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One of the four Vedas, consisting mostly of spells of black and white magic.

[Sanskrit *Atharvavedaḥ* : *atharvā*, priest; see **āter-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *vedaḥ*, sacred lore, knowledge, Veda; see **weid-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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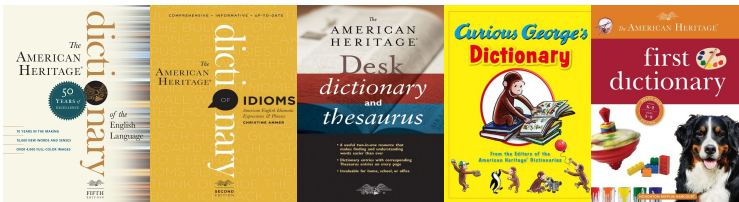
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