



## GŌŠ YAŠT

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**GŌŠ YAŠT**, the title of the ninth *Yašt* of the Avesta, also known as *Drwāsp Yašt*, after the goddess Druuāspā (see [DRVĀSPĀ](#)) to whom, in fact, it is dedicated. This *Yašt* corresponds to the fourteenth day of the Zoroastrian calendar, which also bears the name Gōš and on which Gəuš tašan, Gəuš uruuan and Druuāspā are invoked (*Sirōza* 1.14, 2.14). However, nowhere in the *Yašt* itself are Gəuš tašan and Gəuš uruuan mentioned, while Druuāspā appears in the first two stanzas only, the remaining thirty-one consisting of borrowings from the *ĀbānYašt* and *Ard Yašt*. The title of the *Yašt*, then, derives from the liturgical requirements of the fourteenth day dedicated to the deities having to do with domestic animals, especially cattle and horses. The structure of the *Yašt* shows that it is a late composition of redactors who were able to append material borrowed from the two *Yašts* mentioned to a core of ancient epithets of a goddess about whom we know almost nothing. Since the metrical structure of stanzas 1 and 2 is quite defective, it is hard to see in them vestiges of a more extensive *Yašt* to Druuāspā. Nevertheless, certain sequences of epithets display good octosyllabic composition and it may be that these are half-lines inherited from the priestly poetic repertory.



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