

## Book Of Five Gathas

Avesta is the name sacred book of the Zoroastrians, containing the rituals and teachings of prophet Zarathustra and the priests of ancient Iran. The oldest part of Avesta is known as the "Gatha", written by Zarathustra himself. According to many researches, these hymns and chants are the first collection of spiritual poetry written in the ancient world, dating back to nearly 4000 years. The hymns of the Gatha constitute 17 sections which are part of the Yasna (a section of the Avesta) and are written in five separate sections. The hymns of the Gatha are recited with special melodies, and teach the listener or the reader about the three holy precepts of the Zoroastrian faith: Good thoughts, Good words and Good deeds, which Zarathustra recommends to his followers. For most Zoroastrians, the Gatha are therefore the most important and most Sacred section of the Avesta.

This text investigates what the Bible has to say about astronomical objects and phenomena. The Bible contains many mentions of astronomical things, beginning with creation and concluding with end-time prophecies. Besides the sun and moon, the Bible names groups of stars, Orion, the Pleiades, and the bears. In addition to what the biblical record shows about astronomical phenomena, many people think that it teaches things that it actually does not teach. These concepts are examined in depth as well. Unique among books discussing the intersection of biblical text and astronomy because of the range of questions explored and answered definitive work that explores many popular questions and misconceptions about the universe and the Bible Sorts fact from fiction and truth from popular myths as the true purpose of these enigmatic lights in the night sky are revealed

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.

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"This book is concerned with the doctrinal beliefs of the practising Zoroastrians examined within the frames of the Gothic principals. Variances in the current practice are considered. The doctrinal changes are explained in the light of socio-political forces operating in each distinct historical era. In this exercise no scholarly speculation is taken on face value."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

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Ard? Wir?z N?mag or the Book of the Righteous Wir?z is an outstanding example of Iranian apocalyptic literature. It is in the Middle Persian (Pahlavi) language and was written probably during the later period of the Sasanian dynasty (AD 226-650). The Zoroastrian priests chose a man called Wir?z, the most righteous among them, to go to the spiritual realm to discover the truth of the religion. This book, first published in 1986, contains the observations of Wir?z' divine journey and his description of heaven and hell. The basic MS. is K20 (Royal Library of Copenhagen) which is carefully compared with other MSS. The MS. is printed in facsimile, followed by transliteration and transcription following the MS. closely line by line. A full translation is given, and a commentary is included together with a glossary, bibliography and index.

2020 Reprint of 1894 Edition. Full facsimile of the original edition, not reproduced with Optical Recognition software. This is a monumental study of the Zoroastrian Gâthâs by Lawrence Heyworth Mills (1837 1918), Professor of Zend Philology at the University of Oxford and one of the great Victorian scholars of Zoroastrianism. Mills had previously published a simple translation of the Gathas in Max Muller's Sacred Books of the East series (Vol. 31, The Zend Avesta, Part III, 1887). In this ground-breaking volume he published the Avestan text in both original script and transliteration, a translation into Latin and free translation in English verse, a transliteration of the Pahlavi text and its English translation (the first translation of the complete text into a European language), a transliteration of the Sanskrit text of Neryosangh with the first ever English translation, a Parsi-Persian version of the text in transliteration (not translated), together with a commentary and copious notes. Contains texts and translations, also with the Pahlavi translation, for the first time edited with collation of manuscripts, and now prepared from all the known codices, also deciphered, and for the first time translated in its entirety into a European language, with Neryosangh's Sanskrit text edited, with a first translation, also with the Persian text contained in codex 12b of the Munich collection edited in transliteration, together with a commentary, being the literary apparatus and argument to the translation of the Gâthâs in the XXXIst volume of the Sacred books of the East, by Lawrence H. Mills, D.D. Parts I-IV, Yasna XXVIII-XXXIV, XLIII-L, LI, LIII; Comm.

The Teachings of Zoroaster, And the Philosophy of the Parsi Religion by Shapurji Aspaniarji Kapadia, first published in 1913, is a rare manuscript, the original residing in one of the great libraries of the world. This book is a reproduction of that original, which has been scanned and cleaned by state-of-the-art publishing tools for better readability and enhanced

appreciation. Restoration Editors' mission is to bring long out of print manuscripts back to life. Some smudges, annotations or unclear text may still exist, due to permanent damage to the original work. We believe the literary significance of the text justifies offering this reproduction, allowing a new generation to appreciate it.

The words of Zarathustra are recorded in The Gathas 17 hymns which embody the core of his faith. Here for the first time the text is translated into straightforward idiomatic English coupled with relevant illustrative material.

Extending from the dawn of Creation to the present, Ashavid, by Eric Dryden, is both a religious manifesto and an inspired scholarly narrative. Ashavid focuses on the ancient Nordic Indo-Europeans and the divine revelation of their prophet, Zarathustra—the first to proclaim the one Creator God and to reveal the spiritual and ethical path leading to both a good earthly life and eternal life. It describes ancient West Asia's ethnic and cultural transformations, the corruptions of Zarathustra's Ashavid doctrine, and the Indo-Europeans' genetic and cultural adulterations resulting from their migrations into alien lands. It discusses the Indo-Europeans' merger with Old Europe's sub-races to form the Nordkind people and the threats to Nordkind's survival in our own era. Ashavid is an eye-opening epic for European-descended men and women who seek to live in harmony with the divinely-created Natural Law called Asha.

Zoroastrianism is one of the world's great ancient religions. In present-day Iran, significant communities of Zoroastrians (who take their name from the founder of the faith, the remarkable religious reformer Zoroaster) still practise the rituals and teach the moral precepts that once undergirded the officially state-sanctioned faith of the mighty Sasanian empire. Beyond Iran, the Zoroastrian diaspora is significant especially in India, where the Gujarati-speaking community of emigrants from post-Sasanian Iran call themselves 'Parsis'. But there are also significant Zoroastrian communities to be found elsewhere, such as in the USA, Britain and Canada, where western cultural contexts have shaped the religion in intriguing ways and directions. This new, thorough and wide-ranging introduction will appeal to anyone interested in discovering more about the faith that bequeathed the contrasting words 'Magi' and 'magic', and whose adherents still live according to the code of 'Good Thoughts, Good Words, Good Deeds.' The central Zoroastrian concept that human beings are continually faced with a choice between the path of 'good' and 'evil', represented by the contrasting figures of Ahura Mazda and Ahriman, inspired thinkers as diverse as Voltaire, Mozart and Nietzsche. Jenny Rose shows why Zoroastrianism remains one of the world's most inspiring and perennially fascinating systems of ethics and belief. 'Jenny Rose's lively and engaging account comprises a very readable, well informed survey of Zoroastrianism and its history. The book is a pleasure to read throughout, and the author's writing style is markedly beautiful, placing her very much within Mary Boyce's literary tradition. Rose has read widely round the subject, engaging with important primary and secondary sources and rendering her thorough treatment of Zoroastrianism fully up-to-date. I particularly welcomed her valuable discussion of Zoroastrianism in Central Asia. All in all, the book is a fine example of considered synthesis and compression. This is a book one wants to read from beginning to end without putting it down. It will find a warm welcome from students of the subject and their teachers.' - Almut Hintze, Zartoshty Professor of Zoroastrianism, SOAS, University of London

The World's Greatest Books is a collection of finest world's literature collected by British educators Arthur Mee and John Alexander Hammerton, known for collaborations on various anthologies and encyclopedias. The selections have been collected and arranged in ten different divisions, from belles-letters, through works in natural sciences, to social science literature. An important bonus quality of the work is the shot critical, biographical and bibliographical commentary which goes along with every author and every section. Table of Contents: Volumes 1-8: Fiction Volumes 9-10: Lives and Letters Volume 11: Ancient History; Mediaeval History Volume 12: Modern History Volume 13: Religion; Philosophy Volume 14: Philosophy (continued) Economics Volume 15: Science Volume 16: Poetry and Drama Volume 17: Travel and Adventure Volume 18: Miscellaneous Literature

This book offers a lively and unorthodox analysis of Nietzsche by examining a neglected aspect of his scholarly personality—his sense of humor. While often thought of as ponderous and melancholy, the Nietzsche of Higgins's study is a surprisingly subtle and light-hearted writer. She presents a close reading of *The Gay Science* to show how the numerous literary risks that Nietzsche takes reveal humor to be central to his project. Higgins argues that his use of humor is intended to dislodge readers from their usual, somber detachment and to incite imaginative thinking.

A poetic classic from a major figure of American Zen. *Zen Vows for Daily Life* is a collection of gathas, vows in verse form for daily practice, similar to prayers or affirmations for use at home, at work, and in the meditation hall itself. Reciting these poetic vows can help us be fully present in each moment and each activity of our lives. These gathas serve as gentle reminders to return again and again to our highest aspirations, with acceptance, joy, and compassion—for ourselves and all beings. *Zen Vows for Daily Life* will be a steadfast companion in keeping the reader inspired and committed on their spiritual path. "Each act in a Buddhist monastery—washing up, putting on clothes, entering the Buddha hall, sitting down for meditation, getting up from meditation—receives its own Dharma poem. Events on pilgrimage—encountering a tree, a river, a bridge, a dignitary, a mendicant—likewise offer entries into truth. My purpose in this book is similar: to show how ordinary occurrences in our modern lay lives are in fact the Buddha's own teachings—and also to show how we can involve ourselves accordingly in the practice of wisdom and compassion with family and friends, with everyone and everything."—Robert Aitken, from the Preface "In [*Zen Vows for Daily Life*], poetry and meditation always go together. Poetry is comprised of images and music, and images make the practice easy. Robert Aitken Roshi is a poet who deeply appreciates practicing with these gathas. He offers us many beautiful verses, sterling examples of this practice, that we can use to reflect more deeply on what we are doing. I am grateful to Aitken Roshi for offering us this beautiful book."—from the Foreword by Thich Nhat Hanh

Zarathushtra brought about important religious reform in Iran, giving a definitely moral character and direction to religion whilst at the same time preaching the doctrine of monotheism, which offered an eternal foundation of reality to goodness as an ideal of perfection. This volume provides a substantial introduction on the life and doctrines of Zarathushtra and compares the development of religion in India with that of Iran.

From this book you will learn about the lives and enlightenment of monks who followed the Buddha's path to the final end. This is a complete translation of the Theragatha.

*India Condensed* is a book for anyone who needs a quick introduction to India. History, philosophy, religion, language, literature, arts and culture are all discussed in this lively and accessible text. More than a dry recitation of dates, names and events, the topics covered range from stories and legends to current facts and observations. Thousands of years of history, culture and civilization are distilled into one handy book for easy reference.

Zoroastrianism might be a fast-declining religion in today's world, but what is remarkable is its eternal enigma. It is hard to believe that the hymns of the faith have travelled down to us in accurate form and poetic metre, purely through the memory of generations of priests. Zarathustra, the founder of the faith, belonged to a period of Persian history which antedated the Achaemenid dynasty (from 550 BC to 330 BC). He followed the old Rigvedic religion until he was the first to receive a revelation from Almighty God. The Gathas—the most sacred text of the Zoroastrian faith—were first composed and sung by Prophet Zarathustra. Along with the complete comprehension of the Gathas, consisting 238 verses in the same language as the Rigveda, this book is for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of the purpose of life on earth and what happens to mankind after death. The Gathas are extremely relevant in modern times for the fundamental reason that they are timeless. They do not emanate from Prophet Zarathustra's mind, but are revelations from Almighty God, making them universal in their approach. This book is an attempt to help the reader fully comprehend these and choose the path of leading a righteous life.

This illustrated story depicts the life of the founder of one of the oldest religions in the world. Zoroastrianism, or more natively Mazdayasna, is one of the world's oldest religions, "combining a cosmogonic dualism and eschatological monotheism in a manner unique... among the major religions of the world." Ascribed to the teachings of the Iranian Prophet Zoroaster (or Zarathustra), he exalted their deity of wisdom, Ahura Mazda, (Wise Lord) as its Supreme Being. Leading characteristics, such as messianism, heaven and hell, and free will are said to have influenced other religious systems, including Second Temple Judaism, Gnosticism, Christianity, and Islam. With possible roots dating back to the second millennium BCE, Zoroastrianism enters recorded history in the 5th-century BCE, and including a Mithraic Median prototype and Zurvanist Sassanid successor it served as the state religion of the pre-Islamic Iranian empires from around 600 BCE to 650 CE. Zoroastrianism was suppressed from the 7th century onwards following the Muslim conquest of Persia. Recent estimates place the current number of Zoroastrians at around 2.6 million, with most living in India and Iran.

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