



As they lit their fires, chanted their mantras and made their offerings, the Magi were the old world order, the priests of Zarathustra, the teachers of Avesta, and just as the Brahmans were to Vedic India and the Druids were to Europe so the Magi to Iran and the Middle East.

'Magi' means 'priest' its source being 'maga' a word from the ancient language of Sanskrit whose meaning is 'magician' and the 'priest of the sun' and as this departs the shores of Vedic India its seen within other lands as the words 'magic' and 'magician'.

'Zarathustra' was their prophet and as a man who was born into a family of animal traders his name is said to mean 'one whose camels are old' the 'zara' being the Sanskrit 'jara' whose meaning is 'old' and the 'ustra' is the Sanskrit 'ustra' whose meaning is 'camel'.

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taksan	tasán	shaper	raksas	rasas	damage
aksi	asi	eye	syena	saena	bird of prey
stoma	staumi	praise	pasyati	spasyati	look
vaste	vastai	dressed	hasta	zasta	hand
nedistha	nazdista	nearest	usas	usah	dawn
dus	dus	bad	rsva	rsva	high
dhrsat	drsát	bold	uksan	uxsan	bull
visva	visva	all	isvara	isvan	lord of
smat	mat	with	asat	ahat	to be
manah	manahi	thinking	vrnite	vrntai	chooses
varna	vanta	praise	duhita	dugda	daughter
pathas	patah	road	ratha	rata	chariot

Their object of worship and their supreme deity was known as 'Ahura Mazda' a name which is formed of words from the language of Sanskrit as the 'ahura' is from 'asura' whose meaning is 'divine' and the 'mazda' is from 'medha' whose meaning is 'wisdom' as in one who possesses divine (asura) wisdom (medha).

The beginnings of the Zoroastrians are said to go back in time some 3500 to 6000 years ago and their teachings was once a vast library of knowledge which was known as 'Avesta' yet their names for God, the name of their prophet and the name of their priests were all Sanskrit.

Max Muller was an orientalist and a professor of philology and within his book 'The Science of Language' he writes "It was more faithfully preserved by the Zoroastrians who migrated from India to the northwest and whose religion has been preserved to us in the Zind Avesta, though in fragments only. The Zoroastrians were a colony from northern India".

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tamas	tamas	darkness	tanu	tanu	body
dasyu	daxyu	demon	pati	pati	lord
puru	paru	much	krp	krpam	form
sastri	sastri	teach	sravas	sravah	teaching
darsina	darsam	saw	katara	katara	which of two
vacas	vacah	word	kanya	kani	girl
krura	xrura	cruel	bhratar	bratar	brother
bhumi	bumi	earth	nabhas	naba	cloud
daeva	daiva	deva	veda	vaida	know
mada	mada	drink	dharaya	daraya	hold
hrd	zered	heart	vardati	vardhati	grow
agman	gman	they came	gna	gna	woman

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Avesta had its capital within the lands of Iran whose original name was 'Aryan' and its citizens were known as 'Aryans' a word from the language of Sanskrit whose meaning is that which is 'noble' an emphasis upon character which has nothing to do with skin colour nor geographical locations and everything to do with the cultivation of higher things.

Upon the walls of a cliff face within the region of Bagastan within the lands of Iran we find the following "I am Darius the great King, King of Kings, King of many countries and many people, King of this expansive land, the Archaemenid, son of a Persian, Aryan from the Aryan race". We also have Herodotus the famous historian who writes "Medes and Persians were called anciently by all people as the Aryans".

And so this was the Middle East some 2000 years ago known as the 'kingdom of the Aryans' an extension of Vedic India where 'Iran' is a corruption of 'Aryan' where 'Darius' is 'dharya' meaning 'holding' as in one 'holding the good' and even 'Bagastan' is 'Bhagavan' meaning 'God' and 'sthana' meaning 'abode' as in the abode (sthana) of god (bhagavan) all names from Sanskrit.

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jani	jani	woman	gharma	garma	heat
ugra	ugra	strong	ojas	augah	strength
dirgha	darga	long	tva	tva	your
ksap	xsapa	evening	sapta	hepta	seven
satya	hatya	truth	patha	path	path
prthu	prtū	broad	citti	cisti	thought
dadthai	dastai	he gives	dadhyai	dazdyai	to put
addha	azda	certainly	vidhvams	vaizdvam	perish
vasti	vasti	he wants	drsta	drsta	visible
vasa	vasna	will	yajna	yasna	worship
cyautna	syautna	deed	ksatra	xsatra	rule
ksarati	zaraiti	to flow	kseti	saiti	to dwell
Sanskrit	Avesta	English	Sanskrit	Avesta	English
josa	zausa	pleasure	huti	zuti	call
hotar	zautar	priest	susaka	husaxal	good friend
purva	parviya	first	jata	zata	born
pradiva	fradiva	long since	sradha	zrada	believing
pravrt	fravrt	continuously	avasana	avahana	stopping
anusak	anusak	in due course	sudanu	hudanu	blessed
suksatra	huxratu	good will	sugava	hugava	good cattle
sujati	huzantu	good lineage	tapati	tapaiti	warm
ad	ad	eat	bhara	bara	bear
bhavati	bavat	become	catur	cathru	four
dharma	dahma	righteous	durat	dura	afar
dvar	dvara	door	pra	fra	forth

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varna	vanta	praise	priya	fria	friendly
turvati	turvaya	overcome	utthana	usthan	stretched
jata	zata	born	pura	para	before
tarah	tiras	through	gir	garah	song
rocas	raucah	light	putra	putra	son
prsta	parsta	question	tvastar	trstar	creator
dasa	dasa	ten	vata	vata	wind
citra	citra	bright	druh	druxs	lie
ayas	ayah	metal	gave	gavai	cow
dvesas	dvaisah	hatred	ghosa	gausa	ear
aspa	asva	mare	na	na	man
asu	asu	quick	data	data	Text

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adas	adha	then	aryama	airyama	companion
aka	aka	bad	ama	ama	strength
amara	amesha	immortal	anu	anu	after
apa	apa	water	apara	apara	again
irma	arema	arm	asta	ashta	eight
asti	asti	bone	atha	atha	thus
ava	ava	away	aya	aya	this
atharva	athrava	priest	bhaga	baga	wealth
bhu	bu	become	sama	hama	summer
sada	hada	always	satra	hatra	together
sarva	haurva	complete	suda	huda	munificent
sva	hva	self	ida	idha	now

