



CHARPENTIER, JARL

CHARPENTIER, JARL (Hellen Robert Toussaint; b. 17 December 1884, d. 5 July 1935), Swedish Indologist, Indo-Europeanist, and Iranist, born in Gothenburg as the son of an army officer. Charpentier matriculated at Uppsala University in 1902 and in 1908 earned his doctor's degree there with the dissertation *Studien zur indischen Erzählliteratur. I. Paccekabuddhageschichten*. In 1927 he was appointed professor ordinarius of Sanskrit and comparative Indo-European philology at the same university, where he taught until his premature death in 1935.

Charpentier published extensively, mainly in the field of Sanskrit literature (his most important contribution was *Die Suparṇasage. Untersuchungen zur altindischen Literatur- and Sagengeschichte*, Uppsala, 1920-22), but he also wrote with great acumen on comparative Indo-European philology, including Iranian studies (cf. *Die Desiderativbildungen der indoiranischen Sprachen*, Uppsala, 1912; *Die verbalen r-Endungen der indogermanischen Sprachen*, Uppsala, 1917).

Charpentier's contributions to the Iranian field mainly concerned etymologies. An important exception was his discussion of the date of Zarathustra, which he estimated at 1000-900 b.c.e. or even earlier ("The date of Zoroaster," *BSOS* 3, 1923-25, pp. 747-55; later enlarged as *The Life and Date of Zoroaster, the Prophet of Iran. Three lectures*, Vizianagram, 1925). Among the many articles in which he discussed Iranian etymologies the following may be mentioned: "Avestische Etymologien," *IF* 28, 1911, pp. 153-57; "Beiträge zur alt- and mittelindischen Wortkunde," *IF* 28, 1911, pp. 157-88; "Av. *dūraoša-*: ai. *duroša-*



,” *WZKM* 27, 1913, pp. 235-44 (in which he argued for derivation from *dūra-* “far” and *oša-*, *auša-* “death”); “Zur altindischen Wortkunde,” *WZKM* 30, 1917, pp. 91-108; “Zur alt- and mittelindischen Wortkunde,” *MO* 13, 1919, pp. 1-54; “Der Name Kambyses (Kaⁿbūjiya),” *ZII* 2, 1923, pp. 140-52 (in which he, following scholars like Markwart, argued for the derivation of the OPers. name from Kamboja, a land known from OInd. sources, and proposed that the name means “king of Kambojas”); “Beiträge zur indoiranischen Wortkunde,” *MO* 18, 1924, pp. 1-45; “Some Remarks on Pashto Etymology,” *AO* 7, 1929, pp. 180-97 (cf. G. Morgenstierne’s remarks *ibid.*, pp. 198-99); “Beiträge zur indoiranischen Etymologie,” in C. Pavry, ed., *Oriental Studies in Honour of Cursetji Erachji Pavry*, London, 1933, pp. 76-85; and “Indra. Ein Versuch der Aufklärung,” *MO* 25, 1931, as well as his book *Kleine Beiträge zur indoiranischen Mythologie*, Uppsala, 1911.

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