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AMA, a minor Zoroastrian divinity, the hypostasis of strength, who appears in the Avestan hymn to Vərəθrayna (Yt. 14). In vv. 7, 9, he is represented as hovering above the *yazata* of Victory, and here he has his standing epithets *hutašta-*, *hurao'a-* “well-shaped, well-grown.” In a later verse (45) the worshiper blesses Ama and Vərəθrayna together, in what appears to be part of an incantation to ensure victory. In the *Yasna* (1.6, 3.6, 3.8, 4.11, 6.5, 7.8) Ama is invoked, with his fixed epithets, together with the *fravašit* of the just (who are warrior-beings), Hušiti “Good Abode,” another minor divinity, who grants his favors presumably to the strong, and conquering Uparatāt “Superiority.” Apart from these liturgical invocations, Ama has no part in living Zoroastrianism.

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