Notes on an ethnonym from East Nepal

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Abstract: The cognacy of the native Limbu ethnonym yakthung with the ethnonyms rodong, etc., of different ‘Rai’ groups was proposed by Werner Winter in 1991. Comparative Kiranti evidence supports this hypothesis.

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It is interesting to note that in the early stages of Buddhism, the laity regularly followed five prescribed "rules", but among them there were a group of people, who followed ten. They wore white clothing. From this perspective, "arsians" can be translated as "white" and therefore acquire two meanings: 1. The country itself, i.e. this is a toponym, 2. The name of the population - the pious laity. On a plate from Perm (VII - X century) described by B. Marshak as, "belonging to the so-called Permian animal style", the four-armed goddess and the inscription 'Kharoshti': Maha Nangha (Great Nana) are depicted. On a plate from the village of Bartim, the region of Perm, there is also a depiction of Nana riding a lion and holding the Sun and the Moon in her hands, in. typical Kushan fashion.