

The Zoroastrians or Parsees - The Forgotten Children of India

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The title of this article may sound somewhat strange to many. But historical traditions of the ancient world supports this view. Zoroastrianism is one of the religion that was prevalent in the ancient world prominently. Much has been written about it by various eminent scholars. My studies prove their Indian Origin through historical traditions.

Basically the origin of the word 'Parsee' is traceable to the Sanskrit word 'Parashu', which was a weapon used by Lord Parshurama in Tretā Yuga to annihilate the wicked Kṣatriyas throughout the world 21 times. The people who followed Parashu later became Parsees and they migrated in Iran and that is why ancient Iran was known as Parasika or Parasya Desha which was later abbreviated to Persia. This has been lucidly explained by Bhikshu Chaman Lal in his famous book 'Hindu America' written in 1940 A.D.

The Parsee tradition says that their original home was Hapta Hendu which is a distortion of Sanskrit Sapta Sindhu which is today located in Punjab and today's Pakistan. Here the word 'Sindhu' means river in Sanskrit and not a specific river name. So it proves that their original home was this Sapta Sindhu region of India.

Now, it may be said that religion preached by Zoroaster in ancient Iran was nothing but Sanatana Vedic Dharma only.

The main deity praised by them is Ahura Mazda which is a corruption of Sanskrit Asura Mahadev. Their language is also derived entirely from Sanskrit. Their main sacred book called Zend Avesta which is a corrupt form Chhanda Avastha.

Some points of relations between Sanskrit and Zend or Avestan Language are as under:

Sanskrit	Zend (Avestan)
Asura	Ahura
Sapta Sindhu	Hapta Hendu
Soma	Haoma

Māsa	Maaha
Senā	Henaā
Hṛdaya	Jardaya
Varāha	Varaaja
Yajña	Yashna
Mitra	Mithra

It is interesting to note that the meaning of the words are same in Sanskrit as those in Zend (Avesta).

This is a sample list and if one search along these lines the list is endless. Later on this God Mitra which means Sun in Sanskrit also helped to develop Mithraism which was followed all over ancient Europe before the advent of Christianity.

Some of the Vedic Traditions followed by Zoroastrians even today are:

1. Worship of Fire i.e. Lord Agni in fire temples.
2. Performing Sacred Thread Ceremony as the Vedics do even today called Yajñopavita ceremony.
3. Prevalence of four fold system of society known as Atharva, Ratheshtan, Vastriyoksiya and Huits as that of Vedic Varṇa system consisting of four varṇas: Brāhmaṇa, Kṣatriya, Vaiśya and Śudra respectively. This has been proved by the famous scholar Prof. James Darmestater in his translation of Zend Avesta.
4. The tradition of taking blessings from the Learned and the Elders as is prevalent in India.

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Thus from the above we can infer following conclusions:

1. The Zoroastrians or Parsees were a colony of people from India.
2. The Persian Zoroastrians are none other than long lost brothers of Indians.
3. Their original home was India and from India they migrated to Parasika Desha or Persia or today's Iran.
4. When Islamic prosecution started in Iran around 8th and 9th Century A.D. they migrated back to India, country of their origin as was known to them traditionally, and not to any other country in the world. Some scholar may wonder because of lack of their knowledge that India was the original

home of Parsees, so they thought it safe to return to their motherland and consequently they arrived on Gujarat coast in India in Sanjaan Town as as well known to all.

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