



## ERĒTI

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**ERĒTI**, the name of a minor goddess. One of a number of abstract deities who appear in the Avesta only in formulaic invocations of divinities, she is the hypostasis of *ərəti-*. Although most interpreters follow Bartholomae (*AirWb*, col. 350) in taking this feminine noun to mean approximately ‘energy’ on the assumption that it is etymologically identical to OInd. *ṛtí-* f. (“attack”; cf. Mid. Pers. *ardig* “battle”), there is no assurance that the two words are to be compared (Mayrhofer, *Wörterbuch* I, p. 256). The name occurs only in the gen. sg. *ərəθya* (after feminines in *ī*, beside *ašōiš*) in two enumerations of deities: 1. Ama (Might), *Vərəθrayna* (Victory), *Erəti*, Aši (Reward), Cisti (Insight), *Pauruuatāt* (Priority), *Uparatāt* (Superiority; *Visprad* 9.4) and 2. Aši, Cisti, *Erəti*, *Rasātāt* (?), *Xwarənah* (Glory), *Sauuah* (Profit; *Y.* 3.16, 4.19, 7. 16, 22.16).

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