

Avesta

This Introduction to Avestan provides a concise grammar of the Avestan language, including information on the language history and short text samples with a glossary.

English translation of the Avesta, a collection of Zoroastrian religious texts.

An Introduction to Ancient Iranian Religion was first published in 1983. Minnesota Archive Editions uses digital technology to make long-unavailable books once again accessible, and are published unaltered from the original University of Minnesota Press editions. When Persia fell to Islam in the mid-seventh century, the ancient Iranian religion of Zoroastrianism all but disappeared (although it is still practiced by small groups in India and Iran). As one of the dominant religions of antiquity, it influenced the Judeo-Christian tradition as well as some forms of gnosticism. Despite its age and venerable place in the history of world religions, Zoroastrianism remains little known outside of a few philologists and historians of religion. Because of the difficulty of translation, there is little primary textual material available for nonspecialists; the few translations that do exist are quite old. In *An Introduction to Ancient Iranian Religion*, William Malandra provides not only modern English translations of the sacred texts but also a comprehensive introduction to the subject of Zoroastrianism itself. In an introductory essay Malandra outlines the main features of Zoroastrianism in its historical, cultural, and spiritual setting. His new translations of readings from the Avesta, the sacred book of Zoroastrianism, and selections from the Achaemenid inscriptions of the great kings Darius and Xerxes are accompanied by interpretive notes that allow students to make their way through this difficult material. This book is, therefore, not just a collection of texts but a

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selfcontained introduction to Zoroastrianism that can be used by the nonspecialist without recourse to additional interpretive works.

This is a subset of the Sacred Books of the East Series which includes translations of all the most important works of the seven non-Christian religions which have exercised a profound influence on the civilizations of the continent of Asia. The works have been translated by leading authorities in their field.

Zamyad Yasht is a history of salvation of the Iranians. It starts with the description of Ahura Mazda's creation of what is good, and it ends with the Frashokereti, the "brilliant-making of the world", i.e. its perfection and renovation by Sashyant, the eschatological savior. The main theme is the Kavyan Glory, which in the strict sense of the term denotes the glory of the legendary Kavi dynasty up to Vishtaspa, the promoter of Zarathushtra, but which has a much wider meaning here.

Helmut Humbach and Pallan R. Ichaporia endeavor to intensify the study of Zamyad Yasht from the philological point of view, drawing attention to the many actual problems of the text not seen by their predecessors, and emphasizing its intrinsic value as a document of the mythical and legendary early history of the Iranians as well as its place in the eschatological conception of the Zoroastrians. The work is a contribution to the project "Sources de l'histoire de l'Asie central preislamique" founded by Janos Harmatta (Budapest) and directed by Philippe Gignoux (Paris) on behalf of the Union Academique Internationale.

Next to the Yast codex F1 (dating from 1591 C.E.), the Khorda Avesta and Yast codex E1 is the most important Yast manuscript. Written in Navsari in 1601 C.E. by the Sanjana priest Ervad Sapuhr Hosang Asa, E1 is the oldest and most valuable manuscript for the transmission of the Khorda Avesta, which is not contained in F1. The manuscript E1

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offers perhaps the best and most complete extant collection of the Khorda Avesta, including Gahs, Niyaye'es, Ya'ts, Nirangs, Bajs, Namazes, the Skt. Wahman Ya't, and many other, often little known texts. Moreover, E1 is of particular significance from a text critical point of view because it has been corrected *secunda manu* according to a line of transmission independent from and older than F1. This volume offers an Introduction with a detailed survey of the contents of E1. The main part consists of facsimiles of the entire manuscript, with headings and marginal notes identifying individual texts and paragraphs.

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An index to the primary collection of religious texts in Zoroastrianism, compiled in an attempt to make the large

body of lexicographical material more accessible to scholars. The monotheistic ideology that Darius imposed on the nascent Achaemenid state resulted in a religious revolution with far reaching effects, as it reverberated on two different levels. At the top level, the imposition of an omnipotent abstract god, Ahura Mazda, created a sharp reaction that led to the general massacre of the opposition termed as Magophonia by Herodotus. Several centuries of doctrinal development led to Zoroastrianism, a religion marked by the art of compromise and virulent rhetoric. While the Zoroastrian influence on Abrahamic religions has mainly been investigated in respect to borrowed concepts such as Paradise or Day of Judgment, its influence on the art of compromise and rhetoric has been neglected. So has been the influence of its underground opposition, organized as brotherhood. The underground opposition affected early Christianity, while the Iranian clergy influenced the Judaic priesthood. Together, they ended up affecting Islam

The Avesta is a collection of liturgical texts considered as their sacred book by the Zoroastrian community. It contains the recitatives of the Zoroastrian liturgies still celebrated in the 17th century, some of them even celebrated until today. The texts integrated in these ceremonies were composed in different places and at different times, and transmitted orally for centuries. The exact date of the fixation of the ceremonies in the shape in which they are presented in the manuscripts and the creation of the different manuscripts is unknown. But today it is proven that even after the creation of the first manuscripts, the transmission of these liturgical texts

was the result of a complicated process in which not only the process of copying manuscripts but also the ritual practice and the ritual teaching were involved. The only deep analysis of the written transmission of the Avesta was made by K. F. Geldner as Prolegomena to his edition of the Avesta. Since then, many new manuscripts have appeared. In Poets, Priests, Scribes and Librarians contributions by the main experts in the transmission of the Avesta are gathered: the oral transmission, the fixation of the different collections, the first writing down, and the manuscripts. Special interest is devoted to the manuscripts. Some contributions of the volume were presented at the correspondent colloquium held in Salamanca, September 2009; others were added in order to make of the volume a comprehensive work on the different aspects of the Avestan transmission.

AvestaThe Religious Books of the Parsees

The oldest Zoroastrian religious scripture, handed down from ancient times, is the Avesta. One section of the holy book is known as the "Khordeh Avesta" or "Smaller (i.e. Selected) Avesta." This is the book of daily prayers of the Zoroastrians, including the most sacred prayers or manthras, as well as graces said over meals and other occasions, blessings, and hymns to spiritual beings. It is a cherished possession of every devout Zoroastrian household. Zoroastrians recite their prayers in a sacred language known as Avestan. The celebrated Avesta scholar and priest (Ervad) Kavasji Edulji Kanga prepared an edition of this prayer book in 1880 A.D., with Gujarati translation. An English edition was first printed in 1993, which has become very scarce. Due to the popularity of Kanga's editions, and the accuracy of its pronunciation, this new printed edition was prepared, correcting the frequent

printer's errors found in the 1993 edition.

Zoroaster is a generic title; so is Thoth-Hermes. Prophet Isaiah lived 200 years earlier than Cyrus (from 760 to 710 BCE) while the great Persian King began his reign in 559. The Jews were simply a Persian colony imbued with Magianism and Zoroastrianism. Zoroaster, the Sage of remote Antiquity, is transformed by Christian bigots into a "slave of Daniel." The key to understanding the Avesta lies concealed at the bottom of the rightly interpreted Kabbalah. Kabbalah is the record of doctrines received by the Chaldean Magi and the initiated Jews from Zarathushtra whose teachings, on account of their profound philosophy, were meant only for the few. Physically and intellectually, we may progress and grow in strength and sophistication, but lose daily in spirituality and wisdom. He who would penetrate the secrets of Fire, and unite with It, must first unite himself soul and body to Earth (his mother) to Humanity (his sister), and to Science (his daughter). The ancient name of Persepolis was Ista-Char, or Throne of the Sun, the place sacred to Ista or Esta. Eventually, Ista/Esta became Vesta, to whom the Romans burnt inextinguishable fire. The fire burning in the sacred altar meant heavenly truth, and the smoke of incense waving into the faces of the worshippers imparted the knowledge thereof. When the Kalki-Avatara appears, seated upon a white horse, our sufferings in this world will come to an end. The white horse is animating principle of the Sun; its four legs represent for the four Root-races of the world: black, russet, yellow, and white. The Chinese clothed their four orders of priests in black, red, yellow, and white; John saw these very colours in the symbolic horses of the Revelation. The four Zoroastrian ages are the four Root-races, the progression of the human life-wave on any globe of a planetary chain. The colours of each of the four races are: gold for the Mongolian, silver for the Caucasian, brass for the

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Red Indian, iron for the Negro. There are seven Ahuru-asters, or spiritual teachers of Ahura-Mazdha (an office corrupted later into Guru-asters and Zuru-asters) from Zera-Ishtar, the title of the Chaldean or Magian priests. The last one was the Zaratusht of the Desatir, the thirteenth prophet, and the seventh of that name. He flourished between 1200 and 1300 BCE.

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