



## ANĀMAKA

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**ANĀMAKA** (a-n-a-m-k-), name of the tenth month (December-January) of the Old Persian calendar (see Kent, *Old Persian*, p. 161a), equivalent to Akkadian ʾTebētu and Elamite Šermi (for the latter in the Persepolis tablets, see R. T. Hallock, *Persepolis Fortification Tablets*, Chicago, 1969, pp. 74, 756b). The Old Persian name occurs in DB 1.96, 2.26, 56, and 3.63; it is frequently rendered as Elamite Hanamakaš (with variants; see Hallock, *ibid.*, pp. 689f.) in the Persepolis tablets and as Phrygian *anamaka* in the one Phrygian Persepolis inscription A 23 (V. P. Neroznak, *Paleobalkanske yazyki*, Moscow, 1978, pp. 86f.), as was recognized by G. G. Cameron (*JNES* 32, 1973, pp. 52f.). The name Anāmaka is generally explained as *a-namaka-* “without name” (e.g., Kent, *ibid.*, p. 167b), which form may be understood as “(month of) the Nameless One.” This term might refer to Ahura Mazdā (so F. B. J. Kuiper, *IJ* 18, 1976, pp. 30, 39), or Miθra (J. Kellens, *Studien zur Indologie und Iranistik* 2, 1976, pp. 127f.), or perhaps mean “the nameless (i.e., intercalary) [month]” (W. Brandenstein and M. Mayrhofer, *Handbuch des Altpersischen*, Wiesbaden, 1964, p. 103, who refer to late Skt. *anāmaka-* “intercalary month”).



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