian (“CAPERE/
CAPERE₂”) *u-pa-* is neutrally ‘carry’ like its CLuvian cognate.

However, the phrase (SCALPRUM.CAPERE₂) *u-pa-ni-* (CAPERE₂) *u-pa-*
is clearly a *figura etymologica*, and contra Melchert (2004: 372) ‘spoils’
are inherently something that is carried off, not something that is brought
in.² This figure and the use of CAPERE/CAPERE₂ ‘take’ as determinative

2 The fact that the noun is marked with the determinative SCALPRUM.CAPERE₂ does not argue against a *figura etymologica*. The addition of SCALPRUM is surely motivated by the fact that the spoils in question were typically statues or stelae (see e.g. KARKAMIŠ A24a §6 on the Assyrian king’s removal of the Storm-god of Aleppo).

suggest that this verb *u-pa-* originally meant ‘carry off, remove’, although like its CLuvian counterpart it has undergone semantic bleaching to merely ‘carry’. The spelling of the CLuvian cognate as *u-up-* points to /o-/, so the combined evidence argues that *this* verb contains the reflex of **au-* ‘off, away’, matching Latin *au-ferō* ‘carry away/off’. For the contrast of <u> = /o/ vs. <ú> = /u/ in Hittite see Rieken 2005: 538-9 after Eichner and on sources of Hittite /o(:)/ see Kloekhorst 2008: 35-60.³ The main point, however, is that Hittite *uppi/a-* ‘send’ (with no directionality) and Luvian *ūppa-/*(CAPERE)*u-pa-* ‘carry’ < *‘carry off, remove’ are not cognate, as per Kloekhorst (2008: 922).⁴

III. Hittite *uiye/a-* ‘send, drive’

This verb (overwhelmingly spelled *u-i-e-/ya-* with <u>!) is universally assumed to be *u-(i)ye/a-* ‘her-schicken’ vs. *pe/i-ye/a-* ‘hin-schicken’: see Pedersen 1938: 198; Friedrich 1952: 232 ‘schicken’ (eigentlich ‘herschicken’); jagen’; Kloekhorst 2008: 910 ‘send (here)’. Once again, however, there is actually *no* textual evidence for speaker-oriented directionality of *u(i)ye/a-* (note here too the respectively explicit and tacit admissions of this fact by Friedrich and Kloekhorst). Since this actually well-known fact is consistently ignored in discussions of the verb’s morphology and history, it seems necessary to reiterate some of the evidence:

(13) *KBo* 3.40b:9-10 (OH/NS; narrative)

am[(*mug*=a^dU-aš)] DINGIR *pišeneš*[LUG]AL-*iu*yērīt=wa^{LÚ.MEŠ}GAL.GAL *wemiy*[(a)]

“But me the male gods of the Storm-god sent to the king (saying): ‘Go and find the great men!’”

(14) *KUB* 33.5 ii 4 (OH/NS; Telipinu, 2nd version)

^dMAḤ-aš NIM.LÁL-*an* *uyēt* īt=za x[...]x ^d*Telipinun* zik *šanḫa*

3 This means that the Hittite prefix *u-* (regularly spelled <ú>) that *does* mark directionality towards the speaker cannot reflect **au-* (contra Melchert 1994: 104 et al.). Its true etymology remains to be determined.

4 The root **pa-* of Luvian /o:pa-/ (sic!) is probably **(s)peh-* ‘set in (violent) motion, draw’ seen also in Greek σπάω ‘tear/pull’ and Armenian *hanem* ‘pull; take away; lead’: see García Ramón 2009. Thus /o:pa-/ *‘take away, remove’ whence ‘carry’ reflects a virtual **au-(s)p(e)h₂-*. The inflectional class is unknown, but a third plural **au-(s)ph₂énti* would give /o:panti/ in either a *mi-* or *hi-* verb.

“Hannahanna sent the bee (saying): ‘Go [] and you search for Telipinu!’”

It is quite certain that the direction in these two passages is not oriented towards the speaker or the “deictic center”. It is noteworthy that the duplicate to (14) *KUB* 33.4 ii 17 (also NS) has *piyēt*, while *KUB* 33.8 ii 22 (NS) in a similar context also has *uyēt*.⁵

(15) *KUB* 14.3 i 6-9 (NH; Tawagalawa letter)

nu=m[u U]N-an IGI-anda uiyat ARAD-anni=wa=mu dā nu=wa=mu
^{LÚ}*tuḫkantin uiya nu=wa=mu ITTI* ^dUTU^{šl} *uwatezzi nu=šši* ^{LÚ}TARTENU
uiyanun

“He sent a person to meet me (saying): ‘Take me into servitude! Send the crown-prince to me, and he shall bring me to Your Majesty.’ So I sent the crown-prince to him.”

This example confirms that *uiya-* has no inherent directionality, since it is used indifferently for both motion towards the speaker in the first instance and motion away from the speaker in the second.

(16) *KBo* 4.8 ii 13-14 (NH; Tawananna Affair)

kī=ya=an 1-an dammešḫanunun IŠTU É.GAL-LIM=pat=kan kuit katta
uiyanun

“And I also did her this one harm, that I sent her down from the *palace*.”

The banishment of the *tawananna* undeniably refers to motion away from the speaker.

(17) *KUB* 1.1+ iii 10-11 (NH; Apology of Hattušili)

^{URU}*Ḫakpiššaš=ma kururiyaḫta [nu] LÚ.MEŠ Gašga*^{HI.A}*uiyanun n=an IŠTU*
^{NÍ}.TE=*YA SIG*₅-*aḫḫun*

5 It is mildly unfortunate that *KUB* 17.10 i 35, a MS copy of the Telipinu myth, has [*IŠ-P*]UR, so that we cannot determine which Hittite verb was used. Both *uiye/a-* and *pe/iyē/a-* are securely attested in OH/OS: x-x-x[] *iššāz LUGAL-i atti=mi u-i-x[]* (*KUB* 26.35:3) and [^o-a]n *arḫa imma piyēzzi* (*KUB* 36.106 Ro' 5).

“But Hakpis became hostile, [so] I drove out the Kaskeans and on my own put it (the city) in order.”

The context argues for the given interpretation with Otten (1981: 17) contra van den Hout (2003: 199). The sense is confirmed by the parallel *KUB* 1.7 ii 6, which adds *arḫa*, but it is crucial to note that there is no space in *KUB* 1.1 iii 11 for any restoration beyond [*nu*]. Thus *uiya-* by itself could mean ‘banish, drive away’. This passage is surely also the source for the second meaning ‘jagen’ given by Friedrich (1952: 232). For the sense ‘banish, drive away’ for the combination *arḫa uiya-* see also *KUB* 14.8 Vo 17-18 and the Plague Prayers *passim*, but here of course the directionality is overtly signaled by the preverb.

The sense ‘banish, drive (away)’ of enemies shows that *uiya-* did not originally necessarily imply control of the object by the subject. Thus the meaning ‘send’ is secondary. Example (17) also shows that the preverb *arḫa* also was not originally required for the meaning ‘drive away, banish’. These facts argue for an original **au-(Hi)Hyeh₁-* ‘*cast away’. However, as in the case of Luvian *u-up-pa-* ‘carry’ from original **‘carry off, remove’*, the sense of Hittite *uiya-* was mostly bleached to a more general ‘drive, send’, without implication of direction. This led already in Old Hittite to creation of a new univerbation with the productive *pē-* for ‘send off, hin-schicken’.⁶

IV. Conclusions

Hittite *uppi/a-* means ‘send’ without specification of directionality and contains no prefix. CLuvian *(u-)up-pa-* ‘carry’ and HLuv. (CAPERE)*u-pa-* ‘carry’ contain a prefix /o:-/ originally indicating motion away, but the meaning was bleached to simply ‘carry’. Likewise, Hittite *u-i-e/ya-* contains a prefix /o:-/ and originally meant ‘send/drive away’, but was bleached to simply ‘send/drive’. None of these verbs has anything to do with the Hittite prefix /u:-/ spelled <ú> indicating motion toward the speaker (contra Melchert 1994: 104 and all others).

6 It seems likely, though not strictly provable, that the “bleaching” of the sense of **au-* ‘away’ was tied to its relative lack of productivity in both Hittite and Luvian.

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