



HAOMA

HAOMA, the Avestan name for a plant and its divinity, MPers. *hōm*, Sogd. *xwm*, Pers. and other living Iranian languages *hōm*, *hūm* and related forms, Skt. *soma*, living Indic languages *som*, *soma* (Flattery and Schwartz, p. 68 with Table 3; Steblin-Kamenskij, 1972, p. 138 ff.; Idem, 1987, p. 377; Henning, "Mitteliranisch," p. 85). This entry will be treated in two separate articles: Botany; and associated Rituals.

i. *Botany*.

ii. *The Rituals*.