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Rudra and Apollo [A thread]

In Vedic literature, one of the most frequent names of Rudra is **■** ("archer").

Yajurveda 4.5 (Taittiriya Samhita) is popularly known as Shri Rudram or **■atarudr■ya**

Its fifth Anuvaka starts with

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Infact, the **■atarudr■ya** starts with:

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"Veneration to your wrath, O Rudra. Veneration to your arrow as well; Veneration to your bow and veneration to your arms"
(Yajurveda 4.5.1.1).

The bow of Rudra was **■■■■■■■**

In fact, in the entire Vedic literature, **tri■la** is not mentioned anywhere as the weapon of Rudra-■iva. This is only mentioned in Post Vedic literature(Epic and Puranic)

Likewise, God Apollo is renowned in Ancient Greek literature as "The Archer".

In Illiad (c. 800 BC), The most frequent phrase used by Homer to describe Apollo is "Apollo who shoots from afar"

The Homeric hymn to Apollo starts with

"I will remember and not forget Apollo who shoots from afar."

"Apollo who kills from afar"- Euripedes

This phrase has a parallel in **■atarudr■ya** which describes Rudra as **■■■■■■■■■■■** (he who shoots/kills from afar)

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In Illiad, Homer describes Apollo as $\pi\alpha\iota\nu$ ("healer").

In the later Greek literature, "divine healer" is the most common epithet for Apollo.

Before the advent of Christianity. The Greek physicians ritually worshiped Apollo before commencing their craft.

Infact, one of the names of Apollo is $\alpha\tau\rho\varsigma$ /iatros ("doctor").

This terms is now found as the suffix "iatry" in several medical terms.

Pediatrics, Psychiatry, holiatry, chemiatry, hippiatry etc.

Again, a parallel can be found in the $\text{atarudr}\nu\text{ya}$.

In the very first Anuvaka, Rudra is defined as Daivyobhishak("divine healer").

Ayurvedic doctors traditionally began their craft by praying to Rudra.

This is why Rudra- νiva is called "Vaidyanath" ("Lord of doctors")

Caution: Before ignorant outrage activists descend again to pollute my mentions, here is the caveat.

Am I saying that Rudra and Apollo are one and the same? No, I am NOT.

Am I comparing Rudra to Apollo? No, I am NOT. In my personal belief, there is no one equal to Rudra.

I am a Vaidika & like my forefathers did for thousands of years, I chant $\text{atarudr}\nu\text{ya}$ almost everyday.

I noticed some connections that I document in this thread.

If you cannot keep an open mind, there is no need to read this thread. I will block anyone misinterpreting/abusing

Are there differences between Apollo and Rudra?

Yes, there are many. But most of these differences spring from later, post Homeric times. Greek society has made innovations and the sect of Apollo kept changing with time, associating Apollo with attributes not originally found.

The Greek frequently depicted Apollo as Apollo Didymeus.

In this form, Apollo was depicted as half male & half female, encompassing both masculine & feminine forms of reality.

There was a large temple dedicated to Apollo Didymeus.
at Miletus (Anatolia)

